

# **FALL BLACK HILLS TURKEY**

There were 217 Fall Black Hills Turkey licenses (201 resident, 16 nonresident) sold in South Dakota for the 2024 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 130 responded for a 60% response rate. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.32 days, which projected to a total of 719 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 46 males were harvested along with 42 hens, a total of 89 turkeys (rounding error). The overall estimated success rate for the season was 41%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 5.50 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

## Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Fall Black Hills Turkey seasons

YEAR	LICENSES SOLD		HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Resident	Nonresid	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2015	406	27	66	62	127	29%	3.44	4.58
2016	408	26	91	55	147	34%	2.79	4.85
2017	415	18	87	52	139	32%	3.82	4.88
2018	204	16	27	26	54	25%	2.74	4.85
2019	204	12	34	18	53	25%	2.20	4.76
2020	102	7	11	15	25	23%	3.71	4.87
2021	101	8	18	9	27	25%	2.89	5.10
2022	201	14	30	32	62	29%	2.61	4.71
2023	209	7	36	46	82	38%	2.72	5.08
2024	201	16	46	42	89	41%	3.32	5.50

## 2024 Fall Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:		Licenses																
14-Mar-25		Resident				Nonresident				Harvest Projections							Average	Mean
Unit/Type	Hunters	Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st			Response	Tag	Males			Hens			Total	Average	Mean
		Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Choice *	Avail.	Sold			Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk	Harvest			
BH1-31	217	125	200	201	8	16	16	60%	41%	28	18	35	5	2	89	3.32	5.50	

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

## Black Hills Fall Turkey 1985-2024

