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FURBEARER
HARVEST PROJECTIONS

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PREFACE

Harvest estimates reported herein for the 2025-26 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 2025-2026 seasons, there were approximately 210,000 resident and 134,000 nonresident licenses issued that allowed holders to hunt furbearers. Of those, only 4,331 residents and 9 nonresidents had licenses that allowed trapping of furbearers. Some 2025 furbearer license holders also purchased 2026 licenses that were valid during the 2025 seasons. In addition to those who had both 2025 and 2026 licenses, 697 residents and 3 nonresidents purchased 2026 licenses prior to April 15, 2026, making them eligible to hunt or trap the 2025-26 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 2025 license or a 2026 license that was purchased prior to April 15, 2026, and provided a valid email address. Response rates were 32% for residents and 11% for nonresidents. Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons.

Approximately 4% (89) of active resident furbearer license holders trapped/hunted river otters during the season. Approximately 5% (110), 14% (280), and 19% (389) of active resident furbearer license holders hunted/trapped bobcats in the Black Hills, East River, and West River prairie respectively.

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 the lone nonresident hunter/trapper reported a satisfaction level of 2.00.

The five counties with the highest total reported furbearer harvest densities per square mile were Clay, Union, Minnehaha, McCook, and Bon Homme.

FURBEARER HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2025-26

Revised: 12 June 2026	**Resident**	**Nonresident**	**Totals**
Licenses Sold*	4,331	9	**4,340**
Projected ACTIVE TRAPPERS/HUNTERS	**2,029**	**3**	**2,032**
Trapping Harvest			
Coyote	5,705	12	5,717
Red Fox	405	0	405
River Otter	32	0	32
Bobcat	402	0	402
Raccoon	19,108	0	19,108
Beaver	2,993	0	2,993
Muskrat	11,986	0	11,986
Mink	348	0	348
Weasel	170	0	170
Badger	865	0	865
Opossum	5,340	0	5,340
Striped Skunk	5,280	0	5,280
Spotted Skunk	59	0	59
Hunting Harvest			
Coyote	15,028	3	15,031
Red Fox	213	0	213
River Otter	0	0	0
Bobcat	72	0	72
Raccoon	8,871	0	8,871
Beaver	407	0	407
Muskrat	59	0	59
Mink	7	0	7
Weasel	0	0	0
Badger	479	0	479
Opossum	956	0	956
Striped Skunk	1,719	0	1,719
Spotted Skunk	20	0	20
Total Harvest			
Coyote	20,732	15	20,747
Red Fox	619	0	619
River Otter	32	0	32
Bobcat	474	0	474
Raccoon	27,979	0	27,979
Beaver	3,400	0	3,400
Muskrat	12,045	0	12,045
Mink	355	0	355
Weasel	170	0	170
Badger	1,345	0	1,345
Opossum	6,296	0	6,296
Striped Skunk	6,999	0	6,999
Spotted Skunk	79	0	79
**Furbearer Mean Satisfaction Score ** **	5.13	2.00	

** Licenses sold for the 2025 licensing year (15 Dec 2024 - 31 Jan 2026) and the 2026 licensing year (15 Dec 2025 - 31 Jan 2027) purchased prior to 16 April 2026*

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

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Total Furbearer Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

COUNTY	Coyote	Red Fox	River Otter	Bobcat	Raccoon	Beaver	Muskrat	Mink	Weasel	Badger	Opossum	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk	*Total Harvest*	*% of Total*
Minnehaha	700	62	5	0	1,996	309	260	3	3	34	768	357	0	4,497	5.6
Pennington	756	23	0	24	127	30	0	17	0	7	0	61	0	1,045	1.3
Brown	1,373	86	5	0	1,511	262	2,237	34	0	84	0	360	0	5,952	7.4
Beadle	430	7	0	0	550	13	73	20	33	43	363	78	0	1,611	2.0
Codington	565	16	1	0	727	30	587	3	39	3	76	97	0	2,145	2.7
Brookings	280	26	3	0	1,309	156	33	34	0	47	295	328	0	2,512	3.1
Yankton	358	10	0	4	549	0	0	0	0	20	253	99	0	1,292	1.6
Davison	36	0	0	0	252	13	0	0	0	17	277	189	0	785	1.0
Lawrence	108	0	0	10	96	0	13	0	0	0	0	44	0	271	0.3
Aurora	46	0	0	0	367	0	0	14	3	20	87	92	7	637	0.8
Bennett	157	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	180	0.2
Bon Homme	552	10	0	12	421	126	837	7	0	3	257	115	0	2,340	2.9
Brule	263	3	0	18	405	56	10	3	0	34	87	209	7	1,095	1.4
Buffalo	92	3	0	1	81	10	0	0	0	7	47	31	0	272	0.3
Butte	49	10	0	20	476	153	13	7	0	13	0	74	0	815	1.0
Campbell	7	0	0	0	253	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	259	0.3
Charles Mix	568	20	0	29	1,096	63	0	0	0	107	712	269	43	2,905	3.6
Clark	469	16	0	0	288	37	1,004	3	0	0	10	0	0	1,828	2.3
Clay	302	10	0	0	1,488	60	50	3	0	13	448	201	0	2,575	3.2
Corson	269	0	0	18	34	66	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	391	0.5
Custer	115	3	0	19	0	86	0	27	0	0	0	103	0	354	0.4
Day	649	3	1	0	175	3	407	0	0	7	0	24	0	1,269	1.6
Deuel	56	0	2	0	767	10	83	3	29	3	88	200	0	1,242	1.5
Dewey	393	0	0	1	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	444	0.6
Douglas	187	7	0	0	617	0	60	0	0	87	271	162	0	1,391	1.7
Edmunds	456	3	0	0	333	0	333	3	0	13	13	27	0	1,183	1.5
Fall River	504	20	0	25	54	50	0	7	0	37	0	14	0	710	0.9
Faulk	0	0	0	0	0	0	133	0	0	0	34	0	0	167	0.2
Grant	33	0	2	0	336	43	13	0	0	0	34	51	0	512	0.6
Gregory	686	3	0	72	640	73	47	0	0	24	144	208	0	1,896	2.4
Haakon	1,150	23	0	16	550	50	400	0	0	67	0	321	0	2,577	3.2
Hamlin	148	33	1	0	359	159	20	34	0	34	80	188	0	1,057	1.3
Hand	325	26	0	0	366	50	0	0	0	20	17	150	3	958	1.2
Hanson	33	0	0	0	449	10	0	0	0	24	108	27	0	650	0.8
Harding	134	7	0	47	102	0	0	0	0	3	0	78	0	372	0.5
Hughes	220	0	0	2	142	63	67	0	0	43	67	166	0	771	1.0
Hutchinson	207	7	0	1	332	0	0	0	0	14	54	68	0	681	0.8
Hyde	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	10	0	0	0	30	0.0
Jackson	26	0	0	39	21	0	0	0	0	34	0	20	0	140	0.2
Jerauld	131	10	0	0	324	40	0	0	0	23	111	64	0	703	0.9
Jones	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
Kingsbury	16	0	0	0	7	3	1,000	0	0	0	0	7	0	1,034	1.3
Lake	75	33	1	0	388	7	163	0	0	0	61	54	0	782	1.0
Lincoln	151	16	1	2	722	236	0	0	0	7	155	71	0	1,361	1.7
Lyman	710	0	0	25	58	76	90	10	0	51	0	230	0	1,249	1.6
McCook	516	7	0	0	1,346	0	473	27	0	77	64	194	0	2,703	3.4
McPherson	184	0	0	0	108	0	0	0	0	30	0	50	0	371	0.5
Marshall	154	0	0	0	827	123	40	3	0	3	0	137	0	1,288	1.6
Meade	158	3	0	24	720	23	20	0	0	0	0	226	0	1,175	1.5
Mellette	817	0	0	27	241	0	0	0	0	10	0	156	0	1,251	1.6
Miner	547	26	0	0	678	46	80	27	29	44	171	123	0	1,772	2.2
Moody	13	13	3	0	721	66	80	10	0	3	232	122	0	1,265	1.6
Perkins	230	0	0	16	187	76	13	0	0	17	0	85	0	624	0.8
Potter	325	3	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	14	0	44	0	465	0.6
Roberts	89	10	5	0	475	120	1,237	3	0	0	0	188	0	2,127	2.6
Sanborn	128	0	0	0	453	7	0	0	0	20	64	106	17	794	1.0
Spink	295	26	1	0	702	116	1,067	31	29	17	40	179	0	2,504	3.1
Stanley	311	0	0	3	27	113	847	0	0	0	0	44	0	1,345	1.7
Sully	20	3	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	14	0	3	3	63	0.1
Tripp	571	10	0	6	388	0	0	0	0	34	20	102	0	1,130	1.4
Turner	624	7	1	0	1,123	196	10	0	0	10	171	34	0	2,174	2.7
Union	846	0	0	4	827	76	217	10	0	34	620	75	0	2,710	3.4
Walworth	302	7	0	0	129	0	7	0	3	37	0	240	0	725	0.9
Ziebach	627	7	0	3	89	13	20	0	0	7	0	33	0	798	1.0
Oglala Lakota	164	0	0	1	53	17	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	244	0.3
Todd	26	0	0	0	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	67	0.1
TOTALS:	***20,747***	***619***	***32***	***474***	***27,979***	***3,400***	***12,045***	***355***	***170***	***1,345***	***6,296***	***6,999***	***79***	***80,539***	***100%***

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COYOTE

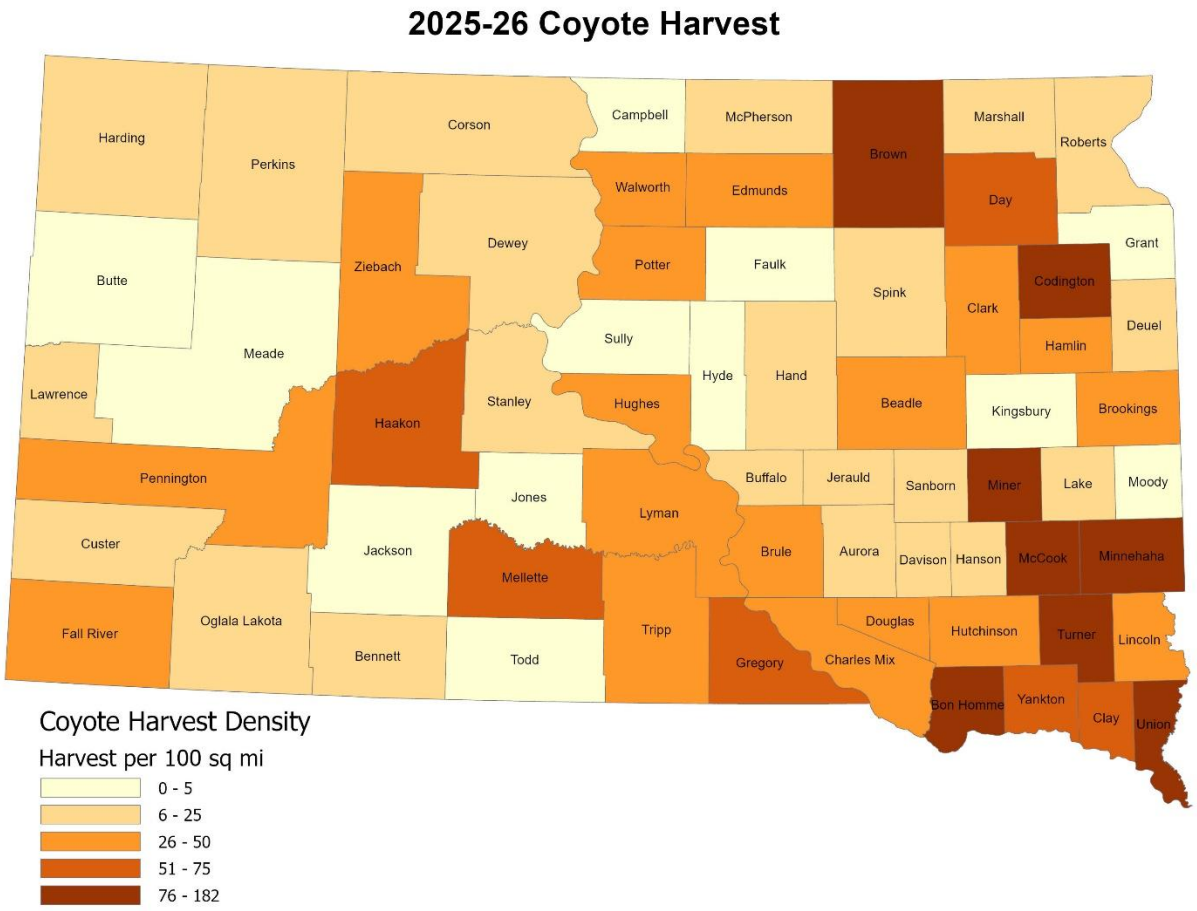
The 2025-26 coyote season was open statewide and year-round except in Custer State Park where the season was open from November 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt coyotes and residents 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 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 20,747 coyotes were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported coyote harvest densities were Pennington, Lincoln, Hutchinson, Jerauld, and Hand.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Coyote seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Resident*	*Nonres*
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	5,717	15,031	5.13	2.00


