

# **NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DEER**

There were 153 licenses issued for the 2024 Wildlife Refuge Deer seasons, which included 110 at Sand Lake (100 residents and 10 nonresidents); 22 at Lacreek (20 residents and 2 nonresidents); and 21 at Waubay (19 residents and 2 nonresidents).

All license-holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed for each season and response rates for Sand Lake, Lacreek, and Waubay refuges were 70%, 73%, and 62%, respectively.

The seasons had different opening dates at each refuge. The average days hunted were 3.16 at Sand Lake, 4.02 at Lacreek, and 2.35 at Waubay.

The projected harvest for Sand Lake was 27 whitetail bucks and 3 whitetail does, for Lacreek was 11 whitetail bucks and 1 whitetail doe, and for Waubay was 7 whitetail bucks and 3 whitetail does. The reported success rate for Sand Lake was 27%, for Lacreek was 56%, and for Waubay was 47%.

## **Harvest summaries for 2015-2024 National Wildlife Refuge Deer Seasons**

### **Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>LICENSES</b>	<b>BUCKS</b>	<b>DOES</b>	<b>% SUCCESS</b>	<b>AVG DAYS HUNTED</b>
2015	165	52	10	37%	2.89
2016	163	33	16	30%	2.60
2017	165	36	15	31%	2.72
2018	164	46	15	38%	2.66
2019	115	27	10	32%	2.54
2020	118	34	5	34%	2.81
2021	114	39	5	38%	3.08
2022	114	33	11	39%	2.63
2023	106	34	1	33%	3.11
2024	110	27	3	27%	3.16

### **Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>LICENSES</b>	<b>BUCKS</b>	<b>DOES</b>	<b>% SUCCESS</b>	<b>AVG DAYS HUNTED</b>
2015	34	12	0	35%	2.71
2016	23	7	1	34%	2.50
2017	29	11	1	41%	2.73
2018	29	7	0	23%	2.00
2019	21	9	0	41%	2.79
2020	19	9	0	49%	3.70
2021	17	9	0	53%	3.44
2022	22	11	0	50%	3.56
2023	22	6	0	25%	4.06
2024	22	11	1	56%	4.02

### **Waubay National Wildlife Refuge**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>LICENSES</b>	<b>BUCKS</b>	<b>DOES</b>	<b>% SUCCESS</b>	<b>AVG DAYS HUNTED</b>
2015	33	8	0	24%	2.10
2016	33	8	1	29%	2.29
2017	21	10	3	61%	2.22
2018	22	10	3	56%	2.94
2019	22	6	3	40%	2.93
2020	22	5	0	23%	3.22
2021	21	8	1	44%	2.55
2022	22	9	6	66%	2.47
2023	22	5	0	24%	3.11
2024	21	7	3	47%	2.35

## 2024 Sand Lake Refuge Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised:

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20-Mar-25	Licenses								Harvest Projections									
	Resident			Nonresident			Response	Tag	Whitetail				Total	Mean	Avg			
	Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st					Bucks		Does					Deer	Satisf	Days
	Choice *	Available	Sold	Choice *	Available	Sold			Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn						
Unit/Type	Choice *	Available	Sold	Choice *	Available	Sold	Rate	Success	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Harvested	Score	Hunted			
SL1-01	68	20	20	20	2	2	68%	27%	6	0	0	0	6	3.00	3.00			
SL2-01	87	20	20	24	2	2	77%	41%	9	0	0	0	9	3.44	3.24			
SL3-01	42	20	20	20	2	2	59%	31%	7	0	0	0	7	3.64	3.58			
SL4-01	3	20	20	2	2	2	73%	19%	1	0	3	0	4	3.42	3.00			
SL5-01	24	20	20	12	2	2	73%	19%	3	1	0	0	4	3.85	3.00			
Licenses	224	100	100	78	10	10	70.0%	27%	26	1	3	0	30	3.47	3.16			

## 2024 Lacreek Refuge Deer Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Licenses						Harvest Projections								
	Resident			Nonresident			Response Rate	Tag Success	Whitetail				Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisf Score	Avg Days Hunted
	Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st					Bucks		Does				
	Choice *	Available	Sold	Choice *	Available	Sold			Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
LC1-01	63	10	10	16	1	1	82%	56%	5	0	1	0	6	3.63	4.89
LC2-01	79	10	10	28	1	1	64%	57%	6	0	0	0	6	3.29	3.14
Licenses	142	20	20	44	2	2	72.7%	56%	11	0	1	0	12	3.46	4.02

