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PREFACE

Big game harvest estimates reported herein for the 2024 big game seasons were developed as described in Wildlife Survey Manual, 2009-2015, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks. Species-specific methodologies are reported there.

Wildlife Division Administrative Section personnel (all seasons except Bighorn sheep and Mountain goat – Corey Huxoll; Bighorn sheep and Mountain goat – Chad Lehman) were responsible for development of these harvest estimates, as part of Federal Aid for Wildlife Restoration as Project W-95-R. Harvest survey responses were taken directly over the Internet using Survey123®.

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SPRING PRAIRIE TURKEY

The 2024 Spring Prairie Turkey season was open April 13 through May 31 for all units except Davison/Hanson, and Lincoln, which had split seasons. License sales totaled 7,338 (5,848 residents and 1,490 nonresidents) compared to 7,310 in 2023. There were 7,375 licenses available and overall tag sales totaled 8,074. Only single and double tag male turkey licenses were available.

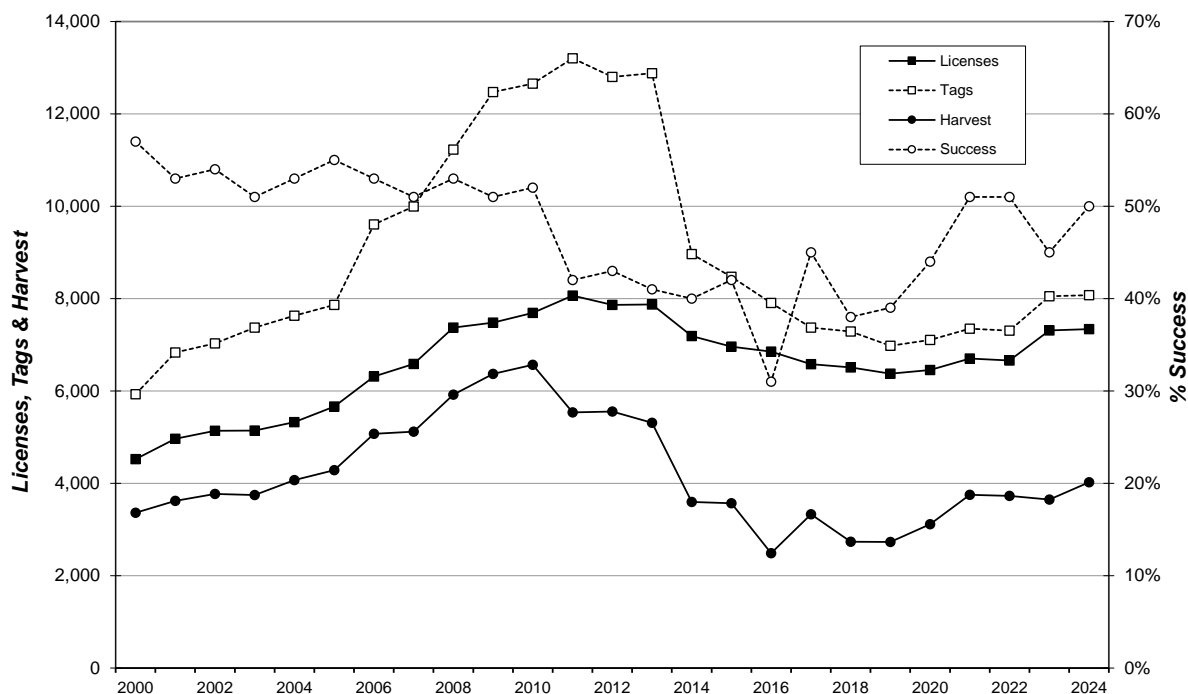
All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123, and the response rate was 54%. The reported overall harvest success rate was 50% and the projected harvest was 4,024 turkeys.

Spring prairie turkey hunters averaged 2.63 days hunting for a projected total of 18,227 hunting days. Respondents were asked to gauge their satisfaction of the season (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied) and the average response was 5.53.

Comparison of the 2015-2024 Spring Prairie Turkey Seasons

Year	Resident Licenses	Nonres Licenses	Tags	Harvest		Success	Avg Days Hunted	Satisf
				Males	Hens			
2015	5,604	1,357	8,470	3,555	10	42%	2.64	5.34
2016	5,648	1,202	7,907	2,482	4	31%	2.72	5.49
2017	5,364	1,213	7,371	3,323	5	45%	2.50	5.55
2018	5,364	1,146	7,287	2,724	9	38%	2.18	5.49
2019	5,250	1,125	6,977	2,722	5	39%	2.14	5.39
2020	5,500	955	7,103	3,107	6	44%	2.70	5.48
2021	5,444	1,255	7,348	3,748	0	51%	2.57	5.75
2022	4,834	1,824	7,305	3,725	2	51%	2.69	5.61
2023	5,878	1,432	8,048	3,647	0	45%	2.65	5.40
2024	5,848	1,490	8,074	4,024	0	50%	2.63	5.53

Spring Firearm Prairie Turkey 2000-2024



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2024 Spring Prairie Turkey Harvest Projections

Unit		Licenses													Harvest Projections					Avg Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score		
		Resident						Nonresident							Males			Total Harvest					
		License Type	Hunters	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Response Rate	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Response Rate	Tags sold	Tag Success	Hunter Success	LCI	UCI	License Type		1st tag			2nd tag	Adults
01A	32	80	153	80	80	0	0	0	56%	80	45%	45%	35%	56%	32	45%		33	4	0	36	3.73	6.03
02A	32	220	51	250	127	47	20	143	45%	270	39%	46%	38%	54%	32	39%		81	25	0	106	2.43	5.32
06A	32	40	107	40	40	0	0	0	75%	40	60%	60%	51%	69%	32	60%		21	3	0	24	3.73	4.92
07A	32	300	249	300	300	0	0	0	56%	300	51%	51%	46%	57%	32	51%		131	23	0	154	2.91	5.83
08A	32	100	89	100	100	0	0	0	57%	100	43%	43%	34%	52%	32	43%		32	11	0	43	3.02	5.26
08B	32	100	51	100	99	0	0	1	44%	100	39%	39%	28%	50%	32	39%		34	5	0	39	3.42	5.53
10A	32	50	25	50	50	0	0	0	44%	50	77%	77%	64%	90%	32	77%		27	11	0	39	3.14	6.21
11A	32	31	14	30	23	16	3	10	55%	33	44%	41%	24%	58%	32	44%		15	0	0	15	1.82	5.08
12A	32	300	270	300	299	0	0	1	55%	300	58%	58%	53%	63%	32	58%		155	18	0	173	2.27	6.04
13A	32	168	61	175	159	0	0	16	55%	175	58%	60%	53%	67%	32	58%		80	22	0	102	2.48	5.39
15A	32	360	104	350	219	173	28	159	55%	378	61%	61%	57%	66%	32	61%		217	13	0	230	2.53	5.68
16A	32	20	22	20	20	0	0	0	50%	20	40%	40%	20%	63%	32	40%		8	0	0	8	2.10	5.50
17A	32	349	312	350	349	0	0	0	53%	349	50%	50%	45%	54%	32	50%		165	9	0	175	2.54	5.87
19A	32	120	93	120	120	0	0	0	60%	120	35%	35%	28%	42%	32	35%		37	5	0	42	4.01	5.09
20A	32	76	19	75	66	13	6	15	54%	81	41%	39%	28%	50%	32	41%		30	4	0	33	2.15	5.37
21A	32	153	36	150	112	53	12	52	52%	164	49%	49%	41%	57%	32	49%		61	19	0	80	2.48	5.54
22A	32	125	242	125	125	0	0	0	60%	125	55%	55%	47%	62%	32	55%		53	15	0	68	3.23	5.78
23A	32	150	194	150	150	0	0	0	65%	150	56%	56%	50%	62%	32	56%		77	8	0	84	3.08	5.72
24A	32	148	48	150	105	30	12	61	57%	166	50%	54%	46%	61%	32	50%		72	11	0	83	2.18	5.70
27A	32	108	88	100	100	59	8	8	49%	108	44%	44%	34%	54%	32	44%		42	6	0	48	2.38	5.38
29A	32	299	291	300	299	0	0	0	56%	299	61%	61%	57%	66%	32	61%		169	14	0	184	3.00	5.59
30A	32	718	382	700	623	279	56	132	49%	755	47%	47%	43%	51%	32	47%		307	51	0	358	2.40	5.29
31A	35	229	67	250	169	53	20	82	48%	502	39%	51%	43%	58%	35	48%	27%	147	48	0	195	2.62	5.21
32A	32	20	39	20	20	0	0	0	80%	20	44%	44%	35%	55%	32	44%		9	0	0	9	2.56	5.08
35A	32	108	132	100	100	66	8	8	60%	108	54%	54%	46%	62%	32	54%		40	18	0	58	1.82	5.96
36A	32	30	34	30	30	0	0	0	80%	30	71%	71%	62%	77%	32	71%		19	3	0	21	3.04	5.65
37A	32	70	65	70	70	0	0	0	64%	70	42%	42%	33%	51%	32	42%		22	8	0	30	2.96	5.43
39A	32	161	32	200	96	67	16	121	59%	217	63%	69%	62%	76%	32	63%		118	19	0	137	2.36	5.46
40A	32	19	34	20	19	0	0	0	53%	19	10%	10%	5%	24%	32	10%		2	0	0	2	2.70	4.67
41A	32	66	16	75	30	11	6	51	34%	81	26%	32%	15%	49%	32	26%		21	0	0	21	1.64	5.19
44A	32	50	105	50	50	0	0	0	68%	50	59%	59%	49%	69%	32	59%		25	4	0	29	2.68	5.48
44B	32	50	76	50	50	0	0	0	68%	50	29%	29%	20%	38%	32	29%		15	0	0	15	2.45	5.35
45A	32	162	122	150	150	45	12	12	59%	162	49%	49%	43%	55%	32	49%		68	12	0	79	2.37	5.65
48A	32	448	388	450	448	0	0	0	53%	448	58%	58%	54%	63%	32	58%		212	50	0	261	3.07	5.80
49A	35	371	113	350	236	141	28	142	55%	756	46%	60%	56%	65%	35	59%	33%	320	31	0	351	3.05	5.56
50A	32	295	64	350	170	93	28	195	52%	365	50%	50%	44%	56%	32	50%		144	37	0	181	2.16	5.23
52A	32	60	86	60	60	0	0	0	67%	60	53%	53%	43%	62%	32	53%		29	3	0	32	3.83	5.70
53A	35	106	32	100	73	17	8	34	50%	214	40%	51%	41%	61%	35	50%	30%	66	20	0	86	2.57	5.53
56A	32	10	16	10	10	0	0	0	50%	10	20%	20%	10%	50%	32	20%		2	0	0	2	2.40	4.50
58A	32	44	73	40	40	8	4	4	66%	44	66%	66%	55%	76%	32	66%		27	2	0	29	3.14	5.88
58B	32	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	50%	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	32	0%		0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
60A	32	370	119	400	252	80	32	177	49%	429	56%	56%	50%	61%	32	56%		212	29	0	241	2.00	5.25
61A	32	30	47	30	30	0	0	0	73%	30	32%	32%	23%	43%	32	32%		8	1	0	10	4.73	5.55
62A	32	120	148	120	120	0	0	0	63%	120	55%	55%	48%	62%	32	55%		64	2	0	66	2.86	5.21
65A	32	39	7	40	21	18	4	21	44%	42	27%	29%	12%	47%	32	27%		11	0	0	11	0.76	5.63
67A	32	60	11	75	37	12	6	45	42%	82	44%	44%	27%	61%	32	44%		36	0	0	36	1.64	5.50

Totals 6,935 4,727 7,057 5,848 1,281 318 1,490 54% 8,074 49.8% 3,461 563 0 4,024 2.63 5.53

Response rate for all units combined was 54.0%

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

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

SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY

An unlimited number of licenses were available, and 5,994 licenses were issued for the 2024 Spring Black Hills Turkey season (2,824 residents, 3,170 nonresidents). All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123, and 2,931 responses were received for a rate of 49%. The reported success rate was 36% and the projected harvest was 2,156 male turkeys.

The season was open from April 27 through May 31 and hunters averaged 3.35 days of hunting for a projected total of 20,083 days of recreation.

Comparison of the 2015-2024 Spring Black Hills Turkey Seasons

Year	Licenses Issued	Harvest	Tag Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
2015	3,877	1,258	32%	3.44	4.89
2016	4,056	1,575	39%	3.38	5.21
2017	4,401	1,701	39%	3.48	5.30
2018	4,567	1,441	32%	3.38	5.15
2019	4,545	1,365	30%	3.61	4.93
2020	4,733	1,287	27%	3.64	4.90
2021	6,303	1,776	28%	3.44	4.87
2022	5,133	1,563	30%	3.46	4.92
2023	5,328	2,073	39%	3.37	5.20
2024	5,994	2,156	36%	3.35	5.00

2024 Spring Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

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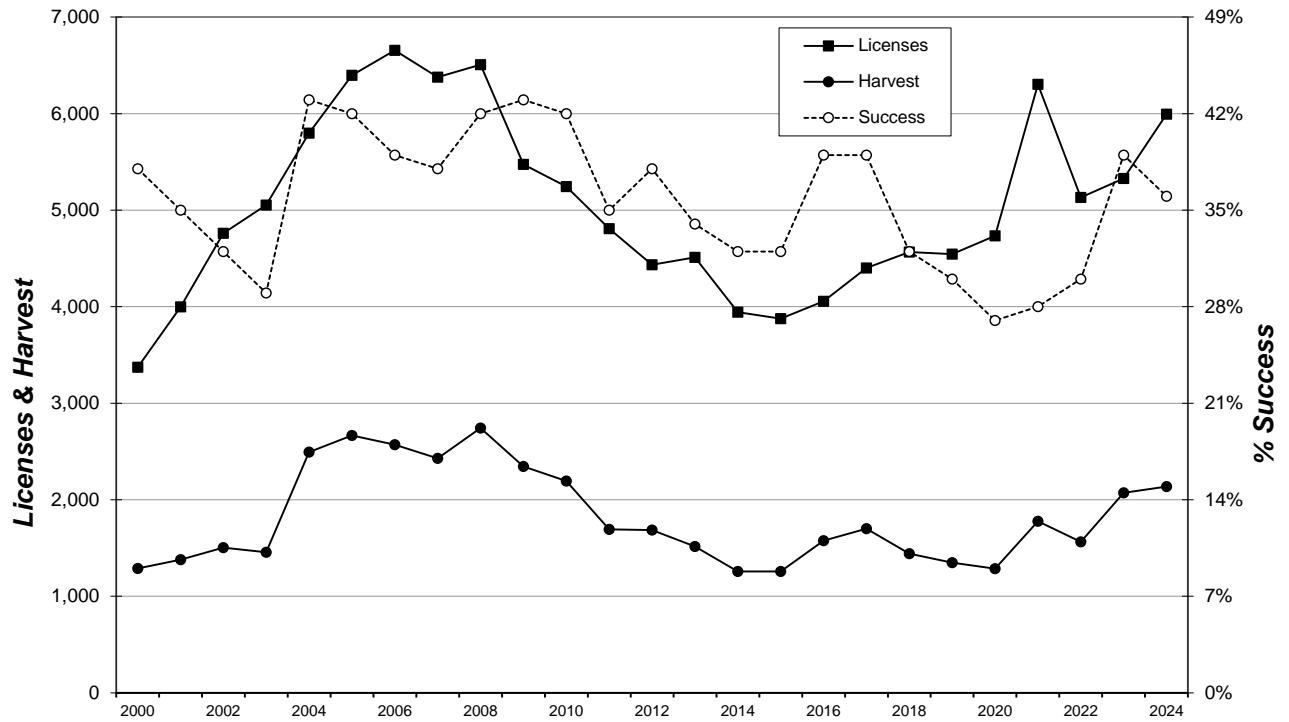
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Unit/Type	Residency	Licenses		Response Rate	Tag Success		Harvest Estimate				Ave. Days Hunted	Avg Satsfctn	
		Avail.	Sold		Success	LCI	UCI	Toms	Jakes	Hens			Total
BH1-32	Resident	Unlim	2,824	50.5%	24%	-	-	540	131	0	671	3.01	4.56
	Nonresident	Unlim	3,170	48.4%	47%	-	-	1,265	221	0	1,485	3.65	5.38
			5,994	49.4%	36%	34%	37%	1,805	352	0	2,156	3.35	5.00

Response rate for the season was

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

Black Hills Spring Turkey 2000-2024



SPRING ARCHERY TURKEY

There were 4,398 resident and 701 nonresident licenses sold for a total of 5,099 licensed spring archery turkey hunters in 2024.

