

2020 SPRING TURKEY

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Resident and Nonresident Prairie Turkey	Feb. 14
Resident Custer State Park Turkey	Feb. 14
Resident/Nonresident Archery Turkey	No Deadline
Resident/Nonresident Black Hills Turkey	No Deadline

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED

Permission is required to hunt private land in South Dakota. Every year Game, Fish and Parks receives complaints from hunters who drew a license but couldn't get permission to hunt private land once the season opened. Do not apply for a license until you get permission to hunt. If you don't get permission beforehand, you may not be able to get it during the season.

APPLY ONLINE: gfp.sd.gov

Applying online for any type of big game hunting license in South Dakota is as easy as ever. Click on the "Purchase a Hunting License" link on the GFP homepage. From there, the system walks you through step by step. If you do not have an account, you will be required to create one. Begin by selecting a season and your first choice hunting unit. Please note that a credit or debit card number is required to finish the transaction. Upon completion and submission of your application, you are placed directly into the drawing for the unit you selected. Preference points are automatically included if you opted to purchase one or if you had any from previous years. To learn more about applying online, a tutorial video is available to walk you through the process step by step.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Residency

To apply for a resident license, a person must:

- Have a domicile (person's established, fixed and permanent home to which the person, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning) within South Dakota for at least 90 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of application for, purchasing, or attempting to purchase any hunting, fishing, or trapping license/permit; and
- Make no claim of residency in any other state or foreign country for any purpose; and
- Claim no resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in any other state or foreign country; and
- Prior to applying for any license, transfer to SD the person's driver's license and motor vehicle registrations.

EXCEPTION: The following persons are eligible for resident licenses:

- Any person who previously had a domicile in SD who is absent due to business of the United States or SD, is serving in the armed forces of the US, or is the spouse of an active duty military person;
- Any person who previously had a domicile in this state who is absent due to the person's regular attendance at a post-high school institution as a full time student or in a medical or dental residency program;
- Any person in the active military of the US or that person's spouse who is continuously stationed in SD;
- Any person who is a patient in any war veterans' hospital within SD;
- Any person who is an employee of the veterans' administration or any veterans' hospital in SD;
- Any person residing on restricted military reservations in SD;
- Any person attending regularly a post-high school institution in SD as a full-time student for 30 days or more immediately preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student over 16 years of age attending a public or private high school who has resided in the state for 30 days or more preceding the application;
- Any foreign exchange student who is between the ages of 12 and 16, has completed GFP's course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms and has been issued a certificate of competency upon completion of instruction, and has resided in SD for 30 days or more preceding application for a license;
- Any person who is a minor dependent of a resident of SD.

Termination of Residency

A person (other than a person who fits into one of the previous EXCEPTIONS) is deemed to have terminated their South Dakota resident hunting, fishing, and trapping status if the person does any of the following:

- Applies for, purchases, or accepts a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country;
- Registers to vote in another state or foreign country;
- Accepts a driver's license issued by another state or foreign country;
- Moves to any other state or foreign country and makes it their domicile or makes any claim of residency for any purpose in the other state or foreign country.

However, a person who has lawfully acquired a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license and who leaves the state after acquiring the license to take up residency elsewhere may continue to exercise all the privileges granted by the license until the license expires if the person's respective privileges are not revoked or suspended.

Social Security Number

The last four digits of your Social Security Number are required. The Social Security Number information is required from all U.S. residents before this application will be processed [SDCL 25-7A-56.2]. The information is required to be in compliance with state law on collection of delinquent child support payments. This information will be kept confidential.

South Dakota law prohibits the issuance or renewal of any hunting or fishing license if an individual owes \$1,000 or more in past due child support unless the individual enters into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services for payment of the delinquent child support [SDCL 25-7A-56; 25-7A-1(28)]. There is a requirement to enter into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services even if the individual is presently making child support payments, or if child support is being withheld from wages or income. To enter into the required repayment agreement, individuals must contact the Dept. of Social Services, Division of Child Support, 700 Governor's Drive - Kneip Building, Pierre SD 57501, or call 605-773-6456.

