

BLACK HILLS DEER

There were 3,190 single-tag licenses issued for the 2025 Black Hills Deer season (2,952 resident, 238 nonresident), and 44 single-tag and 17 double-tag licenses issued for the Landowner Own Land Black Hills season.

All regular season hunters that provided an email address were surveyed and 1,944 (61%) responded. All Landowner Own Land hunters that provided an email address were surveyed and 30 (50%) responded.

The season ran the month of November, for a total of 30 days. Those responding reported hunting an average of 5.34 days, which projected to 17,044 recreation days for the season. The mean satisfaction score for all combined units was 4.91 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 1,992 deer (1,904 adult whitetail bucks, 12 adult whitetail does, 2 fawn whitetail does, and 74 adult mule deer bucks. The overall season harvest success rate was 61%.

Including the estimated Black Hills harvest of 1,706 deer from the Archery, Apprentice, Mentored Youth, Youth, and Muzzleloader seasons, approximately 3,665 deer were harvested in the Black Hills proper.

Harvest summaries for the 2016-2025 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				
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
2025	3,013	238	1,904	74	14	0	1,992	61%	5.34	4.91

2025 Black Hills Deer Harvest Projections

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Unit/Type	Licenses							Harvest Projections						Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted
	Resident			Nonresident				Tag Success	Whitetail	Mule Deer	Total				
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Bucks		Deer	Deer					
							Adult		Adult	Harvested	CI (95%)				
BH1-02	3,339	200	212	842	16	16	228	57%	62%	70	72	142	+/-12	-	-
BH1-12	7,978	2,750	2,740	1,178	220	222	2,962	61%	61%	1,816	0	1,816	+/-41	-	-
Totals	11,317	2,950	2,952	2,020	236	238	3,190	61.0%	61%	1,886	72	1,958	+/-54	4.91	5.34

The response rate for all units combined is: 61.0%

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

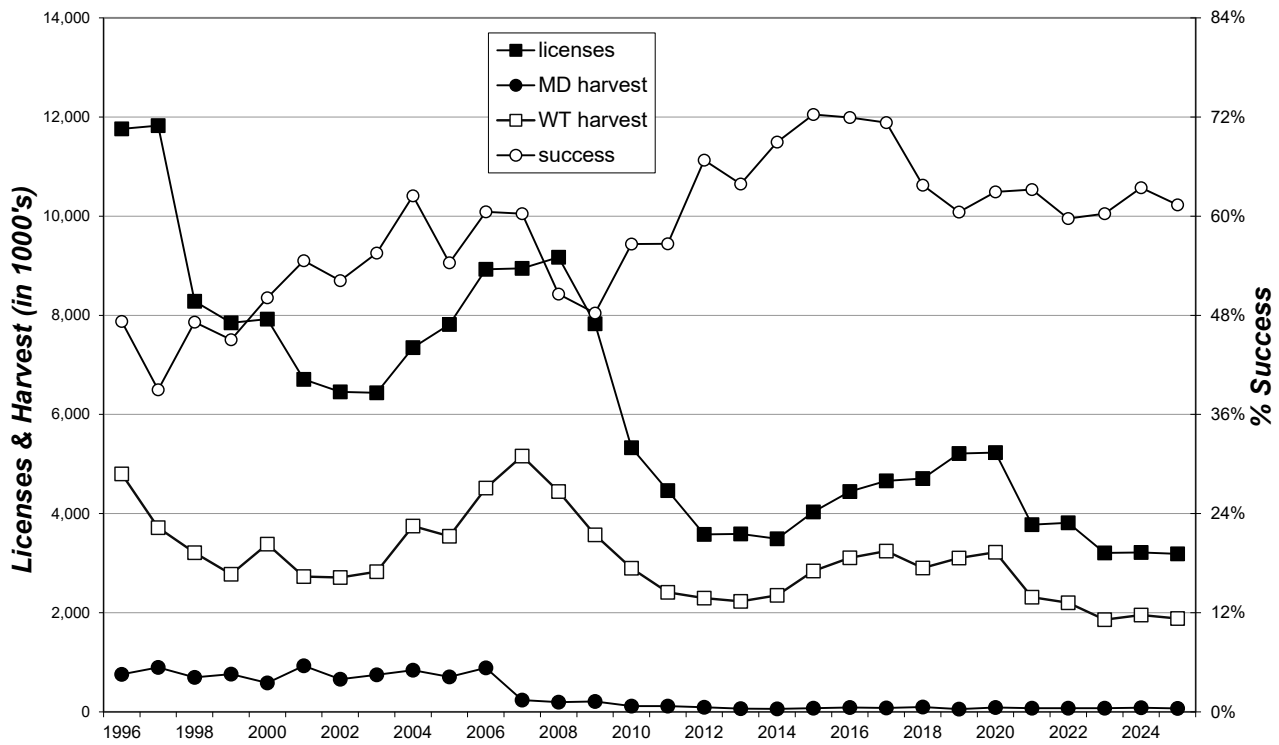
* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

2025 Black Hills Landowner Own Land Harvest Projections

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Harvest Projections																			
Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses		Tags sold	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total Deer Harvest	Mean Satisfactn Rating	Average Days Hunted	
Unit	Avail.	Sold	Avail.					Sold	Bucks	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult				Fawn
BH1-01	Unitd	44	0	0	44	48%	43%	43%	13	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	19	-	-
BH1-08	Unitd	17	0	0	34	53%	67%	44%	6	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	15	-	-
Totals		61		0	78	49.2%	50%	44%	18	0	12	2	2	0	0	0	34	4.64	5.52

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