

PHEASANT

The 2024 pheasant season was open from 19 October 2024 – 31 January 2025 statewide. There was also a Youth season open 28 September - 6 October on public and private land and an early resident season open 12-14 October on public lands only. The daily limit was 3 cock pheasants, possession 15. To hunt pheasants, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult or senior combination, or youth small game licenses; nonresidents were required to obtain adult or youth small game or nonresident shooting preserve licenses. Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. No shooting preserve license holders were surveyed and none of their harvest is included in the estimates below. Separate Department records showed a total harvest of 380,072 pheasants on private shooting preserves in 2024, of which 23,015 (6%) were designated as wild birds.

In 2024, there were 86,366 resident and 87,475 nonresident licenses issued that allowed holders to hunt pheasants. Approximately 15,000 residents and 13,000 nonresidents were surveyed for the upland bird seasons. Survey response rates were 27% for residents and 32% for nonresidents.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting pheasants, there were a projected 58,195 resident and 82,067 nonresident pheasant hunters.

A projected 1,311,323 pheasants were harvested (587,346 by residents, 723,977 by nonresidents) during the 2024 seasons. When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), resident upland bird hunters reported an average satisfaction rating of 5.23 while nonresidents reported a satisfaction rating of 5.85.

An estimated 19,627 residents participated in the early, resident-only season. The projected harvest for this season was 25,932 birds.

The Youth season overall participation rate was approximately 4.5%; nonresidents were not surveyed on their participation. Approximately 2.4% of adult hunters reported taking one or more mentored youth hunting.

The five counties with the highest reported harvests from highest to lowest were Brown, Beadle, Brule, Spink, and Tripp.

Comparison of the 2015 - 2024 Pheasant season statistics

Year	Resident Hunters					Nonresident Hunters				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
2015	65,135	517,942	6.17	8.06	4.98	84,901	737,936	4.15	8.71	5.49
2016	61,746	478,099	6.24	7.86	4.72	81,141	692,497	4.14	8.57	5.43
2017	52,538	326,936	6.08	6.30	4.23	67,232	501,773	3.96	7.47	5.06
2018	53,577	392,020	6.26	7.38	4.64	69,018	558,863	4.06	8.11	5.38
2019	47,403	354,742	6.17	7.48	4.67	63,801	474,754	4.04	7.44	5.28
2020	59,042	518,288	8.09	9.28	5.06	62,289	560,618	4.47	9.00	5.75
2021	54,411	473,728	7.62	8.71	4.75	75,606	593,695	4.30	7.85	5.38
2022	53,846	510,957	7.75	9.49	5.09	73,887	647,759	4.25	8.77	5.85
2023	56,457	572,159	8.05	10.13	5.03	77,004	671,036	4.43	8.71	5.72
2024	58,195	587,346	8.12	10.09	5.23	82,067	723,977	4.42	8.82	5.85

PHEASANT HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2024

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	RESIDENT TOTALS BY LICENSE TYPE					NONRESIDENT TOTALS		
	Combo	Senior Combo	Small Game	Youth SmGm	Sum Estimates	Nonres Sm Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates
Licenses Sold	46,248	12,124	21,676	6,318	86,366	83,991	3,484	87,475
Projected ACTIVE UPLAND BIRD HUNTERS	30,546	7,119	16,992	4,785	59,442	79,780	3,279	83,059
Number Sampled by Survey	8,225	2,063	3,616	1,089	14,993	12,752	501	13,253
Number Responded to Survey	2,265	843	708	202	4,018	4,128	70	4,198
% Responded and Participated in Season	66%	59%	78%	76%	67%	97%	96%	97%
Responded and Participated in Season	1,496	495	555	153	2,699	4,019	67	4,086
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	769	348	153	49	1,319	109	3	112
Survey Response Rate	27.5%	40.9%	19.6%	18.5%	26.8%	32.4%	14.0%	31.7%
No. Hunters Reporting Pheasant Days	1,463	485	543	151	2,642	3,969	67	4,036
Sum Pheasant Hunted Days	11,690	4,684	4,390	1,029	21,793	17,646	258	17,904
Average Days Hunted Pheasants	7.99	9.66	8.08	6.81	8.12	4.45	3.85	4.42
Sum Pheasants Bagged	15,582	5,964	4,822	1,144	27,512	35,502	393	35,895
Average Pheasant Bag for Season	10.65	12.30	8.88	7.58	10.09	8.94	5.87	8.82
Projected Days Pheasant Hunting	238,693	67,365	134,403	32,184	472,646	350,287	12,627	362,914
Projected No. Pheasant Hunters	29,872	6,975	16,624	4,723	58,195	78,788	3,279	82,067
Projected Pheasant Bag	318,162	85,774	147,629	35,781	587,346	704,742	19,235	723,977
LCI (95%)	294,245	73,361	127,717	25,613	551,961	688,122	14,813	706,802
UCI (95%)	342,375	98,588	167,864	46,254	622,618	721,359	23,720	741,164
TOTAL PHEASANT HARVEST =						1,311,323		
LCI (95%) =						1,272,028		
UCI (95%) =						1,350,711		
RESIDENT-ONLY OPENING WEEKEND:								
No. Hunters Reporting Pheasant Days	471	172	191	54	888	-	-	-
Sum Pheasant Hunted Days	322	101	121	39	583	-	-	-
Average Days Hunted Pheasants	0.68	0.59	0.63	0.72	0.66	-	-	-
Sum Pheasants Bagged	678	239	209	72	1,198	-	-	-
Average Pheasant Bag for Weekend	1.44	1.39	1.09	1.33	1.32	-	-	-
Projected Days Pheasant Hunting	6,575	1,453	3,705	1,220	12,952	-	-	-
Projected No. Pheasant Hunters	9,617	2,474	5,848	1,689	19,627	-	-	-
Projected Pheasant Bag	13,844	3,437	6,399	2,252	25,932	-	-	-
RESIDENT-ONLY WEEKEND PHEASANT HARVEST =						25,932		
YOUTH SEASON PARTICIPATION:								
No. Hunters Reporting Participation	101	37	35	33	173	-	-	-
Projected No. Hunters Participating	2,062	532	1,072	1,032	3,666	-	-	-
Percent Hunters Participating	4.5%	4.4%	4.9%	16.3%	4.5%	-	-	-
MENTORED YOUTH PARTICIPATION:								
No. Hunters Reporting Participation	62	19	14	NA	95	-	-	-
Projected No. Hunters Participating	1,266	27	56		1,349	-	-	-
Percent Hunters Participating	2.7%	2.3%	2.0%		2.4%	-	-	-
Upland Bird Hunters Mean Satisfaction Score *	5.27	5.13	5.29	5.09	5.23	5.85	5.91	5.85

* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1="very dissatisfied" and 7="very satisfied"

RESIDENT-ONLY WEEKEND 2024 PHEASANT SEASON PARTICIPATION AND BAG				
Last Revised: 12 March 2025				
	# Days Hunted	# Responded	% of Total	Ave. Bag
Residents	0	3,435	85.5%	
	1	348	8.7%	1.27
	2	165	4.1%	2.80
	3	70	1.7%	4.21

Total Pheasant Harvest Distribution by County 2024

COUNTY	HUNTER DISTRIBUTION			HARVEST DISTRIBUTION			Birds/Hunter **
	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	
Minnehaha	1,893	1.4	1,934	10,573	0.8	10,793	5.6
Pennington	393	0.3	401	2,249	0.2	2,288	5.7
Brown	7,808	5.8	8,170	81,850	6.4	84,495	10.5
Beadle	6,654	4.9	6,953	62,716	4.9	64,908	9.4
Codington	2,594	1.9	2,673	19,608	1.5	20,052	7.6
Brookings	3,211	2.4	3,312	27,108	2.1	27,806	8.4
Yankton	1,423	1.1	1,475	8,201	0.6	8,441	5.8
Davison	3,030	2.3	3,181	26,469	2.1	27,465	8.7
Lawrence	61	0.0	65	343	0.0	360	5.6
Aurora	4,448	3.3	4,653	48,621	3.8	50,262	10.9
Bennett	925	0.7	964	6,741	0.5	6,991	7.3
Bon Homme	1,105	0.8	1,132	7,581	0.6	7,748	6.9
Brule	6,183	4.6	6,493	58,715	4.6	60,973	9.5
Buffalo	456	0.3	479	4,554	0.4	4,741	10.0
Butte	63	0.0	66	248	0.0	256	4.0
Campbell	1,681	1.2	1,765	18,576	1.5	19,280	11.1
Charles Mix	3,853	2.9	4,025	36,800	2.9	38,004	9.6
Clark	3,262	2.4	3,397	26,068	2.1	26,992	8.0
Clay	712	0.5	731	6,390	0.5	6,512	9.0
Corson	751	0.6	786	8,260	0.7	8,568	11.0
Custer	232	0.2	241	1,142	0.1	1,190	4.9
Day	2,699	2.0	2,821	22,719	1.8	23,454	8.4
Deuel	1,096	0.8	1,128	7,373	0.6	7,560	6.7
Dewey	934	0.7	980	8,407	0.7	8,731	9.0
Douglas	1,623	1.2	1,689	15,120	1.2	15,634	9.3
Edmunds	3,453	2.6	3,608	43,355	3.4	44,765	12.6
Fall River	571	0.4	581	3,519	0.3	3,583	6.2
Faulk	3,889	2.9	4,078	43,618	3.4	45,258	11.2
Grant	535	0.4	552	3,217	0.3	3,304	6.0
Gregory	3,072	2.3	3,238	27,697	2.2	28,922	9.0
Haakon	517	0.4	531	3,303	0.3	3,378	6.4
Hamlin	1,986	1.5	2,039	15,561	1.2	15,892	7.8
Hand	3,097	2.3	3,236	27,226	2.1	28,176	8.8
Hanson	1,666	1.2	1,720	12,093	1.0	12,447	7.3
Harding	632	0.5	658	5,232	0.4	5,419	8.3
Hughes	4,092	3.0	4,256	37,928	3.0	39,073	9.3
Hutchinson	2,221	1.7	2,319	20,628	1.6	21,333	9.3
Hyde	1,244	0.9	1,294	10,784	0.8	11,149	8.7
Jackson	230	0.2	241	1,173	0.1	1,216	5.1
Jerauld	1,786	1.3	1,862	16,775	1.3	17,330	9.4
Jones	1,159	0.9	1,219	10,596	0.8	11,021	9.1
Kingsbury	2,684	2.0	2,789	28,847	2.3	29,730	10.7
Lake	1,730	1.3	1,774	17,379	1.4	17,721	10.0
Lincoln	1,218	0.9	1,245	7,573	0.6	7,707	6.2
Lyman	5,190	3.9	5,461	49,108	3.9	51,015	9.5
McCook	2,206	1.6	2,262	26,034	2.1	26,541	11.8
McPherson	2,150	1.6	2,262	19,898	1.6	20,750	9.3
Marshall	1,005	0.7	1,050	6,089	0.5	6,312	6.1
Meade	356	0.3	372	2,234	0.2	2,308	6.3
Mellette	441	0.3	460	2,650	0.2	2,736	6.0
Miner	3,069	2.3	3,186	37,719	3.0	38,768	12.3
Moody	734	0.5	753	4,163	0.3	4,272	5.7
Perkins	2,345	1.7	2,425	21,733	1.7	22,302	9.3
Potter	2,672	2.0	2,796	31,141	2.5	32,268	11.7
Roberts	859	0.6	884	6,498	0.5	6,634	7.6
Sanborn	2,084	1.5	2,170	20,488	1.6	21,173	9.8
Spink	5,049	3.8	5,298	52,311	4.1	54,364	10.4
Stanley	1,289	1.0	1,340	13,842	1.1	14,208	10.7
Sully	2,615	1.9	2,720	33,252	2.6	34,153	12.7
Tripp	5,036	3.7	5,292	49,523	3.9	51,468	9.8
Turner	891	0.7	911	4,597	0.4	4,695	5.2
Union	786	0.6	802	6,890	0.5	7,014	8.8
Walworth	2,362	1.8	2,470	21,719	1.7	22,528	9.2
Ziebach	344	0.3	354	4,812	0.4	4,925	14.0
Oglala Lakota	83	0.1	87	470	0.0	489	5.7
Todd	146	0.1	153	1,427	0.1	1,474	9.8
Unk/Unreported	5,678	-	-	41,788	-	-	7.4

TOTALS: **140,262** **100%** **140,262** **1,311,323** **100%** **1,311,323** **9.35**

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Resident Pheasant Harvest Distribution by County 2024