2025-26 Coyote Harvest
Harding
Perkins
Corson
Campbell
McPherson
Brown
Marshall
Roberts
Walworth
Edmunds
Day
Grant
Butte
Dewey
Ziebach
Potter
Faulk
Spink
Clark
Codington
Deuel
Hamlin
Meade
Sully
Hyde
Hand
Lawrence
Stanley
Haakon
Hughes
Beadle
Kingsbury
Brookings
Pennington
Jones
Lyman
Buffalo
Jerauld
Sanborn
Miner
Lake
Moody
Custer
Jackson
Mellette
Brule
Aurora
Davison
Hanson
McCook
Minnehaha
Fall River
Oglala Lakota
Bennett
Todd
Tripp
Gregory
Charles Mix
Douglas
Hutchinson
Turner
Lincoln
Bon Homme
Yankton
Clay
Union
Coyote Harvest Density
Harvest per 100 sq mi
0 - 5
6 - 25
26 - 50
51 - 75
76 - 182

Coyote Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	*# Reported*	*# Projected*	*% of Total*	*# Proj w/ Unk **	*# Reported*	*# Projected*	*% of Total*	*# Proj w/ Unk **	*Total Harvest*	*% of Total*
Minnehaha	150	492	3.3	492	63	207	3.6	208	700	3.4
Pennington	145	475	3.2	475	85	279	4.9	280	756	3.6
Brown	292	957	6.4	957	126	414	7.3	415	1,373	6.6
Beadle	96	315	2.1	315	35	115	2.0	115	430	2.1
Codington	134	439	2.9	439	38	125	2.2	125	565	2.7
Brookings	13	43	0.3	43	72	236	4.2	237	280	1.3
Yankton	99	325	2.2	325	10	33	0.6	33	358	1.7
Davison	9	30	0.2	30	2	7	0.1	7	36	0.2
Lawrence	23	75	0.5	75	10	33	0.6	33	108	0.5
Aurora	2	7	0.0	7	12	39	0.7	40	46	0.2
Bennett	42	138	0.9	138	6	20	0.3	20	157	0.8
Bon Homme	95	311	2.1	311	73	240	4.2	241	552	2.7
Brule	60	197	1.3	197	20	66	1.2	66	263	1.3
Buffalo	11	36	0.2	36	17	56	1.0	56	92	0.4
Butte	13	43	0.3	43	2	7	0.1	7	49	0.2
Campbell	2	7	0.0	7	0	0	0.0	0	7	0.0
Charles Mix	136	446	3.0	446	37	121	2.1	122	568	2.7
Clark	132	433	2.9	433	11	36	0.6	36	469	2.3
Clay	57	187	1.2	187	35	115	2.0	115	302	1.5
Corson	60	197	1.3	197	22	72	1.3	73	269	1.3
Custer	15	49	0.3	49	20	66	1.2	66	115	0.6
Day	198	649	4.3	649	0	0	0.0	0	649	3.1
Deuel	15	49	0.3	49	2	7	0.1	7	56	0.3
Dewey	120	393	2.6	393	0	0	0.0	0	393	1.9
Douglas	33	108	0.7	108	24	79	1.4	79	187	0.9
Edmunds	137	449	3.0	449	2	7	0.1	7	456	2.2
Fall River	50	164	1.1	164	103	338	5.9	340	504	2.4
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Grant	6	20	0.1	20	4	13	0.2	13	33	0.2
Gregory	175	574	3.8	574	34	112	2.0	112	686	3.3
Haakon	236	774	5.1	774	114	374	6.6	376	1,150	5.5
Hamlin	12	39	0.3	39	33	108	1.9	109	148	0.7
Hand	54	177	1.2	177	45	148	2.6	148	325	1.6
Hanson	8	26	0.2	26	2	7	0.1	7	33	0.2
Harding	40	131	0.9	131	1	3	0.1	3	134	0.6
Hughes	56	184	1.2	184	11	36	0.6	36	220	1.1
Hutchinson	55	180	1.2	180	8	26	0.5	26	207	1.0
Hyde	1	3	0.0	3	3	10	0.2	10	13	0.1
Jackson	8	26	0.2	26	0	0	0.0	0	26	0.1
Jerauld	40	131	0.9	131	0	0	0.0	0	131	0.6
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	2	7	0.0	7	3	10	0.2	10	16	0.1
Lake	21	69	0.5	69	2	7	0.1	7	75	0.4
Lincoln	15	49	0.3	49	31	102	1.8	102	151	0.7
Lyman	126	413	2.7	413	90	296	5.2	297	710	3.4
McCook	102	334	2.2	334	55	181	3.2	181	516	2.5
McPherson	56	184	1.2	184	0	0	0.0	0	184	0.9
Marshall	33	108	0.7	108	14	46	0.8	46	154	0.7
Meade	4	13	0.1	13	44	144	2.5	145	158	0.8
Mellette	213	698	4.6	698	36	118	2.1	119	817	3.9
Miner	34	111	0.7	111	132	433	7.6	435	547	2.6
Moody	2	7	0.0	7	2	7	0.1	7	13	0.1
Perkins	53	174	1.2	174	17	56	1.0	56	230	1.1
Potter	81	266	1.8	266	18	59	1.0	59	325	1.6
Roberts	21	69	0.5	69	6	20	0.3	20	89	0.4
Sanborn	8	26	0.2	26	31	102	1.8	102	128	0.6
Spink	73	239	1.6	239	17	56	1.0	56	295	1.4
Stanley	95	311	2.1	311	0	0	0.0	0	311	1.5
Sully	6	20	0.1	20	0	0	0.0	0	20	0.1
Tripp	160	525	3.5	525	14	46	0.8	46	571	2.8
Turner	125	410	2.7	410	65	213	3.7	214	624	3.0
Union	235	771	5.1	771	23	76	1.3	76	846	4.1
Walworth	64	210	1.4	210	28	92	1.6	92	302	1.5
Ziebach	167	548	3.6	548	24	79	1.4	79	627	3.0
Oglala Lakota	50	164	1.1	164	0	0	0.0	0	164	0.8
Todd	8	26	0.2	26	0	0	0.0	0	26	0.1
Unknown	0	0	-	-	7	23	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***4,584***	***15,031***	***100%***	***15,031***	***1,741***	***5,717***	***100%***	***5,717***	***20,747***	***100%***

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BOBCAT

The 2025-26 resident bobcat season was open statewide from December 26, 2025, through February 15, 2026. The nonresident bobcat season was open from January 9 – February 15, 2026. 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.

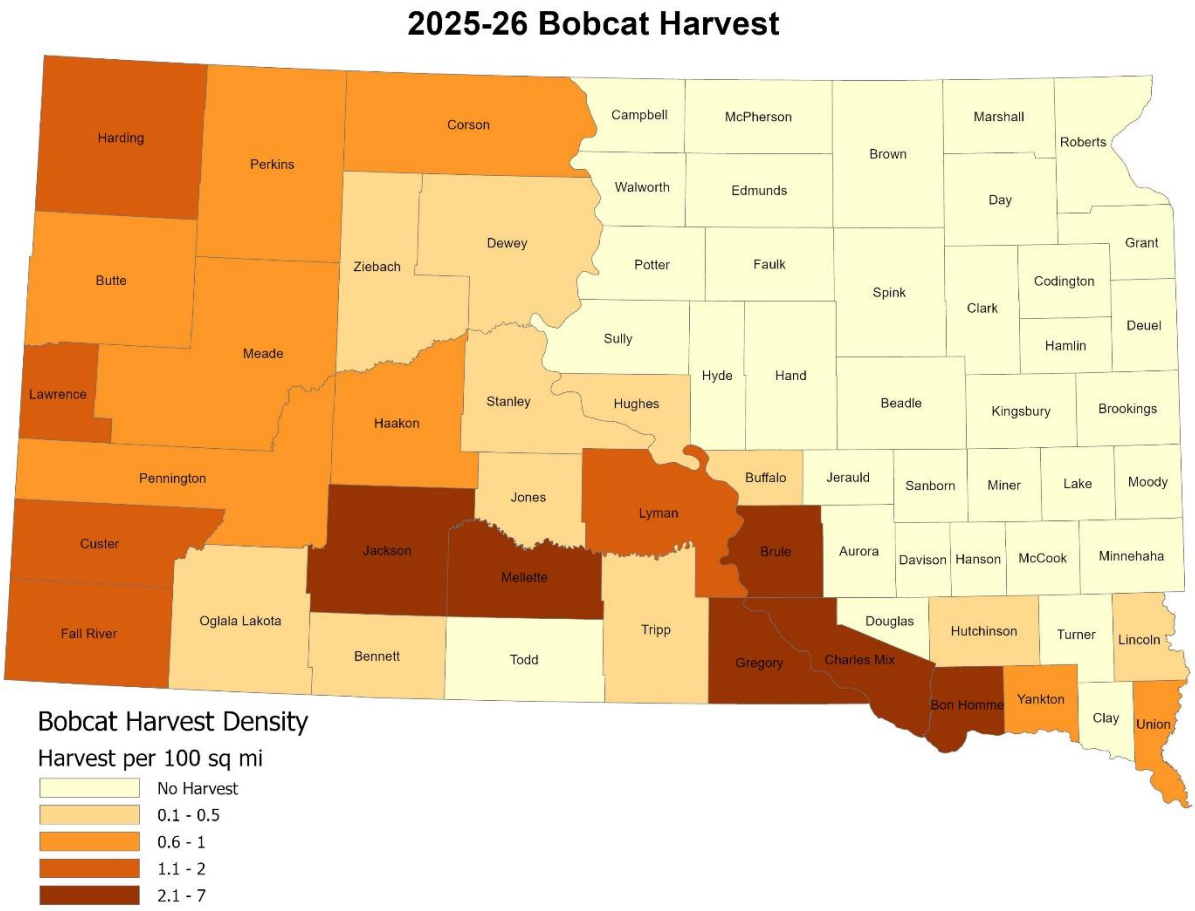
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. A total of 474 bobcats were checked in during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders, landowners, or youth trappers and hunters.

A total of 192 respondents reported trapping/hunting bobcats an average of 17.3 days (SE=1.02). Of those responding, 33 reported hunting/trapping for bobcats in the Black Hills which projected to 110 hunters/trappers, 85 reported hunting/trapping for bobcats East River which projected to 280 hunters/trappers, and 119 reported hunting/trapping the West River prairie which projected to 389 hunters/trappers. Check station results showed a total Black Hills harvest of 19 bobcats, up from 18 in 2024-25.