Age Eligibility

- Residents and nonresidents must be 12 years old to hunt.
- Residents under age 16 must successfully complete a HuntSAFE course.
- Nonresidents under age 16 must include the certificate number from their hunter safety card, or a current or previous hunting license issued to them from any state.
- Residents and nonresidents who have not completed the HuntSAFE course at the time of application must use a paper application and leave that information blank on the application form. If drawn, their license will be held until the License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number once the course has been successfully completed.
- Information on the "Mentored Hunt" program is found in a separate application form.



Submitting Fees

You must submit the appropriate license fee to cover the cost of each season applied for on this multiple application form. One check may be written to cover the cost of all seasons you apply for on this form. We recommend the fee be sent in the form of a personal check, but a cashier's check, money order or cash will be accepted. Cash is not recommended. Make checks payable to "South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks." Payment for applications submitted online must be made with a valid credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). Your credit card will be charged only if you are successful in the drawing. Nonpayment in the form of a cancelled credit card will result in your license being withheld and the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any penalties, is paid in full. A bad check will either void the license if the draw has not yet occurred; or if the drawing has been completed, it will result in the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any back check fees and penalties are paid in full.

Application Rules

- Applications not properly filled out will be returned.
- You may submit only one application per season for the first drawing and receive no more than one license. See "Application Deadlines" for rules allowing additional licenses.
- Applicants applying for differently priced licenses as first and second choice must include the higher fee. You will receive a refund if you draw the lower-priced license.
- Licenses may not be transferred to another person.

Group Applications

- Applications with matching first and second choices, submitted in the same group, will be treated as a group application. All applicants will either be successful or unsuccessful in the drawings.
- Applications submitted in the same group with first or second choices that do not match will be treated as individual applications in the drawings, not as a group application.
- No more than six applications may be submitted in the same group.
- An incomplete application voids all other applications in the group.
- Applicants with preference points should be aware when applying with applicants with fewer preference points. Doing so gives all applicants the lowest point represented in the group.
- Residents and nonresidents may apply together in the same group. Either all in the group will be drawn together or all will be rejected. Residents must submit the resident fee and nonresidents must submit the nonresident fee. This is valid only in seasons and units where both resident and nonresident licenses are available for a specific drawing. It should be noted that in most instances, residents who apply with nonresidents will have a diminished chance of drawing a first-choice license.

Submitting Applications

Applications may be submitted online or on the form provided in this pamphlet (the form may be photocopied), and mailed in the self-addressed envelopes provided or in the applicant's envelope. Proper postage must be affixed to the envelope to ensure delivery.

Mail to: Game, Fish and Parks License Office
20641 SD Hwy 1806
Fort Pierre, SD 57532

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants for limited licenses are selected at random by computer lottery.

Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund check from the State of South Dakota if they applied through the mail by paper application. Each member of a group who applied together will receive a separate refund. Members of a group who sent one check will be responsible for reimbursement among themselves. Those who applied online using a credit card will be charged only if they are successful in the drawing. Those unsuccessful will not be charged and no refund required will be required.

Resident Landowner Preference

- Half the resident permits for this season are set aside for the first choice in the first drawing for residents who qualify for landowner preference.
- To be eligible for landowner preference, a landowner or tenant must operate at least 160 acres of private land within the unit applied for as first choice.
- "Operate" means: to lease or hold fee title to farm or ranch real property and be directly involved in the management decisions made for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch.
- "Agricultural purposes" includes the producing, raising, growing, or harvesting of food or fiber upon agricultural land, including dairy products, livestock, crops, timber, and grasslands.
- Land leased solely for hunting, fishing or trapping does not qualify for landowner preference.
- A landowner or tenant, but not both, may claim landowner preference for the same qualifying property.
- Immediate family members are eligible, and include the applicant's spouse and the applicant's children residing with the applicant or on land owned or leased by the resident farmer or rancher.
- Employment on a farm or ranch alone does not qualify an individual for landowner preference.
- Shareholders of a corporation, members of a limited liability company holding a membership interest in the company, partners in a partnership, and beneficiaries of a trust entitled to the current income and assets held in trust; all organized and in good standing under the laws of South Dakota are eligible for landowner preference if:
 1. The entity holds title to 160 acres or more of private land located within the hunting unit applied for;
 2. The shareholder, member, partner, or trust beneficiary applying for landowner preference is a resident; and
 3. The shareholder, member, partner, or trust beneficiary has responsibility for making the day-to-day management decisions for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch.
- Nonresident landowners do not qualify for this preference.