COUNTY	HUNTER DISTRIBUTION				HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Birds/Hunter **
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	
Minnehaha	73	1,608	2.8	1,632	397	8,475	1.5	8,592	5.3
Pennington	16	352	0.6	358	94	2,007	0.3	2,034	5.7
Brown	120	2,643	4.6	2,683	1,815	38,748	6.7	39,282	14.7
Beadle	111	2,445	4.3	2,482	1,171	24,999	4.3	25,344	10.2
Codington	79	1,740	3.0	1,766	687	14,667	2.5	14,869	8.4
Brookings	95	2,093	3.6	2,124	838	17,890	3.1	18,137	8.5
Yankton	36	793	1.4	805	216	4,611	0.8	4,675	5.8
Davison	36	793	1.4	805	399	8,518	1.5	8,636	10.7
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Aurora	69	1,520	2.7	1,543	986	21,050	3.6	21,340	13.8
Bennett	18	396	0.7	402	106	2,263	0.4	2,294	5.7
Bon Homme	40	881	1.5	894	271	5,786	1.0	5,865	6.6
Brule	73	1,608	2.8	1,632	823	17,570	3.0	17,812	10.9
Buffalo	5	110	0.2	112	48	1,025	0.2	1,039	9.3
Butte	1	22	0.0	22	5	107	0.0	108	4.8
Campbell	20	441	0.8	447	274	5,850	1.0	5,930	13.3
Charles Mix	66	1,454	2.5	1,476	796	16,994	2.9	17,228	11.7
Clark	65	1,432	2.5	1,453	470	10,034	1.7	10,172	7.0
Clay	24	529	0.9	537	253	5,401	0.9	5,476	10.2
Corson	11	242	0.4	246	129	2,754	0.5	2,792	11.4
Custer	5	110	0.2	112	11	235	0.0	238	2.1
Day	45	991	1.7	1,006	503	10,738	1.9	10,886	10.8
Deuel	35	771	1.3	782	232	4,953	0.9	5,021	6.4
Dewey	11	242	0.4	246	117	2,498	0.4	2,532	10.3
Douglas	34	749	1.3	760	302	6,447	1.1	6,536	8.6
Edmunds	58	1,278	2.2	1,297	950	20,281	3.5	20,561	15.9
Fall River	25	551	1.0	559	145	3,096	0.5	3,138	5.6
Faulk	51	1,123	2.0	1,140	660	14,090	2.4	14,284	12.5
Grant	16	352	0.6	358	94	2,007	0.3	2,034	5.7
Gregory	25	551	1.0	559	175	3,736	0.6	3,788	6.8
Haakon	17	374	0.7	380	116	2,476	0.4	2,511	6.6
Hamlin	68	1,498	2.6	1,520	573	12,233	2.1	12,401	8.2
Hand	52	1,145	2.0	1,163	511	10,909	1.9	11,060	9.5
Hanson	47	1,035	1.8	1,051	318	6,789	1.2	6,882	6.6
Harding	13	286	0.5	291	92	1,964	0.3	1,991	6.9
Hughes	87	1,916	3.3	1,945	949	20,260	3.5	20,539	10.6
Hutchinson	39	859	1.5	872	406	8,668	1.5	8,787	10.1
Hyde	26	573	1.0	581	217	4,633	0.8	4,697	8.1
Jackson	4	88	0.2	89	20	427	0.1	433	4.8
Jerauld	34	749	1.3	760	354	7,557	1.3	7,662	10.1
Jones	12	264	0.5	268	126	2,690	0.5	2,727	10.2
Kingsbury	60	1,322	2.3	1,341	705	15,051	2.6	15,258	11.4
Lake	61	1,344	2.3	1,364	678	14,474	2.5	14,674	10.8
Lincoln	47	1,035	1.8	1,051	316	6,746	1.2	6,839	6.5
Lyman	51	1,123	2.0	1,140	663	14,154	2.4	14,349	12.6
McCook	78	1,718	3.0	1,744	1,022	21,818	3.8	22,119	12.7
McPherson	21	463	0.8	469	163	3,480	0.6	3,528	7.5
Marshall	17	374	0.7	380	101	2,156	0.4	2,186	5.8
Meade	6	132	0.2	134	47	1,003	0.2	1,017	7.6
Mellette	8	176	0.3	179	58	1,238	0.2	1,255	7.0
Miner	71	1,564	2.7	1,587	1,062	22,672	3.9	22,985	14.5
Moody	25	551	1.0	559	127	2,711	0.5	2,749	4.9
Perkins	64	1,410	2.5	1,431	659	14,069	2.4	14,263	10.0
Potter	41	903	1.6	917	530	11,315	2.0	11,471	12.5
Roberts	27	595	1.0	604	242	5,166	0.9	5,238	8.7
Sanborn	42	925	1.6	939	424	9,052	1.6	9,177	9.8
Spink	64	1,410	2.5	1,431	677	14,453	2.5	14,652	10.3
Stanley	29	639	1.1	648	415	8,860	1.5	8,982	13.9
Sully	55	1,211	2.1	1,230	969	20,687	3.6	20,972	17.1
Tripp	56	1,234	2.2	1,252	639	13,642	2.4	13,830	11.1
Turner	34	749	1.3	760	170	3,629	0.6	3,679	4.8
Union	32	705	1.2	715	284	6,063	1.0	6,147	8.6
Walworth	38	837	1.5	850	339	7,237	1.2	7,337	8.6
Ziebach	11	242	0.4	246	164	3,501	0.6	3,549	14.5
Oglala Lakota	1	22	0.0	22	5	107	0.0	108	4.8
Todd	2	44	0.1	45	30	640	0.1	649	14.5
Unk/Unreported	39	859	-	-	374	7,984	-	-	9.3
TOTALS:	2,642	58,195	100%	58,195	27,512	587,346	100%	587,346	10.09

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Nonresident Pheasant Harvest Distribution by County 2024

