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## **FURBEARER HARVEST PROJECTIONS**

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## PREFACE

Harvest estimates reported herein for the 2024-25 furbearer seasons were developed as described for other species in Wildlife Survey Manual, 2009-2015, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks. If species specific methodologies are not reported there, they are presented within this report.

Corey Huxoll, (Division of Wildlife, Administrative Section), was responsible for development of these harvest estimates as part of Federal Aid for Wildlife Restoration as Project W-95-R. Harvest survey responses were taken directly over the Internet using Survey123®.

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## **FURBEARER HARVEST SUMMARY**

Individual furbearer seasons had different season dates, license requirements, and open areas within the state and are discussed later in separate sections. This report only includes harvest from furbearer license holders, therefore harvest for coyotes, red fox, skunks, raccoons, and badgers are minimum estimates. Any resident or nonresident with a predator/varmint license or any type of hunting license was eligible to hunt those species. All hunters/trappers aged 18 and older were also required to have a habitat stamp. Residents under age 18 were not required to have a license or habitat stamp. Rules restricted nonresidents to taking raccoon, beaver, and muskrat from only December 1 - March 15, and bobcats from January 11 – February 15, and mink and weasel from December 1 – January 31. Nonresidents were restricted from using dogs to aid in taking raccoon.

In the 2024-2025 seasons, there were approximately 219,000 resident and 134,000 nonresident licenses issued that allowed holders to hunt furbearers. Of those, only 4,230 residents and 6 nonresidents had licenses that allowed trapping of furbearers. Some 2024 furbearer license holders also purchased 2025 licenses that were valid during the 2024 seasons. In addition to those who had both 2024 and 2025 licenses, 666 residents purchased 2024 licenses prior to April 15, 2025, making them eligible to hunt or trap the 2024-25 seasons and be included in the sample.

Harvest survey requests were sent by email to all resident and nonresident furbearer license holders who had a 2024 license or a 2025 license that was purchased prior to April 15, 2025, and provided a valid email address. Response rates were 34% for residents and 83% for nonresidents. Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons.

Approximately 4% (79) of active resident furbearer license holders trapped/hunted river otters during the season. Approximately 5% (117), 9% (235), and 15% (376) of active resident furbearer license holders hunted/trapped bobcats in the Black Hills, East River, and West River prairie respectively. Five respondents said they attempted to trap beaver in the Black Hills and reported harvesting from 1 to 12 beavers each.

When asked their satisfaction on the seasons, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), resident hunters/trappers reported an average satisfaction level of 5.13, and nonresident hunters/trappers reported an average satisfaction level of 4.00.

The five counties with the highest total reported furbearer harvest densities per square mile were Brookings, Union, Minnehaha, Miner, and Moody.

## ***FURBEARER HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2024-25***

*Revised: 2 July 2025*

	Resident	Nonresident	Totals
<b>Licenses Sold*</b>	4,230	6	<b>4,236</b>
<b>Projected ACTIVE TRAPPERS/HUNTERS</b>	<b>1,966</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,968</b>

### **Trapping Harvest**

Coyote	7,027	8	7,035
Red Fox	506	0	506
River Otter	20	0	20
Bobcat	319	0	319
Raccoon	18,364	4	18,368
Beaver	2,758	6	2,764
Muskrat	4,184	30	4,214
Mink	246	0	246
Weasel	56	0	56
Badger	642	0	642
Opossum	4,412	0	4,412
Striped Skunk	4,846	0	4,846
Spotted Skunk	40	0	40

### **Hunting Harvest**

Coyote	12,031	18	12,049
Red Fox	227	0	227
River Otter	0	0	0
Bobcat	83	0	83
Raccoon	6,503	0	6,503
Beaver	186	0	186
Muskrat	158	0	158
Mink	3	0	3
Weasel	0	0	0
Badger	413	0	413
Opossum	975	0	975
Striped Skunk	1,513	0	1,513
Spotted Skunk	3	0	3

### **Total Harvest**

Coyote	19,057	26	19,084
Red Fox	733	0	733
River Otter	20	0	20
Bobcat	402	0	402
Raccoon	24,867	4	24,871
Beaver	2,944	6	2,950
Muskrat	4,341	30	4,371
Mink	250	0	250
Weasel	56	0	56
Badger	1,054	0	1,054
Opossum	5,387	0	5,387
Striped Skunk	6,359	0	6,359
Spotted Skunk	43	0	43

**Furbearer Mean Satisfaction Score \*\*** 5.13 4.00

\* Licenses sold for the 2024 licensing year (15 Dec 2023 - 31 Jan 2025) and the 2025 licensing year (15 Dec 2024 - 31 Jan 2026) purchased prior to 16 April 2025

\*\* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1="very dissatisfied" and 7="very satisfied"



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Total Furbearer Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25																
COUNTY	Coyote	Red Fox	River Otter		Bobcat	Raccoon	Beaver	Muskrat	Mink	Weasel	Badger	Opossum	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk	Total Harvest	% of Total
Minnehaha	449	88	5	0	0	2,372	271	14	16	3	7	603	494	3	4,326	6.6
Pennington	493	17	0	21	0	163	340	18	12	0	25	0	6	0	1,097	1.7
Brown	799	9	0	0	0	963	94	699	44	0	13	26	108	0	2,755	4.2
Beadle	340	14	0	0	0	496	0	0	0	0	16	123	54	0	1,043	1.6
Codington	431	17	0	0	0	398	94	498	9	6	29	87	32	0	1,602	2.4
Brookings	571	52	3	0	0	1,575	155	183	25	0	39	610	542	0	3,754	5.7
Yankton	250	54	0	0	0	729	23	0	0	0	51	454	187	0	1,746	2.7
Davison	200	13	0	1	0	262	6	0	0	0	9	113	131	0	736	1.1
Lawrence	259	0	0	2	0	151	0	36	3	0	9	0	45	0	505	0.8
Aurora	97	3	0	0	0	320	0	0	0	0	10	162	128	15	735	1.1
Bennett	328	0	0	0	5	76	49	0	0	0	28	0	98	0	584	0.9
Bon Homme	705	21	0	11	0	564	107	190	3	0	39	211	118	0	1,968	3.0
Brule	272	3	0	13	0	154	16	0	0	0	41	45	26	0	570	0.9
Buffalo	56	0	0	0	0	38	71	0	0	0	3	6	61	0	236	0.4
Butte	150	16	0	23	0	523	142	122	3	0	7	0	140	0	1,126	1.7
Campbell	0	0	0	1	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0.1
Charles Mix	359	27	0	24	0	761	42	0	0	0	65	371	316	9	1,974	3.0
Clark	222	14	0	0	0	352	0	0	0	0	10	10	51	0	659	1.0
Clay	187	33	0	3	0	597	26	0	0	0	22	189	35	0	1,092	1.7
Corson	649	0	0	16	0	48	142	0	0	0	3	0	32	0	890	1.4
Custer	203	10	0	20	0	10	0	0	34	3	0	0	35	0	315	0.5
Day	468	3	1	0	0	622	32	14	0	0	0	32	77	0	1,250	1.9
Deuel	103	10	2	0	0	753	6	14	0	0	3	62	67	0	1,021	1.6
Dewey	378	10	0	7	0	48	0	107	0	9	0	0	0	0	560	0.9
Douglas	234	0	0	0	0	259	0	0	3	0	25	6	122	0	650	1.0
Edmunds	22	7	0	0	0	377	0	681	3	3	88	0	67	3	1,251	1.9
Fall River	861	14	0	45	0	64	39	0	0	0	32	0	35	0	1,090	1.7
Faulk	112	42	0	0	0	263	32	291	6	0	16	26	22	0	811	1.2
Grant	72	0	0	0	0	375	6	21	9	0	0	6	19	0	509	0.8
Gregory	758	7	0	39	0	529	42	57	0	0	16	142	141	0	1,732	2.6
Haakon	946	17	0	4	0	405	23	32	0	0	63	0	228	0	1,718	2.6
Hamlin	115	28	1	0	0	301	48	0	9	6	23	45	121	0	698	1.1
Hand	16	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	3	0	0	6	16	0	141	0.2
Hanson	137	0	0	1	0	330	55	0	0	0	3	133	121	0	780	1.2
Harding	278	9	0	14	0	80	77	32	0	0	16	0	73	0	579	0.9
Hughes	259	0	0	1	0	109	42	0	12	0	19	103	115	0	660	1.0
Hutchinson	40	0	0	0	0	269	0	0	0	0	0	123	74	0	507	0.8
Hyde	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	819	25	0	18	0	358	0	0	0	0	31	0	144	0	1,394	2.1
Jerauld	106	7	0	0	0	259	6	0	0	0	9	39	35	0	461	0.7
Jones	134	0	0	3	0	35	16	155	0	0	0	0	28	0	372	0.6
Kingsbury	41	14	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	129	22	0	276	0.4
Lake	6	21	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	0	3	32	32	0	220	0.3
Lincoln	330	16	0	0	0	458	155	0	0	0	10	168	198	0	1,337	2.0
Lyman	356	0	0	22	0	77	74	0	0	0	0	13	186	0	727	1.1
McCook	66	3	1	0	0	976	6	0	0	0	0	210	150	0	1,413	2.2
McPherson	194	7	0	0	0	127	0	0	0	0	25	0	79	0	431	0.7
Marshall	765	7	0	0	0	282	100	57	6	0	7	0	48	0	1,272	1.9
Meade	443	3	0	20	0	452	74	39	0	0	32	0	285	0	1,349	2.1
Mellette	206	3	0	40	0	157	0	15	0	0	38	6	128	0	594	0.9
Miner	1,041	30	0	0	0	920	36	11	25	22	55	100	35	0	2,274	3.5
Moody	122	29	3	0	0	1,357	45	11	0	0	0	353	121	0	2,041	3.1
Perkins	206	3	0	13	0	195	52	122	3	3	6	0	115	0	719	1.1
Potter	287	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	9	0	64	0	611	0.9
Roberts	134	0	3	0	0	339	32	179	16	0	0	0	76	0	780	1.2
Sanborn	159	0	0	0	0	355	0	0	0	0	0	32	19	0	566	0.9
Spink	325	0	0	0	0	601	96	717	0	0	16	52	156	9	1,971	3.0
Stanley	218	0	0	10	0	19	130	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	391	0.6
Sully	162	7	0	0	0	99	0	33	0	0	13	3	159	3	479	0.7
Tripp	172	0	0	7	0	396	0	0	0	0	9	29	107	0	721	1.1
Turner	78	0	0	0	0	192	0	0	0	0	0	107	102	0	479	0.7
Union	355	7	1	7	0	941	110	21	0	0	29	417	106	0	1,995	3.0
Walworth	16	13	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	43	0.1
Ziebach	377	0	0	5	0	323	0	0	3	0	7	0	0	0	715	1.1
Oglala Lakota	109	0	0	4	0	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142	0.2
Todd	37	0	0	0	0	22	19	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	102	0.2
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>19,084</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>24,871</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>4,371</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>6,359</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>65,580</b>	<b>100%</b>	
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# COYOTE

The 2024-25 coyote season was open statewide and year-round except in Custer State Park where the season was open from November 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt coyotes and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap coyotes. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt coyotes. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint, or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt coyotes, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap coyotes.