Preference Points

A fee (\$5 resident, \$10 nonresident) is required for all preference points. Purchasing a preference point is optional. Unsuccessful first choice applicants will not receive preference unless the appropriate fee is submitted with the application.

Seasons with a limited number of licenses have a preference system for applicants who are unsuccessful on their first choice in the first drawing. One point may be purchased each year the applicant is unsuccessful. Preference is valid on first choices in the first drawing only. Purchased preference points are automatically credited to an application even if you do not apply the following year. Your preference will be available for the same season for up to five years. Preference cannot be transferred to another person and is only valid for the first drawing in the applicant's first unit-type choice. If you have any questions about your preference, please contact our Information Office. NOTE: Applicants who draw a first-choice license and subsequently refuse to take the license will lose all accumulated preference and eligibility.

SEASON APPLICATION INFORMATION

The season/unit/type choice designations apply to both resident and nonresident licenses. Use the entire 8-digit number when filling out "season/unit/type" on the application. The first three digits describe the SEASON you are applying for, the second three digits describe the geographic area and in some cases split season dates, and the last two digits describe the animal for which the license is valid.

Please verify the unit information you record on this application correctly represents the season, area and species you are applying for.

The license fee includes a \$6 surcharge established by the South Dakota Legislature. Surcharge monies are divided between programs for wildlife damage management and public hunting land access, programs that benefit both landowners and hunters.

State licenses are valid on private, deeded lands within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation. Persons applying to hunt on tribal lands should contact the appropriate tribal office concerning tribal lands and licenses.

Legal Firearms/Muzzleloaders for Spring Wild Turkey

A person may not use a rimfire, centerfire, or muzzleloading rifle during the spring turkey season. No self-loading or auto-loading firearm that holds more than six cartridges may be used to hunt, pursue, shoot at, shoot, kill, or wound a wild turkey. No firearm that is capable of being operated as a full automatic may be used to hunt, pursue, shoot at, shoot, kill, or wound a wild turkey. No buckshot may be used, and no single ball or rifled slug weighing less than one-half ounce may be used in hunting wild turkey. Handguns using ammunition which is factory-rated to produce at least 500 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle may be used in the hunting of wild turkey. Muzzleloading handguns that discharge a projectile of at least .50 caliber and muzzleloading shotguns may also be used in the hunting of wild turkey. Any person who holds a license to take a wild turkey during the firearm season may take the animal by using a crossbow in lieu of a firearm. Crossbow means a device for propelling a bolt by means of traverse limbs mounted on a stock and a string. The crossbow may be drawn, held, and released by a mechanical device and shall have at least 125 pounds pull and have a working mechanical safety.

Legal Archery Equipment for Wild Turkey

A person hunting wild turkey with bow and arrow may not use or possess any of the following: (1) Explosive, poisonous, hydraulic, or pneumatic points; (2) Crossbows and draw-lock devices that hold the bow at partial or full draw except for persons with qualifying disabilities; (3) Electronic devices mounted to the bow that aid in the taking of game. However, cameras, video cameras, cell phones used exclusively for photographic purposes, lighted sight pins, and illuminated arrow nocks may be used; (4) Electronic arrow or electronic string releases; (5) Telescopic sights; (6) An arrow without a broadhead (fixed or mechanical) that has at least two metal cutting edges when hunting a wild turkey. However, an arrow tipped with any point may be possessed when used for practice; or (7) A bow that measures less than 30 pounds pull when hunting wild turkey.

SPRING PRAIRIE TURKEY SEASON

Season Dates: Apr. 11-May 31 for all units except Davison/Hanson (08A and B) and Lincoln (44A and B).

All state parks, recreation areas and lakeside use areas are closed to hunting after Apr. 30, except Sheps Canyon Lakeside Use Area which is open through May 21. See units below for season dates.

License Eligibility: Residents are eligible for all units. Nonresidents are eligible for all units west of the Missouri River, and leftover licenses east of the Missouri River remaining after the second drawing.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may have one license from the first or second drawing, up to five prairie turkey licenses in the third drawing, and an unlimited number after the third drawing as described under the application deadline section below.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

First Deadline - Applications must be postmarked by Friday, Feb. 14. Apply online by 8 a.m. CST Wednesday, Feb. 19. Results available online by Friday, Feb. 21. One application may be submitted per applicant.