Surveys were sent via email invitations to respond online. All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed, and 2,293 responses were received for a rate of 45%.

The projected harvest based on survey responses was 1,369 male turkeys and 4 female turkeys, for a success rate of 27%. The season was open from April 13 through May 31 and the projected total number of days hunted was 16,904, an average of 3.32 days per hunter.

The five units with the highest reported harvest were Minnehaha, Grant, Day/Codington, Marshall/Roberts, and Yankton.

Comparison of the 2015-2024 Spring Archery Turkey Seasons

Year	Licenses Sold		Harvest	Success	Avg Days Hunted	Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonresident				
2015	2,604	315	790	27%	3.59	5.36
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

2024 Spring Archery Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:

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Unit/Type	Residency	Licenses		Response Rate	Tag		Harvest Estimate				Ave. Days Hunted	Avg Satsfctn	
		Avail.	Sold		Success	LCI	UCI	Toms	Jakes	Hens			Total
ST1-32	Resident	Unlim	4,398	44.5%	24%	-	-	925	140	2	1,067	3.34	5.28
	Nonresident	Unlim	701	48.4%	44%	-	-	230	74	2	306	3.18	5.89
			5,099	45.1%	27%	26%	29%	1,155	214	4	1,373	3.32	5.36

Response rate for the season was

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

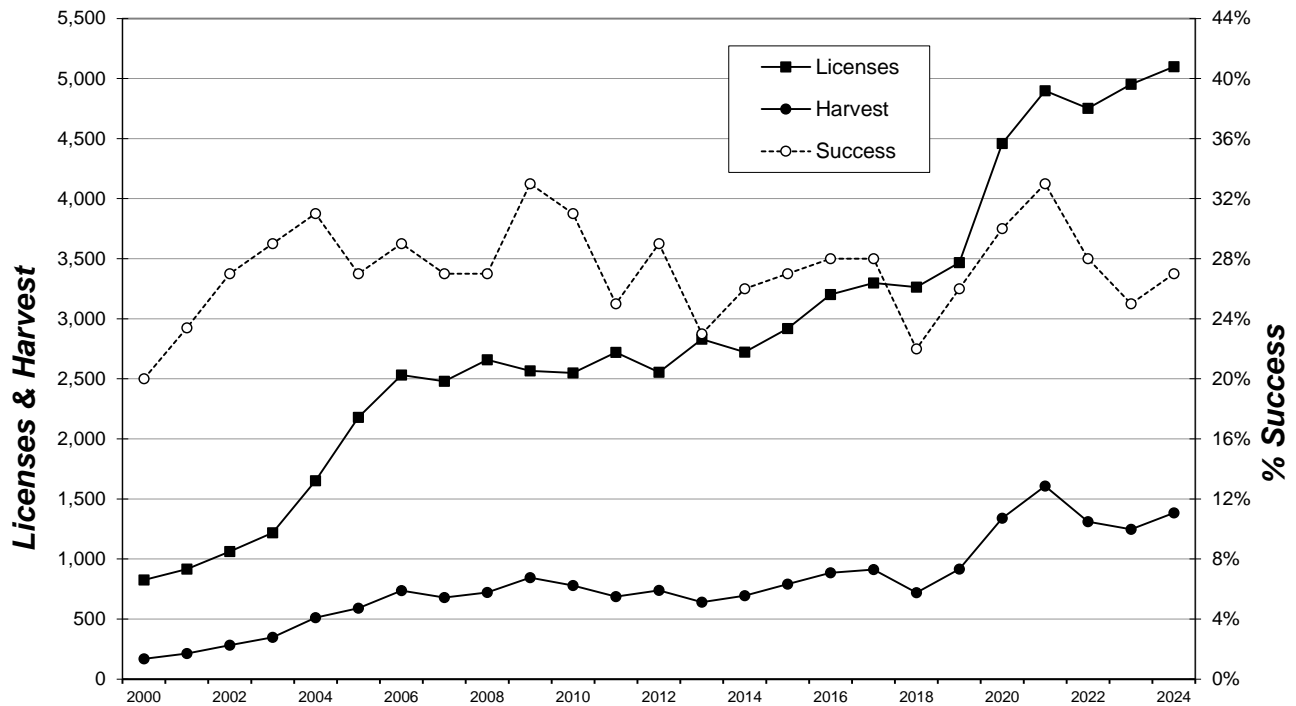
2024 Spring Archery Turkey Harvest Distribution

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County	Reported Harvest				Projected Harvest				%
	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	
01A (Minnehaha)	36	1	0	37	80	2	0	82	6.0%
02A (Pennington-East)	6	3	0	9	13	7	0	20	1.4%
Brown County	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0.3%
06A (Brookings)	21	2	0	23	46	4	0	51	3.7%
07A (Yankton)	36	6	0	42	80	13	0	93	6.8%
08A (Davison/Hanson)	12	1	0	13	27	2	0	29	2.1%
10A (Aurora/Douglas)	4	1	0	5	9	2	0	11	0.8%
11A (Bennett)	4	0	0	4	9	0	0	9	0.6%
12A (Bon Homme)	18	2	0	20	40	4	0	44	3.2%
13A (Brule/Buffalo)	11	1	0	12	24	2	0	27	1.9%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	16	1	0	17	35	2	0	38	2.7%
16A (Campbell/Walworth)	4	1	0	5	9	2	0	11	0.8%
17A (Charles Mix)	20	2	0	22	44	4	0	49	3.5%
19A (Clay)	6	1	0	7	13	2	0	15	1.1%
20A (Corson)	3	1	0	4	7	2	0	9	0.6%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	9	3	0	12	20	7	0	26	1.9%
22A (Day/Codington)	36	10	0	46	80	22	0	101	7.4%
23A (Deuel)	19	4	0	23	42	9	0	51	3.7%
24A (Dewey/Ziebach)	2	1	0	3	4	2	0	7	0.5%
27A (Fall River)	9	1	0	10	20	2	0	22	1.6%
29A (Grant)	31	11	0	42	69	24	0	93	6.7%
30A (Gregory)	27	7	0	34	60	15	0	75	5.5%
31A (Haakon)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0.3%
32A (Hamlin/Clark)	8	0	0	8	18	0	0	18	1.3%
35A (Harding)	10	0	0	10	22	0	0	22	1.6%
36A (Hughes)	10	1	0	11	22	2	0	24	1.8%
37A (Hutchinson)	9	0	0	9	20	0	0	20	1.4%
39A (Jackson)	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0.2%
40A (Jerauld/Beadle/Hand)	2	1	0	3	4	2	0	7	0.5%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Lake County	4	0	0	4	9	0	0	9	0.6%
44A (Lincoln)	12	1	1	14	27	2	2	31	2.2%
45A (Lyman)	9	2	0	11	20	4	0	24	1.8%
McCook County	5	3	0	8	11	7	0	18	1.3%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	31	10	0	41	69	22	0	90	6.6%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	16	2	0	18	35	4	0	40	2.9%
50A (Mellette)	4	1	0	5	9	2	0	11	0.8%
52A (Moody)	5	0	0	5	11	0	0	11	0.8%
53A (Perkins)	4	1	0	5	9	2	0	11	0.8%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	8	0	0	8	18	0	0	18	1.3%
Sully County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
60A (Tripp)	5	1	0	6	11	2	0	13	1.0%
61A (Turner)	6	3	0	9	13	7	0	20	1.4%
62A (Union)	20	3	0	23	44	7	0	51	3.7%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	0.3%
67A (Todd)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.2%
BH1 (Black Hills)	19	6	1	26	42	13	2	57	4.2%
TOTALS	522	98	2	622	1,155	214	4	1,373	

Use these figures for approximations only!

Spring Archery Turkey 2000-2024



MENTORED SPRING TURKEY

There were 1,849 Mentored Spring Turkey licenses sold in South Dakota for the 2024 season. All were single tag licenses valid for a male turkey. All mentors/hunters were surveyed, and 917 responses (50%) were received. Surveys were only sent via email and no corrections were made for nonresponse bias.

The 2024 spring season ran from April 13 through May 31. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.13 days, which projected to a total of 3,947 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 710 male turkeys and 4 female turkeys were harvested, resulting in a success rate for the season of 39%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters/mentors was 5.77 (1 representing “very dissatisfied” and 7 representing “very satisfied”).

The five units with the highest reported harvest were Grant, Day/Codington, Minnehaha, Marshall/Roberts, and the Black Hills.

Summary of the 2015-2024 Spring Mentored Youth Turkey Seasons

YEAR	Licenses		HARVEST			Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2015	654	205	0	205	31%	2.41	5.70
2016	734	277	0	277	38%	2.68	5.78
2017	799	310	0	310	39%	2.70	5.85
2018	735	261	0	261	35%	2.32	5.82
2019	1,024	295	0	295	29%	2.03	5.63
2020	1,356	507	2	508	37%	3.04	5.76
2021	1,422	523	0	523	37%	2.54	5.71
2022	1,632	558	0	558	34%	2.47	5.55
2023	1,702	489	2	491	29%	2.52	5.53
2024	1,849	710	4	714	39%	2.13	5.77

2024 Mentored Spring Turkey Harvest Projection

Unit/Type	Licenses				Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Estimates				Avg Days Hunted	Avg Satsfctn
	Resident		Nonresident				Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total		
	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold								
ST1-32	Unlim	1,743	Unlim	106	49.6%	39%	532	177	4	714	2.13	5.77

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

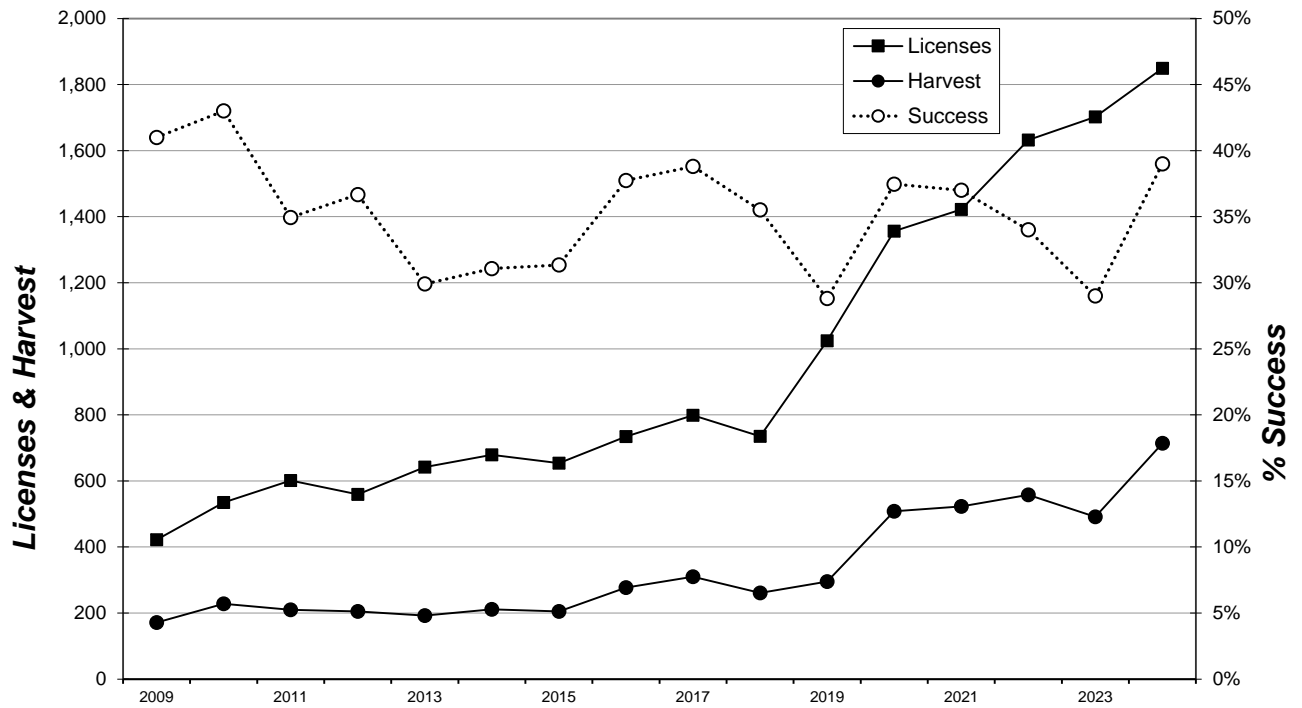
2024 Spring Ment Youth Turkey Harvest Distribution

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County	Reported Harvest				Projected Harvest				%
	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	
01A (Minnehaha)	15	6	0	21	32	12	0	44	6.2%
02A (Pennington-East)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	0.6%
06A (Brookings)	13	2	0	15	28	4	0	32	4.5%
07A (Yankton)	12	2	0	14	26	4	0	30	4.2%
08A (Davison/Hanson)	8	2	0	10	17	4	0	21	3.0%
10A (Aurora/Douglas)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	0.6%
11A (Bennett)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.3%
12A (Bon Homme)	12	3	0	15	26	6	0	32	4.5%
13A (Brule/Buffalo)	2	2	0	4	4	4	0	8	1.2%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	7	3	0	10	15	6	0	21	3.0%
16A (Campbell/Walworth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
17A (Charles Mix)	14	2	0	16	30	4	0	34	4.8%
19A (Clay)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0.6%
20A (Corson)	3	1	0	4	6	2	0	8	1.2%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	3	1	0	4	6	2	0	8	1.2%
22A (Day/Codington)	29	10	1	40	62	21	2	85	11.9%
23A (Deuel)	10	4	0	14	21	8	0	30	4.2%
24A (Dewey/Ziebach)	3	0	0	3	6	0	0	6	0.9%
27A (Fall River)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	0.6%
29A (Grant)	16	3	0	19	34	6	0	40	5.7%
30A (Gregory)	7	3	0	10	15	6	0	21	3.0%
31A (Haakon)	4	1	0	5	9	2	0	11	1.5%
32A (Hamlin/Clark)	6	1	0	7	13	2	0	15	2.1%
35A (Harding)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0.6%
36A (Hughes)	2	3	0	5	4	6	0	10	1.5%
37A (Hutchinson)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0.6%
39A (Jackson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
40A (Jerauld/Beadle/Hand)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	0.6%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
44A (Lincoln)	3	4	0	7	6	8	0	15	2.1%
45A (Lyman)	6	3	0	9	13	6	0	19	2.7%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	13	6	0	19	28	12	0	40	5.6%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	4	4	0	8	9	8	0	17	2.4%
50A (Mellette)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	0.6%
52A (Moody)	5	1	0	6	11	2	0	13	1.8%
53A (Perkins)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	5	2	0	7	11	4	0	15	2.1%
60A (Tripp)	5	1	0	6	11	2	0	13	1.8%
61A (Turner)	8	2	0	10	17	4	0	21	3.0%
62A (Union)	10	1	0	11	21	2	0	23	3.3%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH1 (Black Hills)	12	8	1	21	26	17	2	44	6.2%
Unknown	15	2	0	17					
TOTALS	264	88	2	354	532	177	4	714	

Use these figures for approximations only!