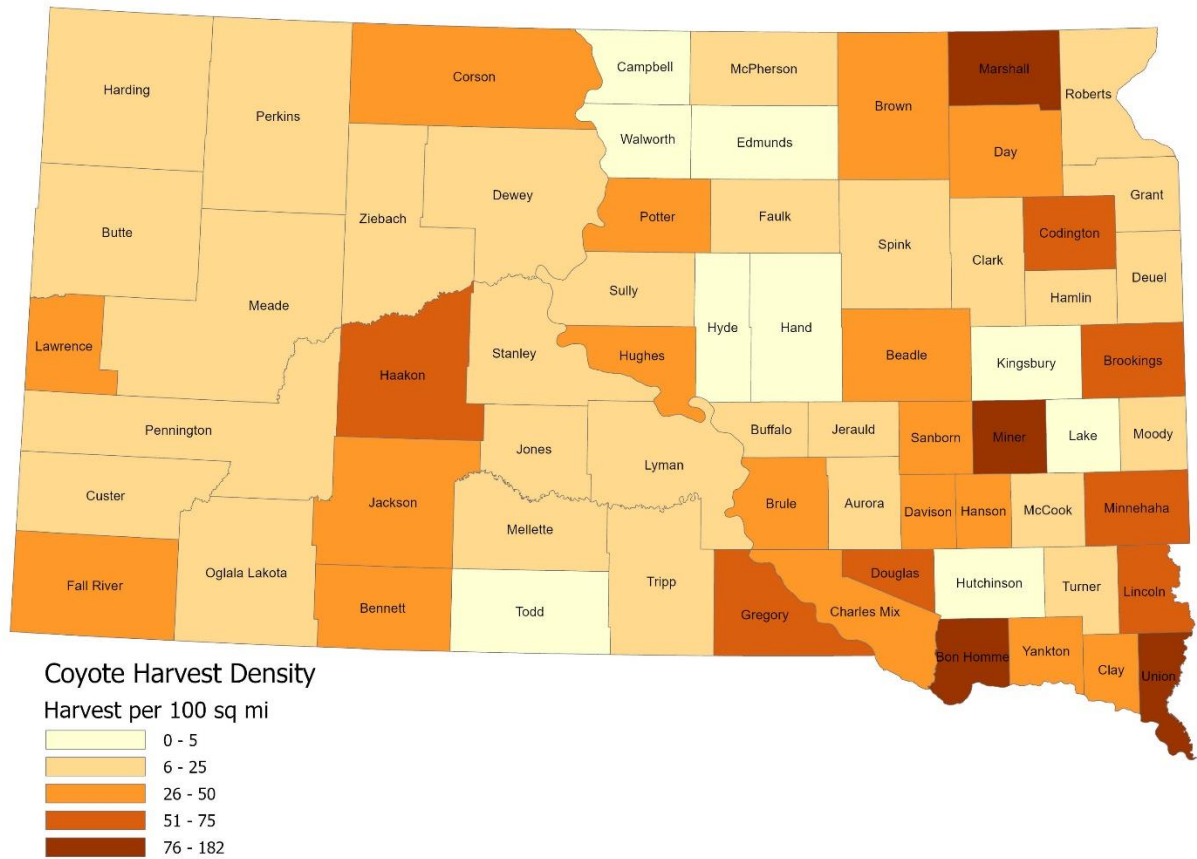
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 19,084 coyotes were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported coyote harvest densities were Miner, Bon Homme, Marshall, Gregory, and Union.

## Comparison of the 2015-2024 Coyote seasons

Year	Furbearer Licenses		Active Hunters/Trappers		Harvest		Satisfaction	
	Resident	Nonresident	Resident	Nonresident	Trapping	Hunting	Resident	Nonres
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	15,448	13,741	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	6,701	6,801	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	16,282	8,217	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	9,356	8,066	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	7,072	7,196	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	14,292	11,031	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	9,691	10,246	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	10,113	5,605	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	6,704	9,382	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	7,035	12,049	5.13	4.00

## 2024-25 Coyote Harvest



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<b>Coyote Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25</b>										
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *		
Minnehaha	82	256	2.1	256	62	192	2.7	193	449	2.4
Pennington	100	312	2.6	312	58	180	2.6	181	493	2.6
Brown	162	505	4.2	506	94	291	4.2	293	799	4.2
Beadle	62	193	1.6	194	47	146	2.1	146	340	1.8
Codington	81	253	2.1	253	57	177	2.5	178	431	2.3
Brookings	84	262	2.2	262	99	307	4.4	308	571	3.0
Yankton	54	168	1.4	169	26	81	1.2	81	250	1.3
Davison	54	168	1.4	169	10	31	0.4	31	200	1.0
Lawrence	78	243	2.0	244	5	16	0.2	16	259	1.4
Aurora	13	41	0.3	41	18	56	0.8	56	97	0.5
Bennett	102	318	2.6	319	3	9	0.1	9	328	1.7
Bon Homme	112	349	2.9	350	114	353	5.0	355	705	3.7
Brule	78	243	2.0	244	9	28	0.4	28	272	1.4
Buffalo	5	16	0.1	16	13	40	0.6	40	56	0.3
Butte	43	134	1.1	134	5	16	0.2	16	150	0.8
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	79	246	2.0	247	36	112	1.6	112	359	1.9
Clark	58	181	1.5	181	13	40	0.6	40	222	1.2
Clay	33	103	0.9	103	27	84	1.2	84	187	1.0
Corson	135	421	3.5	422	73	226	3.2	227	649	3.4
Custer	25	78	0.6	78	40	124	1.8	125	203	1.1
Day	88	274	2.3	275	62	192	2.7	193	468	2.5
Deuel	12	37	0.3	37	21	65	0.9	65	103	0.5
Dewey	109	340	2.8	341	12	37	0.5	37	378	2.0
Douglas	75	234	1.9	234	0	0	0.0	0	234	1.2
Edmunds	5	16	0.1	16	2	6	0.1	6	22	0.1
Fall River	98	306	2.5	306	178	552	7.9	554	861	4.5
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	36	112	1.6	112	112	0.6
Grant	12	37	0.3	37	11	34	0.5	34	72	0.4
Gregory	129	402	3.3	403	114	353	5.0	355	758	4.0
Haakon	230	717	6.0	719	73	226	3.2	227	946	5.0
Hamlin	16	50	0.4	50	21	65	0.9	65	115	0.6
Hand	5	16	0.1	16	0	0	0.0	0	16	0.1
Hanson	44	137	1.1	137	0	0	0.0	0	137	0.7
Harding	87	271	2.3	272	2	6	0.1	6	278	1.5
Hughes	53	165	1.4	166	30	93	1.3	93	259	1.4
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	13	40	0.6	40	40	0.2
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	250	780	6.5	781	12	37	0.5	37	819	4.3
Jerauld	32	100	0.8	100	2	6	0.1	6	106	0.6
Jones	30	94	0.8	94	13	40	0.6	40	134	0.7
Kingsbury	12	37	0.3	37	1	3	0.0	3	41	0.2
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.1	6	6	0.0
Lincoln	25	78	0.6	78	81	251	3.6	252	330	1.7
Lyman	70	218	1.8	219	44	136	1.9	137	356	1.9
McCook	21	65	0.5	66	0	0	0.0	0	66	0.3
McPherson	60	187	1.6	187	2	6	0.1	6	194	1.0
Marshall	164	512	4.3	512	81	251	3.6	252	765	4.0
Meade	98	306	2.5	306	44	136	1.9	137	443	2.3
Mellette	45	140	1.2	141	21	65	0.9	65	206	1.1
Miner	57	178	1.5	178	277	859	12.3	863	1,041	5.5
Moody	32	100	0.8	100	7	22	0.3	22	122	0.6
Perkins	49	153	1.3	153	17	53	0.8	53	206	1.1
Potter	90	281	2.3	281	2	6	0.1	6	287	1.5
Roberts	28	87	0.7	87	15	47	0.7	47	134	0.7
Sanborn	35	109	0.9	109	16	50	0.7	50	159	0.8
Spink	78	243	2.0	244	26	81	1.2	81	325	1.7
Stanley	44	137	1.1	137	26	81	1.2	81	218	1.1
Sully	34	106	0.9	106	18	56	0.8	56	162	0.9
Tripp	53	165	1.4	166	2	6	0.1	6	172	0.9
Turner	25	78	0.6	78	0	0	0.0	0	78	0.4
Union	13	41	0.3	41	101	313	4.5	315	355	1.9
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	0.2	16	16	0.1
Ziebach	61	190	1.6	191	60	186	2.7	187	377	2.0
Oglala Lakota	35	109	0.9	109	0	0	0.0	0	109	0.6
Todd	12	37	0.3	37	0	0	0.0	0	37	0.2
Unknown	7	22	-	-	10	31	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>3,863</b>	<b>12,049</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>12,049</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>7,035</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,035</b>	<b>19,084</b>	<b>100%</b>
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## **BOBCAT**

The 2024-25 resident bobcat season was open statewide from December 26, 2024, through February 15, 2025. The nonresident bobcat season was open from January 11 – February 15, 2025. Residents aged 18 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt and trap bobcats. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt bobcats. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt and trap bobcats. Hunters and trappers were restricted to a season limit of 1 bobcat east of the Missouri River and in the Black Hills.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. A total of 402 bobcats were checked in during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders, landowners, or youth trappers and hunters.

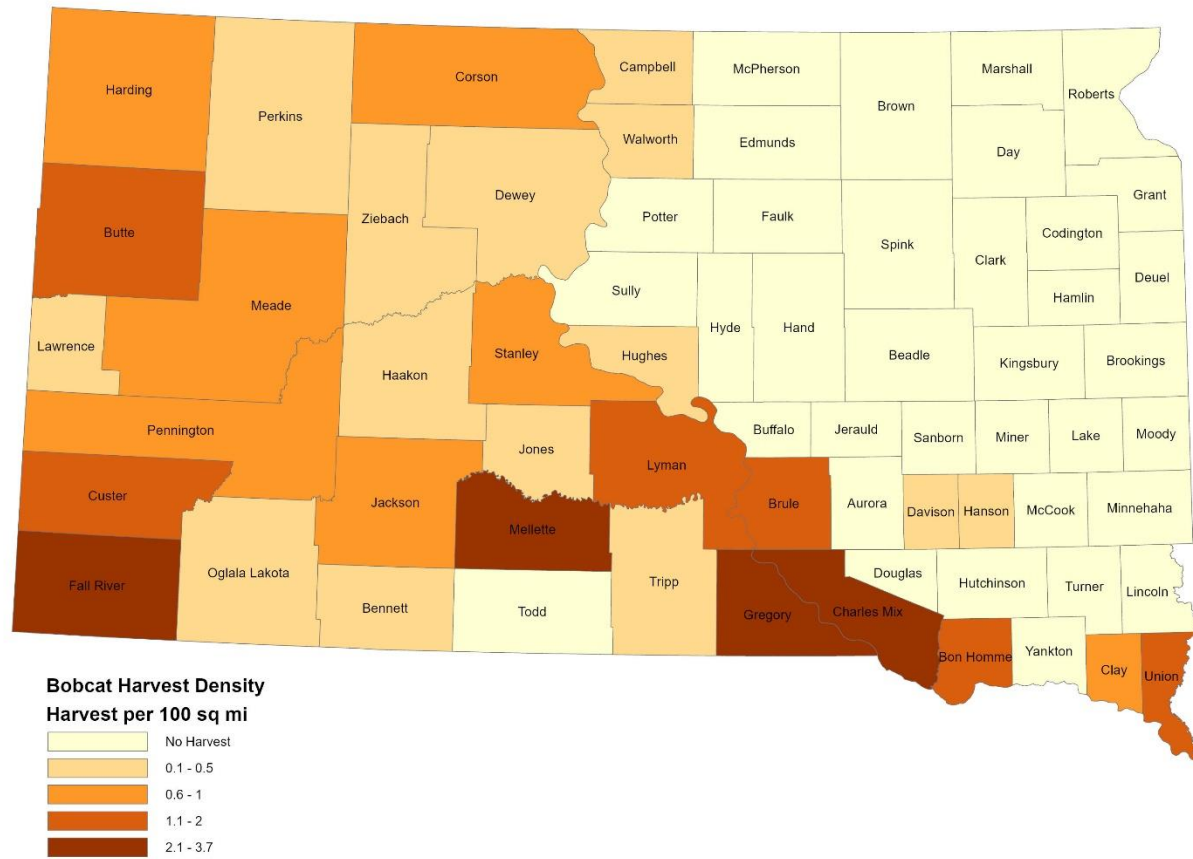
A total of 195 respondents reported trapping/hunting bobcats an average of 16.5 days (SE=0.96). Of those responding, 39 reported hunting/trapping for bobcats in the Black Hills which projected to 117 hunters/trappers, 78 reported hunting/trapping for bobcats East River which projected to 235 hunters/trappers, and 125 reported hunting/trapping the West River prairie which projected to 376 hunters/trappers. Check station results showed a total Black Hills harvest of 18 bobcats, down from 41 in 2023-24.