Second Deadline - Applications must be postmarked by Friday, Feb. 28. Apply online by 8 a.m. CST Wednesday, Mar. 4. Results available online by Friday, Mar. 6. Those who do not already have a license may submit one application.

Third Deadline - After the second deadline drawing, licenses remaining are pooled and available to both residents and nonresidents. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, Mar. 13. Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT Wednesday, Mar. 18. Results available online by Friday, Mar. 20. Residents and nonresidents may apply for additional licenses (five maximum for this season, including any license received in the first or second draw).

Leftover Licenses - An individual may have an unlimited number of licenses for this season in any unit or any combination of units. They will be issued first-come, first-served either online or by mailing in an application. This process will begin on Friday, Mar. 20.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICES:

Prairie units bordering the Cheyenne and White rivers also include an adjacent area one-mile wide on the opposite side of the rivers.

PST-01A-32: MINNEHAHA CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.
80 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-02A-32: PENNINGTON CO. east of the Cheyenne River. Valid for one male wild turkey.

200 resident licenses (\$25); 16 nonresident (\$100)

PST-06A-32: BROOKINGS CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.
20 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-07A-32: YANKTON CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.
260 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-08A-32: DAVISON and HANSON CO. Season dates Apr. 11-30. Valid for one male wild turkey.

80 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-08B-32: Same area as 08A. Season dates May 1-31. Valid for one male wild turkey.

80 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-11A-32: BENNETT CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.
30 resident licenses (\$25); 3 nonresident (\$100)

PST-12A-32: BON HOMME CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.
250 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-13A-32: BRULE CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.
150 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-15A-32: BUTTE and LAWRENCE CO. north of I-90. Valid for one male wild turkey.

350 resident licenses (\$25); 28 nonresident (\$100)

PST-16A-32: CAMPBELL and WALWORTH CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

10 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-17A-32: CHARLES MIX and DOUGLAS CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

350 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-19A-32: CLAY CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

120 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-20A-32: CORSON CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.
50 resident licenses (\$25); 4 nonresident (\$100)

PST-21A-32: CUSTER CO. east of SD 79 and PENNINGTON CO. south of I-90, west of the Cheyenne River and east of SD Hwy 79. Valid for one male wild turkey.

150 resident licenses (\$25); 12 nonresident (\$100)

PST-22A-32: DAY and CODINGTON counties. Valid for one male wild turkey.

80 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-23A-32: DEUEL CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

100 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-24A-32: DEWEY and ZIEBACH counties. Valid for one male wild turkey.

150 resident licenses (\$25); 12 nonresident (\$100)

PST-27A-32: FALL RIVER CO. south and east of a line beginning at the junction of the Wyoming border and US Hwy 18, east on US 18 to the Cheyenne River near Edgemont, east on the Cheyenne River to US Hwy 18/385, then north on US 18/385 to SD Hwy 79 at Maverick Junction, north on SD 79 to the Custer County line. Valid for one male wild turkey.

75 resident licenses (\$25); 6 nonresident (\$100)

PST-29A-32: GRANT CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

220 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-30A-32: GREGORY CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

700 resident licenses (\$25); 56 nonresident (\$100)

PST-31A-35: HAAKON CO. Valid for two male wild turkeys.

200 resident licenses (\$35); 16 nonresident (\$125)

PST-32A-32: HAMLIN CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

10 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-35A-32: HARDING CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

100 resident licenses (\$25); 8 nonresident (\$100)

PST-36A-32: HUGHES CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

30 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-37A-32: HUTCHINSON CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

60 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-39A-32: JACKSON CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

150 resident licenses (\$25); 12 nonresident (\$100)

PST-40A-32: JERAULD CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

10 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-41A-32: JONES CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

75 resident licenses (\$25); 6 nonresident (\$100)

PST-44A-32: LINCOLN CO., including Newton Hills State Park and Lake Alvin Lakeside Use Area. Season dates Apr. 11-30. Valid for one male wild turkey.

50 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-44B-32: LINCOLN CO., excluding Newton Hills State Park and Lake Alvin Lakeside Use Area. Season dates May 1-31. Valid for one male wild turkey.