Spring Mentored Youth Turkey 2009-2024



SPRING CUSTER STATE PARK TURKEY

In 2024, 608 hunters applied for the 100 resident licenses available for the Spring Custer State Park Turkey season, which was open from April 27 through May 19. All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

All hunters that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123, and the response rate was 69%. Surveys were sent via email invitations to respond online. The reported success rate was 26% and the projected harvest was 26 male turkeys. Hunters averaged 2.43 days of hunting for a projected total of 243 days of recreation for the season.

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Custer State Park Spring Turkey seasons

Year	Licenses Sold	Harvest	Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
2015	135	50	37%	2.56	4.83
2016	100	49	49%	2.08	6.05
2017	100	58	58%	1.88	6.29
2018	100	43	43%	2.21	5.33
2019	100	48	48%	2.15	5.81
2020	98	55	57%	2.23	5.75
2021	100	47	47%	2.81	5.54
2022	100	42	42%	3.30	4.86
2023	100	41	41%	2.51	5.41
2024	100	26	26%	2.43	4.59

2024 Custer State Park Spring Turkey Harvest

Last Revised:
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Unit/Type	Appl. 1st Choice *	Licenses		Response Rate	Unit Success	LCI	UCI	Harvest Projections			Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score
		Resident Avail.	Sold					Toms	Jakes	Total Harvest		
CU1-32	608	100	100	69%	26%	20%	32%	22	4	26	2.43	4.59

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

FALL PRAIRIE TURKEY

There were 1,575 licenses (1,522 resident, 53 nonresident) sold for the 2024 South Dakota Fall Prairie Turkey season for a total of 1,738 tags. All tags were valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 779 responded for a 53% response rate. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.53 days, which projected to a total of 3,714 recreation days for the season.

Harvest projections indicated 360 males were taken along with 228 hens for a total of 588 turkeys. The estimated success rate for the season was 34%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 5.14 (1 representing “very dissatisfied” and 7 representing “very satisfied”).

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Fall Prairie Turkey seasons

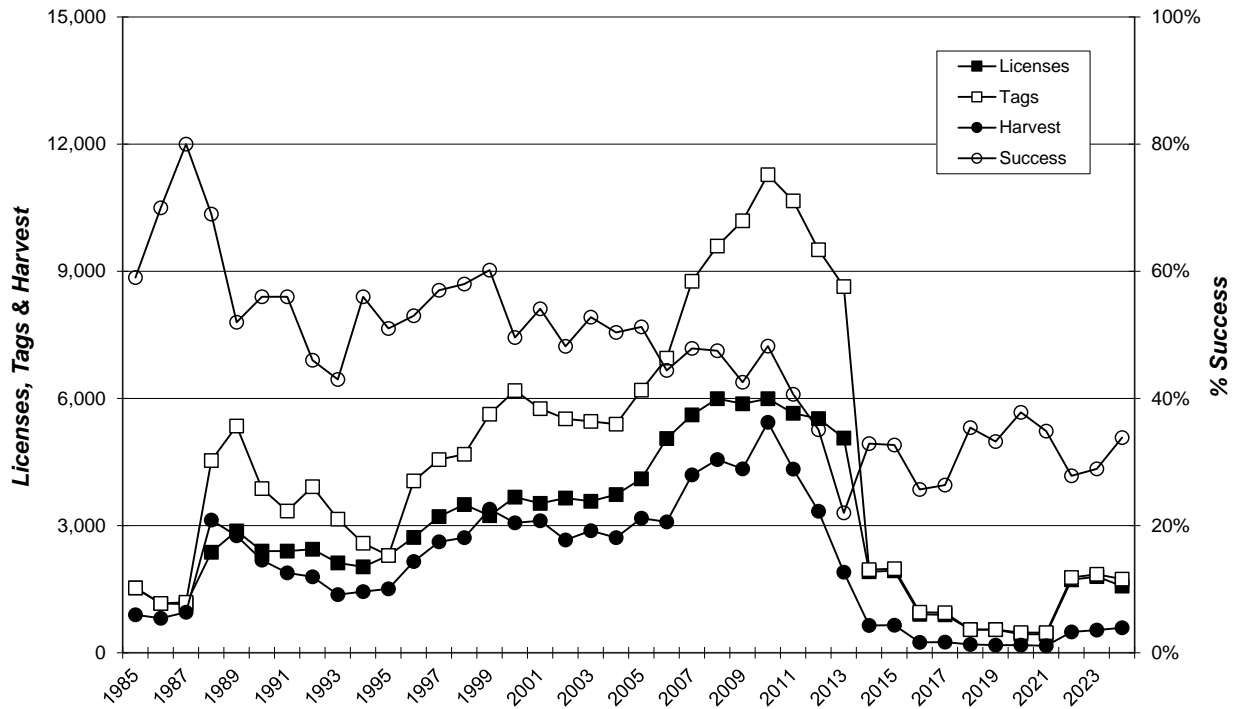
Year	Licenses	Tags	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	% Success	Hunted	Satisfactn
2015	1,936	1,986	422	227	649	33%	2.56	4.80
2016	908	958	173	72	246	26%	2.19	4.87
2017	898	948	194	56	250	26%	2.46	4.86
2018	548	548	142	52	194	35%	2.18	5.09
2019	548	548	130	52	182	33%	2.11	5.12
2020	438	476	117	62	180	38%	3.43	5.32
2021	438	476	113	54	166	35%	3.17	4.98
2022	1,721	1,774	350	144	494	28%	2.52	5.23
2023	1,800	1,852	338	199	536	29%	2.51	4.98
2024	1,575	1,738	360	228	588	34%	2.53	5.14

2024 Fall Prairie Turkey Harvest Projections

Licenses																				Harvest Projections					Avg Days	Mean Satisfctn	
Unit		Type	Resident						Nonresident						Males					Hens					Total		
		Hunters	Appl. 1st	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Tags Sold	Response Rate	Tag Success	Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk	Harvest	Hunted	Score						
01A	31	25	75	25	25	0	0	0	25	64%	13%	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.4	4.7						
02A	31	52	12	50	51	0	4	2	53	37%	37%	0	11	6	3	0	0	20	1.7	5.2							
06A	31	20	60	20	20	0	0	0	20	65%	54%	6	2	3	0	0	0	11	6.0	4.8							
07A	31	168	114	175	175	0	0	0	175	52%	30%	26	11	15	0	0	0	52	3.5	5.1							
08A	31	50	46	50	50	0	0	0	50	50%	20%	6	4	0	0	0	0	10	1.7	4.8							
10A	31	25	19	25	25	0	0	0	25	60%	40%	5	3	0	2	0	0	10	1.8	5.4							
12A	31	128	70	175	173	0	0	2	175	52%	44%	32	9	31	5	0	0	78	2.9	5.3							
13A	31	43	15	50	45	0	0	5	50	58%	25%	9	2	0	0	2	13	3.0	4.5								
15A	37	81	62	75	75	13	6	6	162	38%	23%	21	10	3	3	0	0	37	1.9	5.1							
17A	31	51	47	50	51	0	0	0	51	47%	17%	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.2	4.7							
21A	31	53	36	50	54	0	4	0	54	42%	39%	2	2	14	2	0	0	21	2.0	5.9							
24A	31	47	17	50	50	3	4	4	54	62%	23%	9	3	0	0	0	0	12	2.8	5.4							
29A	31	125	106	125	125	0	0	0	125	54%	34%	22	6	11	4	0	0	43	3.1	5.1							
30A	31	54	45	50	50	2	4	4	54	63%	36%	13	3	3	0	0	0	20	2.3	5.5							
31A	31	49	18	50	53	1	4	1	54	64%	45%	13	8	2	2	0	0	25	1.5	5.5							
35A	31	54	36	50	50	9	4	4	54	59%	28%	12	0	3	0	0	0	15	2.7	5.3							
39A	37	59	21	75	76	1	6	6	164	45%	65%	15	2	60	29	0	0	106	1.8	5.7							
45A	31	50	21	50	51	3	4	3	54	73%	35%	8	7	4	0	0	0	19	1.7	5.4							
48A	31	98	97	100	98	0	0	0	98	59%	30%	15	3	9	0	2	2	29	3.1	5.2							
49A	31	54	63	50	50	1	4	4	54	57%	26%	7	3	0	2	2	14	3.1	4.9								
50A	31	27	34	25	25	1	2	2	27	30%	25%	3	0	0	0	3	7	1.4	4.8								
52A	31	25	35	25	25	0	0	0	25	52%	15%	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	6.6	5.8							
53A	31	53	28	50	51	2	4	3	54	53%	18%	6	0	4	0	0	0	10	1.6	4.4							
58A	31	27	36	25	26	1	2	1	27	70%	21%	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.9	5.2							
60A	31	52	28	50	48	1	4	6	54	48%	33%	10	6	0	2	0	0	18	1.6	4.6							
Totals		1,470	1,141	1,520	1,522	38	56	53	1,738	53.3%	33.9%	264	96	167	53	8	588	2.53	5.14								

The response rate for all units combined *53%
 * Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

Fall Prairie Turkey 1985-2024



FALL BLACK HILLS TURKEY

There were 217 Fall Black Hills Turkey licenses (201 resident, 16 nonresident) sold in South Dakota for the 2024 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 130 responded for a 60% response rate. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.32 days, which projected to a total of 719 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 46 males were harvested along with 42 hens, a total of 89 turkeys (rounding error). The overall estimated success rate for the season was 41%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 5.50 (1 representing “very dissatisfied” and 7 representing “very satisfied”).

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Fall Black Hills Turkey seasons

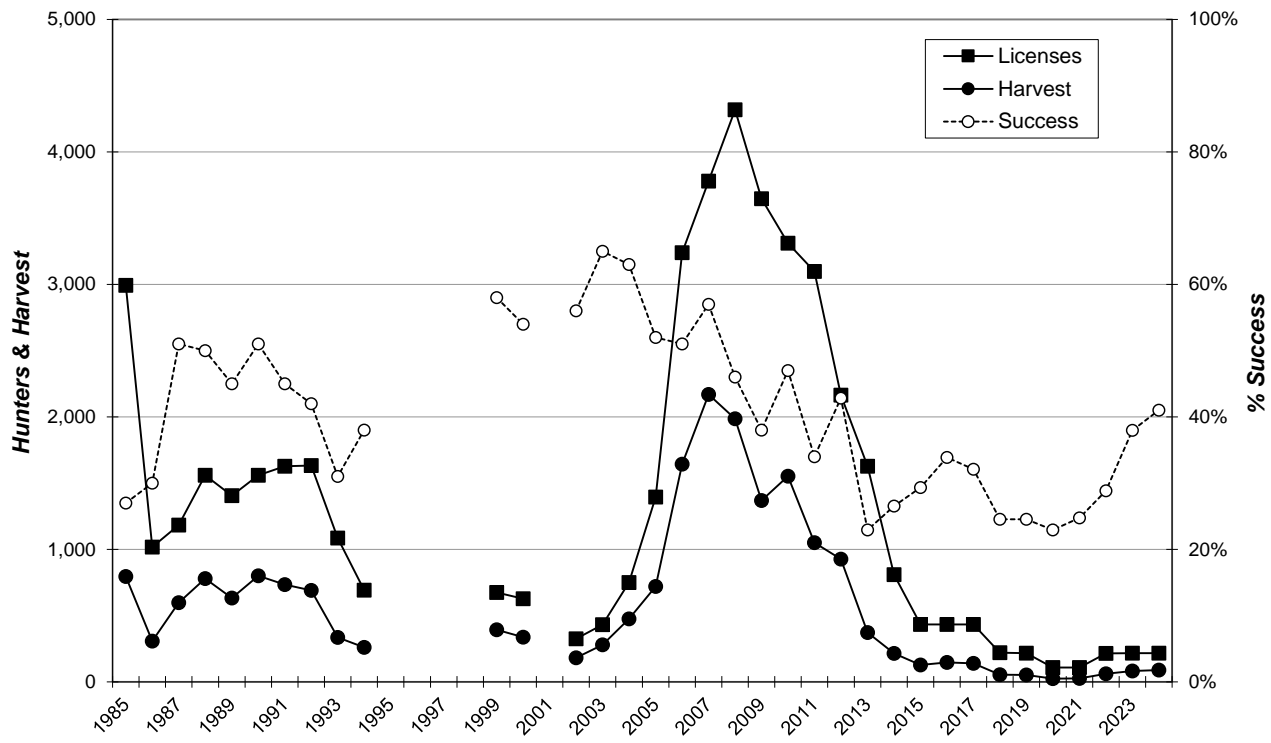
YEAR	LICENSES SOLD		HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Resident	Nonresid	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2015	406	27	66	62	127	29%	3.44	4.58
2016	408	26	91	55	147	34%	2.79	4.85
2017	415	18	87	52	139	32%	3.82	4.88
2018	204	16	27	26	54	25%	2.74	4.85
2019	204	12	34	18	53	25%	2.20	4.76
2020	102	7	11	15	25	23%	3.71	4.87
2021	101	8	18	9	27	25%	2.89	5.10
2022	201	14	30	32	62	29%	2.61	4.71
2023	209	7	36	46	82	38%	2.72	5.08
2024	201	16	46	42	89	41%	3.32	5.50

2024 Fall Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:		Licenses															Average		Mean
14-Mar-25		Resident			Nonresident			Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections					Total Harvest	Average Days Hunted	Satisfctn Score		
Unit/Type	Hunters	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold			Males		Hens						Unk	
								Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk							
BH1-31	217	125	200	201	8	16	16	60%	41%	28	18	35	5	2	89	3.32	5.50		

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

Black Hills Fall Turkey 1985-2024



FALL MENTORED YOUTH TURKEY

There were 567 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey licenses sold in South Dakota for the 2024 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. All mentors/hunters that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 254 responses were received for a 45% rate.

The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31. Respondents reported hunting an average of 1.94 days, which projects to a total of 1,100 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 60 males were harvested along with 43 hens, a total of 103 turkeys. The estimated success rate for this season was 18%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters/mentors was 5.09 (1 representing “very dissatisfied” and 7 representing “very satisfied”).