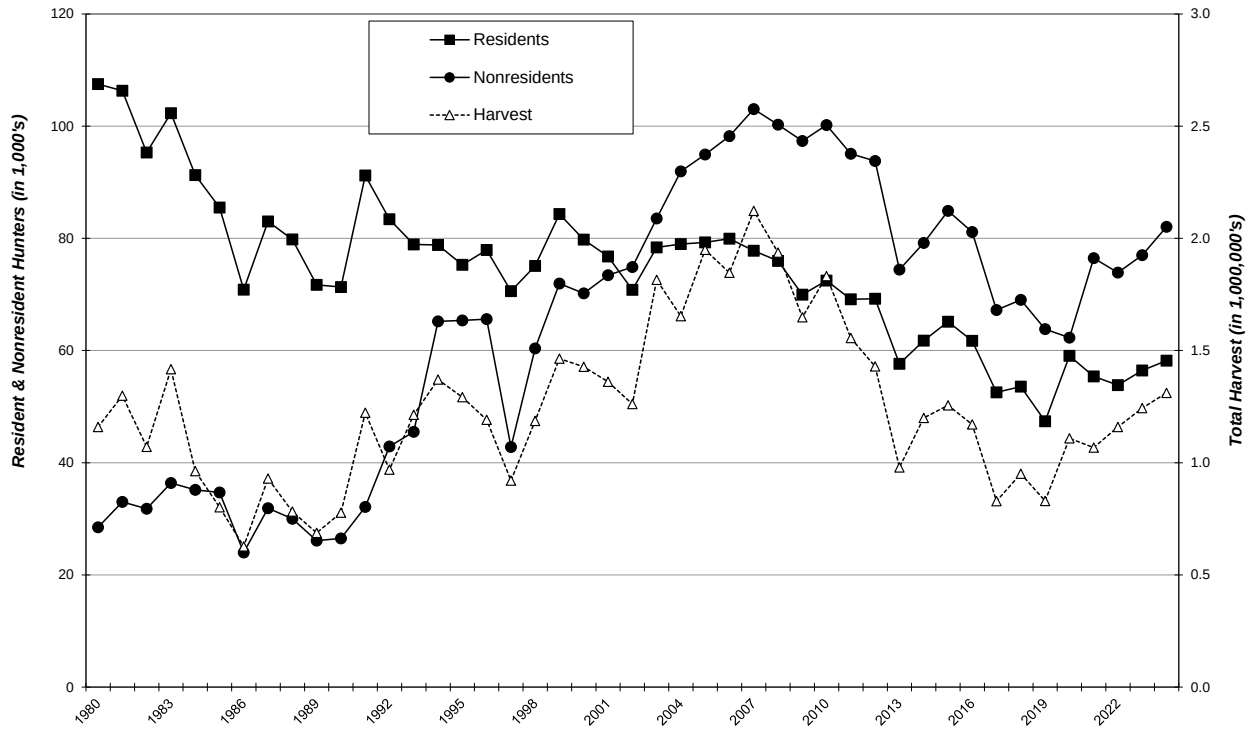
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	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	
Minnehaha	14	285	0.4	302	104	2,098	0.3	2,200	7.4
Pennington	2	41	0.1	43	12	242	0.0	254	6.0
Brown	254	5,165	6.7	5,487	2,137	43,102	6.2	45,213	8.3
Beadle	207	4,209	5.4	4,472	1,870	37,717	5.5	39,564	9.0
Codington	42	854	1.1	907	245	4,941	0.7	5,184	5.8
Brookings	55	1,118	1.4	1,188	457	9,217	1.3	9,669	8.2
Yankton	31	630	0.8	670	178	3,590	0.5	3,766	5.7
Davison	110	2,237	2.9	2,376	890	17,951	2.6	18,830	8.0
Lawrence	3	61	0.1	65	17	343	0.0	360	5.6
Aurora	144	2,928	3.8	3,111	1,367	27,571	4.0	28,922	9.4
Bennett	26	529	0.7	562	222	4,478	0.6	4,697	8.5
Bon Homme	11	224	0.3	238	89	1,795	0.3	1,883	8.0
Brule	225	4,575	5.9	4,861	2,040	41,145	6.0	43,161	9.0
Buffalo	17	346	0.4	367	175	3,530	0.5	3,703	10.2
Butte	2	41	0.1	43	7	141	0.0	148	3.5
Campbell	61	1,240	1.6	1,318	631	12,727	1.8	13,350	10.3
Charles Mix	118	2,399	3.1	2,549	982	19,806	2.9	20,776	8.3
Clark	90	1,830	2.4	1,944	795	16,035	2.3	16,820	8.8
Clay	9	183	0.2	194	49	988	0.1	1,037	5.4
Corson	25	508	0.7	540	273	5,506	0.8	5,776	10.8
Custer	6	122	0.2	130	45	908	0.1	952	7.4
Day	84	1,708	2.2	1,815	594	11,981	1.7	12,567	7.0
Deuel	16	325	0.4	346	120	2,420	0.4	2,539	7.4
Dewey	34	691	0.9	734	293	5,910	0.9	6,199	8.5
Douglas	43	874	1.1	929	430	8,673	1.3	9,098	9.9
Edmunds	107	2,176	2.8	2,311	1,144	23,074	3.3	24,204	10.6
Fall River	1	20	0.0	22	21	424	0.1	444	20.8
Faulk	136	2,765	3.6	2,938	1,464	29,528	4.3	30,974	10.7
Grant	9	183	0.2	194	60	1,210	0.2	1,269	6.6
Gregory	124	2,521	3.3	2,679	1,188	23,961	3.5	25,135	9.5
Haakon	7	142	0.2	151	41	827	0.1	867	5.8
Hamlin	24	488	0.6	518	165	3,328	0.5	3,491	6.8
