

SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY

An unlimited number of licenses were available for residents, 2,225 for nonresidents, and 5,079 licenses were issued for the 2025 Spring Black Hills Turkey season (2,883 residents, 2,196 nonresidents). All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123, and 2,622 responses were received for a rate of 52%. The reported success rate was 42% and the projected harvest was 2,155 male turkeys.

The season was open from April 26 through May 31 and hunters averaged 3.10 days of hunting for a projected total of 15,762 days of recreation.

Comparison of the 2016-2025 Spring Black Hills Turkey Seasons

Year	Licenses Issued	Harvest	Tag Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
2016	4,056	1,575	39%	3.38	5.21
2017	4,401	1,701	39%	3.48	5.30
2018	4,567	1,441	32%	3.38	5.15
2019	4,545	1,365	30%	3.61	4.93
2020	4,733	1,287	27%	3.64	4.90
2021	6,303	1,776	28%	3.44	4.87
2022	5,133	1,563	30%	3.46	4.92
2023	5,328	2,073	39%	3.37	5.20
2024	5,994	2,156	36%	3.35	5.00
2025	5,079	2,155	42%	3.10	5.46

2025 Spring Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:

08/12/2025

Unit/Type	Residency	Licenses		Response Rate	Tag Success	LCI	UCI	Harvest Estimate				Ave. Days Hunted	Avg Satsfctn
		Avail.	Sold					Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total		
BH1-32	Resident	Unlim	2,883	47.8%	34%	32%	35%	833	136	0	969	2.96	5.16
	Nonresident	2,225	2,196	57.1%	54%	52%	56%	1,076	109	0	1,185	3.30	5.86
			5,079	51.8%	42%			1,909	245	0	2,155	3.10	5.46

Response rate for the season was

Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

Black Hills Spring Turkey 2000-2025