The five counties with the highest reported bobcat harvest densities were Gregory, Charles Mix, Brule, Mellette, and Jackson.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Bobcat seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		***Active Hunters/Trappers***		***Harvest***		***Satisfaction***	
Year	***Resident***	***Nonresident***	***Resident***	***Nonresident***	***Trapping***	***Hunting***	***Resident***	***Nonres***
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	402	72	5.13	2.00


2025-26 Bobcat Harvest
Harding
Perkins
Corson
Campbell
McPherson
Brown
Marshall
Roberts
Walworth
Edmunds
Day
Grant
Butte
Ziebach
Dewey
Potter
Faulk
Spink
Clark
Codington
Deuel
Hamlin
Meade
Sully
Hyde
Hand
Lawrence
Haakon
Stanley
Hughes
Beadle
Kingsbury
Brookings
Pennington
Jones
Buffalo
Jerauld
Sanborn
Miner
Lake
Moody
Lyman
Custer
Jackson
Brule
Aurora
Davison
Hanson
McCook
Minnehaha
Mellette
Fall River
Oglala Lakota
Tripp
Douglas
Hutchinson
Turner
Lincoln
Bennett
Todd
Gregory
Charles Mix
Bon Homme
Yankton
Clay
Union
Bobcat Harvest Density
Harvest per 100 sq mi
No Harvest
0.1 - 0.5
0.6 - 1
1.1 - 2
2.1 - 7

Bobcat Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION		TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION			
COUNTY	***# Reported***	***% of Total***	***# Reported***	***% of Total***	***Total Harvest***	***% of Total***
Minnehaha	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pennington	4	5.6	20	5.0	24	5.1
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	0	0.0	0	0.0
Yankton	1	1.4	3	0.7	4	0.8
Davison	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lawrence	0	0.0	10	2.5	10	2.1
Aurora	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bennett	1	1.4	1	0.2	2	0.4
Bon Homme	0	0.0	12	3.0	12	2.5
Brule	2	2.8	16	4.0	18	3.8
Buffalo	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.2
Butte	0	0.0	20	5.0	20	4.2
Campbell	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	4	5.6	25	6.2	29	6.1
Clark	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Clay	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Corson	5	6.9	13	3.2	18	3.8
Custer	2	2.8	17	4.2	19	4.0
Day	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Deuel	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Dewey	1	1.4	0	0.0	1	0.2
Douglas	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Edmunds	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Fall River	1	1.4	24	6.0	25	5.3
Faulk	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Grant	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gregory	15	20.8	57	14.2	72	15.2
Haakon	5	6.9	11	2.7	16	3.4
Hamlin	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hand	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hanson	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Harding	4	5.6	43	10.7	47	9.9
Hughes	2	2.8	0	0.0	2	0.4
Hutchinson	1	1.4	0	0.0	1	0.2
Hyde	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jackson	10	13.9	29	7.2	39	8.2
Jerauld	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jones	0	0.0	3	0.7	3	0.6
Kingsbury	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lake	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lincoln	0	0.0	2	0.5	2	0.4
Lyman	0	0.0	25	6.2	25	5.3
McCook	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
McPherson	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Meade	7	9.7	17	4.2	24	5.1
Mellette	3	4.2	24	6.0	27	5.7
Miner	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Moody	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Perkins	1	1.4	15	3.7	16	3.4
Potter	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sanborn	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Stanley	0	0.0	3	0.7	3	0.6
Sully	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tripp	3	4.2	3	0.7	6	1.3
Turner	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Union	0	0.0	4	1.0	4	0.8
Walworth	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ziebach	0	0.0	3	0.7	3	0.6
Oglala Lakota	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.2
Todd	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Unknown	0	-	0	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***72***	***100%***	***402***	***100%***	***474***	***100%***

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RIVER OTTER

The 2025 resident river otter season was open east of the Missouri River from November 1-21, closing when the harvest limit of 30 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 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons.

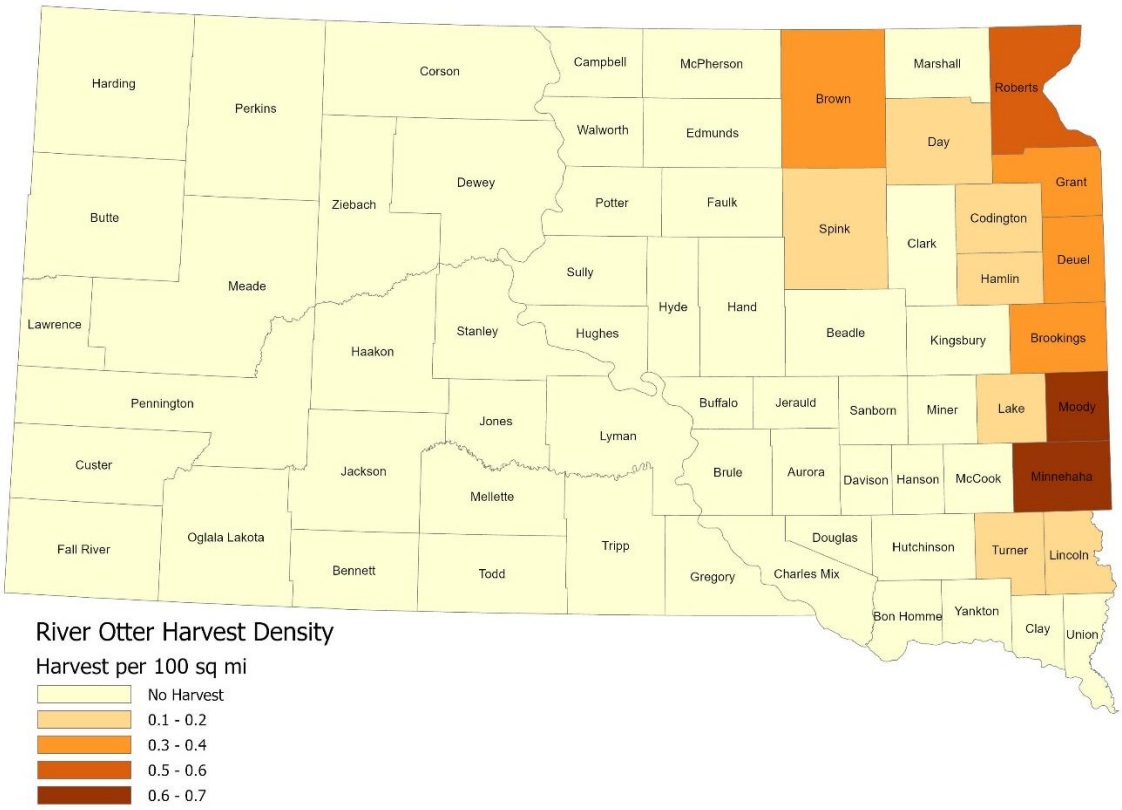
A total of 29 respondents reported trapping/hunting river otters, which projects to 89 active trappers/hunters, and reported an average of 7.6 days (SE=0.81) of effort. Check station results showed a total season harvest of 32 river otters.

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

Comparison of the 2020-2025 River Otter seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Satisfaction*
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	79	0	20	0	4.93
2025	4,331	9	89	0	32	0	5.13

2025-26 River Otter Harvest



River Otter Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION # Reported	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION % of Total	TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION # Reported	TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION % of Total	Total Harvest	% of Total
Minnehaha	0	0.0	5	15.6	5	15.6
Brown	0	0.0	5	15.6	5	15.6
Beadle	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Codington	0	0.0	1	3.1	1	3.1
Brookings	0	0.0	3	9.4	3	9.4
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	3.1	1	3.1
Deuel	0	0.0	2	6.3	2	6.3
Douglas	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Grant	0	0.0	2	6.3	2	6.3
Hamlin	0	0.0	1	3.1	1	3.1
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	1	3.1	1	3.1
Lincoln	0	0.0	1	3.1	1	3.1
McCook	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
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	9.4	3	9.4
Roberts	0	0.0	5	15.6	5	15.6
Sanborn	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0.0	1	3.1	1	3.1
Turner	0	0.0	1	3.1	1	3.1
Union	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTALS:	***0***	***0%***	***32***	***100%***	***32***	***100%***

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RED FOX

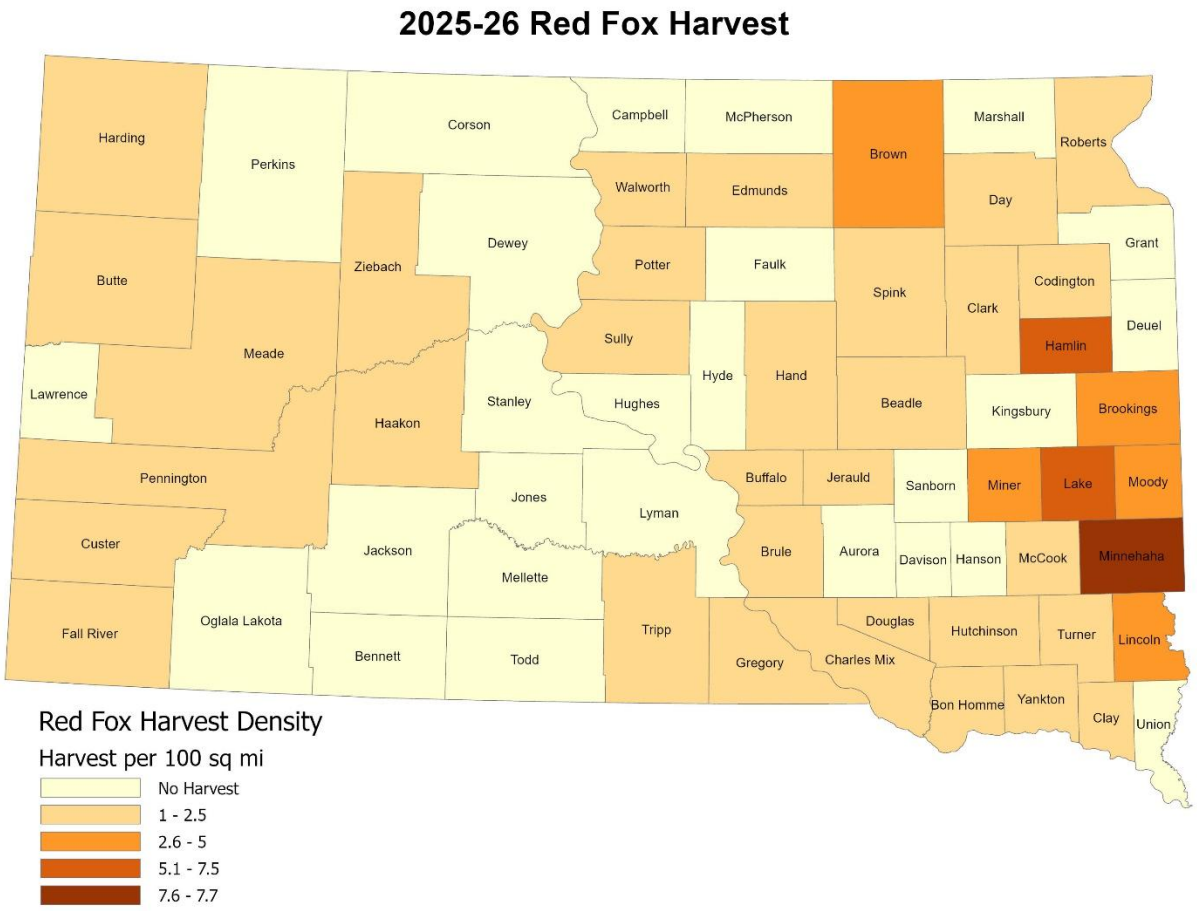
The 2025-26 red fox season was open statewide and year-round. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt fox and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap fox. Resident youth under age 18 were not required to 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 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 619 red fox were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported red fox harvest densities were Hamlin, Lake, Brown, Minnehaha, and Miner.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Red Fox seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		***Active Hunters/Trappers***		***Harvest***		***Satisfaction***	
Year	***Resident***	***Nonresident***	***Resident***	***Nonresident***	***Trapping***	***Hunting***	***Resident***	***Nonres***
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	405	213	5.13	2.00


2025-26 Red Fox Harvest
Harding
Perkins
Corson
Campbell
McPherson
Brown
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Walworth
Edmunds
Day
Grant
Butte
Dewey
Ziebach
Potter
Faulk
Spink
Clark
Codington
Deuel
Meade
Sully
Hamlin
Lawrence
Stanley
Hyde
Hand
Beadle
Kingsbury
Brookings
Haakon
Hughes
Pennington
Jones
Buffalo
Jerauld
Sanborn
Miner
Lake
Moody
Lyman
Custer
Jackson
Brule
Aurora
Davison
Hanson
McCook
Minnehaha
Mellette
Fall River
Oglala Lakota
Tripp
Douglas
Hutchinson
Turner
Lincoln
Bennett
Todd
Gregory
Charles Mix
Bon Homme
Yankton
Clay
Union
Red Fox Harvest Density
Harvest per 100 sq mi
No Harvest
1 - 2.5
2.6 - 5
5.1 - 7.5
7.6 - 7.7