50 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-45A-32: LYMAN CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

100 resident licenses (\$25); 8 nonresident licenses (\$100)

PST-48A-32: MARSHALL and ROBERTS counties, including Sica Hollow State Park. Valid for one male wild turkey.

400 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-49A-35: MEADE CO. those portions of Meade County not included in Units BST-BH1 and PST-53A, and that portion of Pennington County north of Interstate 90 and west of the Cheyenne River. Valid for two male wild turkeys.

300 resident licenses (\$35); 24 nonresident (\$125)

PST-50A-32: MELLETTTE CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

350 resident licenses (\$25); 28 nonresident (\$100)

PST-52A-32: MOODY CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

60 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-53A-35: PERKINS CO and the portion of Meade County north of U.S. Highway 212. Valid for two male wild turkeys.

100 resident licenses (\$35); 8 nonresident (\$125)

PST-56A-32: SANBORN CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

10 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-58A-32: STANLEY CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

40 resident licenses (\$25); 4 nonresident (\$100)

PST-58B-32: STANLEY CO. Limited to persons who use a wheelchair for mobility. Licenses are valid for the area including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Land and the GFP campground below Oahe Dam, south and east of Power House Road. Successful applicants will be allowed to take part in a special hunt April. 6-30. Valid for one male wild turkey.

2 resident licenses (\$25); 1 nonresident (\$100)

PST-60A-32: TRIPP CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

400 resident licenses (\$25); 32 nonresident licenses (\$100)

PST-61A-32: TURNER CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

20 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-62A-32: UNION CO., including Union Grove State Park. Valid for one male wild turkey.

120 resident licenses (\$25); 0 nonresident

PST-65A-32: OGLALA LAKOTA CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

40 resident licenses (\$25); 4 nonresident (\$100)

PST-67A-32: TODD CO. Valid for one male wild turkey.

75 resident licenses (\$25); 6 nonresident (\$100)

PST-ZZ1-99: Use this unit designation ONLY as first choice in the first drawing if you wish to apply for this season but NOT receive a license. Your application will be processed as though you were unsuccessful and you will receive the additional preference point for the following year. The \$5 nonrefundable fee is required. This unit choice will not be valid in a second or third drawing.

0 Licenses Available. (\$5 - resident, \$10 - nonresident)

SPRING ARCHERY TURKEY SEASON

Season Dates: April 4-May 31.

License Eligibility: Residents and nonresidents are eligible. Licenses are available by application only through the GFP License Office in Fort Pierre. There is no application deadline. Licenses may be purchased either online or via mail through the end of the season, but please allow a minimum of 7-10 days for delivery of your license.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may have one Archery Turkey License.

ACCESS PERMITS: A free Residents-Only Access Permit is required to hunt archery turkey in Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve in Union County and Good Earth State Park near Sioux Falls.

- To obtain these free Access Permits, you must first purchase the Spring Archery Turkey License. After you have received your license, the Access Permits may be applied for only on the GFP website.
- Five resident archery licensees will be selected through a random drawing to hunt at Good Earth State Park and 20 resident archery licensees to hunt at Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve. Access permits valid from April 4-30.
- The deadline to apply for the Access Permits is March 4, 2020 at 8 a.m. CT. For more information, visit: gfp.sd.gov/turkey

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICE: _____

AST-ST1-32: Statewide except for Custer State Park and south of Highway 34 in Lake County. Special rules apply to all other state park, recreation and lakeside use areas.

Unlimited resident licenses (\$25);

Unlimited nonresident licenses (\$100)

SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY SEASON

Season Dates: April 11-May 31

License Eligibility: Residents and nonresidents are eligible. Licenses are available by application only through the GFP License Office in Fort Pierre. There is no application deadline. Applications may be submitted online or via mail through the end of the season, but please allow a minimum of 7-10 days for delivery of your license.

Individual License Quota: Nonresidents may purchase one BH1 license. Residents may have one BH1 license and one BH2 license (valid May 1-31). Either license may be purchased at any time.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICE: _____

BST-BH1-32: That portion of Lawrence County south of Interstate 90; that portion of Meade County west and south of Interstate 90; those portions of Pennington and Custer Counties west of State Highway 79; that portion of Fall River County north and west of a line beginning at the junction of the South Dakota-Wyoming border and U.S. Highway 18, then east along U.S. Highway 18 to its junction with the Cheyenne River, then east along the Cheyenne River to its junction with State Highway 79; then north along State Highway 79 to its junction with the Custer County line. Closed to hunting; Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Monument, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Jewel Cave National Monument. Valid for one male wild turkey.

