ARCHERY ANTELOPE

There were 3,126 single-tag archery antelope licenses issued in 2025 (2,279 resident and 847 nonresident). The archery season ran from August 16 through October 31, except when and where a state firearm antelope season was open. All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123 software and the response rate was 48%.

The overall success rate for the archery season was estimated to be 25%, with 773 adult bucks and 8 buck-kids harvested. Of the 23 management units where antelope harvest was reported, the Harding County and Butte County units accounted for 58.7% of all harvest.

Average hunter satisfaction was 5.00 and was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied), 4 being neutral.

2025 Archery Antelope Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 12/12/25

Unit/Type	Residency	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold	Response Rate	Success	Harvest Projections: Bucks	Harvest Projections: Buck Kids	Harvest Projections: Total Harvest	Avg Satisfactn Rating	Avg Days Hunted
ST1-42	Resident	Unlimited	2,279	45%	19%	437	7	444	4.77	3.92
	Nonresident Private Land	Unlimited	412	50%	46%	188	0	188	5.66	3.91
	Nonresident Public/Private	450	435	63%	34%	148	2	150	5.63	4.32
Totals			**3,126**	**48.3%**	**25%**	**773**	**8**	**782**	**5.00**	**3.97**

Satisfaction is based on a scale of 1-7, where "1" is very dissatisfied, "4" is neutral and "7" is very satisfied.

Harvest summaries for the 2016-2025 Archery Antelope seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold: Resident	Licenses Sold: Nonresident	Harvest: Bucks	Harvest: Does	Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
2016	1,523	400	466	42	26%	3.80	5.33
2017	1,569	521	529	52	28%	4.00	5.44
2018	1,632	570	529	56	27%	4.17	5.43
2019	1,781	633	533	72	25%	3.79	5.40
2020	2,141	720	719	92	28%	3.81	5.28
2021	2,142	877	619	91	24%	3.90	5.19
2022	1,830	1,021	687	0	24%	4.14	4.81
2023	2,127	832	606	0	20%	3.73	4.70
2024	2,165	821	748	0	25%	3.96	4.81
2025	2,279	847	782	0	25%	3.97	5.00

2025 Archery Antelope Harvest by Management Unit

Last Revised:
12-Dec-25

	Reported Harvest					Projected Harvest					
	Adults		Fawns			Adults		Fawns		Total	
Unit/County	**Buck**	**Doe**	**Buck**	**Doe**	**Total**	**Buck**	**Doe**	**Buck**	**Doe**	**Projected**	**%**
02A (Pennington E)	12	0	0	0	12	24	0	0	0	24	3.1%
11A (Bennett/Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
15A (Butte NW)	35	0	0	0	35	70	0	0	0	70	9.0%
15B (Butte/Lawrence)	39	0	0	0	39	78	0	0	0	78	10.0%
20A (Corson)	4	0	1	0	5	8	0	2	0	10	1.3%
21A (Custer E /Penn C)	12	0	0	0	12	24	0	0	0	24	3.1%
24A (Dewey)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
27A (F River/Custer SW)	37	0	1	0	38	74	0	2	0	76	9.7%
31A (Haakon)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
35A (Harding W)	111	0	2	0	113	222	0	4	0	227	29.0%
35B (Harding E)	42	0	0	0	42	84	0	0	0	84	10.8%
36A (Hughes)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.3%
38A (Hyde, Hand, Buffalo)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
39A (Jackson)	5	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	10	1.3%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45B (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.3%
49A (Meade N)	19	0	0	0	19	38	0	0	0	38	4.9%
49B (Meade S)	3	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	6	0.8%
50A (Mellette)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
53A (Perkins N)	16	0	0	0	16	32	0	0	0	32	4.1%
53B (Perkins S)	32	0	0	0	32	64	0	0	0	64	8.2%
58A (Stanley)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
59A (Sully)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.3%
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
63A (Walworth/Potter)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.3%
64A (Ziebach)	5	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	10	1.3%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0						
TOTALS	**386**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**390**	**773**	**0**	**8**	**0**	**782**	