Red Fox Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***Total Harvest***	***% of Total***
Minnehaha	11	36	16.9	36	8	26	6.5	26	62	10.1
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	7	23	5.7	23	23	3.7
Brown	6	20	9.2	20	20	65	16.3	66	86	13.8
Beadle	1	3	1.5	3	1	3	0.8	3	7	1.1
Codington	2	7	3.1	7	3	10	2.4	10	16	2.7
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	8	26	6.5	26	26	4.3
Yankton	1	3	1.5	3	2	7	1.6	7	10	1.6
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	3	10	2.4	10	10	1.6
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.8	3	3	0.5
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.8	3	3	0.5
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	3	10	2.4	10	10	1.6
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	2	7	3.1	7	4	13	3.3	13	20	3.2
Clark	5	16	7.7	16	0	0	0.0	0	16	2.7
Clay	3	10	4.6	10	0	0	0.0	0	10	1.6
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.8	3	3	0.5
Day	1	3	1.5	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.5
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	2	7	1.6	7	7	1.1
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.8	3	3	0.5
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	6	20	4.9	20	20	3.2
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	1	3	1.5	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.5
Haakon	3	10	4.6	10	4	13	3.3	13	23	3.7
Hamlin	1	3	1.5	3	9	29	7.3	30	33	5.3
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	8	26	6.5	26	26	4.3
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Harding	1	3	1.5	3	1	3	0.8	3	7	1.1
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	1.6	7	7	1.1
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	3	10	4.6	10	0	0	0.0	0	10	1.6
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	6	20	9.2	20	4	13	3.3	13	33	5.3
Lincoln	5	16	7.7	16	0	0	0.0	0	16	2.7
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McCook	2	7	3.1	7	0	0	0.0	0	7	1.1
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	1	3	0.8	3	3	0.5
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	8	26	6.5	26	26	4.3
Moody	1	3	1.5	3	3	10	2.4	10	13	2.1
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.8	3	3	0.5
Roberts	1	3	1.5	3	2	7	1.6	7	10	1.6
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	8	26	6.5	26	26	4.3
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	1	3	1.5	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.5
Tripp	3	10	4.6	10	0	0	0.0	0	10	1.6
Turner	1	3	1.5	3	1	3	0.8	3	7	1.1
Union	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Walworth	2	7	3.1	7	0	0	0.0	0	7	1.1
Ziebach	2	7	3.1	7	0	0	0.0	0	7	1.1
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	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***65***	***213***	***100%***	***213***	***124***	***405***	***100%***	***405***	***619***	***100%***

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RACCOON

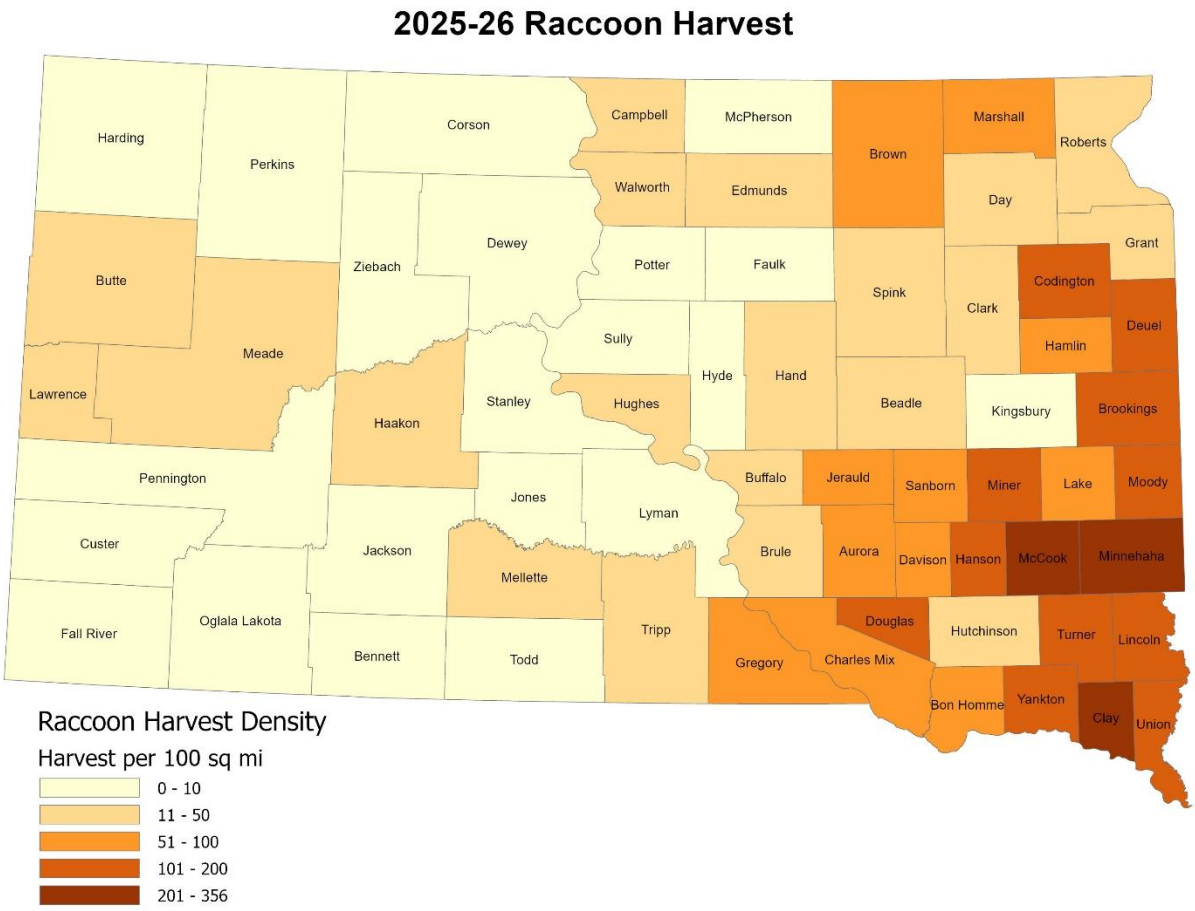
The 2025-26 resident raccoon season was open statewide and year-round. The nonresident raccoon season was restricted to December 1, 2025 - March 15, 2026. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt raccoons and residents holding 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 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 27,979 raccoons were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

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

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Raccoon seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Resident*	*Nonres*
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	19,108	8,871	5.13	2.00


2025-26 Raccoon Harvest
Harding
Perkins
Corson
Campbell
McPherson
Brown
Marshall
Roberts
Walworth
Edmunds
Day
Grant
Butte
Dewey
Ziebach
Potter
Faulk
Spink
Clark
Codington
Deuel
Hamlin
Meade
Sully
Hyde
Hand
Lawrence
Stanley
Hughes
Beadle
Kingsbury
Brookings
Haakon
Pennington
Buffalo
Jerauld
Sanborn
Miner
Lake
Moody
Jones
Lyman
Custer
Jackson
Brule
Aurora
Davison
Hanson
McCook
Minnehaha
Mellette
Fall River
Oglala Lakota
Tripp
Douglas
Hutchinson
Turner
Lincoln
Bennett
Todd
Gregory
Charles Mix
Bon Homme
Yankton
Clay
Union
Raccoon Harvest Density
Harvest per 100 sq mi
0 - 10
11 - 50
51 - 100
101 - 200
201 - 356

Raccoon Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***Total Harvest***	***% of Total***
Minnehaha	161	530	6.5	578	420	1,380	7.4	1,418	1,996	7.1
Pennington	10	33	0.4	36	27	89	0.5	91	127	0.5
Brown	212	698	8.6	761	222	729	3.9	750	1,511	5.4
Beadle	47	155	1.9	169	113	371	2.0	382	550	2.0
Codington	150	494	6.1	538	56	184	1.0	189	727	2.6
Brookings	25	82	1.0	90	361	1,186	6.4	1,219	1,309	4.7
Yankton	57	188	2.3	205	102	335	1.8	344	549	2.0
Davison	28	92	1.1	100	45	148	0.8	152	252	0.9
Lawrence	6	20	0.2	22	22	72	0.4	74	96	0.3
Aurora	13	43	0.5	47	95	312	1.7	321	367	1.3
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	0.0	7	7	0.0
Bon Homme	41	135	1.7	147	81	266	1.4	274	421	1.5
Brule	31	102	1.3	111	87	286	1.5	294	405	1.4
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	24	79	0.4	81	81	0.3
Butte	47	155	1.9	169	91	299	1.6	307	476	1.7
Campbell	45	148	1.8	161	27	89	0.5	91	253	0.9
Charles Mix	87	286	3.5	312	232	762	4.1	783	1,096	3.9
Clark	38	125	1.5	136	45	148	0.8	152	288	1.0
Clay	56	184	2.3	201	381	1,252	6.7	1,287	1,488	5.3
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	10	33	0.2	34	34	0.1
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Day	44	145	1.8	158	5	16	0.1	17	175	0.6
Deuel	50	165	2.0	179	174	572	3.1	588	767	2.7
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	58	191	2.3	208	121	398	2.1	409	617	2.2
Edmunds	9	30	0.4	32	89	292	1.6	301	333	1.2
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	16	53	0.3	54	54	0.2
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Grant	41	135	1.7	147	56	184	1.0	189	336	1.2
Gregory	56	184	2.3	201	130	427	2.3	439	640	2.3
Haakon	78	257	3.2	280	80	263	1.4	270	550	2.0
Hamlin	5	16	0.2	18	101	332	1.8	341	359	1.3
Hand	54	178	2.2	194	51	168	0.9	172	366	1.3
Hanson	64	211	2.6	230	65	214	1.1	220	449	1.6
Harding	5	16	0.2	18	25	82	0.4	84	102	0.4
Hughes	2	7	0.1	7	40	131	0.7	135	142	0.5
Hutchinson	19	63	0.8	68	78	256	1.4	263	332	1.2
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	3	10	0.1	11	3	10	0.1	10	21	0.1
Jerauld	48	158	1.9	172	45	148	0.8	152	324	1.2
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	0.0	7	7	0.0
Lake	44	145	1.8	158	68	223	1.2	230	388	1.4
Lincoln	61	201	2.5	219	149	490	2.6	503	722	2.6
Lyman	1	3	0.0	4	16	53	0.3	54	58	0.2
McCook	171	563	6.9	614	217	713	3.8	733	1,346	4.8
McPherson	30	99	1.2	108	0	0	0.0	0	108	0.4
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	245	805	4.3	827	827	3.0
Meade	52	171	2.1	187	158	519	2.8	534	720	2.6
Mellette	39	128	1.6	140	30	99	0.5	101	241	0.9
Miner	28	92	1.1	100	171	562	3.0	577	678	2.4
Moody	8	26	0.3	29	205	674	3.6	692	721	2.6
Perkins	5	16	0.2	18	50	164	0.9	169	187	0.7
Potter	9	30	0.4	32	14	46	0.2	47	80	0.3
Roberts	28	92	1.1	100	111	365	2.0	375	475	1.7
Sanborn	16	53	0.6	57	117	384	2.1	395	453	1.6
Spink	64	211	2.6	230	140	460	2.5	473	702	2.5
Stanley	1	3	0.0	4	7	23	0.1	24	27	0.1
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	6	20	0.1	20	20	0.1
Tripp	46	151	1.9	165	66	217	1.2	223	388	1.4
Turner	198	652	8.0	711	122	401	2.2	412	1,123	4.0
Union	47	155	1.9	169	195	641	3.4	659	827	3.0
Walworth	4	13	0.2	14	34	112	0.6	115	129	0.5
Ziebach	20	66	0.8	72	5	16	0.1	17	89	0.3
Oglala Lakota	10	33	0.4	36	5	16	0.1	17	53	0.2
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	3	10	0.1	10	10	0.0
Unknown	224	737	-	-	157	516	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***2,696***	***8,871***	***100%***	***8,871***	***5,815***	***19,108***	***100%***	***19,108***	***27,979***	***100%***

