

# **BLACK HILLS DEER**

There were 3,216 single-tag licenses issued for the 2024 Black Hills Deer season (2,981 resident, 235 nonresident), and 32 single-tag and 21 double-tag licenses issued for the Landowner Own Land Black Hills season.

All regular season hunters that provided an email address were surveyed and 1,892 (59%) responded. All Landowner Own Land hunters that provided an email address were surveyed and 27 (51%) responded.

The season ran the month of November, a total of 30 days. Those responding reported hunting an average of 5.12 days, which projected to 16,474 recreation days for the season. The mean satisfaction score for all combined units was 4.96 on a scale ranging from 1 = "very dissatisfied" to 7 = "very satisfied".

The harvest projection for the Black Hills Deer and Landowner Black Hills Deer seasons was 2,073 deer (1,674 adult whitetail bucks, 48 fawn whitetail bucks, 233 adult whitetail does, 32 fawn whitetail does, and 86 adult mule deer bucks. The overall season harvest success rate was 63%.

Including the estimated Black Hills harvest of 1,996 deer from the Archery, Apprentice, Mentored Youth, Youth, and Muzzleloader seasons, approximately 4,069 deer were harvested in the Black Hills proper.

Harvest summaries for the 2015-2024 Black Hills Deer seasons (including Landowner Own Land)

| YEAR | Licenses Sold |        | Bucks |      | Harvest Does |      | Total | Success | Avg Days Hunted | Avg Satis |
|------|---------------|--------|-------|------|--------------|------|-------|---------|-----------------|-----------|
|      | Resident      | Nonres | WT    | Mule | WT           | Mule |       |         |                 |           |
| 2015 | 3,741         | 294    | 2,533 | 74   | 307          | 2    | 2,917 | 72%     | 4.61            | 5.75      |
| 2016 | 4,120         | 325    | 2,604 | 86   | 505          | 2    | 3,198 | 72%     | 4.38            | 5.76      |
| 2017 | 4,319         | 343    | 2,616 | 79   | 630          | 0    | 3,325 | 71%     | 4.39            | 5.76      |
| 2018 | 4,366         | 344    | 2,260 | 86   | 643          | 12   | 3,001 | 64%     | 4.54            | 5.52      |
| 2019 | 4,838         | 375    | 2,258 | 57   | 847          | 0    | 3,161 | 60%     | 4.09            | 5.50      |
| 2020 | 4,889         | 343    | 2,311 | 81   | 909          | 7    | 3,307 | 63%     | 4.87            | 5.44      |
| 2021 | 3,547         | 269    | 1,916 | 76   | 422          | 8    | 2,420 | 63%     | 4.88            | 5.49      |
| 2022 | 3,565         | 291    | 1,789 | 75   | 437          | 10   | 2,310 | 60%     | 5.01            | 4.96      |
| 2023 | 3,016         | 234    | 1,645 | 73   | 242          | 6    | 1,967 | 60%     | 5.26            | 4.75      |
| 2024 | 3,034         | 235    | 1,722 | 86   | 265          | 0    | 2,073 | 63%     | 5.12            | 4.96      |

## 2024 Black Hills Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 20-Mar-25

| Unit/Type  | Licenses           |       |        |       |                    |     |        |       | Harvest Projections |           |       |       |      |           |      |       |      |       |       |      | Total Deer Harvested | Mean Satisfctn Score | Avg Days Hunted |
|--|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------------------|-----|--------|-------|---------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|  | Resident           |       |        |       | Nonresident        |     |        |       | Tag Success         | Whitetail |       |       |      | Mule Deer |      |       |      |       |       |      |                      |                      |                 |
|  | Appl. 1st Choice * |       | Avail. | Sold  | Appl. 1st Choice * |     | Avail. | Sold  |                     | Hunters   | Resp. | Bucks |      | Does      |      | Bucks |      | Does  |       |      |                      |                      |                 |
|  | Choice             |       |        |       | Choice             |     |        |       |                     |           |       | Adult | Fawn | Adult     | Fawn | Adult | Fawn | Adult | Fawn  |      |                      |                      |                 |
| BH1-01   | 3,299              | 200   | 231    | 772   | 16                 | 17  | 248    | 60%   | 63%                 | 62        | 3     | 7     | 0    | 84        | 0    | 0     | 0    | 156   | +/-12 | -    | -                    |                      |                 |
| BH1-11   | 8,085              | 2,750 | 2,750  | 1,066 | 220                | 218 | 2,968  | 59%   | 63%                 | 1,591     | 44    | 216   | 32   | 0         | 0    | 0     | 0    | 1,884 | +/-43 | -    | -                    |                      |                 |
| Totals   | 11,384             | 2,950 | 2,981  | 1,838 | 236                | 235 | 3,216  | 58.9% | 63%                 | 1,653     | 48    | 223   | 32   | 84        | 0    | 0     | 0    | 2,040 | +/-55 | 4.96 | 5.12                 |                      |                 |
| The response rate for all units combined is: 58.9%                 |                    |       |        |       |                    |     |        |       |                     |           |       |       |      |           |      |       |      |       |       |      |                      |                      |                 |
| Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.     |                    |       |        |       |                    |     |        |       |                     |           |       |       |      |           |      |       |      |       |       |      |                      |                      |                 |
| * Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice. |                    |       |        |       |                    |     |        |       |                     |           |       |       |      |           |      |       |      |       |       |      |                      |                      |                 |