The five counties with the highest reported bobcat harvest densities were Gregory, Charles Mix, Fall River, Mellette, and Bon Homme.

### **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Bobcat seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	254		4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	218		4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	367	95	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	264	71	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	209	58	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	243	61	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	212	49	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	122	47	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	204	34	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	319	83	5.13	4.00

## 2024-25 Bobcat Harvest



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<b>Bobcat Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25</b>						
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION</b>			<b>TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION</b>		
	<b># Reported</b>	<b>% of Total</b>		<b># Reported</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	
Minnehaha	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Pennington	4	4.8		17	5.3	21
Brown	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Beadle	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Codington	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Brookings	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Yankton	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Davison	0	0.0		1	0.3	1
Lawrence	1	1.2		1	0.3	2
Aurora	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Bennett	2	2.4		3	0.9	5
Bon Homme	1	1.2		10	3.1	11
Brule	2	2.4		11	3.4	13
Buffalo	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Butte	11	13.3		12	3.8	23
Campbell	0	0.0		1	0.3	1
Charles Mix	5	6.0		19	6.0	24
Clark	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Clay	0	0.0		3	0.9	3
Corson	4	4.8		12	3.8	16
Custer	4	4.8		16	5.0	20
Day	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Deuel	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Dewey	3	3.6		4	1.3	7
Douglas	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Edmunds	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Fall River	1	1.2		44	13.8	45
Faulk	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Grant	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Gregory	15	18.1		24	7.5	39
Haakon	1	1.2		3	0.9	4
Hamlin	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Hand	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Hanson	1	1.2		0	0.0	1
Harding	2	2.4		12	3.8	14
Hughes	1	1.2		0	0.0	1
Hutchinson	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Hyde	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Jackson	2	2.4		16	5.0	18
Jerauld	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Jones	0	0.0		3	0.9	3
Kingsbury	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Lake	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Lincoln	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Lyman	1	1.2		21	6.6	22
McCook	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
McPherson	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Marshall	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Meade	6	7.2		14	4.4	20
Mellette	3	3.6		37	11.6	40
Miner	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Moody	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Perkins	1	1.2		12	3.8	13
Potter	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Roberts	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Sanborn	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Spink	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Stanley	2	2.4		8	2.5	10
Sully	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Tripp	4	4.8		3	0.9	7
Turner	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Union	1	1.2		6	1.9	7
Walworth	0	0.0		2	0.6	2
Ziebach	5	6.0		0	0.0	5
Oglala Lakota	0	0.0		4	1.3	4
Todd	0	0.0		0	0.0	0
Unknown	0	-		0	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>319</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>402</b>
<i>Last Revised: 2 July 2025</i>						
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## RIVER OTTER

The 2024 resident river otter season was open east of the Missouri River from November 1-12, closing when the harvest limit of 20 was reached. Residents aged 18 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt and trap river otters. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt river otters. Hunters and trappers were restricted to a season bag limit of 1 river otter.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons.

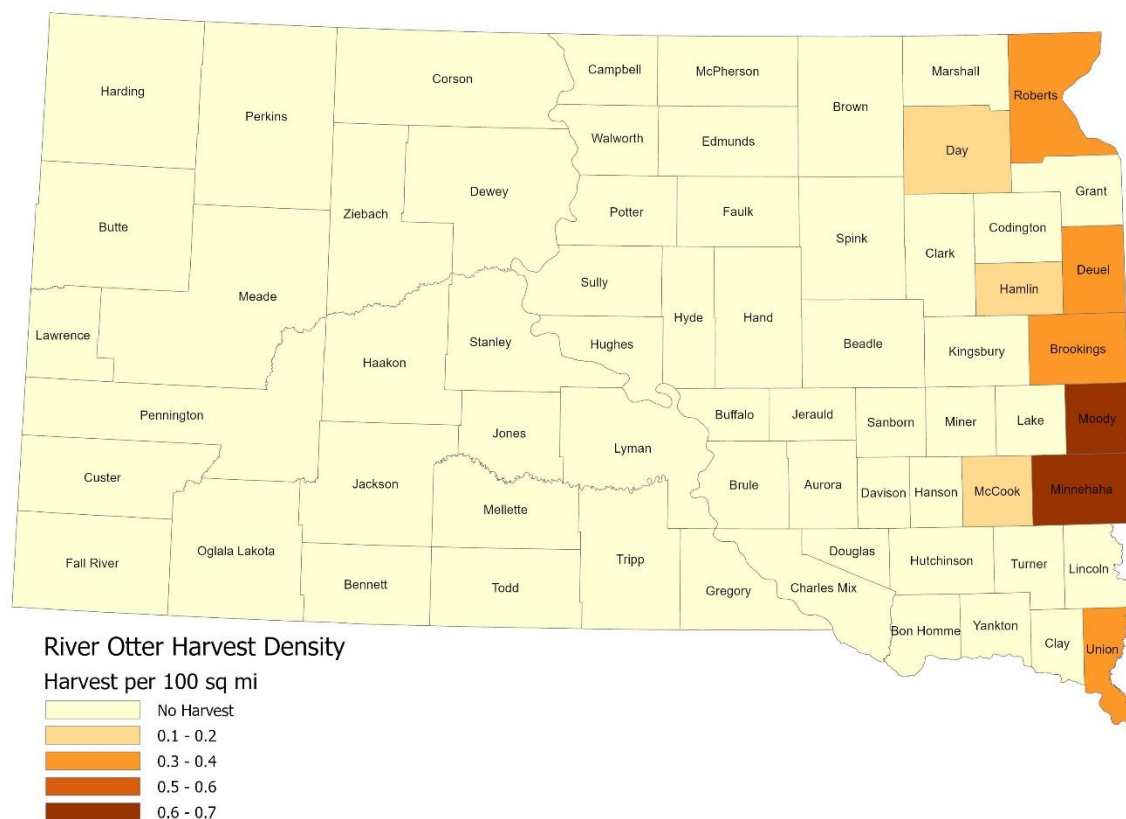
A total of 27 respondents reported trapping/hunting river otters, which projects to 79 active trappers/hunters, and reported an average of 7.3 days (SE=0.87) of effort. Check station results showed a total season harvest of 20 river otters.

The five counties with the highest reported river otter harvest densities were Minnehaha, Deuel, Roberts, Brookings, and Moody.

### Comparison of the 2020-2024 River Otter seasons

Year	Furbearer Licenses		Active Hunters/Trappers		Harvest		Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonresident	Resident	Nonresident	Trapping	Hunting	
2020	4,689	15	NA	0	14	1	NA
2021	4,726	13	NA	0	19	2	NA
2022	4,024	4	53	0	20	1	5.11
2023	4,007	6	59	0	19	1	5.09
2024	4,230	6			20	0	4.93

### 2024-25 River Otter Harvest





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<b>River Otter Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25</b>						
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION</b>		<b>TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION</b>		<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
	<b># Reported</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b># Reported</b>	<b>% of Total</b>		
Minnehaha	0	0.0	5	25.0	5	25.0
Brown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Beadle	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Codington	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Brookings	0	0.0	3	15.0	3	15.0
Yankton	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Davison	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Aurora	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clark	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clay	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Day	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	5.0
Deuel	0	0.0	2	10.0	2	10.0
Douglas	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Grant	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hamlin	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	5.0
Hanson	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hutchinson	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jerauld	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lake	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lincoln	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
McCook	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	5.0
Marshall	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Moody	0	0.0	3	15.0	3	15.0
Roberts	0	0.0	3	15.0	3	15.0
Sanborn	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Turner	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Union	0	0.0	1	5.0	1	5.0
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>
Last Revised: 2 July 2025						
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## **RED FOX**

The 2024-25 red fox season was open statewide and year-round. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt fox and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap fox. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt fox. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint, or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt fox, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap fox.

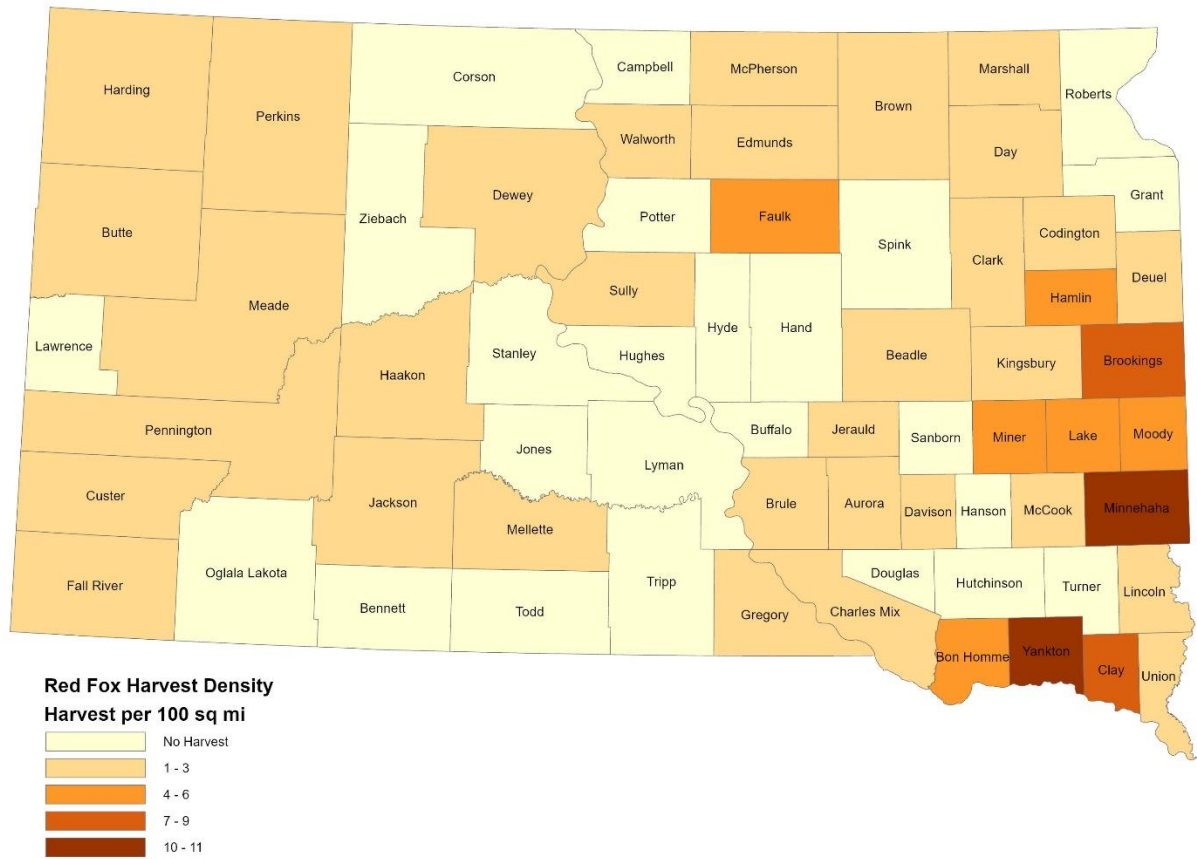
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 733 red fox were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported red fox harvest densities were Yankton, Clay, Moody, Minnehaha, and Brookings.