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey seasons

YEAR	Licenses	HARVEST				Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	%Success		
2015	370	58	39	98	21%	1.87	5.17
2016	429	62	21	84	20%	1.55	5.48
2017	453	60	22	83	18%	1.87	5.34
2018	521	68	27	96	18%	1.67	5.35
2019	412	40	22	60	15%	1.18	5.28
2020	501	48	14	62	12%	1.75	5.18
2021	300	42	13	56	19%	1.80	5.34
2022	444	89	36	125	28%	1.62	5.75
2023	558	84	44	127	23%	1.82	5.17
2024	567	60	43	103	18%	1.94	5.09

2024 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:
14-Mar-25

Unit/Type	Hunters	Licenses			Nonresident			Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections					Total Harvest	Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score
		Appl. 1st Choice *	Resident		Appl. 1st Choice *	Nonresident				Males		Hens					
			Avail.	Sold		Avail.	Sold			Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk			
ST1-31	567	NA	Unlim	544	NA	Unlim	23	45%	18%	32	28	24	6	13	103	1.94	5.09

2024 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
 14-Mar-25

County	Reported Harvest						Projected Harvest						Total	%
	Males			Females			Males			Females				
	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Jennies	Unk	Hens	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Jennies	Unk	Hens		
01A (Minnehaha)	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.2%
02A (Pennington-East)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
06A (Brookings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
07A (Yankton)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	4.2%
08AB (Davison/Hanson)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.1%
10A (Aurora)	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.1%
11A (Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12A (Bon Homme)	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.1%
13A (Brule)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	4	4.2%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
17A (Charles Mix/Douglas)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.1%
19AB (Clay)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
22A (Day/Codington)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
23A (Deuel)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
24A (Dewey)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
27A (Fall River)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
29A (Grant)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	6	6.3%
30A (Gregory)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	4.2%
31A (Haakon)	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	4.2%
32A (Hamiin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35A (Harding)	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	4.2%
36A (Hughes)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
37A (Hutchinson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39A (Jackson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
40A (Jerauld)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
44AB (Lincoln)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	3	1	1	0	0	0	6	2	2	0	0	0	11	10.4%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	3	7	6.7%
50A (Mellette)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
52A (Moody)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
53A (Perkins)	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	4.2%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5.0%
61A (Turner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
62AB (Union)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
65A (Shannon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH1 (Black Hills)	3	4	5	2	2	16	6	9	11	4	5	35	35	34.2%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	1	1								
TOTALS	15	13	11	3	6	48	32	28	24	6	13	103		

Use these figures for approximations only!

ARCHERY ANTELOPE

There were 2,986 single-tag archery antelope licenses issued in 2024 (2,165 resident and 821 nonresident). The archery season ran from August 17 through October 31, except when and where a state firearm antelope season was open. All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123 software and the response rate was 49%.

The overall success rate for the archery season was estimated to be 25%, with 724 adult bucks and 24 buck-kids harvested. Of the 24 management units where antelope harvest was reported, the Harding County and Butte County units accounted for 57.1% of all harvest.

Average hunter satisfaction was 4.81 and was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied), 4 being neutral.

2024 Archery Antelope Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 11/22/24

Unit/Type	Residency	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold	Response		Harvest Projections					Avg	Avg
				Rate	Success	Bucks	Does	Buck Kids	Doe Kids	Total Harvest	Satisfactn Rating	Days Hunted
ST1-42	Resident	Unlimited	2,165	47%	18%	382	0	17	0	399	4.50	3.83
	Nonresident Private Land	Unlimited	389	46%	53%	205	0	0	0	205	5.64	4.02
	Nonresident Public/Private	450	432	61%	33%	137	0	7	0	143	5.59	4.58
Totals			2,986	48.7%	25%	724	0	24	0	748	4.81	3.96

Satisfaction is based on a scale of 1-7, where "1" is very dissatisfied, "4" is neutral and "7" is very satisfied.

Harvest summaries for the 2015-2024 Archery Antelope seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Harvest		Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonresident	Bucks	Does			
2015	1,372	372	411	52	27%	4.07	5.26
2016	1,523	400	466	42	26%	3.80	5.33
2017	1,569	521	529	52	28%	4.00	5.44
2018	1,632	570	529	56	27%	4.17	5.43
2019	1,781	633	533	72	25%	3.79	5.40
2020	2,141	720	719	92	28%	3.81	5.28
2021	2,142	877	619	91	24%	3.90	5.19
2022	1,830	1,021	687	0	24%	4.14	4.81
2023	2,127	832	606	0	20%	3.73	4.70
2024	2,165	821	748	0	25%	3.96	4.81

2024 Archery Antelope Harvest by Management Unit

Unit/County	Reported Harvest					Projected Harvest					
	Adults		Fawns		Total	Adults		Fawns		Total	
	Buck	Doe	Buck	Doe		Buck	Doe	Buck	Doe	Projected	%
02A (Pennington E)	12	0	1	0	13	24	0	2	0	26	3.5%
11A (Bennett/Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
15A (Butte NW)	40	0	1	0	41	81	0	2	0	83	11.1%
15B (Butte/Lawrence)	43	0	1	0	44	88	0	2	0	89	12.0%
20A (Corson)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
21A (Custer E /Penn C)	12	0	0	0	12	24	0	0	0	24	3.3%
24A (Dewey)	6	0	0	0	6	12	0	0	0	12	1.6%
27A (F River/Custer SW)	29	0	1	0	30	59	0	2	0	61	8.2%
31A (Haakon)	3	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	6	0.8%
35A (Harding W)	80	0	1	0	81	163	0	2	0	165	22.0%
35B (Harding E)	41	0	3	0	44	83	0	6	0	89	11.9%
36A (Hughes)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.3%
38A (Hyde, Hand, Buffalo)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.3%
39A (Jackson)	7	0	0	0	7	14	0	0	0	14	1.9%
41A (Jones)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45B (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.3%
49A (Meade N)	14	0	0	0	14	28	0	0	0	28	3.8%
49B (Meade S)	4	0	0	0	4	8	0	0	0	8	1.1%
50A (Mellette)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
53A (Perkins N)	23	0	2	0	25	47	0	4	0	51	6.8%
53B (Perkins S)	21	0	1	0	22	43	0	2	0	45	6.0%
58A (Stanley)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
59A (Sully)	3	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	6	0.8%
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
63A (Walworth/Potter)	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.5%
64A (Ziebach)	5	0	1	0	6	10	0	2	0	12	1.6%
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0						
TOTALS	356	0	12	0	368	724	0	24	0	748	

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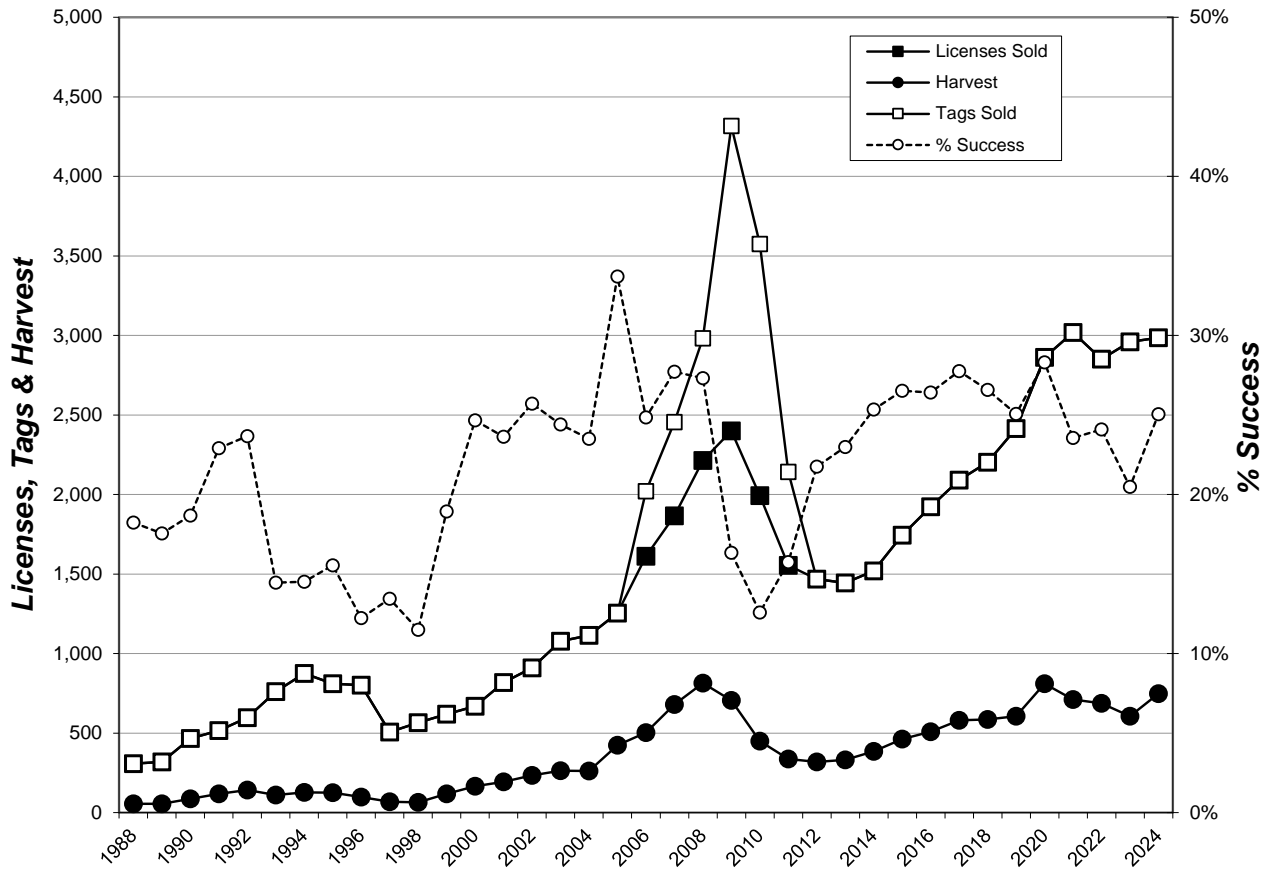
2024 Projected Archery Antelope Hunter Distribution

Unit Hunted Most	Reported Hunted			Projected Hunted			Total	*Opinion
	Residents	Nonresidents	Total	Residents	Nonresidents	Total	%	of Antelope Population
02A (Pennington E)	65	8	73	139	15	154	6.4%	2.4
11A (Bennett/Oglala Lakota)	1	1	2	2	2	4	0.2%	2.5
15A (Butte NW)	50	55	105	107	103	209	8.8%	2.4
15B (Butte/Lawrence)	58	40	98	124	75	198	8.3%	2.4
20A (Corson)	21	6	27	45	11	56	2.4%	2.1
21A (Custer E /Penn C)	18	5	23	38	9	48	2.0%	2.5
24A (Dewey)	8	3	11	17	6	23	1.0%	2.4
27A (F River/Custer SW)	79	26	105	169	49	217	9.1%	2.3
31A (Haakon)	8	3	11	17	6	23	1.0%	2.5
35A (Harding W)	124	123	247	265	230	494	20.7%	2.3
35B (Harding E)	77	59	136	164	110	274	11.5%	2.4
36A (Hughes)	5	0	5	11	0	11	0.4%	2.0
38A (Hyde, Hand, Buffalo)	2	5	7	4	9	14	0.6%	2.3
39A (Jackson)	23	4	27	49	7	57	2.4%	1.9
41A (Jones)	5	0	5	11	0	11	0.4%	1.6
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45B (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	4	0	4	9	0	9	0.4%	2.5
49A (Meade N)	41	10	51	88	19	106	4.5%	2.0
49B (Meade S)	20	5	25	43	9	52	2.2%	1.9
50A (Mellette)	3	2	5	6	4	10	0.4%	1.4
53A (Perkins N)	53	30	83	113	56	169	7.1%	2.3
53B (Perkins S)	49	19	68	105	35	140	5.9%	2.0
58A (Stanley)	11	0	11	23	0	23	1.0%	2.0
59A (Sully)	14	0	14	30	0	30	1.3%	1.8
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
63A (Walworth/Potter)	5	1	6	11	2	13	0.5%	1.3
64A (Ziebach)	16	3	19	34	6	40	1.7%	2.3
TOTALS	760	408	1,168	1,623	761	2,384		

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

Use these figures for approximations only!

Archery Antelope 1988-2024



FIREARM ANTELOPE

A total of 2,019 licenses (1,970 resident; 49 nonresident) were available for the 2024 Firearm Antelope hunting season. Including Landowner Own Land licenses, a total of 2,429 single tag licenses were sold. The 2024 season was open from September 28 through October 13.

All hunters that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123 software, and 1,304 surveys were returned for a 54% response rate.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 1.99 days each, which projects to 4,835 total recreation days for the season.

The harvest projections for the season included 1,601 adult bucks and 16 buck-kids for a total of 1,617 antelope. The estimated overall tag success for the season was 67%.

Harvest summaries for the 2017-2024 Firearm Antelope seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Harvest			Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonres	Bucks	Does	Total			
2017	5,286	146	2,692	1,093	3,784	64%	2.22	5.26
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	1,970	49	1,617	0	1,617	67%	1.99	5.18

2024 Firearm Antelope Harvest Projections

Unit Description	Unit-Type	Residents		Nonresidents			Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections						Mean Satisf	Avg Days Hunted	**Opinion of Antelope Population		
		Appl. 1st	Choice *	Available	Sold	Appl. 1st			Choice *	Available	Sold	Adults		Kids				Total	
												Bucks	Does	Bucks				Does	Harvest
Pennington E	02A-42	267	50	50	33	1	1	55%	71%	36	0	0	0	36	+/-6	5.84	1.58	2.4	
Bennett/Oglala Lakota	11A-42	79	20	20	6	1	0	60%	50%	8	0	2	0	10	+/-4	5.00	2.17	2.4	
Butte NW	15A-42	284	50	49	52	1	1	62%	68%	34	0	0	0	34	+/-5	4.80	1.87	2.0	
Butte/Lawrence	15B-42	821	200	198	109	4	4	64%	79%	159	0	0	0	159	+/-8	5.69	1.95	2.5	
Corson	20A-42	138	70	67	28	2	2	66%	51%	35	0	0	0	35	+/-6	4.54	2.25	2.0	
Custer E /Penn C	21A-42	338	100	99	20	2	3	59%	73%	71	0	3	0	75	+/-7	5.82	2.45	2.3	
Dewey	24A-42	69	50	49	4	1	1	50%	64%	32	0	0	0	32	+/-7	5.30	1.88	2.2	
F River/Custer SW	27A-42	1,366	350	342	250	7	7	62%	76%	261	0	5	0	266	+/-12	5.10	2.08	2.3	
Haakon	31A-42	120	25	25	13	1	1	62%	63%	16	0	0	0	16	+/-4	4.64	3.25	1.9	
Harding W	35A-42	837	150	146	241	3	3	60%	80%	119	0	0	0	119	+/-8	5.60	1.70	2.2	
Harding E	35B-42	688	150	145	146	3	3	64%	82%	121	0	0	0	121	+/-7	5.86	1.58	2.4	
Hughes	36A-42	45	5	5	2	1	1	50%	67%	2	0	2	0	4	+/-2	1.00	0.67	1.0	
Hand/Hyde/Bufalo	38A-42	25	5	4	6	1	1	60%	33%	2	0	0	0	2	+/-1	5.00	2.33	1.7	
Jackson	39A-42	193	50	49	16	1	1	48%	75%	35	0	2	0	38	+/-6	5.74	1.64	2.3	
Jones	41A-42	62	30	30	4	1	1	39%	58%	18	0	0	0	18	+/-7	4.75	3.45	1.7	
Lyman	45A-42	28	5	5	1	1	1	83%	100%	6	0	0	0	6	+/-0	3.60	4.00	1.2	
Ft Pierre Nat Grassland	45B-42	114	10	11	11	1	1	75%	89%	11	0	0	0	11	+/-1	5.56	3.67	1.6	
Meade N	49A-42	548	200	195	67	4	4	61%	70%	140	0	0	0	140	+/-10	5.00	2.22	2.0	
Meade S	49B-42	291	50	50	30	1	1	43%	64%	32	0	0	0	32	+/-8	5.12	2.00	2.1	
Mellette/Todd	50A-42	60	20	20	2	1	1	67%	57%	12	0	0	0	12	+/-3	5.60	1.57	1.9	
Perkins N	53A-42	391	75	75	107	2	2	56%	70%	54	0	0	0	54	+/-7	4.68	2.10	1.9	
Perkins S	53B-42	433	100	95	55	2	2	58%	93%	90	0	0	0	90	+/-4	5.89	1.55	2.7	
Stanley	58A-42	88	40	39	7	1	1	60%	54%	22	0	0	0	22	+/-5	4.81	2.48	2.0	
Sully	59A-42	48	5	6	3	1	0	67%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	+/-0	3.75	2.00	2.0	
Tripp	60A-42	8	5	5	1	1	1	50%	33%	2	0	0	0	2	+/-2	4.33	2.67	1.3	
Campbell/Walworth/Potte	63A-42	46	5	5	2	1	1	50%	100%	6	0	0	0	6	+/-0	5.00	2.67	1.3	
Ziebach	64A-42	272	150	148	16	3	2	56%	63%	92	0	2	0	94	+/-10	5.27	1.86	2.4	
Landowner Own Land	ST1-42	NA	Unitd	440	NA	Unitd	10	29%	41%	183	0	0	0	183	+/-32	4.65	1.88		
Totals		7,659	1,970	2,372	1,232	49	57	54%	67%	1,601	0	16	0	1,617	+/-171	5.18	1.99		