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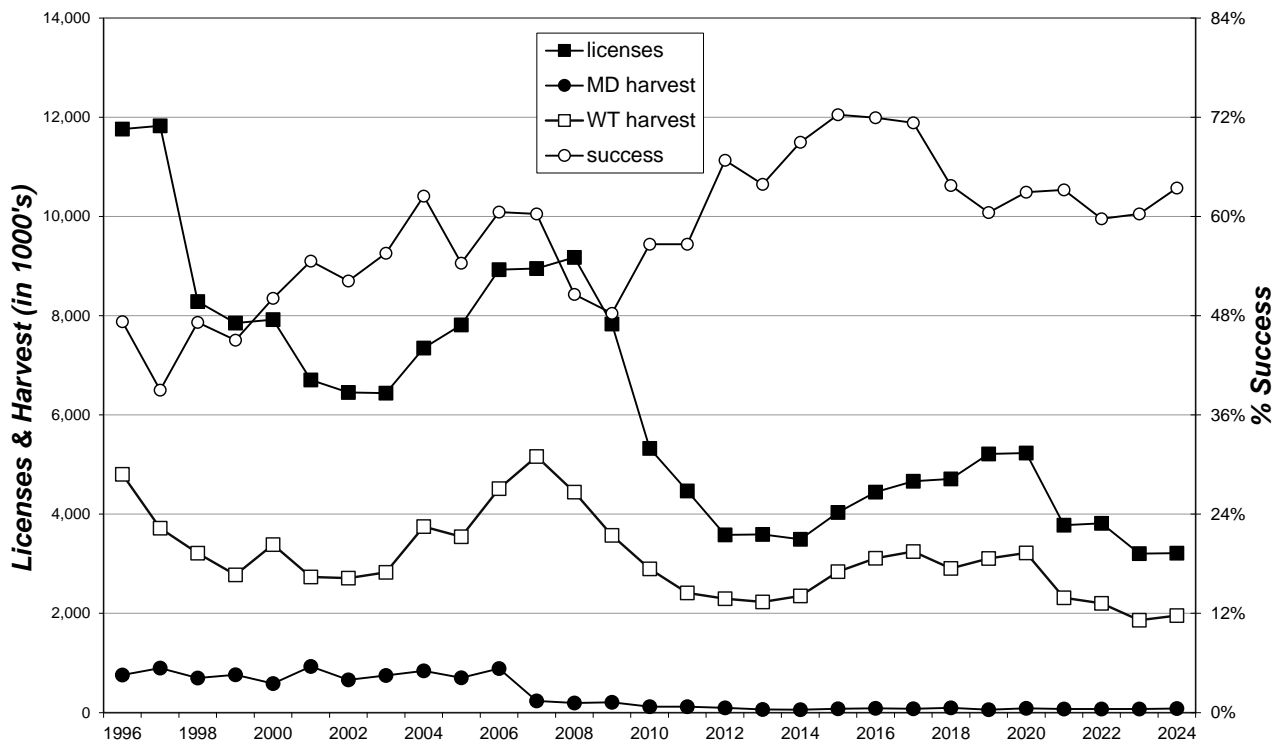
## 2024 Black Hills Landowner Own Land Harvest Projections

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| Unit   | Resident Licenses |      | Nonresident Licenses |      | Tags sold | Response Rate | Hunter Success | Tag Success | Whitetail |      |       |      | Mule Deer |      |       |      | Total Deer Harvest | Mean Satisfactn Rating | Average Days Hunted |
|--------|-------------------|------|----------------------|------|-----------|---------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|        | Avail.            | Sold | Avail.               | Sold |           |               |                |             | Bucks     | Does | Bucks | Does |           |      |       |      |                    |                        |                     |
|        |                   |      |                      |      |           |               |                |             |           |      |       |      | Adult     | Fawn | Adult | Fawn |                    |                        |                     |
|        |                   |      |                      |      |           |               |                |             |           |      |       |      |           |      |       |      |                    |                        |                     |
| BH1-01 | Unitd             | 32   | 0                    | 0    | 32        | 50%           | 44%            | 44%         | 10        | 0    | 2     | 0    | 2         | 0    | 0     | 0    | 14                 | -                      | -                   |
| BH1-08 | Unitd             | 21   | 0                    | 0    | 42        | 52%           | 64%            | 45%         | 11        | 0    | 8     | 0    | 0         | 0    | 0     | 0    | 19                 | -                      | -                   |
| Totals |                   | 53   |                      | 0    | 74        | 50.9%         | 52%            | 45%         | 21        | 0    | 10    | 0    | 2         | 0    | 0     | 0    | 33                 | 4.62                   | 5.22                |

## Black Hills Deer 1996-2024



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