### **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Red Fox seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	1,882	426	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	679	283	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	1,535	346	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	889	151	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	541	194	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	1,377	239	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	771	180	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	592	241	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	694	163	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	506	227	5.13	4.00

## 2024-25 Red Fox Harvest



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Red Fox Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25										
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *		
Minnehaha	5	16	6.8	16	21	65	14.4	73	88	12.0
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	3.4	17	17	2.4
Brown	3	9	4.1	9	0	0	0.0	0	9	1.3
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	4	12	2.7	14	14	1.9
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	3.4	17	17	2.4
Brookings	10	31	13.7	31	6	19	4.1	21	52	7.1
Yankton	5	16	6.8	16	11	34	7.5	38	54	7.3
Davison	3	9	4.1	9	1	3	0.7	3	13	1.7
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.7	3	3	0.5
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	6	19	4.1	21	21	2.8
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.7	3	3	0.5
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Butte	4	12	5.5	12	1	3	0.7	3	16	2.2
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	2	6	2.7	6	6	19	4.1	21	27	3.7
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	4	12	2.7	14	14	1.9
Clay	6	19	8.2	19	4	12	2.7	14	33	4.4
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Custer	1	3	1.4	3	2	6	1.4	7	10	1.4
Day	1	3	1.4	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.4
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	2.1	10	10	1.4
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	2.1	10	10	1.4
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Edmunds	1	3	1.4	3	1	3	0.7	3	7	0.9
Fall River	1	3	1.4	3	3	9	2.1	10	14	1.8
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	12	37	8.2	42	42	5.7
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	1.4	7	7	0.9
Haakon	1	3	1.4	3	4	12	2.7	14	17	2.3
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	8	25	5.5	28	28	3.8
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Harding	3	9	4.1	9	0	0	0.0	0	9	1.3
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	8	25	11.0	25	0	0	0.0	0	25	3.4
Jerauld	1	3	1.4	3	1	3	0.7	3	7	0.9
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	1	3	1.4	3	3	9	2.1	10	14	1.8
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	6	19	4.1	21	21	2.8
Lincoln	3	9	4.1	9	2	6	1.4	7	16	2.2
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McCook	1	3	1.4	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.4
McPherson	1	3	1.4	3	1	3	0.7	3	7	0.9
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	1.4	7	7	0.9
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.7	3	3	0.5
Mellette	1	3	1.4	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.4
Miner	2	6	2.7	6	7	22	4.8	24	30	4.2
Moody	5	16	6.8	16	4	12	2.7	14	29	4.0
Perkins	1	3	1.4	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.4
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	1	3	1.4	3	1	3	0.7	3	7	0.9
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Union	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	1.4	7	7	0.9
Walworth	2	6	2.7	6	2	6	1.4	7	13	1.8
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Unknown	0	0	-	-	17	53	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>100%</b>
Last Revised: 2 July 2025										
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# **RACCOON**

The 2024-25 resident raccoon season was open statewide and year-round. The nonresident raccoon season was restricted to December 1, 2024 - March 15, 2025. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt raccoons and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap raccoons. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt raccoons. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint, or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt raccoons, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap raccoons.

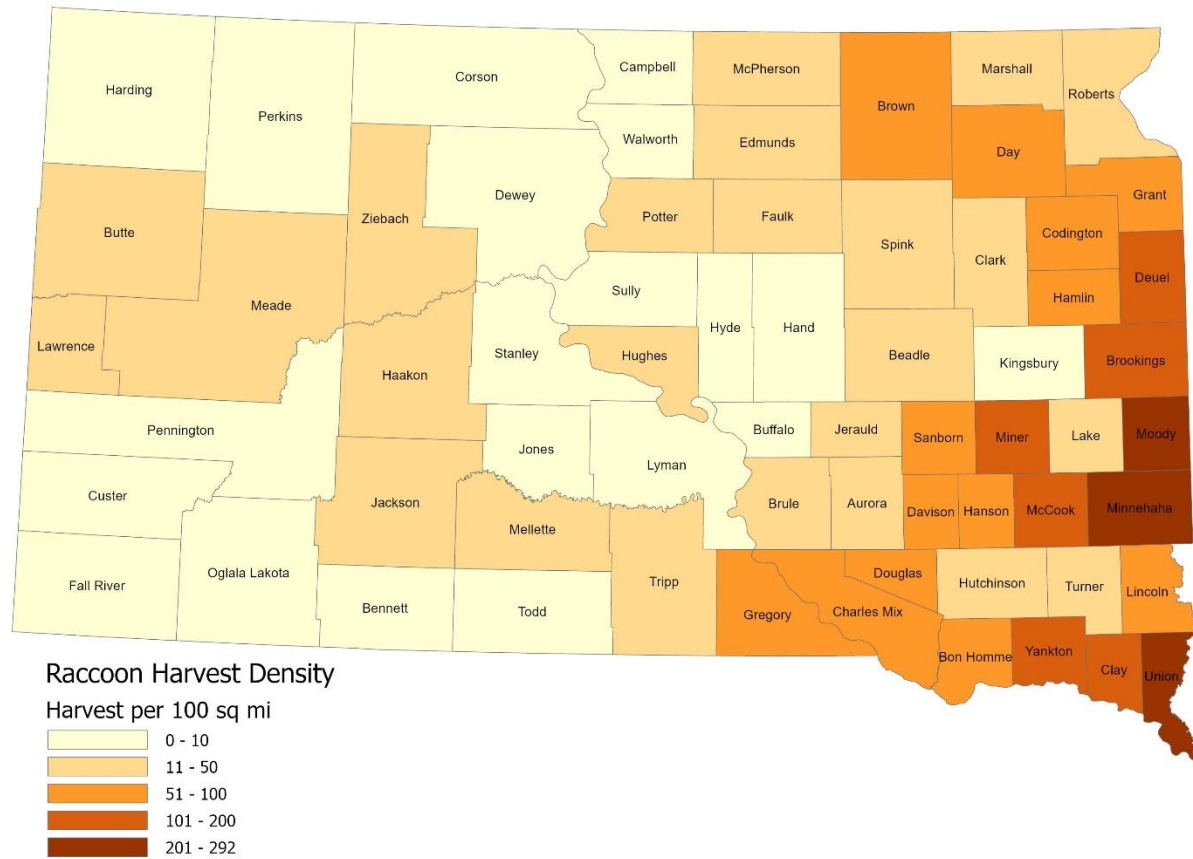
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 24,871 raccoons were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported raccoon harvest densities were Minnehaha, Moody, Union, Brookings, and McCook.

## **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Raccoon seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	29,936	8,290	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	16,672	5,873	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	21,754	5,850	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	19,247	5,665	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	22,520	5,937	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	21,529	4,746	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	22,775	5,553	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	15,843	6,548	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	18,220	6,921	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	18,368	6,503	5.13	4.00

## 2024-25 Raccoon Harvest



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Raccoon Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25										
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *		
Minnehaha	138	431	6.7	439	603	1,875	10.5	1,933	2,372	9.5
Pennington	5	16	0.2	16	46	143	0.8	147	163	0.7
Brown	179	559	8.7	569	123	383	2.1	394	963	3.9
Beadle	24	75	1.2	76	131	407	2.3	420	496	2.0
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	124	386	2.2	398	398	1.6
Brookings	82	256	4.0	261	410	1,275	7.2	1,315	1,575	6.3
Yankton	83	259	4.1	264	145	451	2.5	465	729	2.9
Davison	17	53	0.8	54	65	202	1.1	208	262	1.1
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	47	146	0.8	151	151	0.6
Aurora	28	87	1.4	89	72	224	1.3	231	320	1.3
Bennett	19	59	0.9	60	5	16	0.1	16	76	0.3
Bon Homme	24	75	1.2	76	152	473	2.7	487	564	2.3
Brule	9	28	0.4	29	39	121	0.7	125	154	0.6
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	12	37	0.2	38	38	0.2
Butte	98	306	4.8	311	66	205	1.2	212	523	2.1
Campbell	12	37	0.6	38	0	0	0.0	0	38	0.2
Charles Mix	58	181	2.8	184	180	560	3.1	577	761	3.1
Clark	16	50	0.8	51	94	292	1.6	301	352	1.4
Clay	105	328	5.1	334	82	255	1.4	263	597	2.4
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	15	47	0.3	48	48	0.2
Custer	1	3	0.0	3	2	6	0.0	6	10	0.0
Day	100	312	4.9	318	95	295	1.7	305	622	2.5
Deuel	6	19	0.3	19	229	712	4.0	734	753	3.0
Dewey	4	12	0.2	13	11	34	0.2	35	48	0.2
Douglas	38	119	1.9	121	43	134	0.8	138	259	1.0
Edmunds	46	144	2.2	146	72	224	1.3	231	377	1.5
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	20	62	0.3	64	64	0.3
Faulk	2	6	0.1	6	80	249	1.4	256	263	1.1
Grant	17	53	0.8	54	100	311	1.7	321	375	1.5
Gregory	13	41	0.6	41	152	473	2.7	487	529	2.1
Haakon	61	190	3.0	194	66	205	1.2	212	405	1.6
Hamlin	31	97	1.5	99	63	196	1.1	202	301	1.2
Hand	1	3	0.0	3	30	93	0.5	96	99	0.4
Hanson	20	62	1.0	64	83	258	1.4	266	330	1.3
Harding	20	62	1.0	64	5	16	0.1	16	80	0.3
Hughes	1	3	0.0	3	33	103	0.6	106	109	0.4
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	84	261	1.5	269	269	1.1
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	55	172	2.7	175	57	177	1.0	183	358	1.4
Jerauld	33	103	1.6	105	48	149	0.8	154	259	1.0
Jones	3	9	0.1	10	8	25	0.1	26	35	0.1
Kingsbury	7	22	0.3	22	15	47	0.3	48	70	0.3
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	39	121	0.7	125	125	0.5
Lincoln	6	19	0.3	19	137	426	2.4	439	458	1.8
Lyman	2	6	0.1	6	22	68	0.4	71	77	0.3
McCook	66	206	3.2	210	239	743	4.2	766	976	3.9
McPherson	32	100	1.6	102	8	25	0.1	26	127	0.5
Marshall	21	66	1.0	67	67	208	1.2	215	282	1.1
Meade	12	37	0.6	38	129	401	2.3	414	452	1.8
Mellette	9	28	0.4	29	40	124	0.7	128	157	0.6
Miner	124	387	6.1	394	164	510	2.9	526	920	3.7
Moody	104	325	5.1	331	320	995	5.6	1,026	1,357	5.5
Perkins	4	12	0.2	13	57	177	1.0	183	195	0.8
Potter	17	53	0.8	54	61	190	1.1	196	250	1.0
Roberts	38	119	1.9	121	68	211	1.2	218	339	1.4
Sanborn	36	112	1.8	114	75	233	1.3	240	355	1.4
Spink	65	203	3.2	207	123	383	2.1	394	601	2.4
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	6	19	0.1	19	19	0.1
Sully	11	34	0.5	35	20	62	0.3	64	99	0.4
Tripp	46	144	2.2	146	78	243	1.4	250	396	1.6
Turner	5	16	0.2	16	55	171	1.0	176	192	0.8
Union	45	140	2.2	143	249	774	4.3	798	941	3.8
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Ziebach	41	128	2.0	130	60	187	1.0	192	323	1.3
Oglala Lakota	4	12	0.2	13	0	0	0.0	0	13	0.1
Todd	2	6	0.1	6	5	16	0.1	16	22	0.1
Unknown	37	116	-	-	177	550	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>6,503</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,503</b>	<b>5,906</b>	<b>18,368</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18,368</b>	<b>24,871</b>	<b>100%</b>
Last Revised: 2 July 2025										
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## **BADGER**

The 2024-25 badger season was open statewide and year-round. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt badgers and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap badgers. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt badgers. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint, or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt badgers, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap badgers.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 1,054 badgers were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