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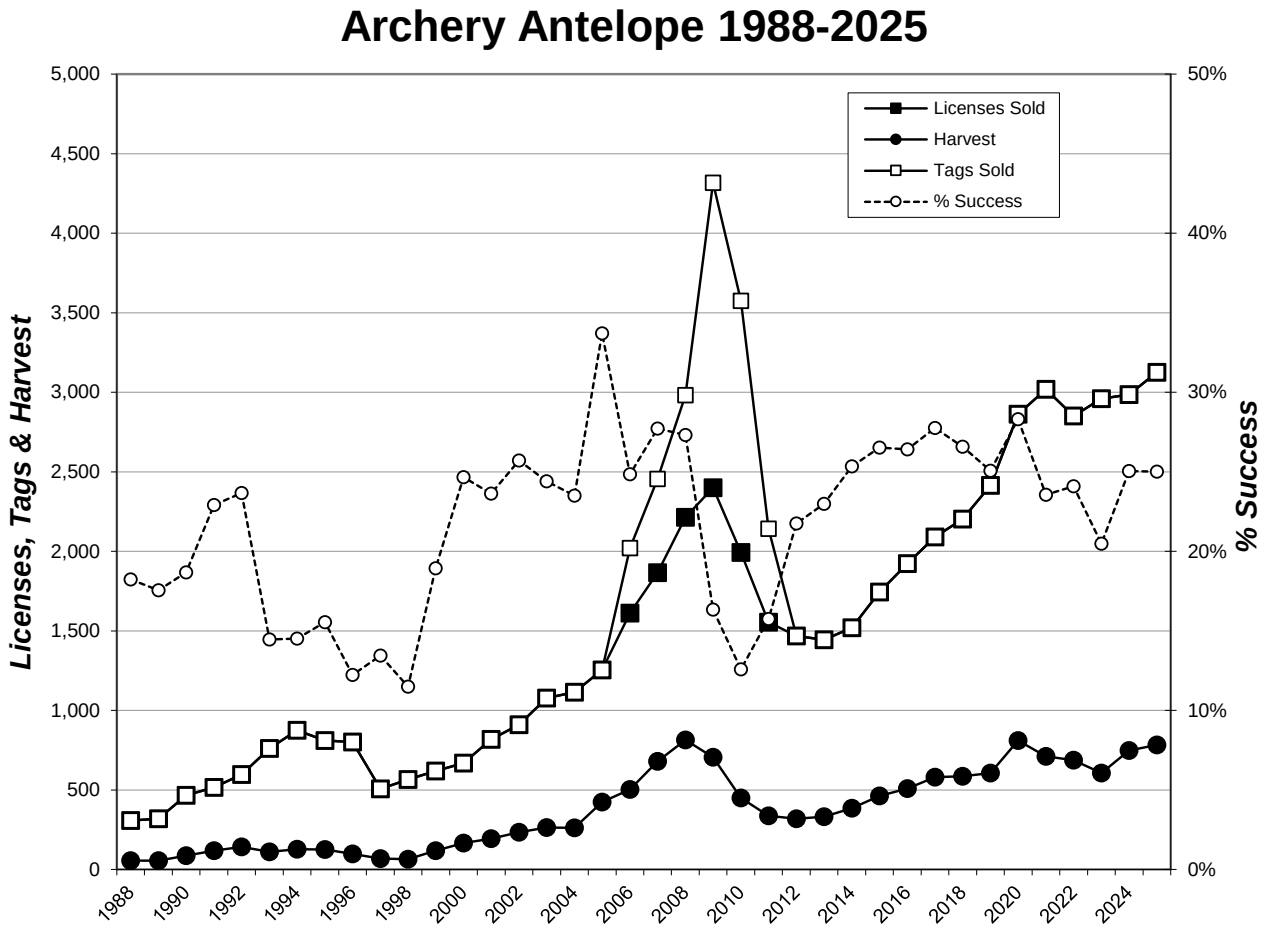
2025 Projected Archery Antelope Hunter Distribution

Last Revised:
12-Dec-25

Unit Hunted Most	Reported Hunted			Projected Hunted			Total	*Opinion of Antelope Population
	Residents	Nonresidents	Total	Residents	Nonresidents	Total	%	
02A (Pennington E)	69	7	76	153	12	165	6.6%	2.3
11A (Bennett/Oglala Lakota)	2	1	3	4	2	6	0.2%	2.3
15A (Butte NW)	61	60	121	135	105	240	9.6%	2.7
15B (Butte/Lawrence)	62	36	98	138	63	201	8.0%	2.6
20A (Corson)	22	5	27	49	9	58	2.3%	2.0
21A (Custer E /Penn C)	18	6	24	40	11	50	2.0%	2.6
24A (Dewey)	7	3	10	16	5	21	0.8%	2.5
27A (F River/Custer SW)	103	31	134	229	54	283	11.3%	2.4
31A (Haakon)	12	2	14	27	4	30	1.2%	2.2
35A (Harding W)	120	157	277	266	275	541	21.7%	2.6
35B (Harding E)	62	56	118	138	98	236	9.4%	2.5
36A (Hughes)	3	0	3	7	0	7	0.3%	3.0
38A (Hyde, Hand, Buffalo)	1	10	11	2	18	20	0.8%	2.9
39A (Jackson)	26	7	33	58	12	70	2.8%	2.2
41A (Jones)	5	1	6	11	2	13	0.5%	1.8
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45B (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	6	1	7	13	2	15	0.6%	2.3
49A (Meade N)	46	9	55	102	16	118	4.7%	2.2
49B (Meade S)	17	3	20	38	5	43	1.7%	2.4
50A (Mellette)	4	2	6	9	4	12	0.5%	2.0
53A (Perkins N)	45	19	64	100	33	133	5.3%	2.2
53B (Perkins S)	56	18	74	124	32	156	6.2%	2.3
58A (Stanley)	8	0	8	18	0	18	0.7%	2.1
59A (Sully)	7	0	7	16	0	16	0.6%	2.3
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
63A (Walworth/Potter)	1	0	1	2	0	2	0.1%	3.0
64A (Ziebach)	17	4	21	38	7	45	1.8%	2.2
TOTALS	**780**	**438**	**1,218**	**1,731**	**767**	**2,497**		

*Opinion of antelope population, from 1=Much too low to 5=Much too high

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Archery Antelope 1988-2025
Licenses, Tags & Harvest
% Success
Licenses Sold
Harvest
Tags Sold
% Success
5,000
4,500
4,000
3,500
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2,500
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