* 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

2024 Antelope LOL Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
21-Nov-24

Unit	Reported Harvest					Projected Harvest					Total	
	Bucks	Does	Buck kids	Doe kids	Total	Bucks	Does	Buck kids	Doe kids	Projected	%	
Pennington E	02A	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	1.9%
Bennett/Oglala Lakota	11A	2	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	7	3.8%
Butte NW	15A	4	0	0	0	4	14	0	0	0	14	7.7%
Butte/Lawrence	15B	3	0	0	0	3	11	0	0	0	11	5.8%
Corson	20A	3	0	0	0	3	11	0	0	0	11	5.8%
Custer E /Penn C	21A	3	0	0	0	3	11	0	0	0	11	5.8%
Dewey	24A	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	1.9%
F River/Custer SW	27A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Haakon	31A	4	0	0	0	4	14	0	0	0	14	7.7%
Harding W	35A	7	0	0	0	7	25	0	0	0	25	13.5%
Harding E	35B	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	1.9%
Hughes	36A	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	1.9%
Hand/Hyde/Buffalo	38A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Jackson	39A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Jones	41A	2	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	7	3.8%
Meade N	49A	2	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	7	3.8%
Meade S	49B	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	1.9%
Mellette/Todd	50A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Perkins N	53A	5	0	0	0	5	18	0	0	0	18	9.6%
Perkins S	53B	5	0	0	0	5	18	0	0	0	18	9.6%
Stanley	58A	2	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	7	3.8%
Sully	59A	2	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	7	3.8%
Walworth/Potter	63A	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	1.9%
Ziebach	64A	2	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	7	3.8%
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0						
TOTALS		52	0	0	0	52	183	0	0	0	183	

Any by county projected harvest values will differ from by unit projected harvest values due to incorrect sampling proportions within counties.
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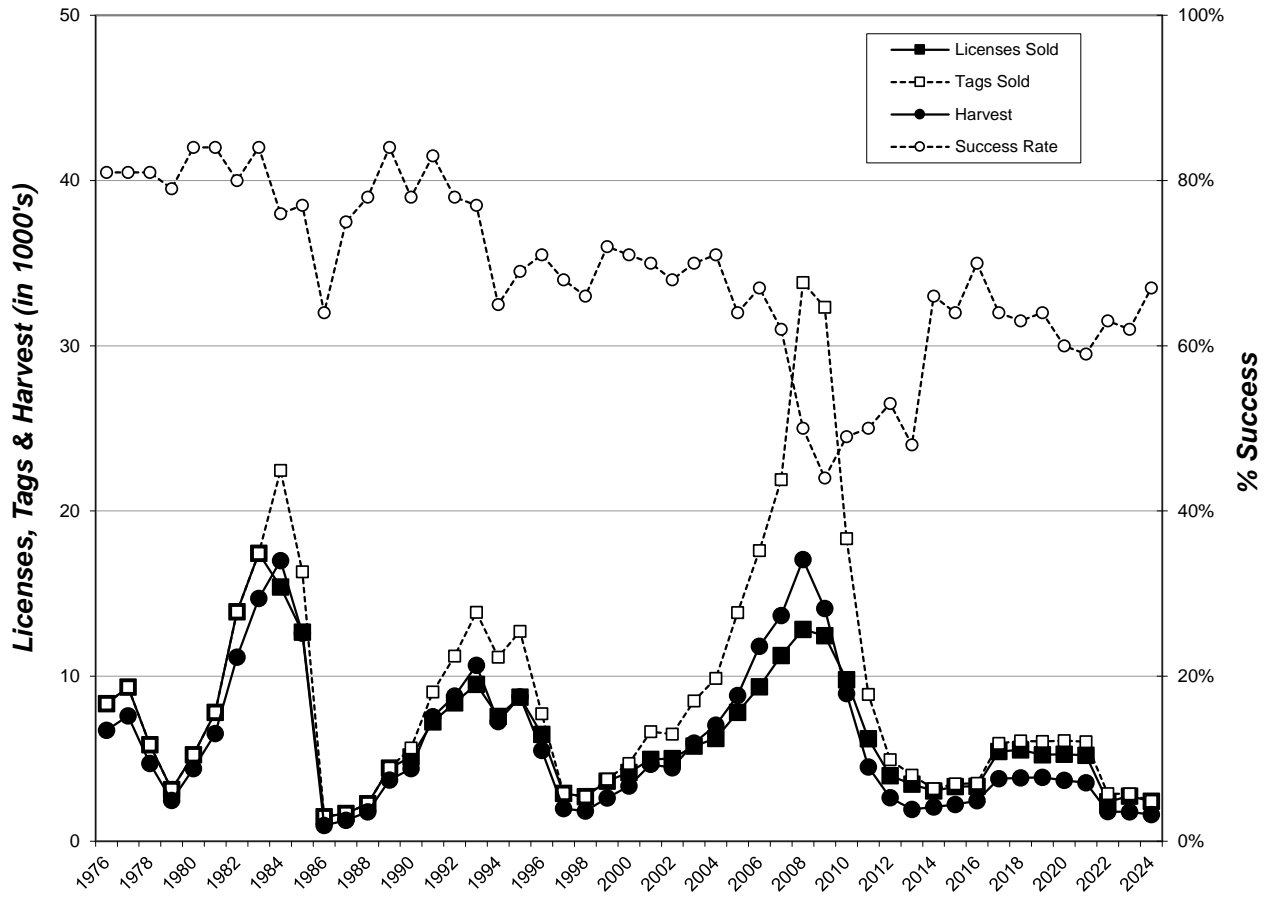
2024 Projected LOL Antelope Hunter Distribution

Last Revised:
21-Nov-24

Unit Hunted Most	Reported Hunted			Projected Hunted			Total %	*Opinion of Antelope Population
	Residents	Nonresidents	Total	Residents	Nonresidents	Total		
02A (Pennington E)	5	0	5	18	0	18	5.1%	2.4
11A (Bennett/Oglala Lakota)	3	0	3	11	0	11	3.1%	3.0
15A (Butte NW)	5	0	5	18	0	18	5.1%	3.0
15B (Butte/Lawrence)	6	0	6	22	0	22	6.2%	2.3
20A (Corson)	1	2	3	4	3	7	2.0%	1.7
21A (Custer E /Penn C)	2	1	3	7	2	9	2.5%	2.3
24A (Dewey)	1	0	1	4	0	4	1.0%	2.0
27A (F River/Custer SW)	4	0	4	14	0	14	4.1%	3.0
31A (Haakon)	6	0	6	22	0	22	6.2%	2.5
35A (Harding W)	9	0	9	32	0	32	9.2%	2.1
35B (Harding E)	1	0	1	4	0	4	1.0%	3.0
36A (Hughes)	2	0	2	7	0	7	2.1%	1.5
38A (Hyde, Hand, Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
39A (Jackson)	1	0	1	4	0	4	1.0%	1.0
41A (Jones)	1	1	2	4	2	5	1.5%	3.0
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45B (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	4	0	4	14	0	14	4.1%	3.5
49A (Meade N)	4	0	4	14	0	14	4.1%	1.5
49B (Meade S)	6	0	6	22	0	22	6.2%	1.8
50A (Mellette)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
53A (Perkins N)	10	0	10	36	0	36	10.3%	2.3
53B (Perkins S)	8	0	8	29	0	29	8.2%	1.6
58A (Stanley)	7	1	8	25	2	27	7.7%	2.1
59A (Sully)	3	0	3	11	0	11	3.1%	2.3
60A (Tripp)	1	0	1	4	0	4	1.0%	1.0
63A (Walworth/Potter)	3	0	3	11	0	11	3.1%	2.0
64A (Ziebach)	2	0	2	7	0	7	2.1%	3.0
TOTALS	95	5	100	343	8	351		

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

Firearm Antelope 1976-2024



MENTORED YOUTH ANTELOPE

The Mentored Youth Antelope season was closed in 2024.

Summary comparison of the 2014-2024 Mentored Youth Antelope hunting seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest				Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Buck Kids	Adults	Kids	Total			
2014	361	16	126	22	163	45%	1.58	5.58
2015	493	32	165	32	230	47%	1.71	5.72
2016	538	28	225	14	267	50%	1.83	5.72
2017	629	36	244	26	305	49%	1.79	5.64
2018	824	41	294	45	380	46%	1.65	5.50
2019	853	56	282	52	390	46%	1.46	5.61
2020	918	43	305	47	395	43%	1.75	5.37
2021	847	19	356	30	405	48%	1.71	5.24
2022	530	20	203	38	261	49%	1.57	5.18
2023	566	28	228	22	278	49%	1.67	5.38
2024	Closed							

SPECIAL ANTELOPE

There were 95 single-tag antelope licenses issued in 2024 (49 resident and 46 nonresident) for the Special Antelope season, which was open from September 28 - October 13. All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed, and the response rate was 63%.

The overall success rate for the Special Antelope season was estimated to be 77%, with 71 adult bucks and 2 buck kids harvested. Of the 15 management units where antelope harvest was reported, Butte NW (15A), Harding W (35A), Jackson (39A), Meade S (49B) units accounted for 60% of all harvest.

The average days hunted was 1.76 which projected to 167 days of recreation. Average hunter satisfaction was 5.59 and was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied), 4 being neutral.

2024 Special Antelope Harvest Projections													
<i>Last Revised: 11/22/2024</i>													
Unit/Type	Residency	Appl. 1st Choice *	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold	Response Rate	Unit Success	Harvest Projections					Avg	Avg
							Bucks	Does	Buck Kids	Doe Kids	Total Harvest	Satisfactn Rating	Days Hunted
PR-42	Resident	275	50	49	51%	60%	27	0	2	0	29	4.58	1.64
	Nonresident	166	50	46	76%	94%	43	0	0	0	43	6.68	1.89
Totals		441	100	95	63.2%	77%	71	0	2	0	73	5.59	1.76

* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that Unit/Type as 1st choice.
 Satisfaction is based on a scale of 1-7, where "1" is very dissatisfied, "4" is neutral and "7" is very satisfied.

Harvest summaries for the 2021-2024 Special Antelope seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Harvest		Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
	Resident	Nonresident	Bucks	Does			
2021	50	50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2022	49	45	75	0	80%	1.67	5.94
2023	46	46	78	0	85%	2.11	5.88
2024	49	46	73	0	77%	1.76	5.59

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2024 Special Antelope Harvest by Management Unit

Unit/County	Reported Harvest					Projected Harvest					
	Adults		Fawns		Total	Adults		Fawns		Projected	%
	Buck	Doe	Buck	Doe		Buck	Doe	Buck	Doe		
02A (Pennington E)	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.1%
11A (Bennett/Oglala Lakota)	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.1%
15A (Butte NW)	3	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	5	6.2%
15B (Butte/Lawrence)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	2.1%
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
21A (Custer E /Penn C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
24A (Dewey)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
27A (F River/Custer SW)	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.1%
31A (Haakon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35A (Harding W)	16	0	0	0	16	24	0	0	0	24	33.1%
35B (Harding E)	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.1%
36A (Hughes)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	2.1%
38A (Hyde, Hand, Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39A (Jackson)	7	0	0	0	7	11	0	0	0	11	14.5%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45B (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
49A (Meade N)	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.1%
49B (Meade S)	3	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	5	6.2%
50A (Mellette)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
53A (Perkins N)	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.1%
53B (Perkins S)	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	3	4.8%
58A (Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
59A (Sully)	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	2.1%
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
63A (Walworth/Potter)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
64A (Ziebach)	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	4.1%
TOTALS	47	0	1	0	48	71	0	2	0	73	

Use these figures for approximations only!

2024 Projected Special Antelope Hunter Distribution

Unit Hunted Most	Reported Hunted			Projected Hunted			Total	*Opinion of Antelope Population
	Residents	Nonresidents	Total	Residents	Nonresidents	Total		
								%
02A (Pennington E)	1	1	2	2	1	3	4.0%	2.0
11A (Bennett/Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
15A (Butte NW)	1	1	2	2	1	3	4.0%	2.0
15B (Butte/Lawrence)	2	1	3	4	1	5	6.4%	2.0
20A (Corson)	0	1	1	0	1	1	1.6%	3.0
21A (Custer E /Penn C)	2	0	2	4	0	4	4.8%	1.0
24A (Dewey)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
27A (F River/Custer SW)	1	1	2	2	1	3	4.0%	2.0
31A (Haakon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
35A (Harding W)	3	14	17	6	18	24	29.6%	2.7
35B (Harding E)	1	2	3	2	3	5	5.6%	2.3
36A (Hughes)	0	1	1	0	1	1	1.6%	2.0
38A (Hyde, Hand, Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
39A (Jackson)	2	5	7	4	7	10	12.8%	2.9
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45B (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
49A (Meade N)	2	0	2	4	0	4	4.8%	3.0
49B (Meade S)	1	2	3	2	3	5	5.6%	2.0
50A (Mellette)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
53A (Perkins N)	0	2	2	0	3	3	3.2%	2.0
53B (Perkins S)	2	0	2	4	0	4	4.8%	2.0
58A (Stanley)	1	0	1	2	0	2	2.4%	1.0
59A (Sully)	0	1	1	0	1	1	1.6%	2.0
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
63A (Walworth/Potter)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
64A (Ziebach)	0	2	2	0	3	3	3.2%	3.0
TOTALS	19	34	53	37	45	82		

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

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CUSTER STATE PARK ANTELOPE

The Custer State Park Antelope season remained closed in 2024.