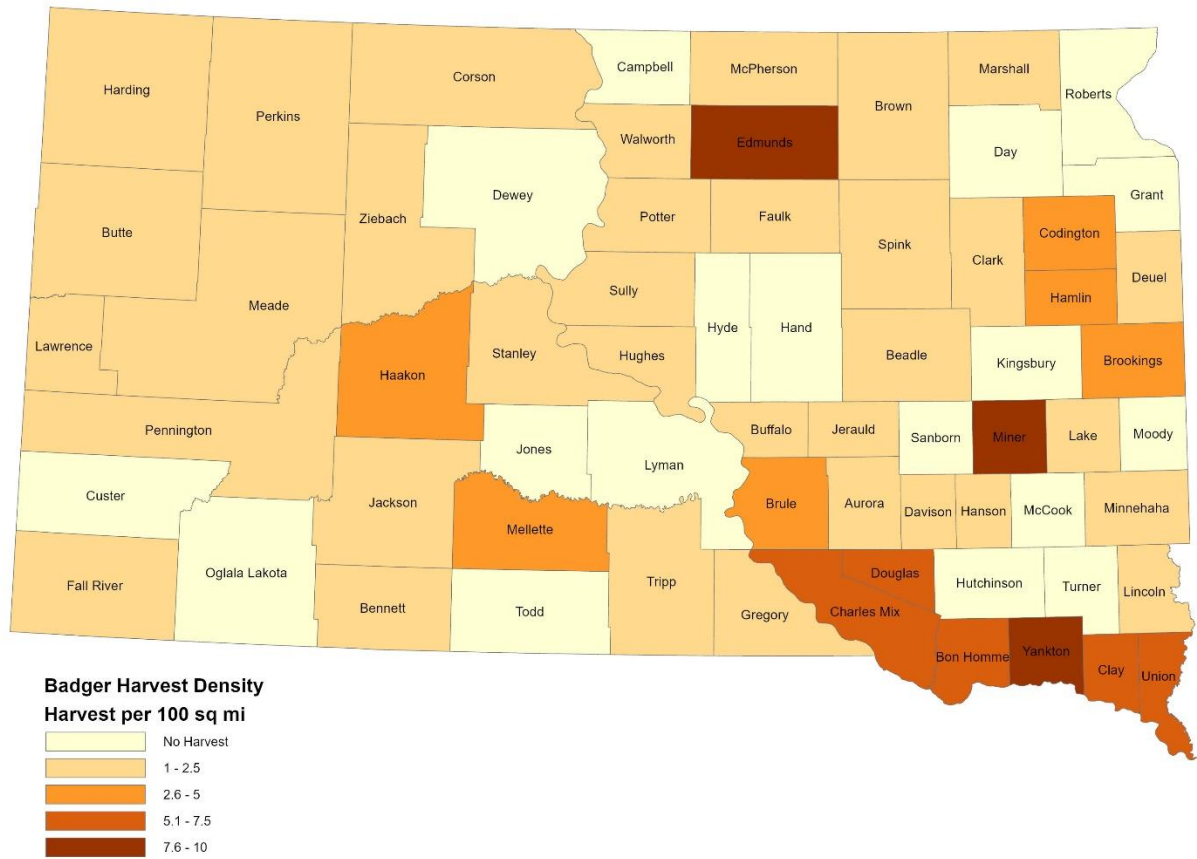
The five counties with the highest reported badger harvest densities were Union, Yankton, Miner, Edmunds, and Bon Homme.

### **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Badger seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	1,937	361	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	881	303	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	1,515	372	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	1,090	290	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	941	281	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	1,344	296	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	1,104	239	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	683	252	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	712	344	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	642	413	5.13	4.00



## 2024-25 Badger Harvest



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Badger Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25											
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total	
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *			
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	1.0	7	7	0.6	
Pennington	5	16	3.8	16	3	9	1.5	10	25	2.4	
Brown	2	6	1.5	6	2	6	1.0	7	13	1.2	
Beadle	2	6	1.5	6	3	9	1.5	10	16	1.5	
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	9	28	4.6	29	29	2.8	
Brookings	2	6	1.5	6	10	31	5.1	33	39	3.7	
Yankton	10	31	7.5	31	6	19	3.1	20	51	4.8	
Davison	2	6	1.5	6	1	3	0.5	3	9	0.9	
Lawrence	2	6	1.5	6	1	3	0.5	3	9	0.9	
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	1.5	10	10	0.9	
Bennett	9	28	6.8	28	0	0	0.0	0	28	2.6	
Bon Homme	2	6	1.5	6	10	31	5.1	33	39	3.7	
Brule	7	22	5.3	22	6	19	3.1	20	41	3.9	
Buffalo	1	3	0.8	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.3	
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	1.0	7	7	0.6	
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Charles Mix	4	12	3.0	12	16	50	8.2	52	65	6.1	
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	1.5	10	10	0.9	
Clay	3	9	2.3	9	4	12	2.0	13	22	2.1	
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.5	3	3	0.3	
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Day	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.5	3	3	0.3	
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Douglas	8	25	6.0	25	0	0	0.0	0	25	2.4	
Edmunds	2	6	1.5	6	25	78	12.8	82	88	8.4	
Fall River	3	9	2.3	9	7	22	3.6	23	32	3.1	
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	2.6	16	16	1.6	
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Gregory	1	3	0.8	3	4	12	2.0	13	16	1.5	
Haakon	14	43	10.5	43	6	19	3.1	20	63	6.0	
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	7	22	3.6	23	23	2.2	
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.5	3	3	0.3	
Harding	3	9	2.3	9	2	6	1.0	7	16	1.5	
Hughes	2	6	1.5	6	4	12	2.0	13	19	1.8	
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jackson	10	31	7.5	31	0	0	0.0	0	31	2.9	
Jerauld	2	6	1.5	6	1	3	0.5	3	9	0.9	
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.5	3	3	0.3	
Lincoln	1	3	0.8	3	2	6	1.0	7	10	0.9	
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
McPherson	8	25	6.0	25	0	0	0.0	0	25	2.4	
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	1.0	7	7	0.6	
Meade	2	6	1.5	6	8	25	4.1	26	32	3.1	
Mellette	8	25	6.0	25	4	12	2.0	13	38	3.6	
Miner	5	16	3.8	16	12	37	6.1	39	55	5.2	
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Perkins	1	3	0.8	3	1	3	0.5	3	6	0.6	
Potter	2	6	1.5	6	1	3	0.5	3	9	0.9	
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Spink	2	6	1.5	6	3	9	1.5	10	16	1.5	
Stanley	1	3	0.8	3	2	6	1.0	7	10	0.9	
Sully	2	6	1.5	6	2	6	1.0	7	13	1.2	
Tripp	2	6	1.5	6	1	3	0.5	3	9	0.9	
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Union	1	3	0.8	3	8	25	4.1	26	29	2.8	
Walworth	2	6	1.5	6	2	6	1.0	7	13	1.2	
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	1.0	7	7	0.6	
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Unknown	0	0	-	-	11	34	-	-	-	-	
TOTALS:	133	413	100%	413	207	642	100%	642	1,054	100%	
Last Revised: 2 July 2025											
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## **OPOSSUM**

The 2024-25 opossum season was open statewide and year-round. Residents aged 18 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap opossums. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt opossums. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap opossums.

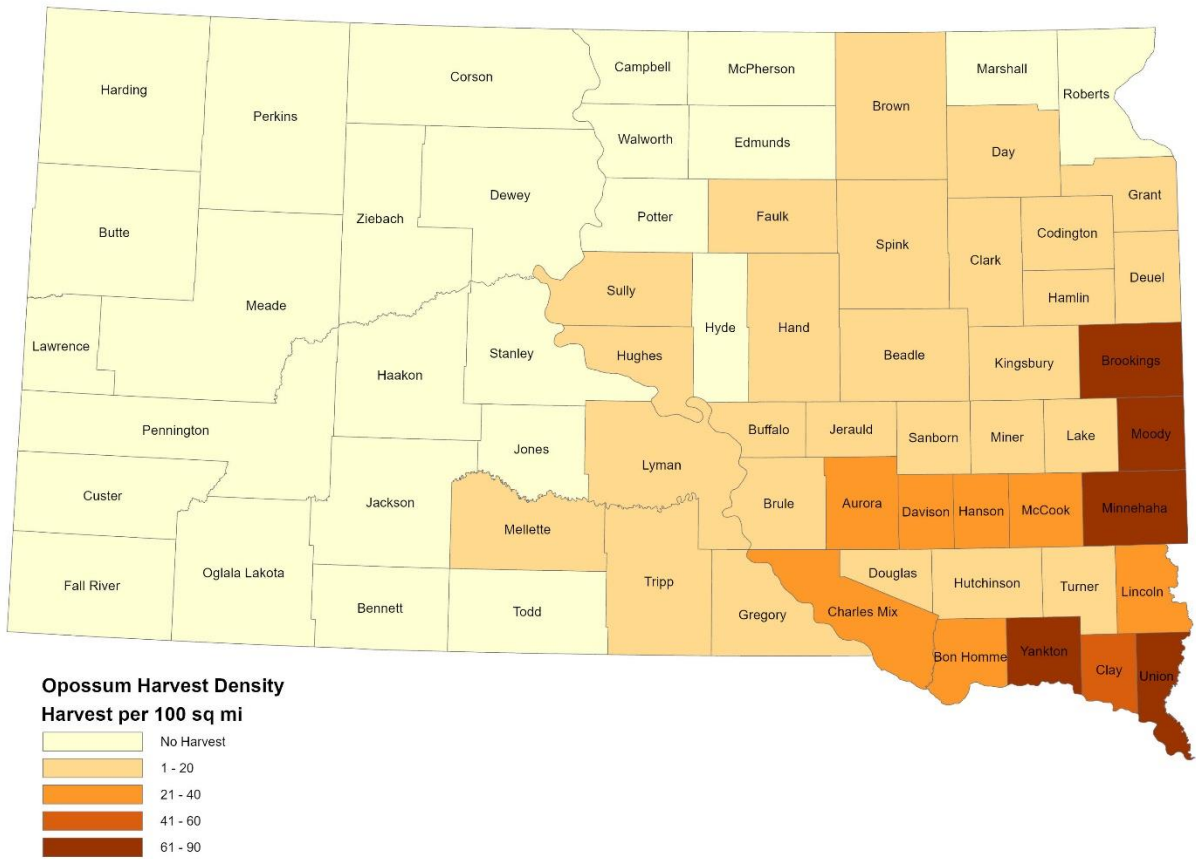
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 5,387 opossums were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported opossum harvest densities were Union, Minnehaha, Yankton, Moody, and Brookings.

### **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Opossum seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	3,024	351	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	3,496	843	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	4,499	372	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	3,980	664	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	3,003	401	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	3,321	369	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	4,295	559	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	2,687	367	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	3,755	389	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	4,412	975	5.13	4.00

2024-25 Opossum Harvest



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Opossum Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25										
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *		
Minnehaha	36	112	11.7	114	151	470	11.1	489	603	11.2
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	8	25	0.6	26	26	0.5
Beadle	5	16	1.6	16	33	103	2.4	107	123	2.3
Codington	1	3	0.3	3	26	81	1.9	84	87	1.6
Brookings	42	131	13.7	133	147	458	10.8	476	610	11.3
Yankton	48	150	15.6	152	93	290	6.8	301	454	8.4
Davison	8	25	2.6	25	27	84	2.0	87	113	2.1
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	2	6	0.7	6	48	149	3.5	155	162	3.0
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	65	202	4.8	211	211	3.9
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	14	44	1.0	45	45	0.8
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.1	6	6	0.1
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	31	97	10.1	98	84	262	6.2	272	371	6.9
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	0.2	10	10	0.2
Clay	30	93	9.8	95	29	90	2.1	94	189	3.5
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Day	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	0.7	32	32	0.6
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	19	59	1.4	62	62	1.1
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	2	6	0.7	6	0	0	0.0	0	6	0.1
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	8	25	0.6	26	26	0.5
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.1	6	6	0.1
Gregory	1	3	0.3	3	43	134	3.2	139	142	2.6
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	14	44	1.0	45	45	0.8
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.1	6	6	0.1
Hanson	1	3	0.3	3	40	125	2.9	130	133	2.5
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hughes	8	25	2.6	25	24	75	1.8	78	103	1.9
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	38	118	2.8	123	123	2.3
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	12	37	0.9	39	39	0.7
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	5	16	1.6	16	35	109	2.6	113	129	2.4
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	0.7	32	32	0.6
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	52	162	3.8	168	168	3.1
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	4	12	0.3	13	13	0.2
McCook	5	16	1.6	16	60	187	4.4	194	210	3.9
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.1	6	6	0.1
Miner	8	25	2.6	25	23	72	1.7	75	100	1.9
Moody	56	174	18.2	178	54	168	4.0	175	353	6.5
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	0.7	32	32	0.6
Spink	4	12	1.3	13	12	37	0.9	39	52	1.0
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1
Tripp	2	6	0.7	6	7	22	0.5	23	29	0.5
Turner	4	12	1.3	13	29	90	2.1	94	107	2.0
Union	8	25	2.6	25	121	377	8.9	392	417	7.7
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Unknown	6	19	-	-	55	171	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>100%</b>
Last Revised: 2 July 2025										
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## **STRIPED SKUNK**

The 2024-25 striped skunk season was open statewide and year-round. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt striped skunks and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap striped skunks. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt striped skunks. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint, or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt striped skunks, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap striped skunks.