Hand	96	1,952	2.5	2,074	809	16,317	2.4	17,116	8.4
Hanson	31	630	0.8	670	263	5,305	0.8	5,564	8.4
Harding	17	346	0.4	367	162	3,267	0.5	3,427	9.5
Hughes	107	2,176	2.8	2,311	876	17,668	2.6	18,534	8.1
Hutchinson	67	1,362	1.8	1,447	593	11,960	1.7	12,546	8.8
Hyde	33	671	0.9	713	305	6,152	0.9	6,453	9.2
Jackson	7	142	0.2	151	37	746	0.1	783	5.2
Jerauld	51	1,037	1.3	1,102	457	9,217	1.3	9,669	8.9
Jones	44	895	1.2	950	392	7,906	1.1	8,294	8.8
Kingsbury	67	1,362	1.8	1,447	684	13,796	2.0	14,471	10.1
Lake	19	386	0.5	410	144	2,904	0.4	3,047	7.5
Lincoln	9	183	0.2	194	41	827	0.1	867	4.5
Lyman	200	4,067	5.3	4,320	1,733	34,953	5.1	36,665	8.6
McCook	24	488	0.6	518	209	4,215	0.6	4,422	8.6
McPherson	83	1,688	2.2	1,793	814	16,418	2.4	17,222	9.7
Marshall	31	630	0.8	670	195	3,933	0.6	4,126	6.2
Meade	11	224	0.3	238	61	1,230	0.2	1,291	5.5
Mellette	13	264	0.3	281	70	1,412	0.2	1,481	5.3
Miner	74	1,505	1.9	1,599	746	15,046	2.2	15,783	10.0
Moody	9	183	0.2	194	72	1,452	0.2	1,523	7.9
Perkins	46	935	1.2	994	380	7,664	1.1	8,040	8.2
Potter	87	1,769	2.3	1,879	983	19,826	2.9	20,797	11.2
Roberts	13	264	0.3	281	66	1,331	0.2	1,396	5.0
Sanborn	57	1,159	1.5	1,231	567	11,436	1.7	11,996	9.9
Spink	179	3,640	4.7	3,867	1,877	37,858	5.5	39,712	10.4
Stanley	32	651	0.8	691	247	4,982	0.7	5,226	7.7
Sully	69	1,403	1.8	1,491	623	12,565	1.8	13,181	9.0
Tripp	187	3,802	4.9	4,040	1,779	35,881	5.2	37,639	9.4
Turner	7	142	0.2	151	48	968	0.1	1,016	6.8
Union	4	81	0.1	86	41	827	0.1	867	10.2
Walworth	75	1,525	2.0	1,620	718	14,482	2.1	15,191	9.5
Ziebach	5	102	0.1	108	65	1,311	0.2	1,375	12.9
Oglala Lakota	3	61	0.1	65	18	363	0.1	381	6.0
Todd	5	102	0.1	108	39	787	0.1	825	7.7
Unk/Unreported	237	4,819	-	-	1,676	33,804	-	-	7.0
TOTALS	4,036	82,067	100%	82,067	35,895	723,977	100%	723,977	8.82