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BADGER

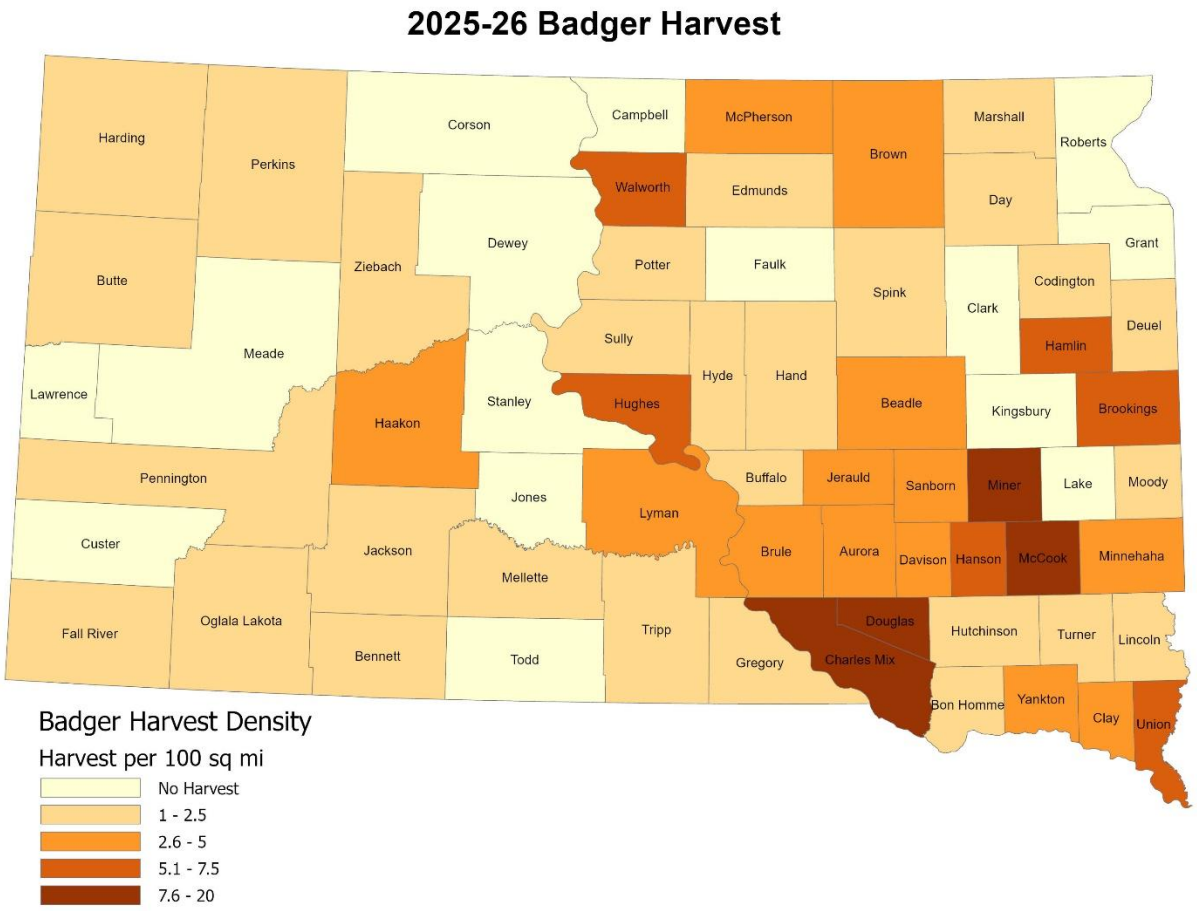
The 2025-26 badger season was open statewide and year-round. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt badgers and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap badgers. Resident youth under age 18 were not required 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 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 1,345 badgers were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported badger harvest densities were Union, Douglas, Miner, Charles Mix, and McCook.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Badger seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Resident*	*Nonres*
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	865	479	5.13	2.00


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Badger Harvest Density
Harvest per 100 sq mi
No Harvest
1 - 2.5
2.6 - 5
5.1 - 7.5
7.6 - 20

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Badger Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***Total Harvest***	***% of Total***
Minnehaha	3	10	2.1	10	7	23	2.7	24	34	2.5
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	0.8	7	7	0.5
Brown	4	13	2.8	13	21	69	8.2	71	84	6.3
Beadle	10	33	6.9	33	3	10	1.2	10	43	3.2
Codington	1	3	0.7	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.2
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	14	46	5.5	47	47	3.5
Yankton	5	16	3.4	17	1	3	0.4	3	20	1.5
Davison	3	10	2.1	10	2	7	0.8	7	17	1.2
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	6	20	2.3	20	20	1.5
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	1.6	14	14	1.0
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.4	3	3	0.3
Brule	1	3	0.7	3	9	29	3.5	30	34	2.5
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	0.8	7	7	0.5
Butte	3	10	2.1	10	1	3	0.4	3	13	1.0
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	16	53	11.0	53	16	52	6.3	54	107	8.0
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Clay	2	7	1.4	7	2	7	0.8	7	13	1.0
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	2	7	1.4	7	0	0	0.0	0	7	0.5
Deuel	1	3	0.7	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.2
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	16	53	11.0	53	10	33	3.9	34	87	6.4
Edmunds	3	10	2.1	10	1	3	0.4	3	13	1.0
Fall River	1	3	0.7	3	10	33	3.9	34	37	2.8
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	2	7	1.4	7	5	16	2.0	17	24	1.7
Haakon	13	43	9.0	43	7	23	2.7	24	67	5.0
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	10	33	3.9	34	34	2.5
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	6	20	2.3	20	20	1.5
Hanson	2	7	1.4	7	5	16	2.0	17	24	1.7
Harding	1	3	0.7	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.2
Hughes	6	20	4.1	20	7	23	2.7	24	43	3.2
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	1.6	14	14	1.0
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	3	10	1.2	10	10	0.8
Jackson	1	3	0.7	3	9	29	3.5	30	34	2.5
Jerauld	7	23	4.8	23	0	0	0.0	0	23	1.7
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	2	7	0.8	7	7	0.5
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	15	49	5.9	51	51	3.8
McCook	14	46	9.7	46	9	29	3.5	30	77	5.7
McPherson	9	30	6.2	30	0	0	0.0	0	30	2.2
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.4	3	3	0.3
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Mellette	1	3	0.7	3	2	7	0.8	7	10	0.7
Miner	1	3	0.7	3	12	39	4.7	41	44	3.3
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.4	3	3	0.3
Perkins	2	7	1.4	7	3	10	1.2	10	17	1.2
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	1.6	14	14	1.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	6	20	2.3	20	20	1.5
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	2.0	17	17	1.3
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	1.6	14	14	1.0
Tripp	2	7	1.4	7	8	26	3.1	27	34	2.5
Turner	3	10	2.1	10	0	0	0.0	0	10	0.7
Union	3	10	2.1	10	7	23	2.7	24	34	2.5
Walworth	3	10	2.1	10	8	26	3.1	27	37	2.7
Ziebach	1	3	0.7	3	1	3	0.4	3	7	0.5
Oglala Lakota	3	10	2.1	10	0	0	0.0	0	10	0.7
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Unknown	1	3	-	-	8	26	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***146***	***479***	***100%***	***479***	***264***	***865***	***100%***	***865***	***1,345***	***100%***

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OPOSSUM

The 2025-26 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.

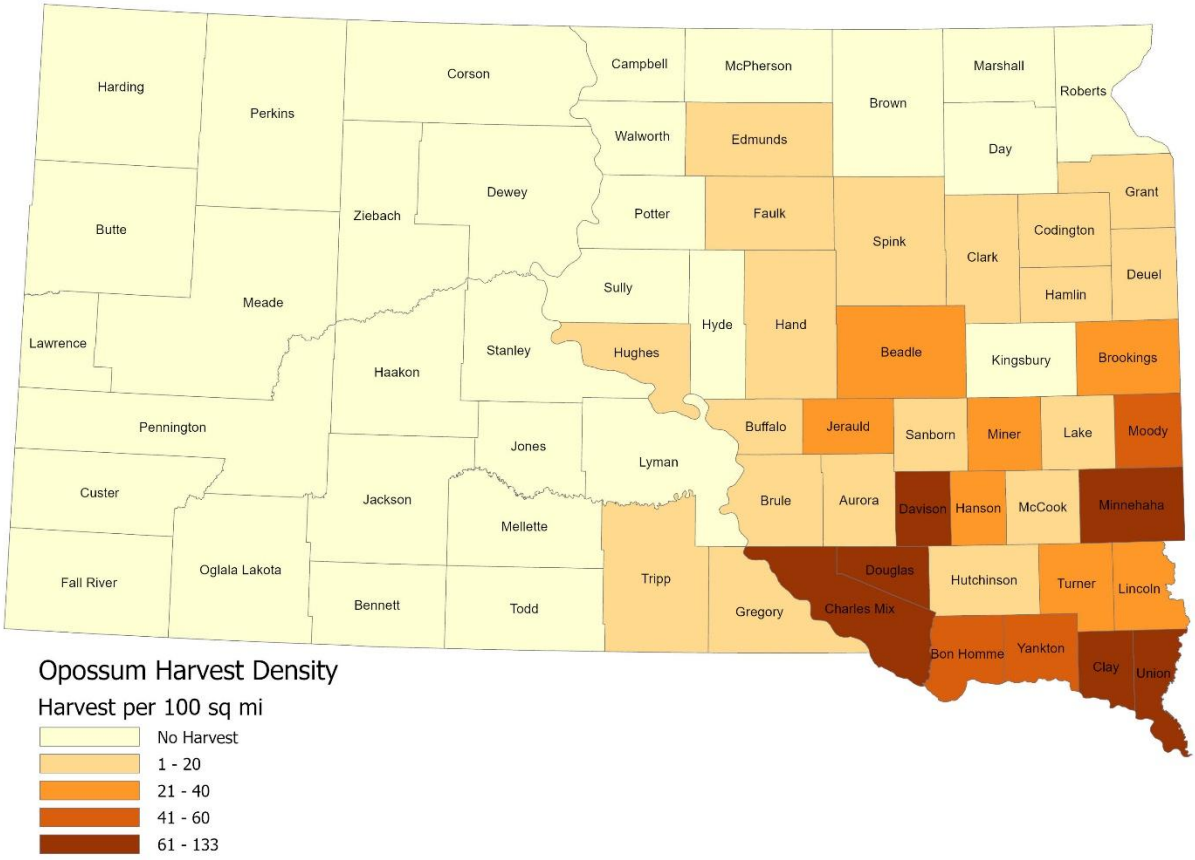
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The five counties with the highest reported opossum harvest densities were Union, Minnehaha, Clay, Davison, and Douglas.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Opossum seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Resident*	*Nonres*
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	5,340	956	5.13	2.00

2025-26 Opossum Harvest



Opossum Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***Total Harvest***	***% of Total***
Minnehaha	32	107	11.6	111	196	646	12.3	657	768	12.2
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	6	20	2.2	21	102	336	6.4	342	363	5.8
Codington	18	60	6.5	62	4	13	0.3	13	76	1.2
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	88	290	5.5	295	295	4.7
Yankton	10	33	3.6	35	65	214	4.1	218	253	4.0
Davison	22	74	8.0	76	60	198	3.8	201	277	4.4
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	26	86	1.6	87	87	1.4
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	18	60	6.5	62	58	191	3.6	194	257	4.1
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	26	86	1.6	87	87	1.4
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	14	46	0.9	47	47	0.7
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	38	127	13.8	132	173	570	10.9	580	712	11.3
Clark	2	7	0.7	7	1	3	0.1	3	10	0.2
Clay	15	50	5.4	52	118	389	7.4	396	448	7.1
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	5	17	1.8	17	21	69	1.3	70	88	1.4
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	28	94	10.1	97	52	171	3.3	174	271	4.3
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	0.3	13	13	0.2
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	10	33	0.6	34	34	0.5
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	10	33	0.6	34	34	0.5
Gregory	2	7	0.7	7	41	135	2.6	137	144	2.3
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	24	79	1.5	80	80	1.3
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	0.3	17	17	0.3
Hanson	3	10	1.1	10	29	96	1.8	97	108	1.7
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hughes	2	7	0.7	7	18	59	1.1	60	67	1.1
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	16	53	1.0	54	54	0.9
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	5	17	1.8	17	28	92	1.8	94	111	1.8
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	2	7	0.7	7	16	53	1.0	54	61	1.0
Lincoln	4	13	1.4	14	42	138	2.6	141	155	2.5
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	19	63	1.2	64	64	1.0
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	2	7	0.7	7	49	161	3.1	164	171	2.7
Moody	8	27	2.9	28	61	201	3.8	204	232	3.7
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	19	63	1.2	64	64	1.0
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	12	40	0.8	40	40	0.6
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	6	20	0.4	20	20	0.3
Turner	26	87	9.4	90	24	79	1.5	80	171	2.7
Union	28	94	10.1	97	156	514	9.8	523	620	9.8
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	10	33	-	-	28	92	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***286***	***956***	***100%***	***956***	***1,621***	***5,340***	***100%***	***5,340***	***6,296***	***100%***

