

FALL PRAIRIE TURKEY

There were 1,575 licenses (1,522 resident, 53 nonresident) sold for the 2024 South Dakota Fall Prairie Turkey season for a total of 1,738 tags. All tags were 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 779 responded for a 53% response rate. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.53 days, which projected to a total of 3,714 recreation days for the season.

Harvest projections indicated 360 males were taken along with 228 hens for a total of 588 turkeys. The estimated success rate for the season was 34%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 5.14 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Fall Prairie Turkey seasons

Year	Licenses	Tags	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average Satisfactn
	Sold	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	% Success	Hunted	
2015	1,936	1,986	422	227	649	33%	2.56	4.80
2016	908	958	173	72	246	26%	2.19	4.87
2017	898	948	194	56	250	26%	2.46	4.86
2018	548	548	142	52	194	35%	2.18	5.09
2019	548	548	130	52	182	33%	2.11	5.12
2020	438	476	117	62	180	38%	3.43	5.32
2021	438	476	113	54	166	35%	3.17	4.98
2022	1,721	1,774	350	144	494	28%	2.52	5.23
2023	1,800	1,852	338	199	536	29%	2.51	4.98
2024	1,575	1,738	360	228	588	34%	2.53	5.14

2024 Fall Prairie Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 14-Mar-25

Licenses																				Avg Days	Mean Satisfaction			
Resident									Nonresident									Harvest Projections						
Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st						Tags	Response	Tag	Males		Hens			Total							
Unit	Type	Hunters	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Choice *	Avail.	Sold				Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk		Harvest						
01A	31	25	75	25	25	0	0	0	25	64%	13%	3	0	0	0	0	3	2.4	4.7					
02A	31	52	12	50	51	0	4	2	53	37%	37%	0	11	6	3	0	20	1.7	5.2					
06A	31	20	60	20	20	0	0	0	20	65%	54%	6	2	3	0	0	11	6.0	4.8					
07A	31	168	114	175	175	0	0	0	175	52%	30%	26	11	15	0	0	52	3.5	5.1					
08A	31	50	46	50	50	0	0	0	50	50%	20%	6	4	0	0	0	10	1.7	4.8					
10A	31	25	19	25	25	0	0	0	25	60%	40%	5	3	0	2	0	10	1.8	5.4					
12A	31	128	70	175	173	0	0	2	175	52%	44%	32	9	31	5	0	78	2.9	5.3					
13A	31	43	15	50	45	0	0	5	50	58%	25%	9	2	0	0	2	13	3.0	4.5					
15A	37	81	62	75	75	13	6	6	162	38%	23%	21	10	3	3	0	37	1.9	5.1					
17A	31	51	47	50	51	0	0	0	51	47%	17%	9	0	0	0	0	9	1.2	4.7					
21A	31	53	36	50	54	0	4	0	54	42%	39%	2	2	14	2	0	21	2.0	5.9					
24A	31	47	17	50	50	3	4	4	54	62%	23%	9	3	0	0	0	12	2.8	5.4					
29A	31	125	106	125	125	0	0	0	125	54%	34%	22	6	11	4	0	43	3.1	5.1					
30A	31	54	45	50	50	2	4	4	54	63%	36%	13	3	3	0	0	20	2.3	5.5					
31A	31	49	18	50	53	1	4	1	54	64%	45%	13	8	2	2	0	25	1.5	5.5					
35A	31	54	36	50	50	9	4	4	54	59%	28%	12	0	3	0	0	15	2.7	5.3					
39A	37	59	21	75	76	1	6	6	164	45%	65%	15	2	60	29	0	106	1.8	5.7					
45A	31	50	21	50	51	3	4	3	54	73%	35%	8	7	4	0	0	19	1.7	5.4					
48A	31	98	97	100	98	0	0	0	98	59%	30%	15	3	9	0	2	29	3.1	5.2					
49A	31	54	63	50	50	1	4	4	54	57%	26%	7	3	0	2	2	14	3.1	4.9					
50A	31	27	34	25	25	1	2	2	27	30%	25%	3	0	0	0	3	7	1.4	4.8					
52A	31	25	35	25	25	0	0	0	25	52%	15%	4	0	0	0	0	4	6.6	5.8					
53A	31	53	28	50	51	2	4	3	54	53%	18%	6	0	4	0	0	10	1.6	4.4					
58A	31	27	36	25	26	1	2	1	27	70%	21%	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.9	5.2					
60A	31	52	28	50	48	1	4	6	54	48%	33%	10	6	0	2	0	18	1.6	4.6					
Totals		1,470	1,141	1,520	1,522	38	56	53	1,738	53.3%	33.9%	264	96	167	53	8	588	2.53	5.14					

The response rate for all units combined * 53%

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

Fall Prairie Turkey 1985-2024