Summary comparison of the 2011-2024 Custer State Park Antelope seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Apps</i>	<i>Licenses</i>	<i>Harvest</i>			<i>Success</i>	<i>Avg. Days Hunted</i>	<i>Average Satisfaction</i>
			<i>Bucks</i>	<i>Does</i>	<i>Total</i>			
2011	1,170	3	3	0	3	100%	1.3	NA
2012	916	3	3	0	3	100%	1.3	NA
2013	995	3	3	0	3	100%	1.0	NA
2014	1,086	3	3	0	3	100%	2.0	6.00
2015	1,223	3	3	0	3	100%	1.7	6.67
2016	1,243	3	3	0	3	100%	1.3	7.00
2017-2024	Season Closed							

ARCHERY ELK

A total of 278 resident licenses were issued for the 2024 Archery Elk season. All license holders that provided a valid email address were sent a survey at the end of the season and 181 responded for a 65% response rate. All responses were received through the Internet.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 12.66 days for a total of 3,519 days of recreation for the season. The projected harvest was 77 bulls and 17 cows for an overall success rate of 34%.

Hunter satisfaction was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied) and averaged 5.46 for the season. Approximately 89% of responding hunters reported hunting mostly on public land, 8% on private land they did not own, and 3% on private land they owned.

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Archery Elk seasons

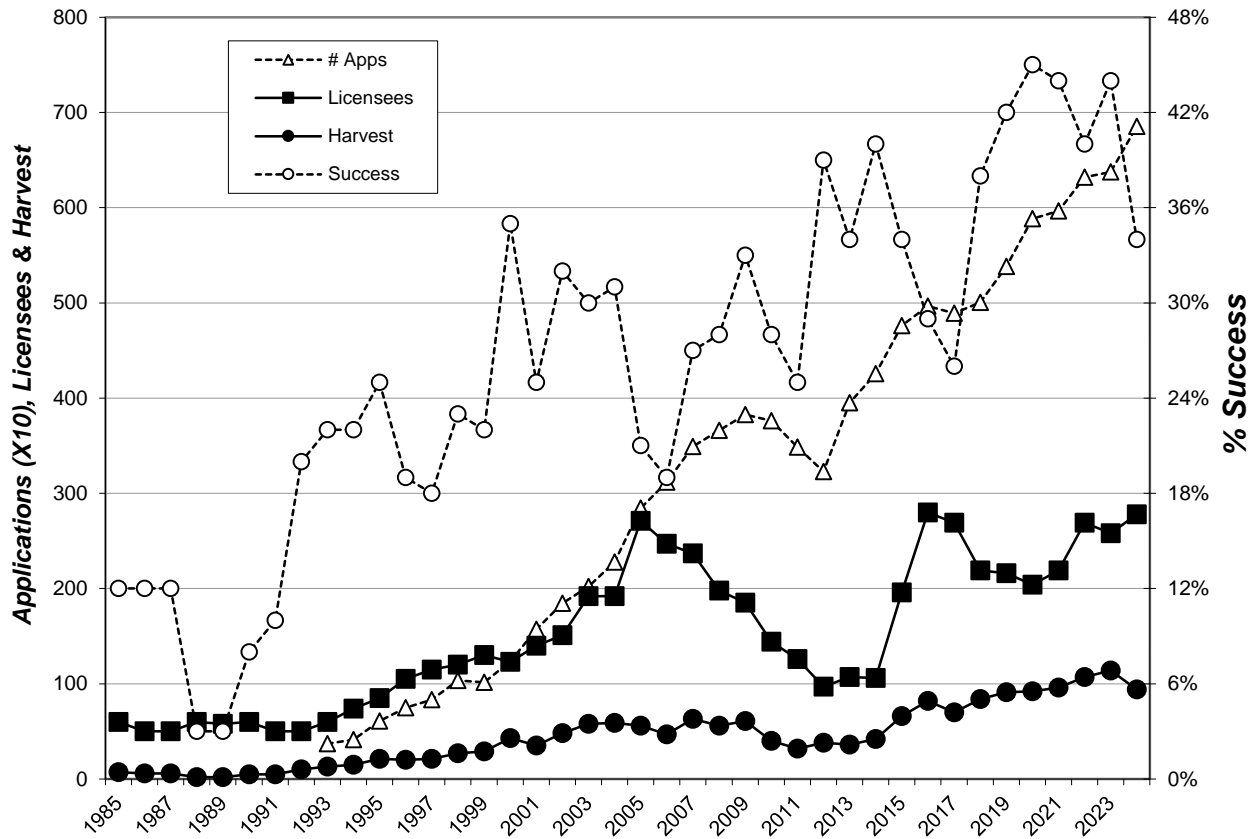
Year	# Apps 1 st Choice	Licenses Sold	Harvest			Success Rate	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
			Bulls	Cows	Total			
2015	4,761	196	55	12	66	34%	11.74	5.39
2016	4,965	280	57	25	82	29%	11.11	5.40
2017	4,892	269	50	20	70	26%	11.29	5.60
2018	5,006	219	65	19	84	38%	11.70	5.50
2019	5,382	216	77	14	91	42%	11.08	5.61
2020	5,884	204	80	12	92	45%	11.24	5.90
2021	5,966	219	82	14	96	44%	11.18	5.89
2022	6,319	269	89	18	107	40%	12.27	5.87
2023	6,375	258	103	10	114	44%	11.64	5.66
2024	6,855	278	77	17	94	34%	12.66	5.46

2024 Archery Elk Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 19 Feb 2025

Unit/Type	Resident Licenses					Harvest Projections						Elk Shot Not Recovered	Avg Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted	Land Hunted Most			
	Appl. 1st		Sold	Resp.	Success	Bulls	Cows	Bull		Total Elk Harvested	Cl (95%)				Public	Own	Other	
	Choice *	Avail.						Calves	Calves									
H1A-21	823	30	31	58%	50%	16	0	0	0	16	+/-5	9	6.1	13.7	31	0	0	
H1A-23	11	10	8	50%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	+/-0	0	4.8	12.3	8	0	0	
H2A-21	4,766	100	100	75%	47%	44	0	1	1	47	+/-6	23	6.0	14.0	93	1	1	
H2A-23	67	40	38	53%	20%	0	6	0	2	8	+/-5	4	5.5	8.6	32	0	0	
H3A-21	861	40	39	69%	11%	4	0	0	0	4	+/-3	3	4.0	16.2	27	6	4	
H3A-23	13	30	30	63%	5%	0	2	0	0	2	+/-2	2	4.4	9.1	25	0	2	
H4A-21	31	10	10	70%	29%	1	1	0	0	3	+/-2	3	5.3	11.9	0	0	10	
H4A-23	2	10	10	40%	50%	0	5	0	0	5	+/-4	0	6.0	7.7	3	0	5	
H5A-21	32	2	2	50%	100%	2	0	0	0	2	+/-0	0	7.0	6.0	2	0	0	
H7A-21	249	10	10	60%	83%	8	0	0	0	8	+/-2	0	6.8	15.5	10	0	0	
Totals	6,855	282	278	65.1%	33.8%	76	14	1	3	94	+/- 27	42	5.46	12.66	233	8	22	
The response rate for all units combined is:					65.1%											89%	3%	8%
Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.																		
* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that unit as 1st choice.																		

Archery Elk 1985-2024



Prior to 2002 it was assumed that any hunter that did not report harvesting an elk at the mandatory check in was unsuccessful, and success was measured by dividing the number of hunters that reported harvesting an elk by the total number of tags issued.

BLACK HILLS FIREARM ELK

A total of 1,290 licenses were issued for the 2024 Black Hills Firearm Elk season. All license holders that provided a valid email address were sent a survey at the end of the season and 834 responded for a 65% response rate. All responses were received through the Internet.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 6.36 days which projects to a total of 8,207 days of recreation for the season. The projected harvest was 427 bulls and 355 cows for an overall success rate of 61%.

Hunter satisfaction was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied) and averaged 5.05 for the season. Approximately 85% of responding hunters reported hunting mostly on public land, 11% on private land they did not own, and 5% on private land they owned.

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Black Hills Firearm Elk seasons

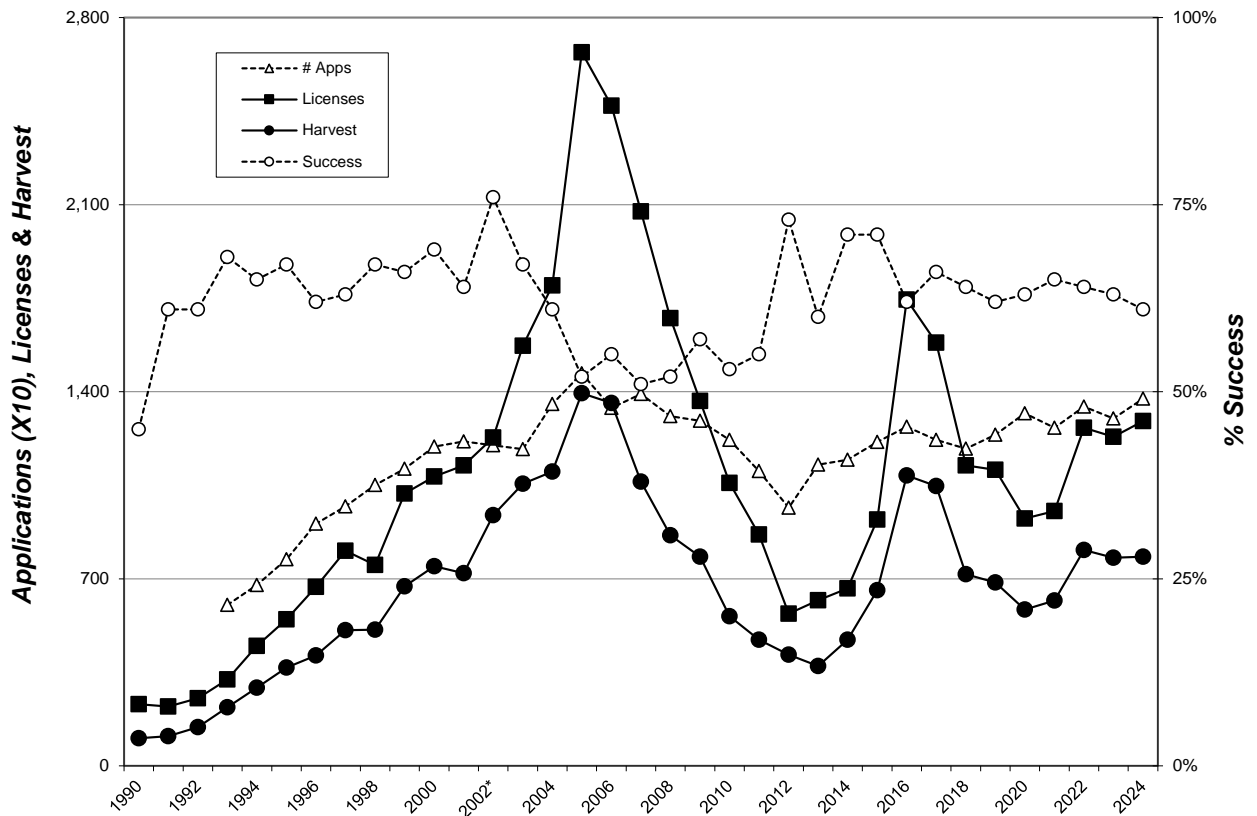
Year	# Apps	Licenses	Harvest			Success	Avg. Days	Average
	1 st Choice	Sold	Bulls	Cows	Total	Rate	Hunted	Satisfaction
2015	12,126	922	312	345	657	71%	6.66	5.54
2016	12,692	1,745	363	724	1,087	62%	4.59	5.42
2017	12,201	1,581	364	682	1,047	66%	4.77	5.50
2018	11,871	1,124	315	402	717	64%	5.08	5.36
2019	12,396	1,108	332	354	686	62%	5.00	5.48
2020	13,198	926	360	224	585	63%	5.35	5.33
2021	12,656	954	370	249	619	65%	5.70	5.40
2022	13,447	1,265	426	381	808	64%	5.78	5.51
2023	12,999	1,232	435	344	779	63%	6.13	5.41
2024	13,742	1,290	427	355	783	61%	6.36	5.05

2024 Black Hills Firearm Elk Harvest Projections

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Unit/Type	Resident Licenses					Harvest Projections						Elk Shot Not Recovered	Avg Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted	Land Hunted Most				
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bull	Cow	Total Elk		CI (95%)	Recovered				Score	Hunted	Public	Own	Private
						Calves	Calves	Harvested											
H1A-21	1,381	60	60	66%	95%	49	8	0	57	+/-2	2	6.05	6.9	58	2	0			
H1B-23	95	65	63	60%	76%	0	46	0	48	+/-5	5	6.16	5.4	63	0	0			
H2A-21	9,214	300	300	73%	84%	241	11	1	253	+/-7	34	5.86	7.2	281	12	4			
H2B-23	187	50	49	63%	58%	0	24	3	28	+/-5	3	5.32	4.8	49	0	0			
H2C-23	70	50	50	58%	72%	0	34	2	36	+/-5	3	5.56	3.9	48	0	0			
H2E-23	74	40	40	60%	54%	0	18	3	22	+/-5	2	5.00	4.6	40	0	0			
H2F-23	62	40	37	73%	93%	0	34	0	34	+/-2	3	5.92	3.2	36	0	0			
H2G-23	20	40	40	65%	69%	0	26	2	28	+/-4	2	6.57	3.2	35	0	0			
H2H-23	5	10	10	90%	11%	0	1	0	1	+/-1	1	2.63	7.9	9	0	0			
H2I-23	0	10	10	80%	38%	0	4	0	4	+/-2	0	2.75	9.4	10	0	0			
H2J-23	3	10	10	60%	33%	0	3	0	3	+/-2	0	4.67	7.8	8	0	2			
H3A-21	1,849	120	120	59%	65%	68	8	2	78	+/-9	5	5.07	8.1	74	32	12			
H3B-23	27	45	44	66%	45%	0	17	2	20	+/-5	2	3.86	6.0	39	0	3			
H3C-23	18	45	45	70%	26%	0	7	0	12	+/-4	1	3.86	6.1	41	0	1			
H3D-23	14	45	45	73%	24%	0	10	0	11	+/-3	1	3.83	6.6	38	0	1			
H3E-23	30	60	60	62%	35%	0	16	3	21	+/-6	0	4.00	6.4	44	0	15			
H3F-23	11	60	59	71%	36%	0	18	3	21	+/-5	0	3.73	5.3	41	1	14			
H3G-23	10	60	59	49%	21%	0	10	0	12	+/-6	0	4.15	3.9	47	2	4			
H4A-21	98	40	40	43%	41%	16	0	0	16	+/-7	2	3.80	7.4	5	12	21			
H4B-23	6	40	39	62%	25%	0	10	0	10	+/-4	0	3.48	7.3	8	2	24			
H5A-21	64	5	5	80%	50%	3	0	0	3	+/-1	0	4.00	11.8	4	1	0			
H7A-21	420	30	30	63%	84%	21	5	0	25	+/-3	0	5.58	8.7	28	0	2			
H7B-23	27	20	20	65%	77%	0	15	0	15	+/-3	2	6.00	7.3	17	2	2			
H9A-21	56	15	15	40%	67%	10	0	0	10	+/-4	3	5.17	7.3	0	3	13			
H9B-23	1	40	40	58%	35%	0	14	0	14	+/-5	0	4.50	7.3	7	0	31			
Totals	13,742	1,300	1,290	64.8%	60.7%	407	341	20	783	+/- 106	70	5.05	6.36	1,055	62	131			
The response rate for all units combined is: 64.8%																			
Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.																			
* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that unit as 1st choice.																			