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STRIPED SKUNK

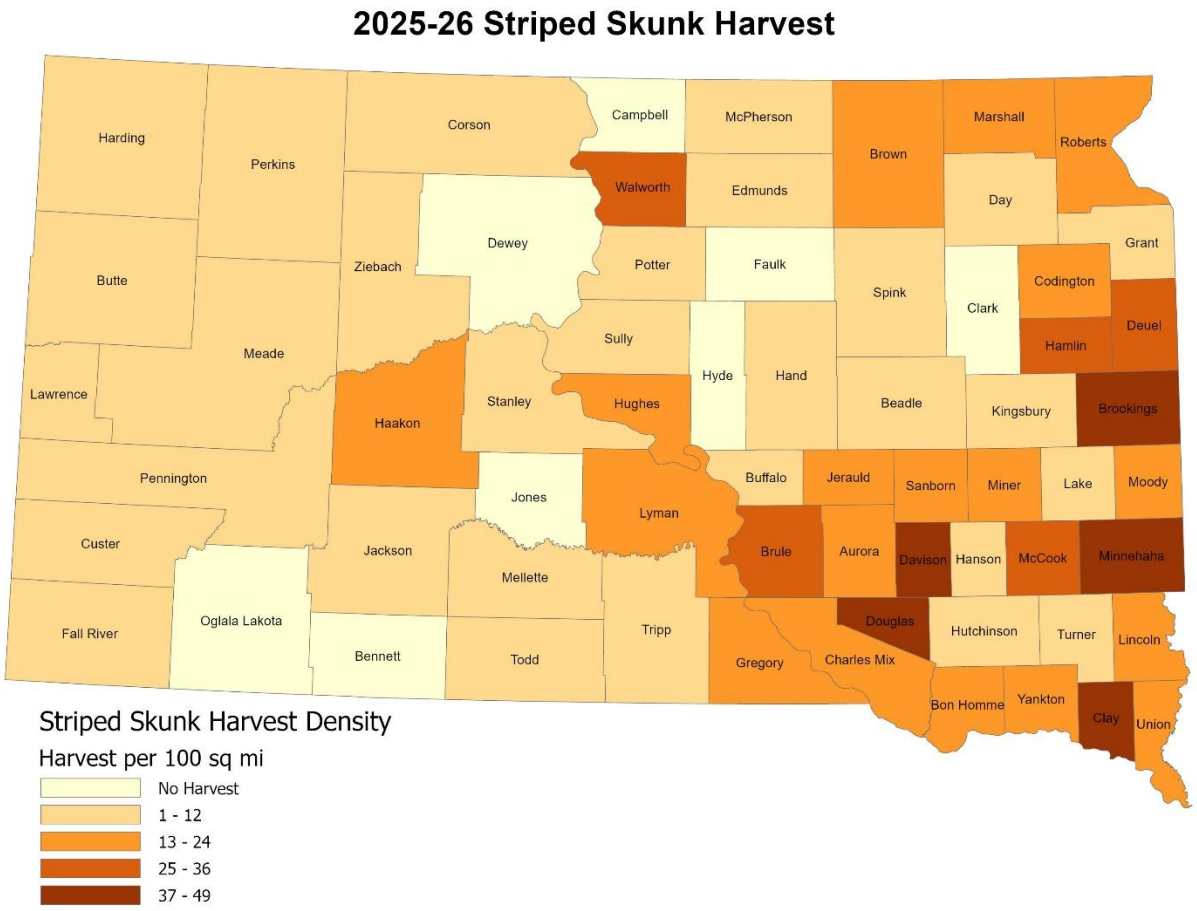
The 2025-26 striped skunk season was open statewide and year-round. Residents aged 18 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt striped skunks and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap striped skunks. Resident youth under 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 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 6,999 striped skunks were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

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

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Striped Skunk seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Resident*	*Nonres*
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	5,280	1,719	5.13	2.00


2025-26 Striped Skunk Harvest
Harding
Perkins
Corson
Campbell
McPherson
Brown
Marshall
Roberts
Walworth
Edmunds
Day
Grant
Dewey
Potter
Faulk
Spink
Clark
Codington
Deuel
Butte
Ziebach
Meade
Sully
Hyde
Hand
Hamlin
Lawrence
Stanley
Haakon
Hughes
Beadle
Kingsbury
Brookings
Pennington
Jones
Lyman
Buffalo
Jerauld
Sanborn
Miner
Lake
Moody
Custer
Jackson
Mellette
Brule
Aurora
Davison
Hanson
McCook
Minnehaha
Fall River
Oglala Lakota
Bennett
Todd
Tripp
Gregory
Douglas
Charles Mix
Hutchinson
Turner
Lincoln
Bon Homme
Yankton
Clay
Union
Striped Skunk Harvest Density
Harvest per 100 sq mi
No Harvest
1 - 12
13 - 24
25 - 36
37 - 49

Striped Skunk Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	*# Reported*	*# Projected*	*% of Total*	*# Proj w/ Unk **	*# Reported*	*# Projected*	*% of Total*	*# Proj w/ Unk **	*Total Harvest*	*% of Total*
Minnehaha	26	86	5.0	87	79	259	5.1	270	357	5.1
Pennington	2	7	0.4	7	16	52	1.0	55	61	0.9
Brown	28	92	5.4	93	78	256	5.1	267	360	5.1
Beadle	6	20	1.2	20	17	56	1.1	58	78	1.1
Codington	26	86	5.0	87	3	10	0.2	10	97	1.4
Brookings	4	13	0.8	13	92	302	6.0	315	328	4.7
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	29	95	1.9	99	99	1.4
Davison	25	82	4.8	83	31	102	2.0	106	189	2.7
Lawrence	6	20	1.2	20	7	23	0.5	24	44	0.6
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	27	88	1.7	92	92	1.3
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	15	49	2.9	50	19	62	1.2	65	115	1.6
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	61	200	4.0	209	209	3.0
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	9	29	0.6	31	31	0.4
Butte	13	43	2.5	43	9	29	0.6	31	74	1.1
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	16	53	3.1	53	63	206	4.1	215	269	3.8
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Clay	3	10	0.6	10	56	184	3.6	191	201	2.9
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	30	98	1.9	103	103	1.5
Day	4	13	0.8	13	3	10	0.2	10	24	0.3
Deuel	15	49	2.9	50	44	144	2.8	150	200	2.9
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	26	86	5.0	87	22	72	1.4	75	162	2.3
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	8	26	0.5	27	27	0.4
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	0.3	14	14	0.2
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Grant	1	3	0.2	3	14	46	0.9	48	51	0.7
Gregory	10	33	1.9	33	51	167	3.3	174	208	3.0
Haakon	40	132	7.8	133	55	180	3.6	188	321	4.6
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	55	180	3.6	188	188	2.7
Hand	5	16	1.0	17	39	128	2.5	133	150	2.1
Hanson	1	3	0.2	3	7	23	0.5	24	27	0.4
Harding	8	26	1.6	27	15	49	1.0	51	78	1.1
Hughes	13	43	2.5	43	36	118	2.3	123	166	2.4
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	20	66	1.3	68	68	1.0
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	6	20	1.2	20	0	0	0.0	0	20	0.3
Jerauld	11	36	2.1	37	8	26	0.5	27	64	0.9
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	0.1	7	7	0.1
Lake	6	20	1.2	20	10	33	0.6	34	54	0.8
Lincoln	10	33	1.9	33	11	36	0.7	38	71	1.0
Lyman	30	99	5.8	100	38	125	2.5	130	230	3.3
McCook	15	49	2.9	50	42	138	2.7	144	194	2.8
McPherson	15	49	2.9	50	0	0	0.0	0	50	0.7
Marshall	1	3	0.2	3	39	128	2.5	133	137	2.0
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	66	216	4.3	226	226	3.2
Mellette	16	53	3.1	53	30	98	1.9	103	156	2.2
Miner	2	7	0.4	7	34	111	2.2	116	123	1.8
Moody	7	23	1.4	23	29	95	1.9	99	122	1.8
Perkins	5	16	1.0	17	20	66	1.3	68	85	1.2
Potter	5	16	1.0	17	8	26	0.5	27	44	0.6
Roberts	1	3	0.2	3	54	177	3.5	185	188	2.7
Sanborn	2	7	0.4	7	29	95	1.9	99	106	1.5
Spink	27	89	5.2	90	26	85	1.7	89	179	2.6
Stanley	6	20	1.2	20	7	23	0.5	24	44	0.6
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.0
Tripp	11	36	2.1	37	19	62	1.2	65	102	1.5
Turner	3	10	0.6	10	7	23	0.5	24	34	0.5
Union	2	7	0.4	7	20	66	1.3	68	75	1.1
Walworth	30	99	5.8	100	41	134	2.7	140	240	3.4
Ziebach	10	33	1.9	33	0	0	0.0	0	33	0.5
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Todd	2	7	0.4	7	3	10	0.2	10	17	0.2
Unknown	5	16	-	-	67	220	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***521***	***1,719***	***100%***	***1,719***	***1,611***	***5,280***	***100%***	***5,280***	***6,999***	***100%***

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SPOTTED SKUNK

The 2025-26 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.

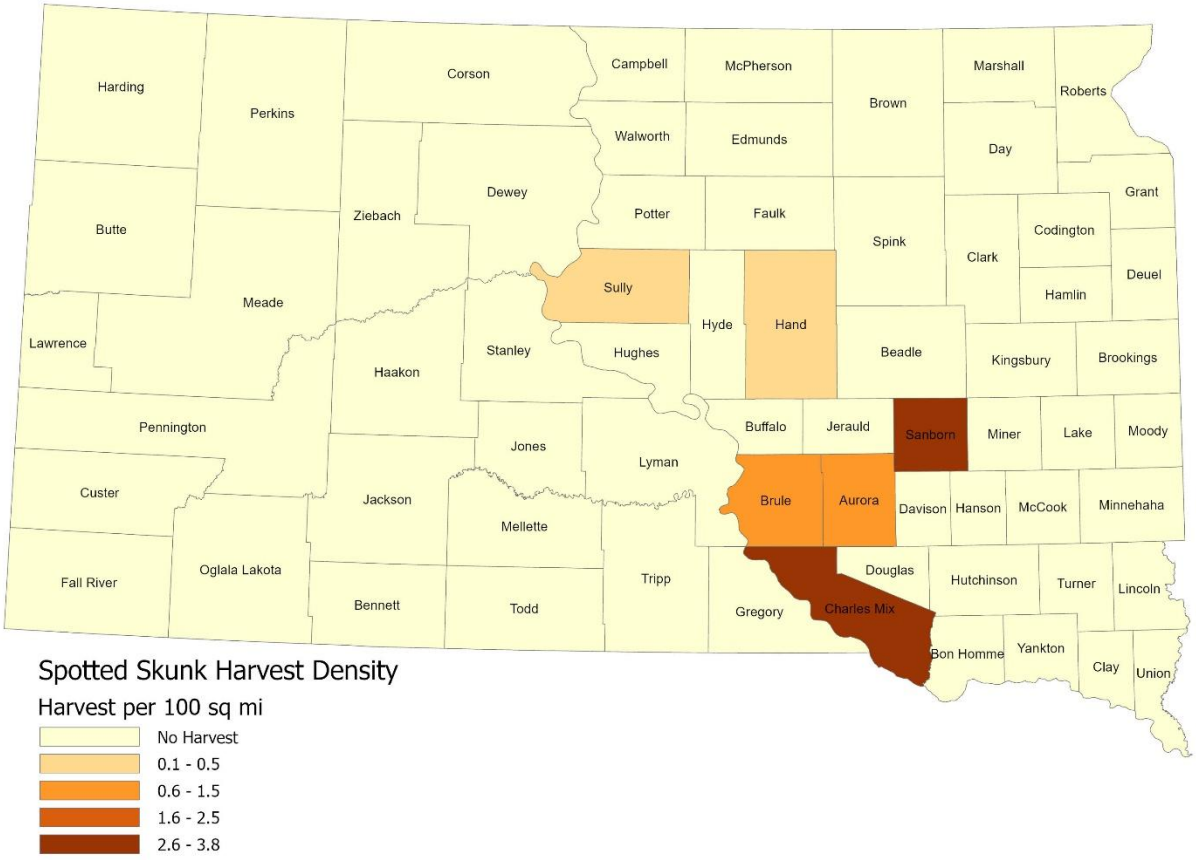
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 79 spotted skunks were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

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

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Spotted Skunk seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Resident*	*Nonres*
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	59	20	5.13	2.00

2025-26 Spotted Skunk Harvest



Spotted Skunk Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	*# Reported*	*# Projected*	*% of Total*	*# Proj w/ Unk **	*# Reported*	*# Projected*	*% of Total*	*# Proj w/ Unk **	*Total Harvest*	*% of Total*
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
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	2	7	11.1	7	7	8.4
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	2	7	11.1	7	7	8.4
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	6	20	100.0	20	7	23	38.9	23	43	54.0
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	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	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	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	1	3	5.6	3	3	4.2
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	5	17	27.8	17	17	20.9
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	1	3	5.6	3	3	4.2
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	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***6***	***20***	***100%***	***20***	***18***	***59***	***100%***	***59***	***79***	***100%***