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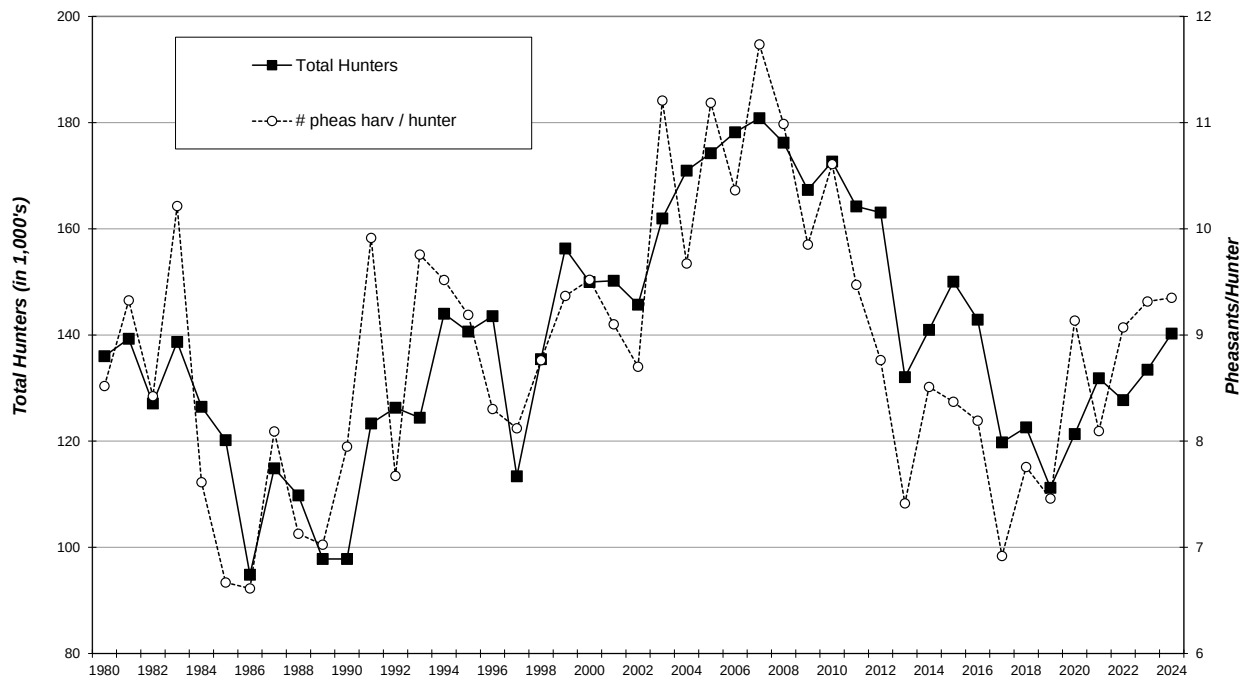
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SOUTH DAKOTA PHEASANT HARVEST 1980-2024