Unlimited resident licenses (\$25);

Unlimited nonresident licenses (\$100)

BST-BH2-32: RESIDENTS ONLY. Valid May 1-31. Same area and restrictions as BH1. Valid for one male wild turkey.

Unlimited resident licenses (\$25)

SPRING CUSTER STATE PARK TURKEY SEASON

Season Dates: April 11 - May 17.

License Eligibility: South Dakota residents only.

Individual License Quota: Applicants may have one CSP turkey license.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: _____

First Deadline - Applications must be postmarked by Friday, Feb. 14. Apply online by 8 a.m. CST Wednesday, Feb. 19. Results available online by Friday, Feb. 21. One application may be submitted per applicant. If there are licenses remaining after the first deadline drawing, they will be issued first-come, first-served by application either online or via mail.

SEASON/UNIT/TYPE CHOICE: _____

CST-CU1-32: CUSTER STATE PARK. Restricted to shotguns using shotshells, muzzleloading shotguns, crossbows and archery equipment only.

Valid for one male wild turkey.

100 resident licenses (\$25)

CST-ZZ1-99: Use this unit designation ONLY as first choice in the first drawing if you wish to apply for this season but NOT receive a license. Your application will be processed as though you were unsuccessful and you will receive the additional preference point for the following year. The \$5 nonrefundable fee is required. This unit choice will not be valid in a second or third drawing.

0 Licenses Available. (\$5)

KNOW YOUR WILD TURKEY



Considered among the grandest of game birds, the American wild turkey has many characteristics that distinguish it from other fowl. The unmistakable snood, caruncles, head coloring and beard truly set it apart.

BACK AND BODY FEATHERS

Provide insulation and shed water. When upraised they refract sunlight to add to a strutting gobblers grandeur.

TAIL COVERTS

Tip colors vary with subspecies.

BREAST FEATHERS

Black tips give a gobble a coal-black appearance.

PRIMARY WING FEATHERS

Marked by distinctive white bars (less barring on the Osceola). Gobblers rub off wing tips with extended strutting.

SPUR

Most spurs are black, some have red or blond tints. They appear as a short button on a jake; just less than a 1-inch straight spur on a 2-year-old; and as a sharp, curved, 1-inch or longer spur on a 3-year-old gobble.

TAIL FEATHERS OR RECTRICES

There are usually 18 present, but a gobble can lose a few when fighting. Tan- to brown-tipped on Eastern, Rio Grande and Osceola subspecies; Ivory-tipped on Merriam's and Gould's.

EAR OPENING

No flap to funnel sounds, but a gobble hears extremely well.

HEAD CROWN

Predominantly white during the spring, sometimes with a reddish tint.

EYE

Set into the side of the head for monocular vision; a slight turn of the head allows a 360-degree field of vision.

SNOOD

Long and prominent on a mature gobble, but no known function.

MAJOR CARUNCLES

Large and fleshy. Engorged with blood during the spring.

BEARD

Three to 4 inches on a jake; 7 to 9 inches on a 2-year-old; and 10 inches or longer on a 3-year-old gobble. Thickness varies. Some gobblers have multiple beards.

FOOT

Three long toes. The middle toe measures 2½ to 3½ inches on a gobble.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HENS & GOBBLES

IT'S EASY TO DISTINGUISH A GOBBLE FROM A HEN BY DIFFERENCES IN THEIR SIZE, COLOR, HEADS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS.

GOBBLE

MINOR CARUNCLES

VARIOUS REDS, WHITES & BLUES

DARK PLUMAGE APPEARS TO BE BLACK



WHITE CROWN

SNOOD

The gobble is most easily recognized by the long beard growing from his chest and the pronounced spurs, sometimes as long as 2 inches, found on the back of his legs. A gobble appears larger, darker, shinier and more colorful than a hen. His head can alternately appear red, white and blue. He often "puffs up" and struts during spring to attract hens for breeding.