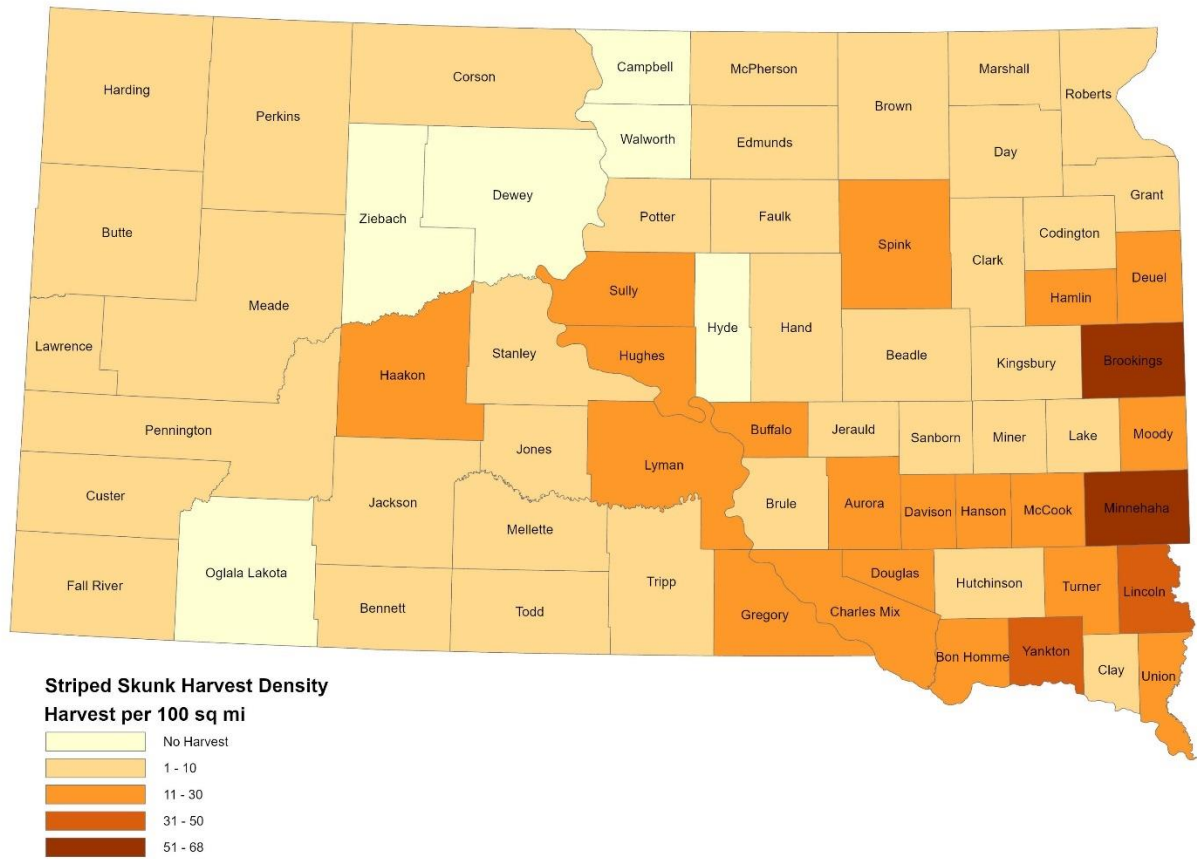
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 6,359 striped skunks were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported striped skunk harvest densities were Davison, Yankton, Lincoln, Minnehaha, and Brookings.

### **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Striped Skunk seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	10,336	2,238	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	5,366	1,478	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	6,712	1,071	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	5,173	1,272	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	5,673	1,315	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	8,024	1,435	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	10,145	1,763	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	5,388	1,106	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	5,576	1,212	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	4,846	1,513	5.13	4.00

## 2024-25 Striped Skunk Harvest



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Striped Skunk Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25											
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total	
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *			
Minnehaha	41	128	8.5	128	114	355	7.5	365	494	7.8	
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.1	6	6	0.1	
Brown	10	31	2.1	31	24	75	1.6	77	108	1.7	
Beadle	4	12	0.8	13	13	40	0.9	42	54	0.9	
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	0.7	32	32	0.5	
Brookings	45	140	9.3	141	125	389	8.3	401	542	8.5	
Yankton	34	106	7.0	106	25	78	1.7	80	187	2.9	
Davison	7	22	1.4	22	34	106	2.2	109	131	2.1	
Lawrence	2	6	0.4	6	12	37	0.8	38	45	0.7	
Aurora	7	22	1.4	22	33	103	2.2	106	128	2.0	
Bennett	16	50	3.3	50	15	47	1.0	48	98	1.5	
Bon Homme	3	9	0.6	9	34	106	2.2	109	118	1.9	
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	8	25	0.5	26	26	0.4	
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	19	59	1.3	61	61	1.0	
Butte	18	56	3.7	56	26	81	1.7	83	140	2.2	
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Charles Mix	17	53	3.5	53	82	255	5.4	263	316	5.0	
Clark	1	3	0.2	3	15	47	1.0	48	51	0.8	
Clay	6	19	1.2	19	5	16	0.3	16	35	0.5	
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	0.7	32	32	0.5	
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	11	34	0.7	35	35	0.6	
Day	4	12	0.8	13	20	62	1.3	64	77	1.2	
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	21	65	1.4	67	67	1.1	
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Douglas	37	115	7.7	116	2	6	0.1	6	122	1.9	
Edmunds	2	6	0.4	6	19	59	1.3	61	67	1.1	
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	11	34	0.7	35	35	0.6	
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	7	22	0.5	22	22	0.4	
Grant	2	6	0.4	6	4	12	0.3	13	19	0.3	
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	44	137	2.9	141	141	2.2	
Haakon	41	128	8.5	128	31	97	2.1	99	228	3.6	
Hamlin	11	34	2.3	34	27	84	1.8	87	121	1.9	
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	0.3	16	16	0.3	
Hanson	5	16	1.0	16	33	103	2.2	106	121	1.9	
Harding	13	40	2.7	41	10	31	0.7	32	73	1.1	
Hughes	8	25	1.7	25	28	87	1.9	90	115	1.8	
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	23	72	1.5	74	74	1.2	
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jackson	4	12	0.8	13	41	128	2.7	131	144	2.3	
Jerauld	5	16	1.0	16	6	19	0.4	19	35	0.5	
Jones	6	19	1.2	19	3	9	0.2	10	28	0.4	
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	7	22	0.5	22	22	0.4	
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	0.7	32	32	0.5	
Lincoln	5	16	1.0	16	57	178	3.8	183	198	3.1	
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	58	181	3.8	186	186	2.9	
McCook	7	22	1.4	22	40	125	2.6	128	150	2.4	
McPherson	20	62	4.1	63	5	16	0.3	16	79	1.2	
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	15	47	1.0	48	48	0.8	
Meade	6	19	1.2	19	83	258	5.5	266	285	4.5	
Mellette	7	22	1.4	22	33	103	2.2	106	128	2.0	
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	11	34	0.7	35	35	0.6	
Moody	11	34	2.3	34	27	84	1.8	87	121	1.9	
Perkins	4	12	0.8	13	32	100	2.1	103	115	1.8	
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	20	62	1.3	64	64	1.0	
Roberts	6	19	1.2	19	18	56	1.2	58	76	1.2	
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	6	19	0.4	19	19	0.3	
Spink	17	53	3.5	53	32	100	2.1	103	156	2.5	
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1	
Sully	20	62	4.1	63	30	93	2.0	96	159	2.5	
Tripp	22	68	4.6	69	12	37	0.8	38	107	1.7	
Turner	4	12	0.8	13	28	87	1.9	90	102	1.6	
Union	2	6	0.4	6	31	97	2.1	99	106	1.7	
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Todd	3	9	0.6	9	4	12	0.3	13	22	0.3	
Unknown	3	9	-	-	44	137	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>4,846</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,846</b>	<b>6,359</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Last Revised: 2 July 2025											
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## **SPOTTED SKUNK**

The 2024-25 spotted skunk season was open statewide and year-round. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt spotted skunks and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap spotted skunks. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt spotted skunks. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint, or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt spotted skunks, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap spotted skunks.

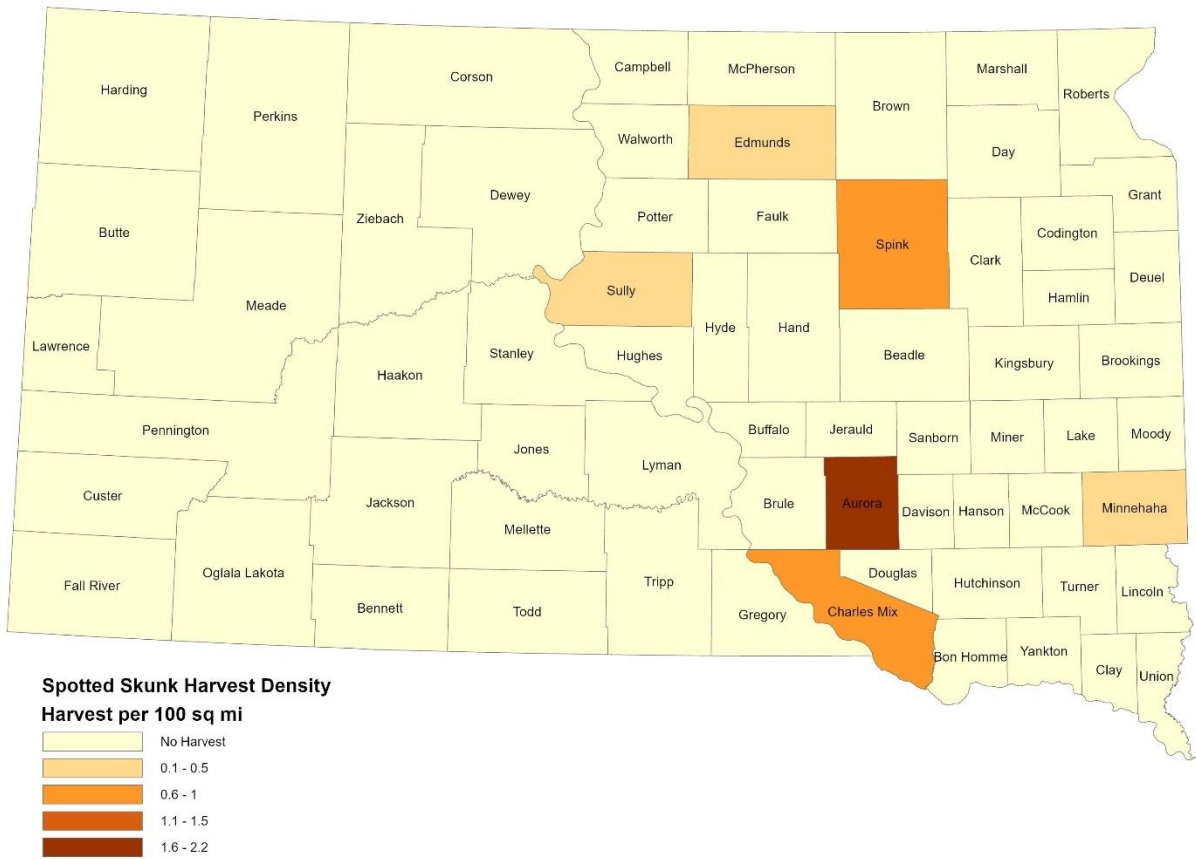
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 43 spotted skunks were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported spotted skunk harvest densities were Aurora, Spink, Sully, Charles Mix, and Minnehaha.