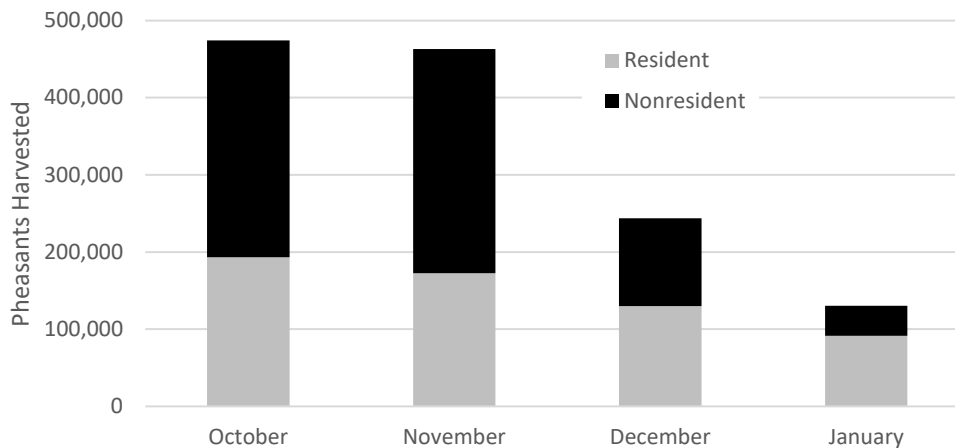


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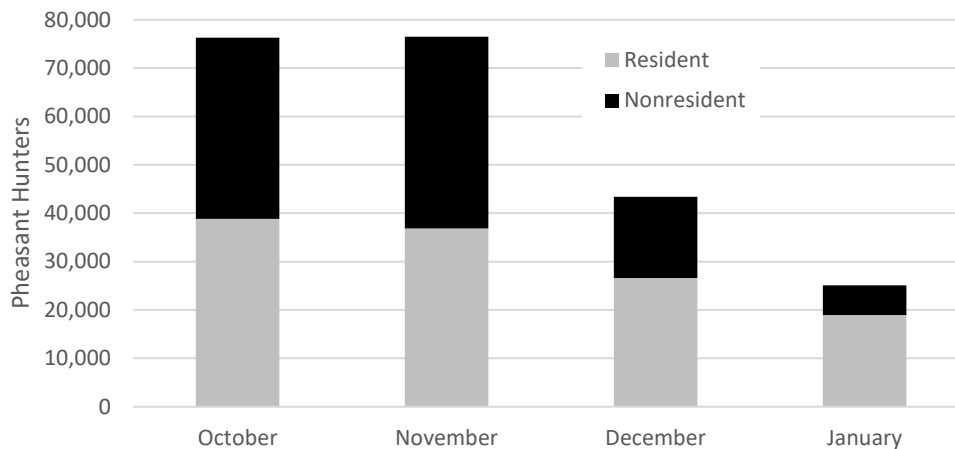


2024 ESTIMATES OF PHEASANT HUNTING BY MONTH								
Revised: 3/12/2025	RESIDENT TOTALS BY LICENSE TYPE					NONRESIDENT TOTALS		
	Combo	Senior Combo	Small Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates	Nonres Sm Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates
Projected Days Pheasant Hunting	238,693	67,365	134,403	32,184	472,646	350,287	12,627	362,914
Projected No. Pheasant Hunters	29,872	6,975	16,624	4,723	58,195	78,788	3,279	82,067
Projected Pheasant Bag	318,162	85,774	147,629	35,781	587,346	704,742	19,235	723,977
TOTAL PHEASANT HARVEST =						1,311,323		
Percent Reporting Pheasant Days October	65%	73%	66%	72%		46%	42%	
Percent Reporting Pheasant Days November	62%	65%	65%	65%		48%	46%	
Percent Reporting Pheasant Days December	49%	43%	43%	36%		20%	19%	
Percent Reporting Pheasant Days January	37%	32%	27%	26%		7%	7%	
Projected Pheasant Hunters October	19,418	5,120	10,899	3,409	38,846	36,089	1,370	37,459
Projected Pheasant Hunters November	18,377	4,545	10,838	3,065	36,825	38,153	1,517	39,670
Projected Pheasant Hunters December	14,763	3,020	7,133	1,689	26,605	16,139	636	16,775
Projected Pheasant Hunters January	11,006	2,258	4,470	1,220	18,953	5,896	245	6,140
Percent Pheasant Harvest October	31%	34%	34%	42%		39%	43%	
Percent Pheasant Harvest November	27%	32%	32%	30%		40%	37%	
Percent Pheasant Harvest December	24%	20%	20%	16%		16%	16%	
Percent Pheasant Harvest January	18%	14%	13%	12%		5%	4%	
Projected Pheasant Harvest October	98,274	29,086	50,888	15,071	193,319	272,683	8,197	280,880
Projected Pheasant Harvest November	87,251	27,452	47,213	10,706	172,621	283,387	7,079	290,466
Projected Pheasant Harvest December	76,665	17,137	30,230	5,831	129,862	110,759	3,120	113,880
Projected Pheasant Harvest January	55,972	12,099	19,299	4,174	91,544	37,913	838	38,751