HEN

FEATHERED HEAD

GRAY-BLUE COLOR

GRAY-BROWN PLUMAGE

SNOOD

The hen's overall look is for concealment and protection. She is smaller and more drab than the colorful gobble, so she can sit on her nest well camouflaged. Likewise, her head has more feathers to add to her camouflaged appearance.



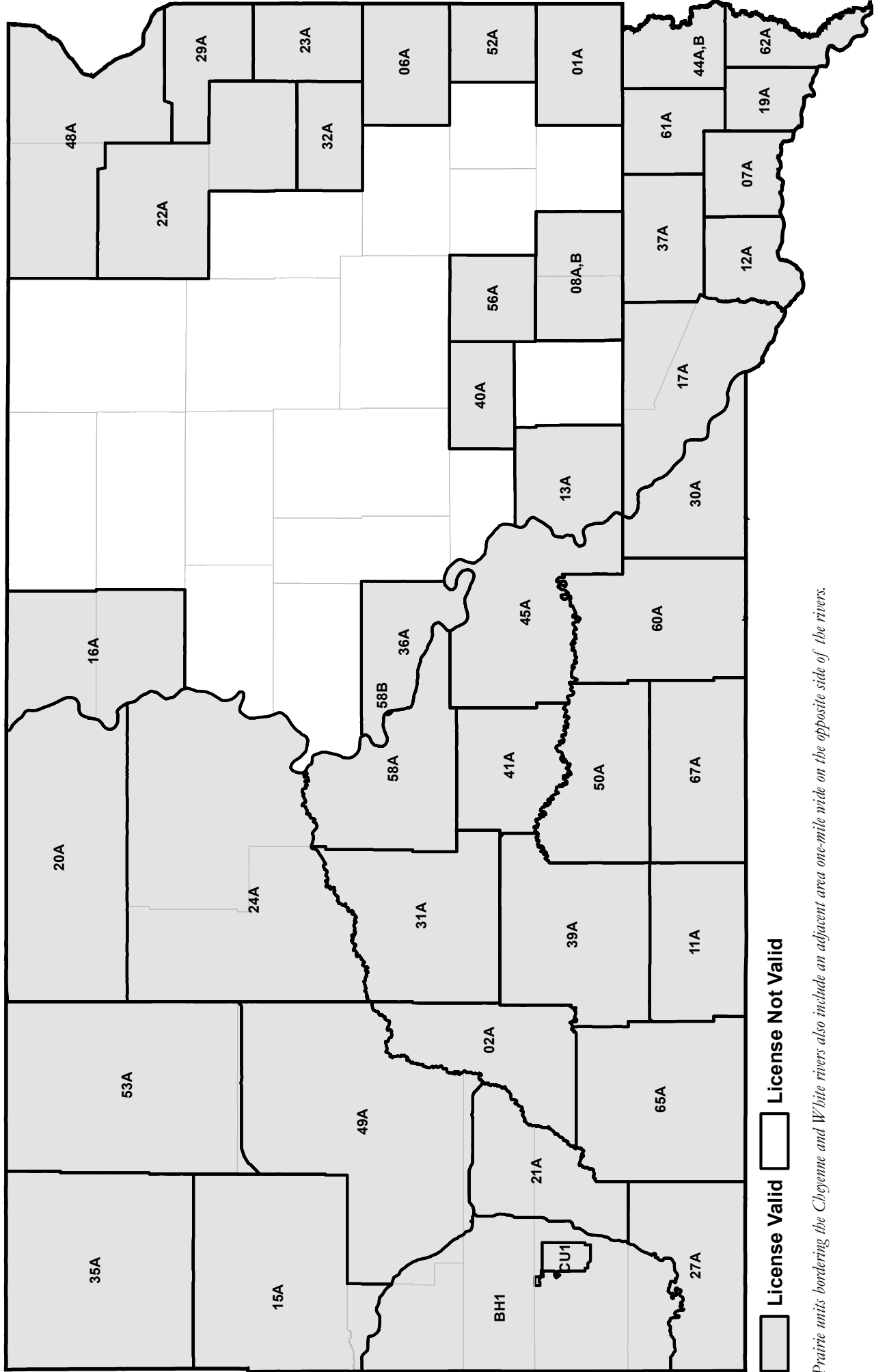
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CARUNCLES

The American wild turkey now thrives in 49 states, Canada and Mexico thanks to the efforts of state wildlife agencies, the NWTF and its supporters!

