

# **SPRING ARCHERY TURKEY**

There were 4,011 resident and 757 nonresident licenses sold for a total of 4,768 licensed spring archery turkey hunters in 2025.

Surveys were sent via email invitations to respond online. All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed, and 1,949 responses were received for a rate of 41%.

The projected harvest based on survey responses was 1,438 male turkeys for a success rate of 30%. The season was open from April 12 through May 31, except in the Black Hills unit which was open April 26 through May 31. The projected total number of days hunted was 15,814, an average of 3.32 days per hunter.

The five units with the highest reported harvest were Minnehaha, Gregory, Black Hills, Marshall/Roberts, and Yankton.

## **Comparison of the 2016-2025 Spring Archery Turkey Seasons**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Licenses Sold</b>		<b>Harvest</b>	<b>Success</b>	<b>Avg Days Hunted</b>	<b>Satisfaction</b>
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>				
2016	2,844	358	885	28%	3.90	5.39
2017	2,925	373	912	28%	3.87	5.47
2018	2,914	350	719	22%	3.43	5.33
2019	3,129	338	915	26%	3.47	5.51
2020	4,063	396	1,340	30%	4.10	5.47
2021	4,306	593	1,607	33%	4.23	5.42
2022	4,181	570	1,310	28%	3.60	5.37
2023	4,276	676	1,247	25%	3.26	5.19
2024	4,398	701	1,373	27%	3.32	5.36
2025	4,011	757	1,438	30%	3.32	5.58

## **2025 Spring Archery Turkey Harvest Projections**

*Last Revised:*

08/05/2025

<b>Unit/Type</b>	<b>Residency</b>	<b>Licenses</b>		<b>Response Rate</b>	<b>Tag Success</b>	<b>LCI</b>	<b>UCI</b>	<b>Harvest Estimate</b>				<b>Ave. Days Hunted</b>	<b>Avg Satsfctn</b>
		<b>Avail.</b>	<b>Sold</b>					<b>Toms</b>	<b>Jakes</b>	<b>Hens</b>	<b>Total</b>		
<b>ST1-32</b>	<b>Resident</b>	Unlim	4,011	40.5%	27%	25%	28%	943	124	0	1,067	3.35	5.51
	<b>Nonresident</b>	Unlim	757	43.6%	49%	45%	53%	327	44	0	370	3.14	5.94
			4,768	41.0%	30%			1,270	168	0	1,438	<b>3.32</b>	<b>5.58</b>

Response rate for the season was

Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

# 2025 Spring Archery Turkey Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:

20-Aug-25

County	Reported Harvest				Projected Harvest				%
	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	
01A (Minnehaha)	36	2	0	38	87	5	0	92	6.4%
02A (Pennington-East)	7	1	0	8	17	2	0	19	1.4%
Brown County	2	1	0	3	5	2	0	7	0.5%
06A (Brookings)	15	4	0	19	36	10	0	46	3.2%
07A (Yankton)	32	1	0	33	78	2	0	80	5.6%
08A (Davison/Hanson)	13	3	0	16	32	7	0	39	2.7%
10A (Aurora/Douglas)	4	0	0	4	10	0	0	10	0.7%
11A (Bennett)	3	1	0	4	7	2	0	10	0.7%
12A (Bon Homme)	16	2	0	18	39	5	0	44	3.0%
13A (Brule/Buffalo)	13	1	0	14	32	2	0	34	2.4%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	19	0	0	19	46	0	0	46	3.2%
16A (Campbell/Walworth)	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	5	0.3%
17A (Charles Mix)	12	3	0	15	29	7	0	36	2.5%
19A (Clay)	14	1	0	15	34	2	0	36	2.5%
20A (Corson)	3	0	0	3	7	0	0	7	0.5%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	7	4	0	11	17	10	0	27	1.9%
22A (Day/Codington)	28	2	0	30	68	5	0	73	5.1%
23A (Deuel)	21	1	0	22	51	2	0	53	3.7%
24A (Dewey/Ziebach)	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	5	0.3%
27A (Fall River)	7	0	0	7	17	0	0	17	1.2%
29A (Grant)	25	5	0	30	61	12	0	73	5.1%
30A (Gregory)	27	8	0	35	66	19	0	85	5.9%
31A (Haakon)	4	2	0	6	10	5	0	15	1.0%
32A (Hamlin/Clark)	3	0	0	3	7	0	0	7	0.5%
35A (Harding)	6	2	0	8	15	5	0	19	1.4%
36A (Hughes)	3	5	0	8	7	12	0	19	1.4%
37A (Hutchinson)	11	0	0	11	27	0	0	27	1.9%
39A (Jackson)	1	2	0	3	2	5	0	7	0.5%
40A (Jerauld/Beadle/Hand)	4	0	0	4	10	0	0	10	0.7%
41A (Jones)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.2%
Kingsbury County	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0.2%
Lake County	8	0	0	8	19	0	0	19	1.4%
44A (Lincoln)	13	0	0	13	32	0	0	32	2.2%
45A (Lyman)	11	2	0	13	27	5	0	32	2.2%
McCook County	9	0	0	9	22	0	0	22	1.5%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	34	2	0	36	83	5	0	87	6.1%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	14	1	0	15	34	2	0	36	2.5%
50A (Mellette)	4	1	0	5	10	2	0	12	0.8%
Miner County	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.2%
52A (Moody)	11	1	0	12	27	2	0	29	2.0%
53A (Perkins)	3	0	0	3	7	0	0	7	0.5%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Spink County	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.2%
58A (Stanley)	4	2	0	6	10	5	0	15	1.0%
Sully County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
60A (Tripp)	4	2	0	6	10	5	0	15	1.0%
61A (Turner)	4	0	0	4	10	0	0	10	0.7%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	3	0	0	3	7	0	0	7	0.5%
BH1 (Black Hills)	38	5	0	43	92	12	0	104	7.3%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,438</b>	

Use these figures for approximations only!

## Spring Archery Turkey 2000-2025