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MUSKRAT

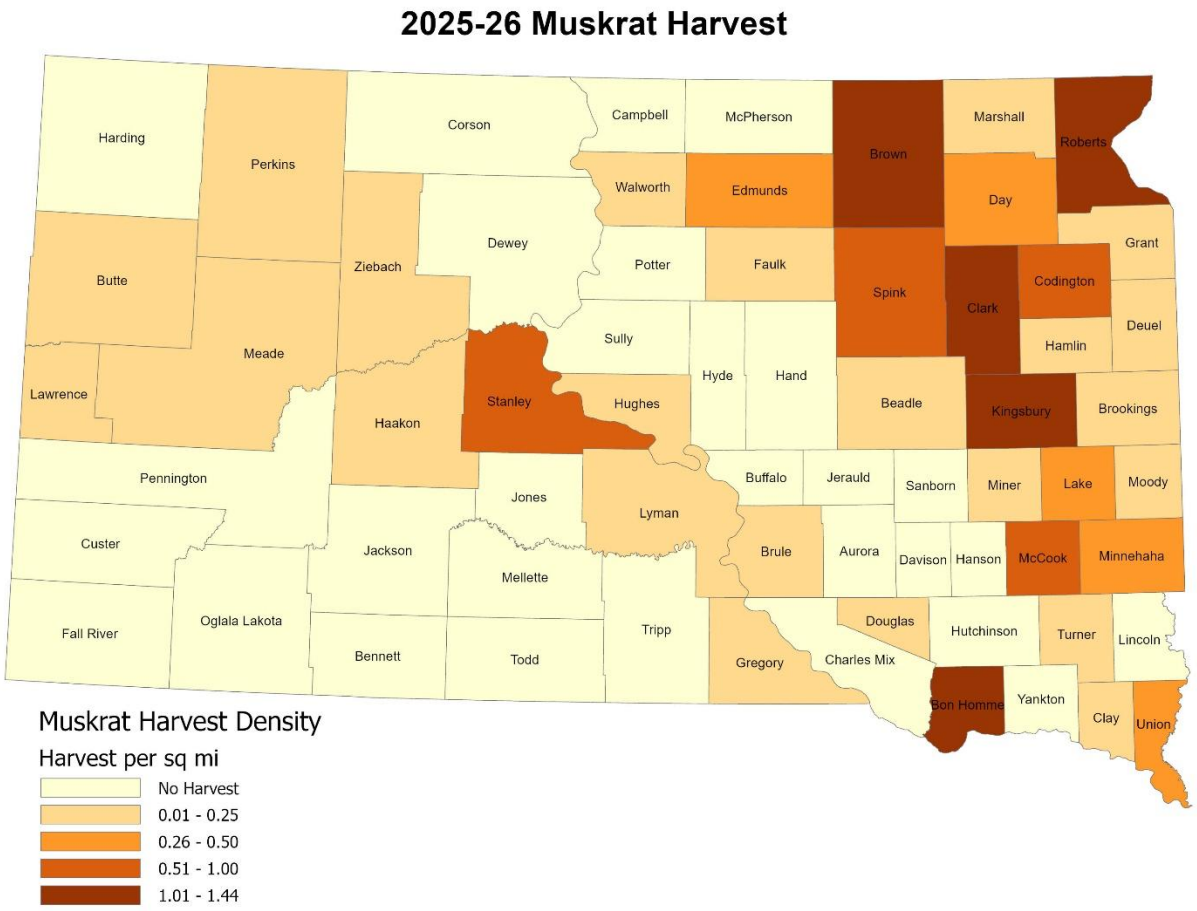
The 2025-26 resident muskrat season was open year-round west of the Missouri River and from November 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, east of the Missouri River and in the Black Hills Fire Protection District south of Interstate 90 and west of Highway 79. No trapping was allowed on or in muskrat houses of any size east of the Missouri River after March 15. The nonresident muskrat season was restricted to Dec. 1, 2025 - March 15, 2026. 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 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 12,045 muskrats were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported muskrat harvest densities were Kingsbury, Roberts, Clark, Brown, and Bon Homme.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Muskrat seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Resident*	*Nonres*
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
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2025-26 Muskrat Harvest
Harding
Perkins
Corson
Campbell
McPherson
Brown
Marshall
Roberts
Walworth
Edmunds
Day
Grant
Butte
Dewey
Ziebach
Potter
Faulk
Spink
Clark
Codington
Deuel
Hamlin
Meade
Sully
Hyde
Hand
Lawrence
Stanley
Hughes
Beadle
Kingsbury
Brookings
Haakon
Pennington
Jones
Lyman
Buffalo
Jerauld
Sanborn
Miner
Lake
Moody
Custer
Jackson
Brule
Aurora
Davison
Hanson
McCook
Minnehaha
Mellette
Fall River
Oglala Lakota
Tripp
Douglas
Hutchinson
Turner
Lincoln
Bennett
Todd
Gregory
Charles Mix
Bon Homme
Yankton
Clay
Union
Muskrat Harvest Density
Harvest per sq mi
No Harvest
0.01 - 0.25
0.26 - 0.50
0.51 - 1.00
1.01 - 1.44

Muskrat Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***Total Harvest***	***% of Total***
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	78	257	2.2	260	260	2.2
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	671	2,208	18.7	2,237	2,237	18.6
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	22	72	0.6	73	73	0.6
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	176	579	4.9	587	587	4.9
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	10	33	0.3	33	33	0.3
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	4	13	0.1	13	13	0.1
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	251	826	7.0	837	837	6.9
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	3	10	0.1	10	10	0.1
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	0.1	13	13	0.1
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	301	991	8.4	1,004	1,004	8.3
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	15	49	0.4	50	50	0.4
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	122	402	3.4	407	407	3.4
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	25	82	0.7	83	83	0.7
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	18	59	0.5	60	60	0.5
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	100	329	2.8	333	333	2.8
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	40	132	1.1	133	133	1.1
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	0.1	13	13	0.1
Gregory	1	3	5.6	3	13	43	0.4	43	47	0.4
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	120	395	3.3	400	400	3.3
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	6	20	0.2	20	20	0.2
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	20	66	0.6	67	67	0.6
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	300	987	8.3	1,000	1,000	8.3
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	49	161	1.4	163	163	1.4
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lyman	6	20	33.3	20	21	69	0.6	70	90	0.7
McCook	2	7	11.1	7	140	461	3.9	467	473	3.9
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	12	39	0.3	40	40	0.3
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	6	20	0.2	20	20	0.2
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	24	79	0.7	80	80	0.7
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	24	79	0.7	80	80	0.7
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	0.1	13	13	0.1
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	371	1,221	10.3	1,237	1,237	10.3
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	320	1,053	8.9	1,067	1,067	8.9
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	254	836	7.1	847	847	7.0
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	3	10	16.7	10	0	0	0.0	0	10	0.1
Union	0	0	0.0	0	65	214	1.8	217	217	1.8
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	0.1	7	7	0.1
Ziebach	6	20	33.3	20	0	0	0.0	0	20	0.2
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	-	-	47	155	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***18***	***59***	***100%***	***59***	***3,642***	***11,986***	***100%***	***11,986***	***12,045***	***100%***

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MINK

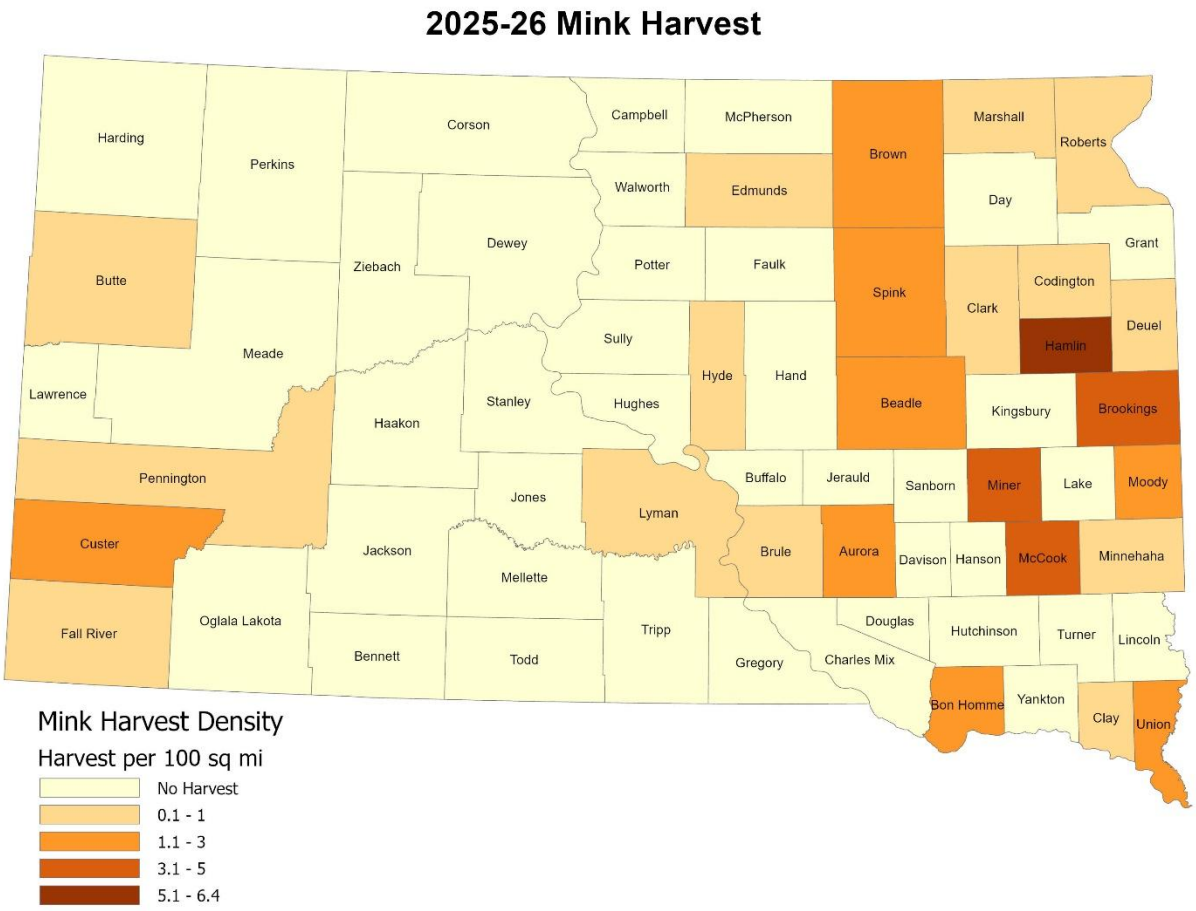
The 2025-26 resident mink season was open November 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026, statewide. The nonresident mink season was restricted to December 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026. Residents aged 18 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap mink. Resident youth under age 18 were 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 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 355 mink were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported mink harvest densities were Miner, Hamlin, Brookings, McCook, and Union.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Mink seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Resident*	*Nonres*
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	348	7	5.13	2.00


2025-26 Mink Harvest
Harding
Perkins
Corson
Campbell
McPherson
Brown
Marshall
Roberts
Walworth
Edmunds
Day
Grant
Butte
Dewey
Ziebach
Potter
Faulk
Spink
Clark
Codington
Deuel
Meade
Sully
Hamlin
Lawrence
Haakon
Stanley
Hughes
Hyde
Hand
Beadle
Kingsbury
Brookings
Pennington
Jones
Buffalo
Jerauld
Sanborn
Miner
Lake
Moody
Custer
Lyman
Jackson
Brule
Aurora
Davison
Hanson
McCook
Minnehaha
Mellette
Fall River
Oglala Lakota
Tripp
Douglas
Hutchinson
Turner
Lincoln
Bennett
Todd
Gregory
Charles Mix
Bon Homme
Yankton
Clay
Union
Mink Harvest Density
Harvest per 100 sq mi
No Harvest
0.1 - 1
1.1 - 3
3.1 - 5
5.1 - 6.4

Mink Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***Total Harvest***	***% of Total***
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.0	3	3	1.0
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	5	16	4.9	17	17	4.8
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	10	33	9.8	34	34	9.6
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	6	20	5.9	20	20	5.8
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.0	3	3	1.0
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	10	33	9.8	34	34	9.6
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	4	13	3.9	14	14	3.8
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	2.0	7	7	1.9
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.0	3	3	1.0
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	2.0	7	7	1.9
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	1	3	1.0	3	3	1.0
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.0	3	3	1.0
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	8	26	7.8	27	27	7.7
Day	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.0	3	3	1.0
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	1.0	3	3	1.0
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	2.0	7	7	1.9
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	10	33	9.8	34	34	9.6
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	1	3	50.0	3	1	3	1.0	3	7	1.9
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	3	10	2.9	10	10	2.9
McCook	1	3	50.0	3	7	23	6.9	24	27	7.7
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.0	3	3	1.0
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	8	26	7.8	27	27	7.7
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	3	10	2.9	10	10	2.9
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	1	3	1.0	3	3	1.0
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	9	29	8.8	31	31	8.7
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	3	10	2.9	10	10	2.9
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	-	-	5	16	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***2***	***7***	***100%***	***7***	***107***	***348***	***100%***	***348***	***355***	***100%***

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WEASEL

The 2025-26 resident weasel season was open November 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026, statewide. The nonresident weasel season was restricted to December 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026. 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.