Black Hills Firearm Elk 1990-2024



Prior to 2002 it was assumed that any hunter that did not report harvesting an elk at the mandatory check in was unsuccessful, and success was measured by dividing the number of hunters that reported harvesting an elk by the total number of tags issued.

PRAIRIE FIREARM ELK

A total of 334 licenses were issued for the 2024 Prairie Firearm Elk season. All license holders that provided a valid email address were sent a survey at the end of the season and 210 responded for a 63% response rate. All responses were received through the Internet.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 8.34 days for a total of 2,784 days of recreation. The projected harvest was 91 bulls and 73 cows for an overall success rate of 49%.

Hunter satisfaction was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied) and averaged 4.68 for the season.

Approximately 28% of responding hunters reported hunting mostly on public land, 59% on private land they did not own, and 13% on private land they owned.

Summary comparison for 2015-2024 Prairie Firearm Elk seasons

YEAR	Licenses	Harvest			Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
	Sold	Bulls	Cows	Total			
2015	98	29	25	54	55%	4.59	5.34
2016	148	32	27	60	40%	4.76	4.68
2017	149	41	34	75	50%	6.43	4.81
2018	139	59	51	109	79%	5.55	5.58
2019	140	41	50	91	65%	5.73	5.43
2020	251	56	87	143	57%	5.97	5.02
2021	257	57	71	128	50%	6.57	5.05
2022	270	74	55	128	48%	7.19	4.73
2023	258	78	53	132	51%	6.78	4.84
2024	334	91	73	164	49%	8.34	4.68

2024 Prairie Firearm Elk Harvest Projections

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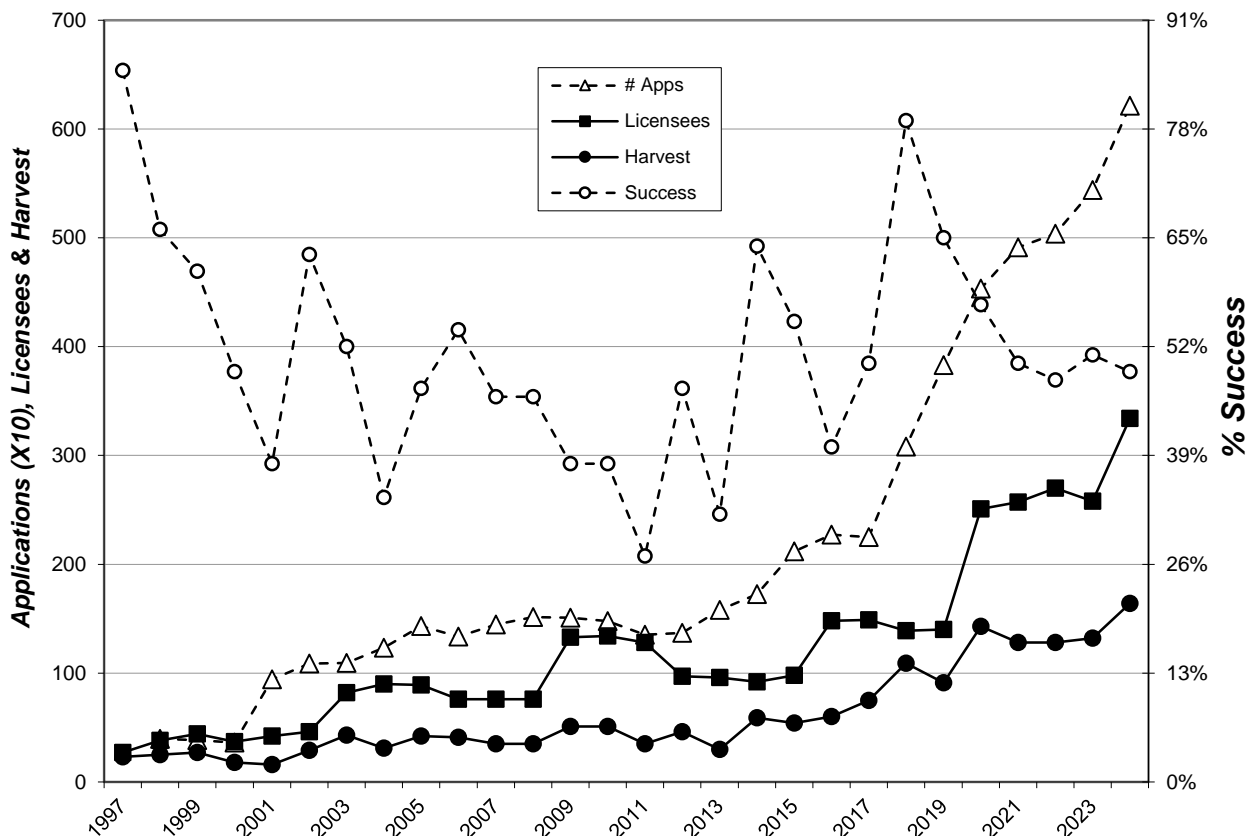
Unit/Type	Resident Licenses					Harvest Projections						Elk Shot Not Recovered	Avg Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted	Land Hunted Most		
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bull	Cow	Calves	Calves	Total Elk Harvested	Cl (95%)				Public	Own	Private
09A-21	176	8	8	63%	100%	8	0	0	0	8	+/-0	0	7.0	2.4	0	5	3
11A-23	6	10	9	56%	20%	0	2	0	0	2	+/-2	0	5.5	2.5	0	0	7
11B-21	467	16	16	75%	75%	12	0	0	0	12	+/-2	1	6.0	7.2	3	7	7
11C-21	208	16	16	69%	64%	10	0	0	0	10	+/-3	0	5.3	5.0	0	7	9
11D-23	58	30	30	63%	58%	0	13	2	3	17	+/-4	0	5.4	4.2	2	0	24
11E-23	26	10	10	70%	29%	0	3	0	0	3	+/-2	0	4.4	2.4	0	0	7
15A-21	123	8	8	50%	75%	4	2	0	0	6	+/-2	0	5.7	16.7	0	0	6
15A-23	2	5	5	60%	33%	0	2	0	0	2	+/-2	0	4.0	4.0	0	0	2
27A-21	834	30	30	57%	65%	18	2	0	0	19	+/-5	2	4.2	8.9	7	9	14
27A-23	41	30	30	60%	50%	0	12	0	3	15	+/-4	0	5.0	4.5	8	0	18
35A-21	1,038	10	10	60%	50%	5	0	0	0	5	+/-3	0	4.7	19.5	8	2	0
35A-23	61	30	30	63%	16%	0	5	0	0	5	+/-3	0	3.3	10.1	17	0	9
35B-21	1,579	8	8	50%	100%	8	0	0	0	8	+/-0	0	6.0	7.5	6	0	2
35B-23	107	40	39	63%	46%	0	15	0	3	18	+/-5	2	4.4	6.1	28	0	10
49A-21	138	10	10	60%	100%	10	0	0	0	10	+/-0	2	5.2	23.8	0	0	10
49A-23	12	15	15	60%	11%	0	2	0	0	2	+/-2	0	3.6	13.4	0	0	8
WRA-21	1,245	20	20	55%	73%	15	0	0	0	15	+/-4	0	5.3	15.1	4	5	11
WRA-23	91	40	40	75%	20%	0	8	0	0	8	+/-3	0	3.9	7.6	4	4	27
Totals	6,212	336	334	63.1%	49.1%	89	63	2	10	164	+/- 44	6	4.68	8.34	84	40	175

The response rate for all units combined is: 63.1%

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

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

Prairie Elk 1997-2024



LANDOWNER PRAIRIE ELK

A total of 114 licenses were issued for the 2024 Landowner Own Land Prairie Elk season. All license holders that provided a valid email address were sent a survey at the end of the season and 38 responded for a 34% response rate. All responses were received through the Internet.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 5.7 days for a total of 645 days of recreation. The projected harvest was 36 cows for an overall success rate of 32%.

Hunter satisfaction was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied) and averaged 4.61 for the season.

Approximately 93% responding hunters reported hunting mostly on private land they owned, and 7% on private land they did not own.

2024 Landowner Prairie Elk Harvest Projections

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Unit/Type	Resident Licenses					Harvest Projections						Elk Shot Not Recovered	Avg Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted	Land Hunted Most		
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bulls	Cows	Bull Calves	Cow Calves	Total Elk Harvested	CI (95%)				Public	Own	Other
PRE-23	NA	Unltd	114	34%	32%	0	36	0	0	36	+/-14	0	4.61	5.7	0	81	6
* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that unit as 1st choice.																	
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CUSTER STATE PARK ARCHERY ELK

A total of 5 resident licenses were issued for the 2024 Custer State Park Early Archery Elk season which was open from September 1-30. There was no Late CSP Archery season in 2024.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 10.3 days for a total of 51 days of recreation. Four hunters responded and the projected harvest was 3 adult bulls. Hunter satisfaction was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied) and averaged 5.50 for the season.

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 CSP Archery elk seasons

Year	Applications	Licenses	Bull Harvest	Cow Harvest	Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
2015	3,600	4	3	0	75%	16.3	6.50
2016	3,707	3	1	0	33%	15.0	6.00
2017	3,704	3	1	0	33%	9.7	5.67
2018	3,772	3	2	0	50%	11.0	5.50
2019	4,055	3	3	0	100%	5.0	7.00
2020	4,353	3	1	0	33%	13.7	6.50
2021	4,456	3	1	0	33%	11.3	6.33
2022	4,904	4	2	0	50%	20.0	5.50
2023	5,028	4	2	0	50%	16.8	7.00
2024	5,498	5	3	0	50%	10.3	5.50

2024 Custer State Park Archery Elk Harvest Projections

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Unit/Type	Resident Licenses					Harvest Projections							Avg Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted
	Appl. Choice *	1st Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bulls	Cows	Bull Calves	Cow Calves	Total Elk Harvested	CI (95%)	Elk Shot Not Recovered		
CU1-21	5,498	5	5	80%	50%	3	0	0	0	3	+/-1	0	5.50	10.3

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

CUSTER STATE PARK FIREARM ANY ELK

A total of 15 resident licenses were issued for the 2024 Custer State Park (CSP) Firearm Any Elk season which was open from October 1-31.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 5.3 days for a total of 79 days of recreation. Fourteen hunters responded and all reported harvesting adult bulls which results in a projected harvest of 15 adult bulls. Hunter satisfaction was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied) and averaged 5.79 for the season.

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 CSP Firearm Any elk seasons

Year	Applications	Licenses	Bull Harvest	Cow Harvest	Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
2015	9,136	8	8	0	100%	1.9	6.88
2016	8,958	9	8	0	89%	2.8	6.56
2017	8,828	9	8	0	88%	2.3	6.71
2018	8,670	9	8	0	86%	5.7	5.71
2019	8,949	9	8	0	89%	2.8	6.25
2020	9,385	9	8	0	89%	5.8	6.89
2021	9,215	8	8	0	100%	1.6	6.86
2022	9,672	11	11	0	100%	4.0	6.75
2023	9,725	11	11	0	100%	3.4	6.86
2024	10,456	15	15	0	100%	5.3	5.79

2024 Custer State Park Firearm Elk Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 19 Feb 2025

Resident Licenses					Harvest Projections							Avg	Avg	
Appl. 1st					Bull	Cow	Total Elk		Elk Shot Not		Satisfctn	Days		
Unit/Type	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Calves	Harvested	CI (95%)	Recovered	Score	Hunted
CU1-21	10,456	15	15	93%	100%	15	0	0	0	15	+/-0	4	5.79	5.3

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

CUSTER STATE PARK ANTLERLESS ELK

The Custer State Park Antlerless Elk season remained closed in 2024.

Summary comparison of the 2007-2024 CSP Antlerless elk seasons

Year	Applications	Licenses	Bull Harvest	Cow Harvest	Success	Avg. Days Hunted	Average Satisfaction
2007	3,763	60	1	31	53%	3.3	NA
2008	3,646	40	2	21	55%	2.8	NA
2009	3,548	20	0	19	95%	2.5	NA
2010	3,192	5	0	4	80%	NA	NA
2011-15	Closed						
2016	3,138	20	0	18	90%	2.20	6.20
2017	3,436	29	1	24	86%	2.10	5.83
2018	3,175	23	0	4	19%	3.35	2.19
2019-24	Closed						

Statewide Combined Deer Harvest

There were 47,298 resident deer licenses (plus unlimited licenses) available in 2024 and 100,919 total licenses were issued. Nonresidents had 2,941 licenses (plus unlimited licenses) available and 9,183 were issued. Statewide, there were a total of 110,102 licenses sold that represented a total of 123,684 tags, a reduction of 1,250 licenses and 1,207 tags from 2023. A total of 69,553 individual hunters were issued deer licenses in 2024, down from 70,022 in 2023.

All hunters that listed a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123 Software. Hunters who did not supply a valid email address were not surveyed. Response rates ranged from 25% for Landowner Antlerless Deer to 90% for Custer State Park Deer.

The projected statewide deer harvest was 47,085, a reduction of 1,545 from 2023. This estimate included 24,853 whitetail bucks, 15,839 whitetail does, 5,321 mule deer bucks, and 1,072 mule deer does. Reduced harvest of white-tailed bucks accounted for most of the overall difference. Mule deer made up approximately 14% of the total harvest.

The 2024 overall statewide harvest success decreased to 38% from 2023. Harvest success ranged from 24% for Archery Deer to 83% for Custer State Park Deer.

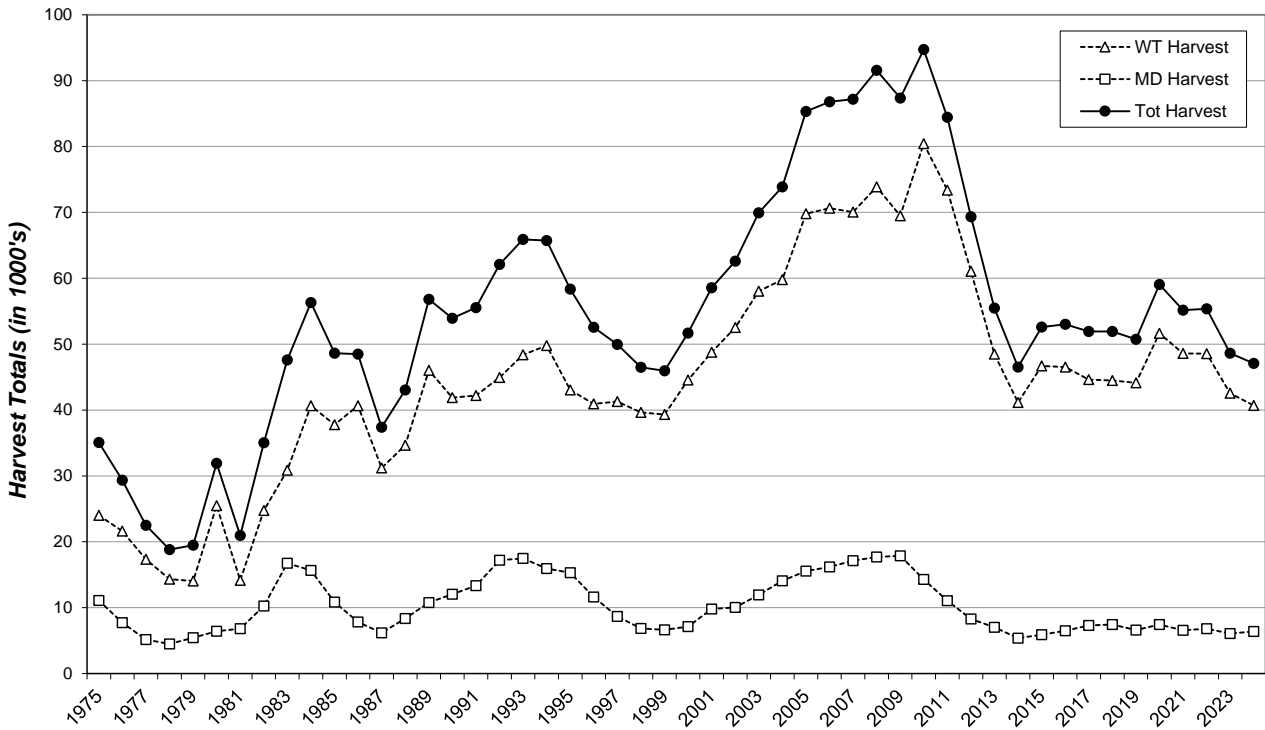
The total statewide estimate of 592,887 recreation days of deer hunting in 2024 results in an average of 5.38 days per hunter. Average hunter satisfaction values (1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied) ranged from 3.46 for Lacreek Refuge Deer to 5.76 for Custer State Park Deer.