Response rate for all units combined was: **69.3%**

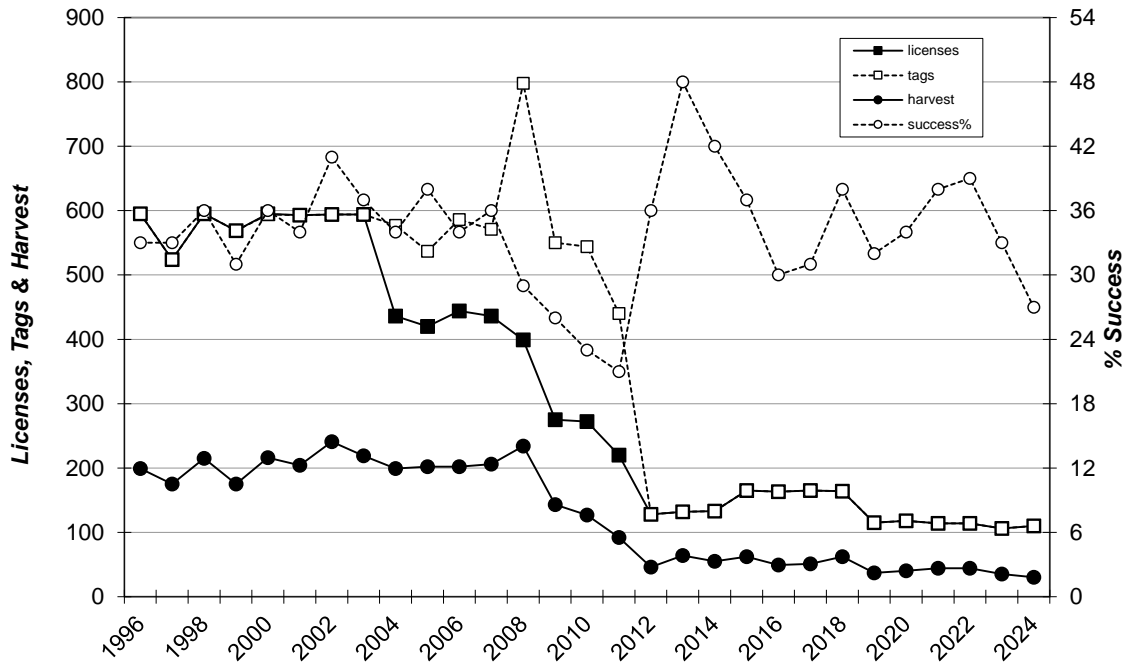
\* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

## 2024 Waubay Refuge Deer Harvest Projections

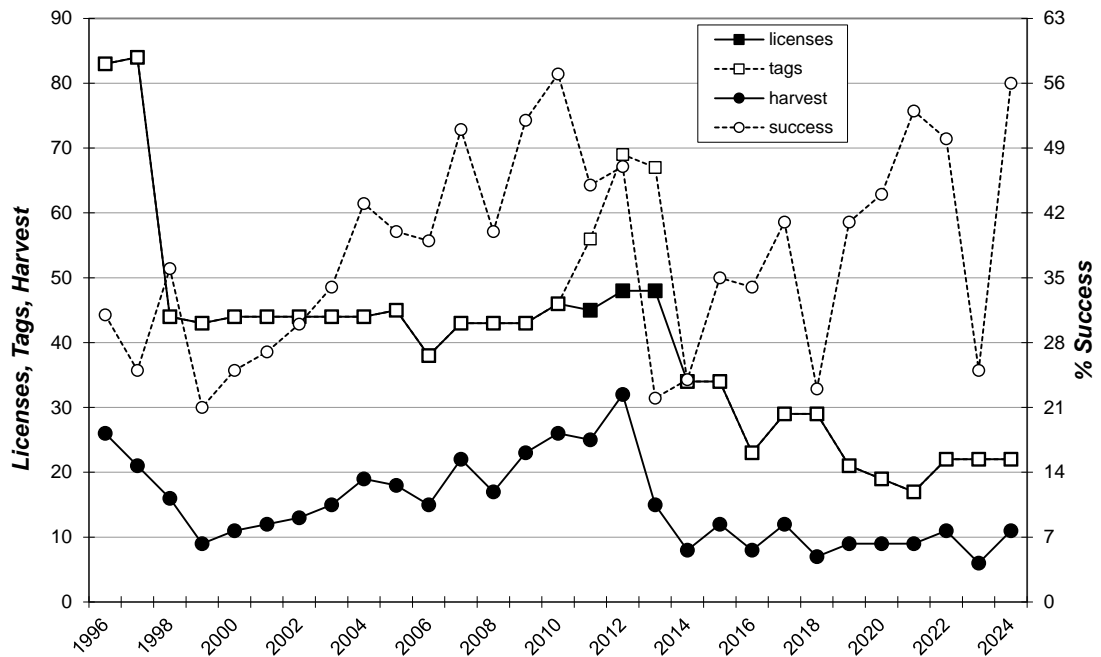
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WA1-01	42	10	9	4	1	1	60%	67%	5	0	0	2	7	5.17	3.17
WA3-01	12	10	10	0	1	1	64%	29%	2	0	2	0	3	4.00	1.60
Licenses	54	20	19	4	2	2	61.9%	47%	7	0	2	2	10	4.56	2.35

All units require the use of muzzleloader firearms.

## Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge 1996-2024



## Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge 1996-2024



## Waubay National Wildlife Refuge 1996-2024