SPRING TURKEY UNITS

Please refer to the text in the unit descriptions for the official boundary lines.



Prairie units bordering the Cheyenne and White rivers also include an adjacent area one-mile wide on the opposite side of the rivers.

CONTACT US:

License Office
20641 SD Hwy 1806
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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Season/Unit Type Choices:** Fill in your unit-type choice from the choices provided with each season. Additional choices, for those seasons that allow additional choices, are optional. You may apply for multiple seasons with this form. Select a preference point option for each season. Preference points are only available for your first choice of each season. If you select "yes" make sure to include the appropriate fee. You would only need to fill out one form and provide one check to cover the cost of all applications plus any preference point fees. If you select "no", or do not include the correct preference point fee, you will not receive a preference point if you are unsuccessful in your first choice for each season. Please remember, if you are applying together in the same envelope with other individuals, all unit choices must be identical or the application will be rejected. If you qualify for and want landowner/operator preference, you must provide the legal description of the land that qualifies you. By completing the land descriptions, you are declaring that you qualify for landowner/operator preference as explained under APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS of this document and are applying for a license using that requirement. Nonresidents do not qualify for landowner/operator preference. Landowner preference applies to first choice only for a specific season.
- 2. Residency:** Check the appropriate box to indicate that you qualify and are applying as a resident, or applying as a nonresident.
- 3. Social Security Number:** Last four digits only. This information is required by state law and applications that do not include the SSN will be rejected. See information under "application requirements."
- 4. Date of Birth:** Enter your date of birth, month first, followed by day and year. For example, a birth date of March 8, 1971, would be entered 03-08-1971.
- 5. Driver License or Identification Card Number:** If you possess one, please enter your driver's license number, even if it duplicates your Social Security Number. Residents over age 16 without a driver's license must enter your state-issued and expiration-dated South Dakota ID card number. Include the two-letter abbreviation for the state or province your driver's license was issued from. Youth without a driver's license or ID card number, see instruction No. 7.
- 6. Print Name:** Print your complete name, with FIRST NAME first, followed by middle initial and last name. Leave a space between each.
- 7. HuntSAFE Card Number:** This number must be entered for resident youth ages 12-15. Nonresident youth are required to use their hunter safety card number or the number of a current or previous hunting license issued to them from any state. If the hunter safety course has not been taken at the time of application, but will be completed before the hunt, leave this blank. If drawn, the license will be held until the License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number after the course has been successfully completed.
- 8. Mailing Address:** Licenses and refunds will be mailed to the address provided on the application. Those returned as "undeliverable" will be held in the License Office until a correct address is provided.
- 9. Phone Number:** Enter your daytime phone number. This information is kept confidential and is used only for contacting and/or surveying hunters.
- 10. E-mail Address:** This information is optional, but is helpful if there is a need to contact or send updates on information. We request that you fill this out if you have a personal e-mail address.
- 11. Gender:** Check the appropriate box.
- 12. Mailing List Opt-Out:** Applications are considered "public record" and from time to time the Game, Fish and Parks Commission receives requests from groups and businesses for these names and addresses. If you wish to keep your name from appearing on these lists, you may check this box. You will still be included in official GFP mailings such as season surveys.
- 13. Suspended Privileges:** Any person who has had hunting, fishing or trapping privileges revoked or suspended in any state or country may not purchase a preference point or license for or exercises that same privilege in South Dakota during the period of the revocation or suspension.
- 14. Donate to Second Century Habitat Fund, TIPs or SAH:** You may make a donation to the Second Century Habitat Fund, Turn In Poachers (TIPs) or Sportsmen Against Hunger (SAH) programs by checking one of the blanks at the bottom of the application and including an amount greater than the license fee in your payment. Any amount over the license fee will be donated to the selected program when one of the boxes is checked. If neither of the boxes is checked, the overpayment will be refunded. Your contributions are tax deductible.
- 15. Sign Application:** This application must be signed to be valid. A parent or guardian must sign the application for youth under age 16. Applications that are not signed will not be processed for a license.

*Review your application form to make certain all required information is completed and accurate.
Carefully tear or cut the one page form from this pamphlet, and mail the application to:*

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