FALL MENTORED YOUTH TURKEY

There were 579 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey licenses sold in South Dakota for the 2025 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. All mentors/hunters that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 129 responses were received for a 23% rate.

The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31. Respondents reported hunting an average of 1.72 days, which projects to a total of 994 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 67 males were harvested along with 38 hens, a total of 104 turkeys. The estimated success rate for this season was 18%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters/mentors was 5.40 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2016-2025 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey seasons

	Licenses	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
YEAR	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2016	429	62	21	84	20%	1.55	5.48
2017	453	60	22	83	18%	1.87	5.34
2018	521	68	27	96	18%	1.67	5.35
2019	412	40	22	60	15%	1.18	5.28
2020	501	48	14	62	12%	1.75	5.18
2021	300	42	13	56	19%	1.80	5.34
2022	444	89	36	125	28%	1.62	5.75
2023	558	84	44	127	23%	1.82	5.17
2024	567	60	43	103	18%	1.94	5.09
2025	579	67	38	104	18%	1.72	5.40

2025 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised: *02-Apr-26*

		Licenses			Nonresident					Harvest Projections						Average	Mean
		Appl. 1st	Resident		Appl. 1st			Response	Tag	Males		Hens			Total	Days	Satisfctn
Unit/Type	Hunters	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Rate	Success	Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk	Harvest	Hunted	Score
ST1-31	579	NA	Unlim	539	NA	Unlim	40	23%	18%	42	25	25	0	13	104	1.72	5.40

2025 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
02-Apr-26

	Reported Harvest						Projected Harvest						
	Males		Females				Males		Females				
County	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Jennies	Unk Hens	Total	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Jennies	Unk Hens	Total	%
01A (Minnehaha)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	4.0%
02A (Pennington-East)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
06A (Brookings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
07A (Yankton)	1	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	6	11	10.4%
08AB (Davison/Hanson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
10A (Aurora)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
11A (Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12A (Bon Homme)	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	4.4%
13A (Brule)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
17A (Charles Mix/Douglas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
19AB (Clay)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
22A (Day/Codington)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
23A (Deuel)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
24A (Dewey)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
27A (Fall River)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
29A (Grant)	0	3	1	0	1	5	0	13	5	0	6	24	22.8%
30A (Gregory)	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	4.4%
31A (Haakon)	2	1	1	0	0	4	9	4	5	0	0	18	17.7%
32A (Hamlin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35A (Harding)	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	4.4%
36A (Hughes)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
37A (Hutchinson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39A (Jackson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
40A (Jerauld)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
44AB (Lincoln)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45A (Lyman)	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	4.4%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	4	5	0	0	9	8.8%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	4.8%
50A (Mellette)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
52A (Moody)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
53A (Perkins)	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	4.4%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
61A (Turner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
62AB (Union)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
65A (Shannon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH1 (Black Hills)	1	0	1	0	0	2	5	0	5	0	0	10	9.2%
Unknown	1	0	1	0	1	3							
TOTALS	**10**	**6**	**6**	**0**	**3**	**25**	**42**	**25**	**25**	**3**	**13**	**107**	

Use these figures for approximations only!