

2015-2016 Season Table

Hunting Season		September	October	November	December	January	February	Notes
Grouse			September 19 - January 3					<sup>1</sup> Special permit required.
Sage Grouse		CLOSED						
Partridge			September 19 - January 3					<sup>2</sup> The mountain lion
Pheasant			October 17 - January 3					hunting season will end
Youth only			← October 3-7					sooner than March 31 if
Residents only			← October 10-12					the lion harvest limit is
Quail			October 17 - January 3					reached. Please visit
Cottontail Rabbit		September 1 - February 29						<a href="http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/mountain-lion.aspx">gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-</a>
Tree Squirrel		September 1 - February 29						<a href="http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/mountain-lion.aspx">game/mountain-lion.aspx</a>
Crow		September 1 - October 31	The crow hunting season is also open March 1 - April 30					to monitor the status of
Common Snipe		September 1 - October 31						the season.
Mourning Dove		September 1 - November 9						<sup>3</sup> Only antlerless deer tags
Ducks	Youth only	← September 19-20						are valid January 1-15.
	Low Plains North		September 26 - December 8					
	Low Plains Middle		September 26 - December 8					<sup>4</sup> Units in Gregory and
	Low Plains South		October 10 - December 22					Mellette counties have
	High Plains		October 10 - January 14					special season dates.
Canada Geese	Unit 1	September 1 - December 16						
	Unit 2		November 2 - February 14					<sup>5</sup> Only antlerless deer tags
	Bennett Co. <sup>1</sup>		October 17 - December 20			← January 9-17		are valid Dec. 26 - Jan. 3.
Light Geese			September 26 - December 20					
White-fronted Geese			September 26 - December 20					<sup>6</sup> Antlerless elk season is
Sandhill Crane			September 26 - November 22					Oct. 16-31 and Dec. 1-15.
Tundra Swan			October 3 - December 20					
Fall Turkey			November 1 - January 31					
Mountain Lion <sup>2</sup>						Dec 26 - March 31 <sup>2</sup>		
Antelope - Archery		Aug 15 - Oct 2		← Oct 19-31				
Antelope - Rifle			← October 3-18					
Deer	Archery		September 26 - December 31			← Jan 1-15 <sup>3</sup>		
	Muzzleloader				December 1-31	← Jan 1-15 <sup>3</sup>		
	Youth		September 12 - January 15					
	Black Hills			Nov 1-30				
	West River <sup>4</sup>			← Nov 14-29				
	East River			Nov 21 - Dec 6 →			← Dec 26 - Jan 3 <sup>5</sup>	
Elk - Black Hills		Archery: Sept 1-30	Rifle: Oct 1-31 <sup>6</sup>		Dec 1-15 <sup>6</sup>			