

FIREARM ANTELOPE

A total of 2,019 licenses (1,970 resident; 49 nonresident) were available for the 2025 Firearm Antelope hunting season. Including Landowner Own Land licenses, a total of 2,491 single tag licenses were sold. The 2025 season was open from October 4 through October 19.

All hunters that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123 software, and 1,345 surveys were returned for a 54% response rate.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.23 days each, which projects to 5,554 total recreation days for the season.

The harvest projections for the season included 1,572 adult bucks and 12 buck-kids for a total of 1,584 antelope. The estimated overall tag success for the season was 64%.

Harvest summaries for the 2018-2025 Firearm Antelope seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Harvest			Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonres	Bucks	Does	Total			
2018	5,412	127	2,845	1,000	3,845	63%	2.12	5.27
2019	5,096	139	2,629	1,249	3,878	64%	1.91	5.33
2020	5,139	140	2,416	1,272	3,687	60%	2.13	5.06
2021	5,047	160	2,401	1,152	3,552	59%	2.13	5.11
2022	2,684	61	1,721	86	1,807	63%	2.19	4.98
2023	2,672	58	1,718	71	1,788	62%	2.25	4.89
2024	2,372	57	1,617	0	1,617	67%	1.99	5.18
2025	2,434	57	1,584	0	1,584	64%	2.23	5.01

2025 Firearm Antelope Harvest Projections

Unit Description		Residents			Nonresidents			Harvest Projections				Mean	Avg	**Opinion		
		Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st			Response	Tag	Adult		Kid	Total	Satisf	Days	of Antelope
		Choice *	Available	Sold	Choice *	Available	Sold	Rate	Success	Bucks	Bucks	Harvest	CI (95%)	Score	Hunted	Population
Pennington E	02A-42	272	50	50	43	1	1	63%	66%	33	0	33	+/-5	5.45	1.97	2.3
Bennett/Oglala Lakota	11A-42	60	20	20	8	1	0	55%	64%	13	0	13	+/-4	4.22	1.45	2.6
Butte NW	15A-42	269	50	52	48	1	1	68%	69%	37	0	37	+/-4	5.24	1.86	2.2
Butte/Lawrence	15B-42	868	200	199	93	4	3	65%	77%	155	0	155	+/-9	5.83	2.01	2.6
Corson	20A-42	127	70	68	14	2	2	58%	63%	40	4	44	+/-7	4.80	2.60	2.0
Custer E /Penn C	21A-42	282	100	99	28	2	2	69%	79%	79	0	79	+/-5	5.38	2.57	2.5
Dewey	24A-42	62	50	49	13	1	1	51%	32%	16	0	16	+/-6	4.71	1.58	2.2
F River/Custer SW	27A-42	1,358	350	342	231	7	7	59%	73%	252	2	254	+/-13	5.34	2.17	2.5
Haakon	31A-42	100	25	25	14	1	1	35%	44%	12	0	12	+/-7	4.71	3.67	2.1
Harding W	35A-42	733	150	147	197	3	3	62%	74%	108	3	111	+/-8	4.78	2.59	2.1
Harding E	35B-42	668	150	149	127	3	3	61%	84%	127	0	127	+/-7	5.61	1.86	2.5
Hughes	36A-42	33	5	5	2	1	1	83%	80%	5	0	5	+/-0	4.40	2.60	1.6
Hand/Hyde/Buffalo	38A-42	14	5	4	3	1	1	60%	33%	2	0	2	+/-1	4.00	3.00	1.3
Jackson	39A-42	237	50	49	18	1	1	64%	66%	33	0	33	+/-5	4.91	2.34	2.4
Jones	41A-42	58	30	30	2	1	1	65%	45%	14	0	14	+/-4	4.35	2.84	1.7
Lyman	45A-42	24	5	5	3	1	1	50%	100%	6	0	6	+/-0	4.67	1.00	2.3
Ft Pierre Nat Grassland	45B-42	77	10	10	10	1	1	64%	100%	11	0	11	+/-0	6.57	2.00	1.4
Meade N	49A-42	540	200	198	60	4	4	61%	63%	127	0	127	+/-11	5.08	2.03	2.3
Meade S	49B-42	247	50	50	14	1	1	53%	70%	36	0	36	+/-6	4.63	2.35	2.0
Mellette/Todd	50A-42	52	20	20	5	1	1	62%	54%	11	0	11	+/-3	4.15	3.38	2.0
Perkins N	53A-42	378	75	75	87	2	2	55%	69%	51	2	53	+/-7	5.27	2.38	2.2
Perkins S	53B-42	465	100	98	49	2	2	62%	90%	90	0	90	+/-4	5.69	1.97	2.8
Stanley	58A-42	84	40	41	5	1	0	46%	58%	24	0	24	+/-7	3.75	2.32	1.9
Sully	59A-42	43	5	5	4	1	1	67%	50%	3	0	3	+/-1	5.25	5.00	2.0
Tripp	60A-42	11	5	5	2	1	1	67%	50%	3	0	3	+/-1	5.50	2.75	1.5
Campbell/Walworth/Potter	63A-42	28	5	5	0	1	1	67%	25%	2	0	2	+/-1	3.00	4.25	1.5
Ziebach	64A-42	305	150	150	28	3	3	59%	62%	94	2	95	+/-10	4.93	1.98	2.4
Landowner Own Land	ST1-42	NA	Unltd	484	NA	Unltd	11	30%	38%	188	0	188	+/-33	4.32	2.35	
Totals		7,395	1,970	2,434	1,108	49	57	54%	64%	1,572	12	1,584	+/-170	5.01	2.23	

* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that Unit/Type as 1st choice.

**Opinion of antelope population, from 1=Much too low to 5=Much too high

2025 Antelope LOL Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
9-Dec-25

Unit		Reported Harvest					Projected Harvest					Total	
		Bucks	Does	Buck kids	Doe kids	Total	Bucks	Does	Buck kids	Doe kids		Projected	%
Pennington E	02A	4	0	0	0	4	14	0	0	0		14	7.3%
Bennett/Oglala Lakota	11A	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0		3	1.8%
Butte NW	15A	3	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0		10	5.5%
Butte/Lawrence	15B	8	0	0	0	8	27	0	0	0		27	14.5%
Corson	20A	3	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0		10	5.5%
Custer E /Penn C	21A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Dewey	24A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
F River/Custer SW	27A	6	0	0	0	6	20	0	0	0		20	10.9%
Haakon	31A	5	0	0	0	5	17	0	0	0		17	9.1%
Harding W	35A	3	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0		10	5.5%
Harding E	35B	2	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0		7	3.6%
Hughes	36A	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0		3	1.8%
Hand/Hyde/Bufalo	38A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Jackson	39A	2	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0		7	3.6%
Jones	41A	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0		3	1.8%
Meade N	49A	6	0	0	0	6	20	0	0	0		20	10.9%
Meade S	49B	3	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0		10	5.5%
Mellette/Todd	50A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Perkins N	53A	3	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0		10	5.5%
Perkins S	53B	2	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0		7	3.6%
Stanley	58A	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0		3	1.8%
Sully	59A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Walworth/Potter	63A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Ziebach	64A	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0		3	1.8%
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0							
TOTALS		55	0	0	0	55	188	0	0	0		188	

Any by county projected harvest values will differ from by unit projected harvest values due to incorrect sampling proportions within counties.

Use these figures for approximations only!

2025 Projected LOL Antelope Hunter Distribution

Last Revised:
09-Dec-25

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	Reported Hunted			Projected Hunted			Total	
Unit Hunted Most	Residents	Nonresidents	Total	Residents	Nonresidents	Total	%	Population
02A (Pennington E)	8	0	8	28	0	28	7.1%	2.3
11A (Bennett/Oglala Lakota)	2	0	2	7	0	7	1.8%	3.0
15A (Butte NW)	5	0	5	18	0	18	4.4%	2.8
15B (Butte/Lawrence)	8	0	8	28	0	28	7.1%	2.8
20A (Corson)	6	1	7	21	2	23	5.8%	2.3
21A (Custer E /Penn C)	1	0	1	4	0	4	0.9%	2.0
24A (Dewey)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
27A (F River/Custer SW)	9	0	9	32	0	32	8.0%	3.4
31A (Haakon)	11	0	11	39	0	39	9.8%	2.3
35A (Harding W)	4	0	4	14	0	14	3.6%	3.3
35B (Harding E)	2	0	2	7	0	7	1.8%	3.0
36A (Hughes)	2	0	2	7	0	7	1.8%	1.5
38A (Hyde, Hand, Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
39A (Jackson)	6	0	6	21	0	21	5.3%	2.0
41A (Jones)	0	1	1	0	2	2	0.5%	3.0
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45B (Ft Pr Nat GrsInd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
49A (Meade N)	14	0	14	49	0	49	12.4%	1.9
49B (Meade S)	6	1	7	21	2	23	5.8%	1.7
50A (Mellette)	3	0	3	11	0	11	2.7%	2.0
53A (Perkins N)	11	0	11	39	0	39	9.8%	2.5
53B (Perkins S)	3	1	4	11	2	12	3.1%	2.3
58A (Stanley)	5	1	6	18	2	19	4.9%	1.5
59A (Sully)	1	0	1	4	0	4	0.9%	1.0
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
63A (Walworth/Potter)	2	0	2	7	0	7	1.8%	1.0
64A (Ziebach)	1	0	1	4	0	4	0.9%	3.0
TOTALS	110	5	115	389	9	398		

*Average opinion of the antelope population, from 1=Much too low to 5=Much too high

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