### **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Spotted Skunk seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	301	43	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	194	62	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	174	72	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	122	17	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	49	5	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	81	24	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	33	4	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	71	52	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	51	27	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	40	3	5.13	4.00

2024-25 Spotted Skunk Harvest



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Spotted Skunk Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25										
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *		
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	7.7	3	3	7.1
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Davison	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	5	15	38.5	15	15	35.7
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	23.1	9	9	21.4
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Day	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	7.7	3	3	7.1
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	1	3	100.0	3	2	6	15.4	6	9	21.4
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	7.7	3	3	7.1
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Union	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Unknown	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100%</b>
Last Revised: 2 July 2025										
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# **MUSKRAT**

The 2024-25 resident muskrat season was open year-round west of the Missouri River and from November 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025, east of the Missouri River and in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of Highway 79. No trapping was allowed on or in muskrat houses of any size east of the Missouri River after March 15. The nonresident muskrat season was restricted to Dec. 1, 2024 - March 15, 2025. Residents aged 18 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap muskrats. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap muskrats. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap muskrats. Shooting muskrats was allowed from April 1 through August 31 statewide only by landowners or lessees, including School and Public land surface lease holders, on land they own or operate and state, county, or township highway officials within public road rights-of-way.

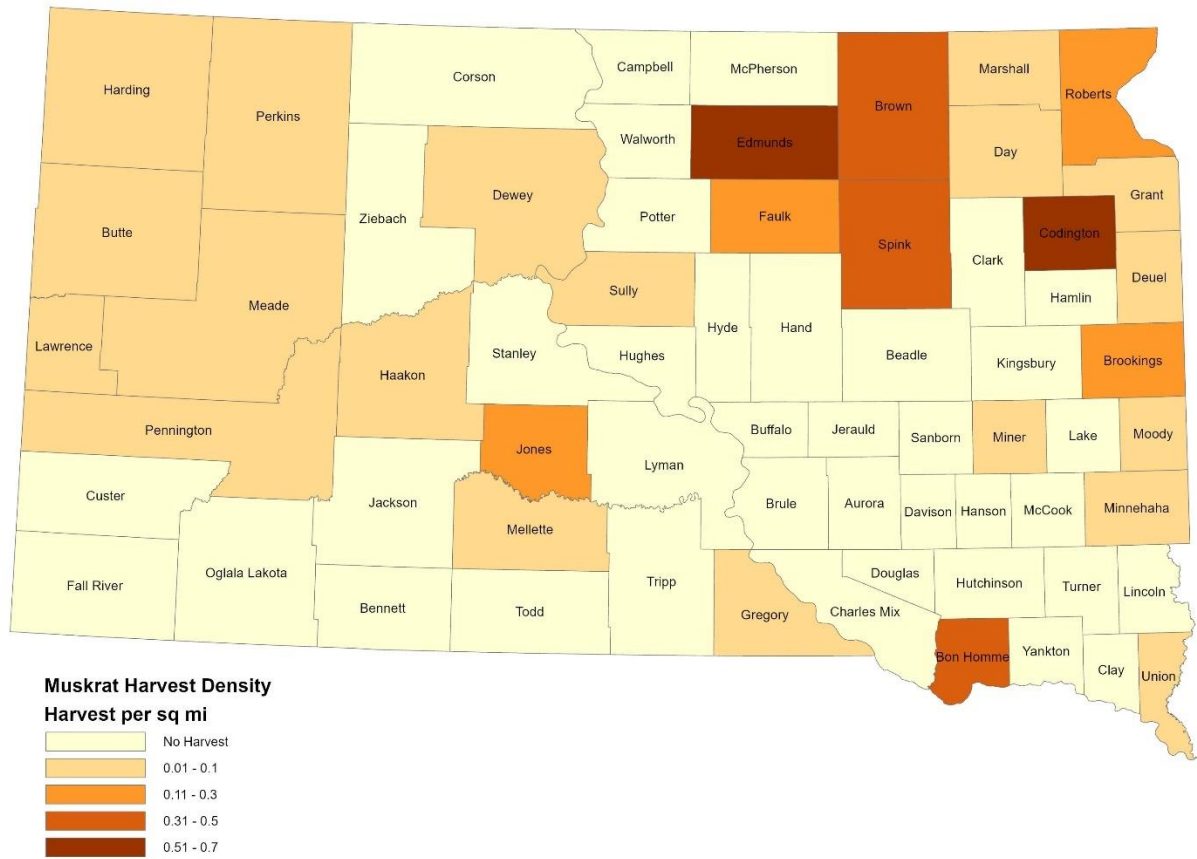
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 4,371 muskrats were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported muskrat harvest densities were Codington, Edmunds, Spink, Brown, and Bon Homme.

## **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Muskrat seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	25,256	1,198	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	18,717	255	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	14,382	545	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	20,678	319	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	61,923	318	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	92,477	307	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	25,101	238	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	5,344	252	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	8,223	220	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	4,214	158	5.13	4.00

## 2024-25 Muskrat Harvest



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Muskrat Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25											
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total	
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *			
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	4	12	0.3	14	14	0.3	
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	5	15	0.4	18	18	0.4	
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	195	597	16.6	699	699	16.0	
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	139	426	11.8	498	498	11.4	
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	51	156	4.3	183	183	4.2	
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Davison	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	0.9	36	36	0.8	
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	53	162	4.5	190	190	4.3	
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	34	104	2.9	122	122	2.8	
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Charles Mix	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Day	0	0	0.0	0	4	12	0.3	14	14	0.3	
Dewel	0	0	0.0	0	4	12	0.3	14	14	0.3	
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	30	92	2.6	107	107	2.5	
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	190	582	16.2	681	681	15.6	
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Faulk	20	62	39.2	62	64	196	5.4	229	291	6.7	
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	6	18	0.5	21	21	0.5	
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	16	49	1.4	57	57	1.3	
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	9	28	0.8	32	32	0.7	
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	9	28	0.8	32	32	0.7	
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jones	21	65	41.2	65	25	77	2.1	90	155	3.5	
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	16	49	1.4	57	57	1.3	
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	11	34	0.9	39	39	0.9	
Mellette	5	15	9.8	15	0	0	0.0	0	15	0.4	
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	0.3	11	11	0.2	
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	0.3	11	11	0.2	
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	34	104	2.9	122	122	2.8	
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	50	153	4.3	179	179	4.1	
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	200	612	17.0	717	717	16.4	
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Sully	5	15	9.8	15	5	15	0.4	18	33	0.8	
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Union	0	0	0.0	0	6	18	0.5	21	21	0.5	
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Unknown	0	0	-	-	200	612	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>4,214</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,214</b>	<b>4,371</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Last Revised: 2 July 2025											
* Includes unknown county projection values by assuming unknown county values are distributed the same as reported county values. Total values may be different due to rounding.											

## **MINK**

The 2024-25 resident mink season was open November 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025, statewide. The nonresident mink season was restricted to December 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025. Residents aged 18 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap mink. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt mink. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap mink.

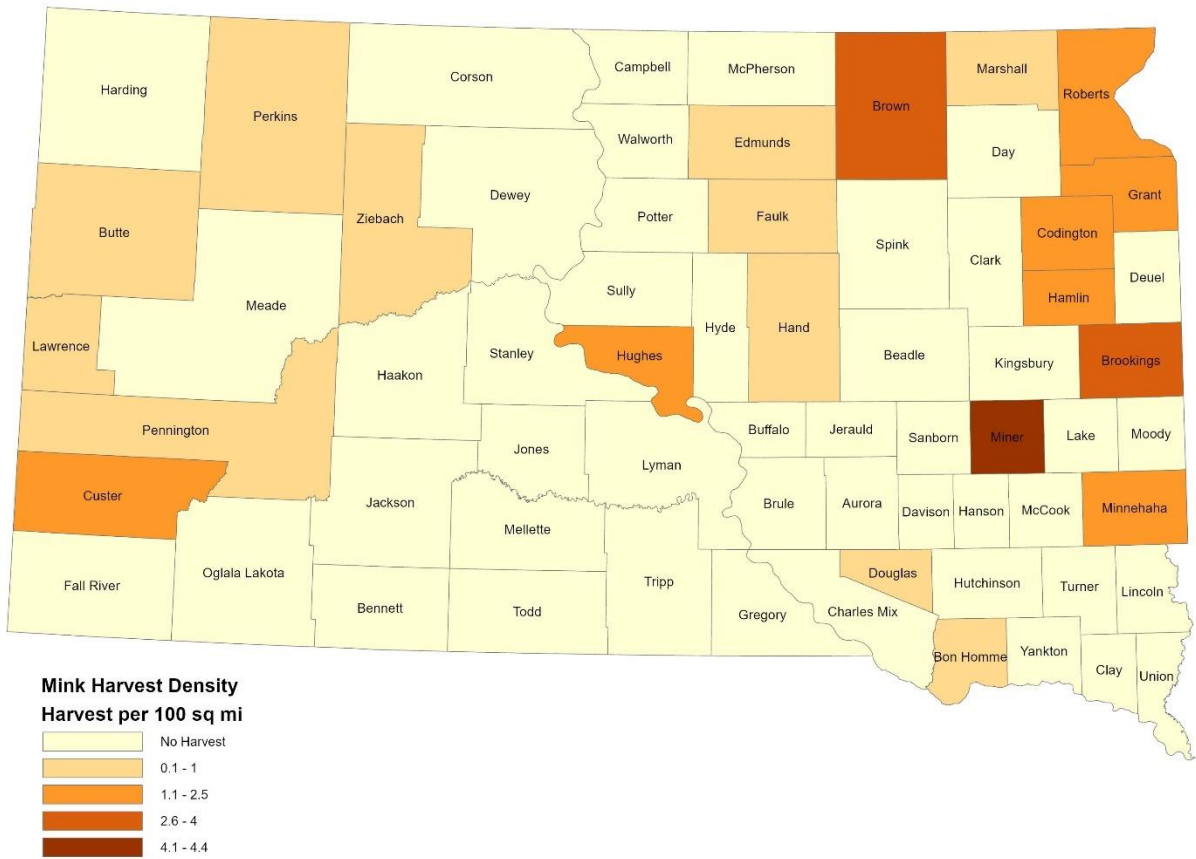
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 250 mink were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported mink harvest densities were Miner, Brown, Brookings, Minnehaha, and Custer.

### **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Mink seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2014	4,227	12	2,304	10	1,482	149	4.89	5.00
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	1,147	9	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	504	8	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	356	16	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	284	10	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	518	26	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	523	9	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	482	4	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	167	29	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	148	0	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	246	3	5.13	4.00

2024-25 Mink Harvest





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Mlnk Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25											
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total	
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *			
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	6.3	16	16	6.3	
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	4	12	5.1	12	12	5.0	
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	14	44	17.7	44	44	17.5	
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	3.8	9	9	3.8	
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	8	25	10.1	25	25	10.0	
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Davison	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.3	3	3	1.3	
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.3	3	3	1.3	
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.3	3	3	1.3	
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Charles Mix	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	11	34	13.9	34	34	13.8	
Day	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.3	3	3	1.3	
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.3	3	3	1.3	
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	2.5	6	6	2.5	
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	3.8	9	9	3.8	
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	3.8	9	9	3.8	
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.3	3	3	1.3	
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hughes	1	3	100.0	3	3	9	3.8	9	12	5.0	
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	2.5	6	6	2.5	
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	8	25	10.1	25	25	10.0	
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.3	3	3	1.3	
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	6.3	16	16	6.3	
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Union	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.3	3	3	1.3	
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Unknown	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	
TOTALS:	1	3	100%	3	79	246	100%	246	250	100%	
Last Revised: 2 July 2025											
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## **WEASEL**

The 2024-25 resident weasel season was open November 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025, statewide. The nonresident weasel season was restricted to December 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025. Residents aged 18 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap weasels. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt weasels. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap weasels.