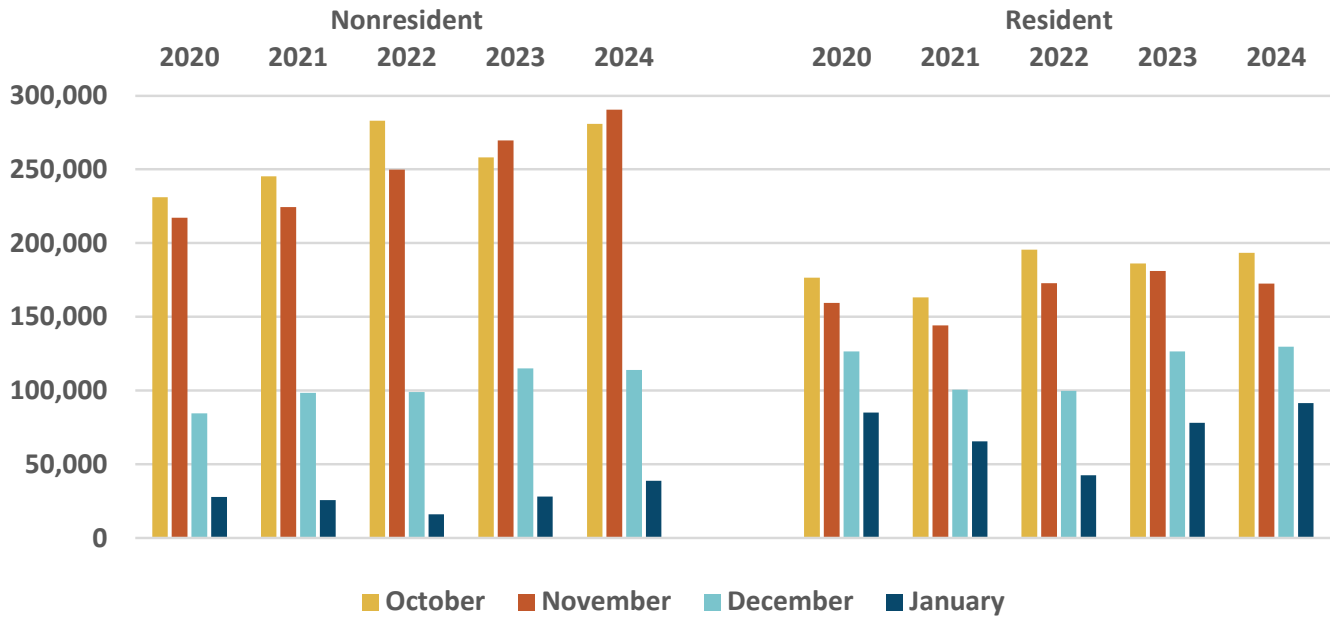
2024 Pheasant Harvest by Month



2024 Pheasant Hunters by Month



Pheasant Harvest by Month



Private Shooting Preserve Pheasant Harvest, 2015- 2024

Year	Pheasants Released	Released Pheasant Harvest	Wild Pheasant Harvest	Total Harvest
2015-16	432,304	243,168 (88%)	33,196 (12%)	276,383
2016-17	438,287	250,029 (89%)	30,507 (11%)	280,536
2017-18	468,668	264,291 (93%)	18,963 (7%)	283,254
2018-19	499,442	279,243 (91%)	26,744 (9%)	305,987
2019-20	499,179	283,988 (92%)	25,316 (8%)	306,430
2020-21	451,662	252,597 (91%)	23,974 (9%)	276,571
2021-22	579,672	330,674 (94%)	21,104 (6%)	350,581
2022-23	597,137	338,488 (94%)	21,047 (6%)	359,535
2023-24	612,857	354,133 (94%)	21,863 (6%)	375,716
2024-25	632,021	357,057 (94%)	23,015 (6%)	380,072

*Summary of private shooting preserve records