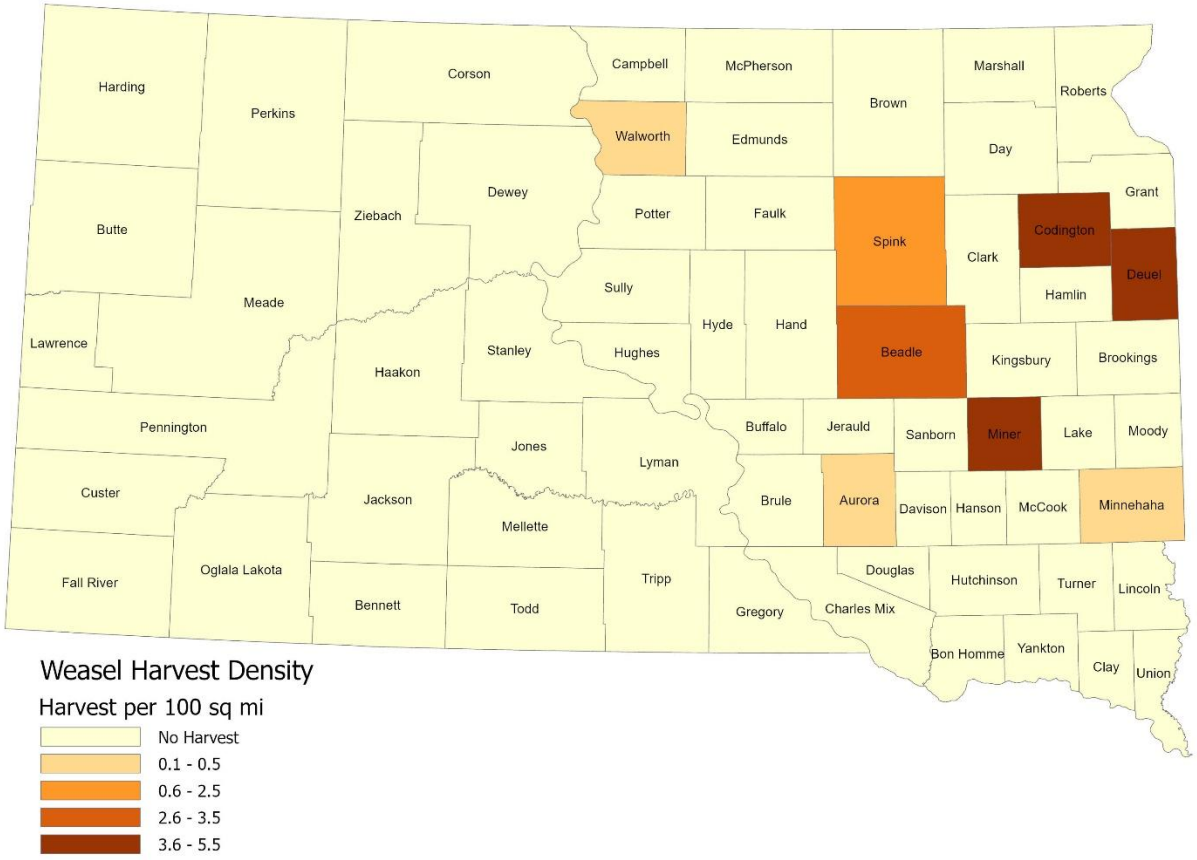
Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 170 weasels were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported weasel harvest densities were Miner, Spink, Codington, Deuel, and Beadle.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Weasel seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	***Resident***	***Nonresident***	***Resident***	***Nonresident***	***Trapping***	***Hunting***	***Resident***	***Nonres***
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	170	0	5.13	2.00

2025-26 Weasel Harvest



Weasel Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***Total Harvest***	***% of Total***
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.9	3	3	1.9
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	10	33	19.2	33	33	19.2
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	12	39	23.1	39	39	23.1
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	1	3	1.9	3	3	1.9
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	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	9	29	17.3	29	29	17.3
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	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	9	29	17.3	29	29	17.3
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	0	0	0.0	0	9	29	17.3	29	29	17.3
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	1	3	1.9	3	3	1.9
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	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***0***	***0***	***0%***	***0***	***52***	***170***	***100%***	***170***	***170***	***100%***

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BEAVER

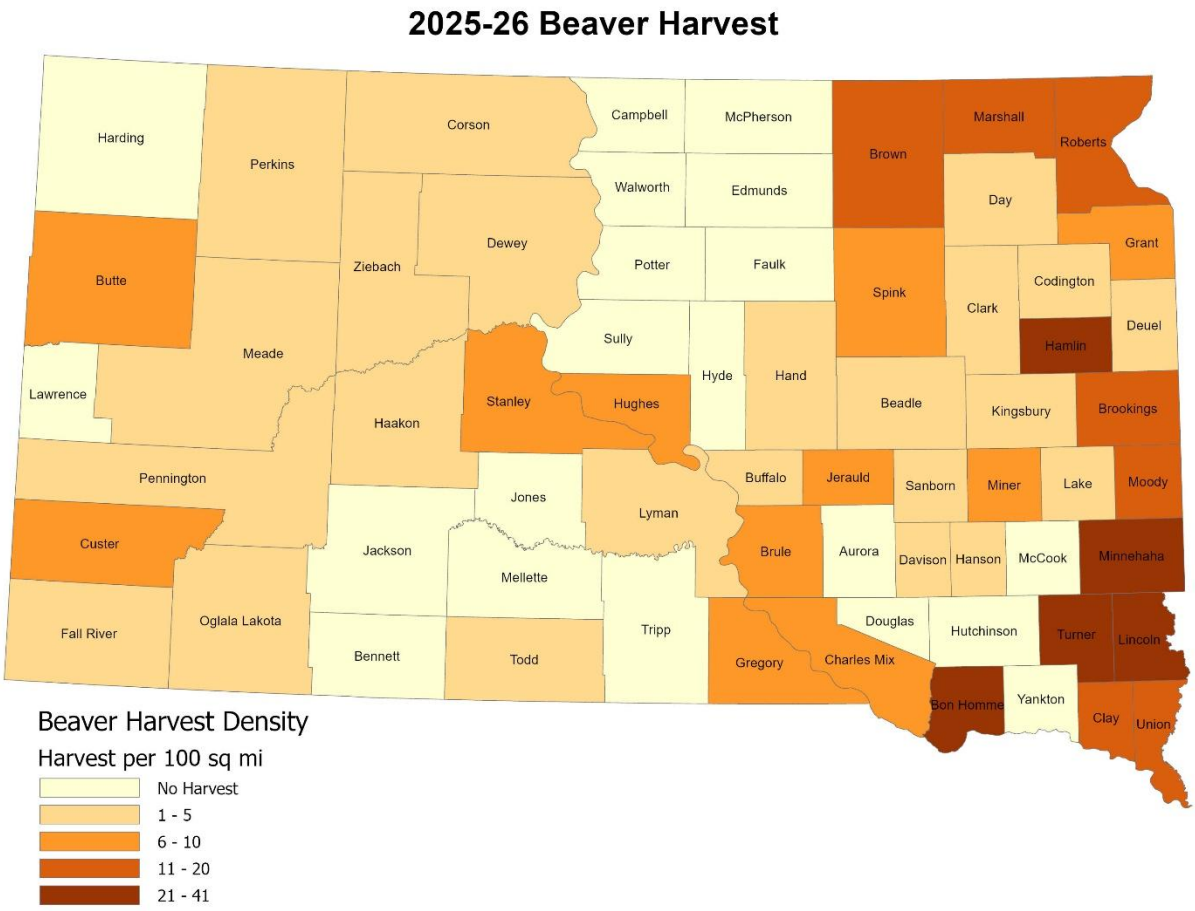
The 2025-26 resident beaver season was open year-round statewide except the area within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, which was closed to beaver hunting and trapping. The nonresident beaver season was restricted to December 1, 2025 - March 15, 2026. Residents aged 18 and older holding a furbearer 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 2,029 resident and 3 nonresident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2025-26 seasons. An estimated 3,400 beaver were harvested during the 2025-26 season by furbearer license holders.

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

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Beaver seasons

	Furbearer Licenses		*Active Hunters/Trappers*		*Harvest*		*Satisfaction*	
Year	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Resident*	*Nonresident*	*Trapping*	*Hunting*	*Resident*	*Nonres*
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
2025	4,331	9	2,029	3	2,993	407	5.13	2.00


2025-26 Beaver Harvest
Harding
Perkins
Corson
Campbell
McPherson
Brown
Marshall
Roberts
Walworth
Edmunds
Day
Grant
Butte
Dewey
Ziebach
Potter
Faulk
Spink
Clark
Codington
Deuel
Meade
Sully
Hamlin
Lawrence
Stanley
Hughes
Hyde
Hand
Beadle
Kingsbury
Brookings
Haakon
Pennington
Jones
Lyman
Buffalo
Jerauld
Sanborn
Miner
Lake
Moody
Custer
Jackson
Mellette
Brule
Aurora
Davison
Hanson
McCook
Minnehaha
Fall River
Oglala Lakota
Bennett
Todd
Tripp
Gregory
Charles Mix
Douglas
Hutchinson
Turner
Lincoln
Bon Homme
Yankton
Clay
Union
Beaver Harvest Density
Harvest per 100 sq mi
No Harvest
1 - 5
6 - 10
11 - 20
21 - 41

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Beaver Harvest Distribution by County 2025-26

	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION					
COUNTY	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***# Reported***	***# Projected***	***% of Total***	***# Proj w/ Unk ****	***Total Harvest***	***% of Total***
Minnehaha	23	76	18.7	76	70	230	7.8	232	309	9.1
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	9	30	1.0	30	30	0.9
Brown	20	66	16.3	66	59	194	6.5	196	262	7.7
Beadle	1	3	0.8	3	3	10	0.3	10	13	0.4
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	9	30	1.0	30	30	0.9
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	47	154	5.2	156	156	4.6
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Davison	1	3	0.8	3	3	10	0.3	10	13	0.4
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	38	125	4.2	126	126	3.7
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	17	56	1.9	56	56	1.7
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	3	10	0.3	10	10	0.3
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	46	151	5.1	153	153	4.5
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	2	7	1.6	7	17	56	1.9	56	63	1.9
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	11	36	1.2	37	37	1.1
Clay	2	7	1.6	7	16	53	1.8	53	60	1.8
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	20	66	2.2	66	66	2.0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	26	85	2.9	86	86	2.5
Day	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1
Deuel	1	3	0.8	3	2	7	0.2	7	10	0.3
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	15	49	1.7	50	50	1.5
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	15	49	1.7	50	50	1.5
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Grant	2	7	1.6	7	11	36	1.2	37	43	1.3
Gregory	2	7	1.6	7	20	66	2.2	66	73	2.1
Haakon	8	26	6.5	26	7	23	0.8	23	50	1.5
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	48	158	5.3	159	159	4.7
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	15	49	1.7	50	50	1.5
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	3	10	0.3	10	10	0.3
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	19	62	2.1	63	63	1.9
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	12	39	1.3	40	40	1.2
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	0.2	7	7	0.2
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	71	233	7.9	236	236	6.9
Lyman	6	20	4.9	20	17	56	1.9	56	76	2.2
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	37	121	4.1	123	123	3.6
Meade	3	10	2.4	10	4	13	0.4	13	23	0.7
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	14	46	1.6	46	46	1.4
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	20	66	2.2	66	66	2.0
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	23	75	2.6	76	76	2.2
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	36	118	4.0	120	120	3.5
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	2	7	0.2	7	7	0.2
Spink	3	10	2.4	10	32	105	3.6	106	116	3.4
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	34	112	3.8	113	113	3.3
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	40	132	32.5	132	19	62	2.1	63	196	5.8
Union	0	0	0.0	0	23	75	2.6	76	76	2.2
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Ziebach	4	13	3.3	13	0	0	0.0	0	13	0.4
Oglala Lakota	5	17	4.1	17	0	0	0.0	0	17	0.5
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	4	13	0.4	13	13	0.4
Unknown	0	0	-	-	11	36	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	***123***	***407***	***100%***	***407***	***912***	***2,993***	***100%***	***2,993***	***3,400***	***100%***

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