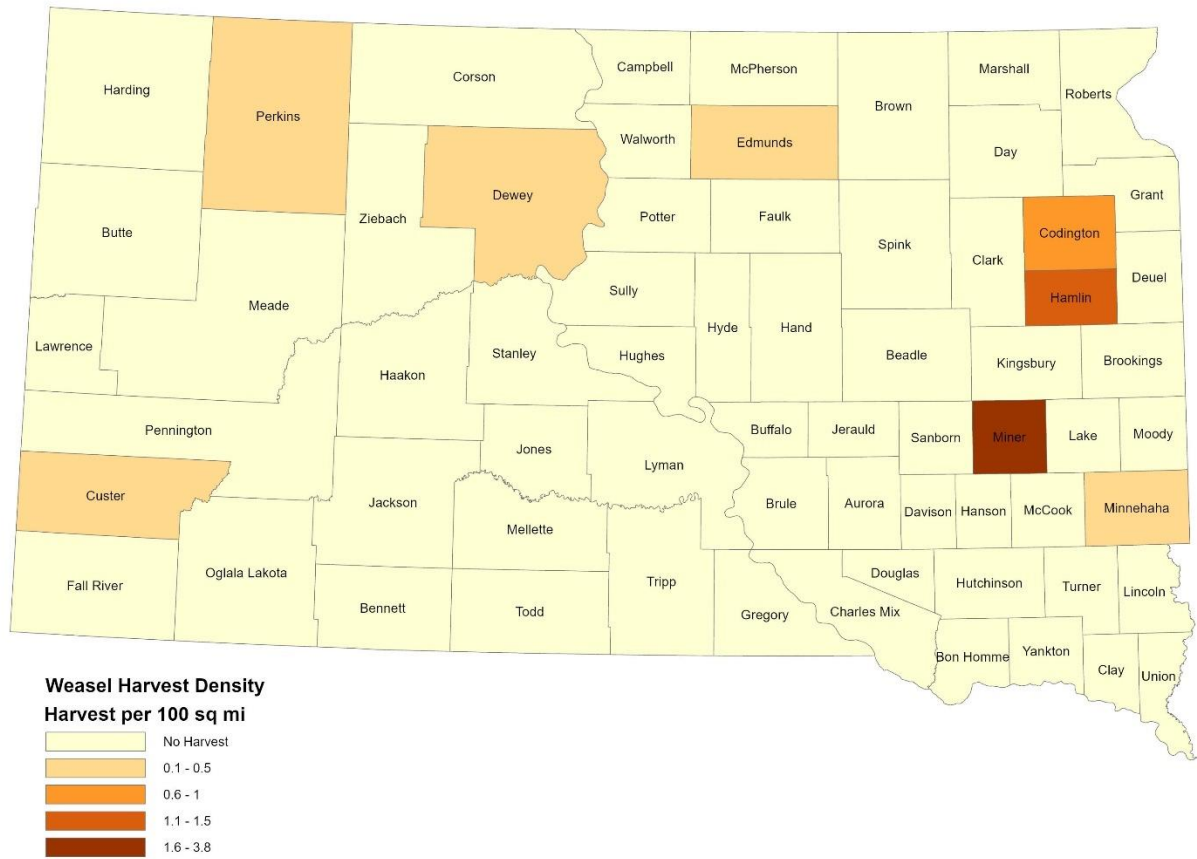
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 56 weasels were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported weasel harvest densities were Miner, Hamlin, Codington, Minnehaha, and Dewey.

### **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Weasel seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2014	4,227	12	2,304	10	265	12	4.89	5.00
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	161	0	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	42	7	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	65	2	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	40	0	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	47	0	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	95	0	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	48	4	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	52	19	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	24	0	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	56	0	5.13	4.00

## 2024-25 Weasel Harvest



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Weasel Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25										
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *		
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	5.6	3	3	5.6
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	11.1	6	6	11.1
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Davison	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	5.6	3	3	5.6
Day	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	3	9	16.7	9	9	16.7
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	5.6	3	3	5.6
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	11.1	6	6	11.1
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	7	22	38.9	22	22	38.9
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	5.6	3	3	5.6
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Union	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Unknown	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>100%</b>
Last Revised: 2 July 2025										
* Includes unknown county projection values by assuming unknown county values are distributed the same as reported county values. Total values may be different due to rounding.										

## **BEAVER**

The 2024-25 resident beaver season was open year-round except on U.S. Forest Service land in the Black Hills where the season was open only January 1 through March 31, and non-U.S. Forest Service land in the Black Hills where the season was open only November 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025. The nonresident beaver season was restricted to December 1, 2024 - March 15, 2025. Residents aged 18 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap beaver. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt beaver. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap beaver.

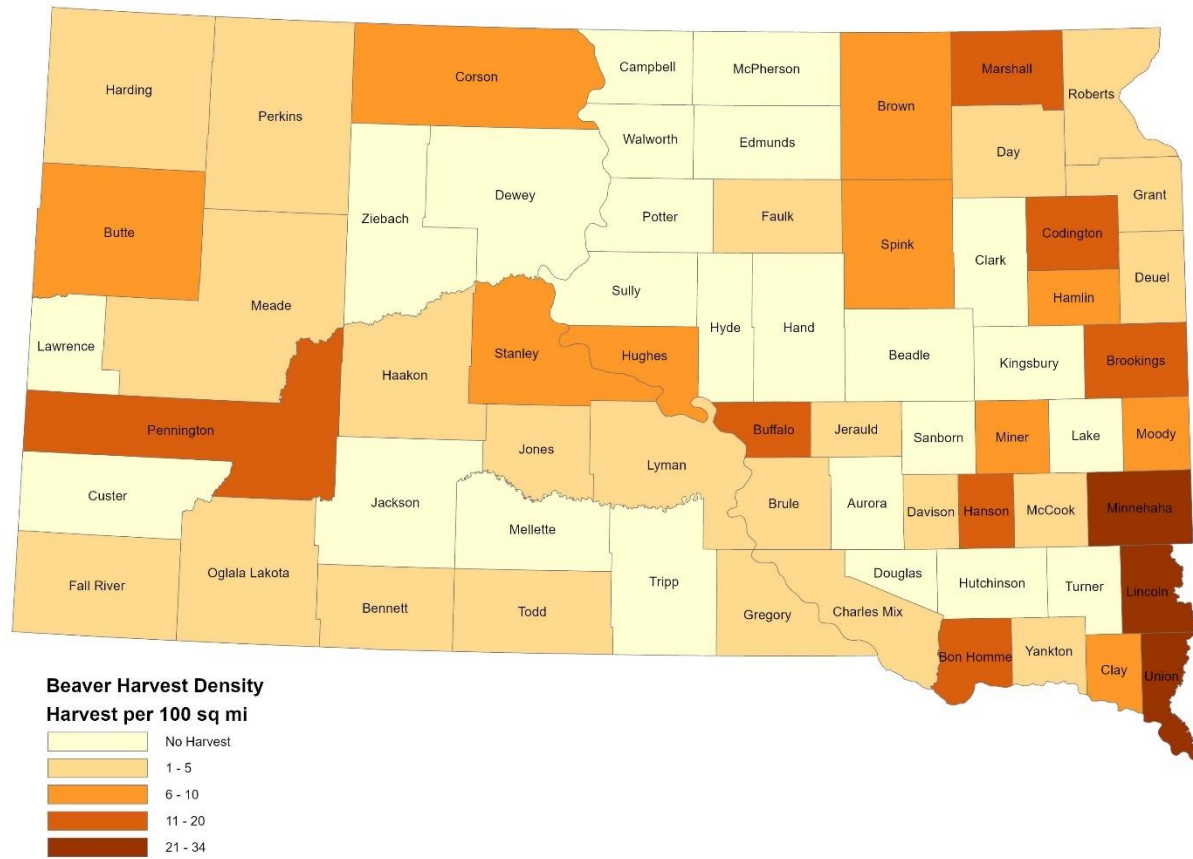
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 1,966 resident and 2 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2024-25 seasons. An estimated 2,950 beaver were harvested during the 2024-25 season by furbearer license holders. Five respondents said they attempted to trap beaver in the Black Hills and reported harvesting from 1 to 12 beavers each.

The five counties with the highest reported beaver harvest densities were Lincoln, Minnehaha, Union, Bon Homme, and Brookings.

### **Comparison of the 2015-2024 Beaver seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Furbearer Licenses</b>		<b>Active Hunters/Trappers</b>		<b>Harvest</b>		<b>Satisfaction</b>	
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonres</b>
2015	3,940	14	2,065	14	3,806	864	4.93	4.40
2016	3,620	11	1,804	5	1,773	326	4.95	5.00
2017	3,915	17	2,120	15	1,835	603	5.05	5.63
2018	4,154	14	2,168	12	1,201	143	4.97	5.44
2019	4,334	17	2,237	13	2,063	350	5.09	4.43
2020	4,689	15	2,295	15	2,582	274	5.22	5.50
2021	4,726	13	2,200	0	3,395	266	5.21	NA
2022	4,024	4	1,826	0	2,515	750	5.16	NA
2023	4,007	6	1,888	5	3,681	461	5.09	6.00
2024	4,230	6	1,966	2	2,764	186	5.13	4.00

## 2024-25 Beaver Harvest



# South Dakota Game Report No 2025-09 – 2024 Furbearer Harvest Projections

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<b>Beaver Harvest Distribution by County 2024-25</b>										
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *		
Minnehaha	3	9	5.0	9	81	250	9.5	262	271	9.2
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	105	325	12.3	340	340	11.5
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	29	90	3.4	94	94	3.2
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	29	90	3.4	94	94	3.2
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	48	148	5.6	155	155	5.3
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	7	22	0.8	23	23	0.8
Davison	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.2	6	6	0.2
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	15	46	1.8	49	49	1.6
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	33	102	3.9	107	107	3.6
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	5	15	0.6	16	16	0.5
Buffalo	2	6	3.3	6	20	62	2.3	65	71	2.4
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	44	136	5.2	142	142	4.8
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	0	0	0.0	0	13	40	1.5	42	42	1.4
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	8	25	0.9	26	26	0.9
Corson	4	12	6.7	12	40	124	4.7	129	142	4.8
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Day	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	1.2	32	32	1.1
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.2	6	6	0.2
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	12	37	1.4	39	39	1.3
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	1.2	32	32	1.1
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.2	6	6	0.2
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	13	40	1.5	42	42	1.4
Haakon	1	3	1.7	3	6	19	0.7	19	23	0.8
Hamlin	2	6	3.3	6	13	40	1.5	42	48	1.6
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hanson	3	9	5.0	9	14	43	1.6	45	55	1.9
Harding	2	6	3.3	6	22	68	2.6	71	77	2.6
Hughes	4	12	6.7	12	9	28	1.1	29	42	1.4
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.2	6	6	0.2
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	5	15	0.6	16	16	0.5
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	48	148	5.6	155	155	5.3
Lyman	6	19	10.0	19	17	53	2.0	55	74	2.5
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	2	6	0.2	6	6	0.2
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	31	96	3.6	100	100	3.4
Meade	1	3	1.7	3	22	68	2.6	71	74	2.5
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	11	34	1.3	36	36	1.2
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	14	43	1.6	45	45	1.5
Perkins	1	3	1.7	3	15	46	1.8	49	52	1.8
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	10	31	1.2	32	32	1.1
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	6	19	10.0	19	24	74	2.8	78	96	3.3
Stanley	20	62	33.3	62	21	65	2.5	68	130	4.4
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Union	0	0	0.0	0	34	105	4.0	110	110	3.7
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Oglala Lakota	5	16	8.3	16	0	0	0.0	0	16	0.5
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	6	19	0.7	19	19	0.7
Unknown	0	0	-	-	40	124	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>2,764</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,764</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>100%</b>
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* Includes unknown county projection values by assuming unknown county values are distributed the same as reported county values. Total values may be different due to rounding.										