2024 Statewide Deer Harvest Projection Summary

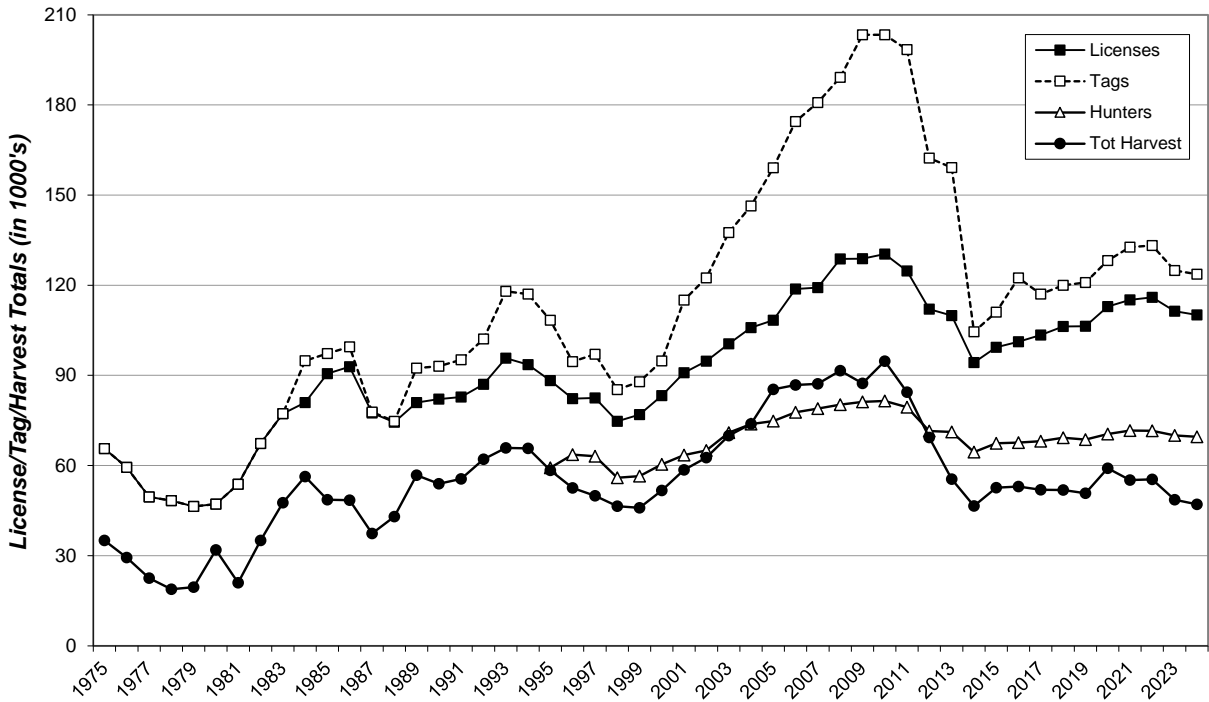
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SOUTH DAKOTA Harvest Statistic	Season	Archery	Apprentice Antlerless	Youth Antlerless	Mentored Youth Antlerless	Muzzleloader	Landowner Own Land Antlerless	West River	West River Landowner Own Land	West River Special Buck Unit	East River	East River Landowner Own Land	East River Special Buck Unit	Refuges			Black Hills	Black Hills Landowner Own Land	Custer State Park	Grand Totals
		Sand Lake NWR	Waubay NWR	Lacreek NWR																
Licenses/Tags																				
Resident Licenses																				
Available	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	17,948	Unlimited	1,000	24,740	Unlimited	500	100	20	20	2,950	Unlimited	20	47,298	
Sold	29,372	567	2,956	6,672	2,994	781	17,822	2,702	1,001	24,332	8,036	491	100	19	20	2,981	53	20	100,919	
Resident Tags																				
Available	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	25,143	Unlimited	1,000	24,740	Unlimited	500	100	20	20	2,950	Unlimited	20	54,493	
Sold	29,372	567	2,956	6,672	2,994	781	24,929	4,071	1,001	24,332	12,321	491	100	19	20	2,981	74	20	113,701	
Nonresident Licenses																				
Available	Unlimited	0	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	1,441	Unlimited	1,000	Leftovers	250	N/A	10	2	2	236	N/A	N/A	2,941	
Sold	5,182	0	297	331	117	28	1,566	93	996	77	247	N/A	10	2	2	235	N/A	N/A	9,183	
Nonresident Tags																				
Available	Unlimited	0	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	2,018	Unlimited	1,000	Leftovers	250	N/A	10	2	2	236	N/A	N/A	3,518	
Sold	5,182	0	297	331	117	28	2,210	135	996	77	361	N/A	10	2	2	235	N/A	N/A	9,983	
Total Licenses																				
Available	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	19,389	Unlimited	2,000	24,740	Unlimited	500	110	22	22	3,186	Unlimited	20	49,989	
Sold	34,554	567	3,253	7,003	3,111	809	19,388	2,795	1,997	24,409	8,283	491	110	21	22	3,216	53	20	110,102	
Total Tags																				
Available	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	27,161	Unlimited	2,000	24,740	Unlimited	500	110	22	22	3,186	Unlimited	20	57,761	
Sold	34,554	567	3,253	7,003	3,111	809	27,139	4,206	1,997	24,409	12,682	491	110	21	22	3,216	74	20	123,684	
Hunters																				
Available	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	18,715	2,795	1,997	23,609	8,283	491	110	21	22	3,216	53	20	69,553	
Sold	26,013	567	3,253	7,003	3,018	687	18,715	2,795	1,997	23,609	8,283	491	110	21	22	3,216	53	20	69,553	
Recreation																				
Average Days Hunted	10.45	4.38	4.77	4.32	5.81	3.86	3.54	4.28	3.68	4.39	4.84	5.61	3.16	2.35	4.02	5.12	5.22	5.47	5.38	
Total Days Hunted	271,790	2,486	15,506	30,233	17,525	2,650	66,163	11,972	7,357	107,037	40,068	2,755	348	49	88	16,474	277	109	592,887	
Mean Satisfaction Score	4.46	5.65	4.96	5.21	4.14	4.78	4.63	4.72	5.38	4.14	4.28	4.33	3.47	4.56	3.46	4.96	4.62	5.76		
Harvest																				
White-tailed Deer																				
Bucks	5,257	25	137	303	201	17	5,803	813	966	6,904	2,407	235	27	7	11	1,701	21	17	24,853	
Does	1,858	275	1,222	2,825	446	220	3,578	329	11	3,547	1,251	5	3	3	1	255	10	0	15,839	
Total	7,116	301	1,360	3,128	647	237	9,381	1,142	977	10,451	3,657	240	30	10	12	1,956	31	17	40,692	
Mule Deer																				
Bucks	1,153	6	7	18	135	0	2,792	415	454	170	65	21	0	0	0	84	2	0	5,321	
Does	137	12	104	253	12	0	333	170	5	12	32	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,072	
Total	1,290	18	111	270	147	0	3,125	586	460	182	96	23	0	0	0	84	2	0	6,393	
Total Deer Harvest																				
Bucks	6,410	31	144	320	336	17	8,595	1,229	1,421	7,074	2,472	256	27	7	11	1,785	23	17	30,174	
Does	1,995	287	1,327	3,078	458	220	3,911	499	16	3,559	1,282	7	3	3	1	255	10	0	16,911	
Total	8,405	318	1,471	3,398	794	237	12,506	1,728	1,437	10,633	3,754	263	30	10	12	2,040	33	17	47,085	
Success																				
	24%	56%	45%	49%	26%	29%	46%	41%	72%	44%	30%	54%	27%	47%	56%	63%	45%	83%	38%	

South Dakota Combined Deer Harvest 1975-2024



South Dakota Combined Deer Licensing 1975-2024



ARCHERY DEER

There were 34,554 archery deer licenses issued in 2024 (29,372 resident, 5,182 nonresident). All were single any-deer tags for the Statewide, East River, or West River units, or single antlerless whitetail tags for the LM1 (Limited Statewide) unit.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123 software, and 12,225 responded for a 47% return rate.

The 2024 Archery Deer season ran from September 1, 2024, through January 1, 2025. Respondents reported hunting an average of 10.45 days, which projects to a total of 271,790 recreation days for the season.

The projected harvest for the archery season was 8,405 deer (5,258 whitetail bucks, 1,858 whitetail does, 1,152 mule deer bucks, and 137 mule deer does). The hunter success rate for the season was 30%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest by residents were the Black Hills, Brown, Codington, Minnehaha, and Brookings, and by nonresidents were the Black Hills, West Harding, Brown, Gregory, and Butte.

Satisfaction was also measured (1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied) and the average response for the season was 4.30 for residents and 5.17 for nonresidents.

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Archery Deer seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Harvest				Total	Tag Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
			Bucks		Does					
	Res	Nonres	WT	Mule	WT	Mule				
2015	23,507	3,180	5,042	632	1,593	73	7,340	28%	11.24	5.14
2016	24,531	3,474	4,780	824	1,987	89	7,680	27%	10.80	5.06
2017	25,512	3,800	4,750	961	1,775	136	7,622	26%	10.94	5.24
2018	26,660	4,449	4,930	1,115	1,902	141	8,088	26%	10.59	5.23
2019	25,970	4,325	5,436	910	2,210	140	8,696	29%	10.57	5.25
2020	29,551	4,692	6,253	1,234	2,807	150	10,445	31%	11.14	5.25
2021	30,530	5,851	6,100	1,112	2,261	163	9,635	26%	11.87	5.23
2022	29,757	5,463	5,279	1,095	2,472	178	9,023	26%	12.19	4.94
2023	29,800	4,974	5,276	1,051	2,062	150	8,539	25%	10.64	4.57
2024	29,372	5,182	5,258	1,152	1,858	137	8,405	24%	10.45	4.46

2024 Archery Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 25-Mar-25		Licenses Available	Licenses Sold	License Holders	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Harvest Projections										Total Deer Harvest	Avg Days Hunted	Avg Satisf
								Whitetail				Mule Deer				Harvest	CI (95%)			
								Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does						
Unit-Type	Residency	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn							
ER1-01	Resident	Unlimited	10,084	10,084	46%	25%	25%	2,151	26	238	17	61	0	4	0	2,499	+/-93			
WR1-01	Resident	Unlimited	6,646	6,646	46%	22%	22%	783	24	150	9	419	2	51	4	1,443	+/-72			
ST1-01	Resident	Unlimited	7,720	7,720	50%	21%	21%	1,156	36	211	12	182	8	18	0	1,623	+/-71			
	Nonresident	Unlimited	4,579	4,579	50%	36%	36%	980	16	107	8	478	2	50	10	1,650	+/-63			
LM1-13	Resident	Unlimited	4,922	4,922	51%	21%	21%	0	76	906	43	0	0	0	0	1,025	+/-55			
	Nonresident	Unlimited	603	603	47%	27%	27%	0	8	144	13	0	0	0	0	166	+/-23			
Totals	Resident	Unlimited	29,372	21,178	46.5%	28%	22%	4,090	163	1,505	81	662	10	73	4	6,590	+/-291			
	Nonresident	Unlimited	5,182	4,835	49.9%	40%	35%	980	24	251	21	478	2	50	10	1,816	+/-86			
Grand Totals			34,554	26,013	47.2%	30%	24%	5,070	188	1,756	102	1,140	12	123	14	8,405	+/-377			

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2024 Archery Deer Harvest Distribution by Management Unit										
Unit	Projected Harvest									
	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total	
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		Estimate	%
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn		
01A (Minnehaha)	179	12	95	8	0	0	0	0	294	3.5%
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	42	2	14	0	35	0	2	0	95	1.1%
02C (SE Pennington)	33	0	6	0	32	2	0	0	73	0.9%
03A (Brown)	199	6	104	6	0	0	0	0	314	3.7%
04A (Beadle)	132	4	47	2	0	0	0	0	185	2.2%
05A (Codington)	157	10	73	2	0	0	0	0	243	2.9%
06A (Brookings)	193	14	75	0	0	0	0	0	283	3.4%
07A (Yankton)	83	4	34	2	0	0	0	0	124	1.5%
08A (Davison)	62	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	72	0.9%
10A (Aurora)	61	4	30	0	0	0	0	0	96	1.1%
11A (N Bennett)	15	2	0	2	4	0	0	0	23	0.3%
11B (S Bennett)	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	0.1%
12A (Bon Homme)	38	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	53	0.6%
13A (Brule)	44	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	54	0.6%
13L (Brule GPA/Corps)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0%
14A (Buffalo)	6	0	0	0	8	0	2	0	16	0.2%
15A (Butte)	41	0	28	0	72	0	8	0	150	1.8%
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	67	0	39	2	11	0	0	0	118	1.4%
16A (Campbell)	19	0	2	0	12	0	0	0	33	0.4%
17A (Charles Mix)	70	0	8	0	4	0	0	0	82	1.0%
18A (Clark)	134	0	51	2	0	0	2	0	189	2.3%
19A (Clay)	19	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	25	0.3%
20A (Corson)	24	0	8	0	47	0	12	0	92	1.1%
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	47	6	24	8	61	0	4	2	152	1.8%
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	21	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	31	0.4%
22A (Day)	114	2	28	2	0	0	0	0	146	1.7%
23A (Deuel)	76	2	30	2	0	0	0	0	111	1.3%
24A (Dewey)	16	0	10	2	17	0	0	0	45	0.5%
24B (Little Moreau)	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	0.1%
25A (Douglas)	13	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	23	0.3%
26A (Edmunds)	90	8	39	2	0	0	0	0	139	1.7%
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	4	0	10	0	25	2	4	0	46	0.5%
27B (Fall River)	29	2	28	0	46	2	9	0	116	1.4%
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	0.1%
28A (Faulk)	58	2	16	4	0	0	0	0	81	1.0%
29A (Grant)	157	6	65	6	0	2	0	0	237	2.8%
30A,B (Gregory)	86	2	24	6	0	0	0	0	118	1.4%
31A (Haakon)	33	0	10	0	52	0	0	0	95	1.1%
32A (Hamlin)	121	0	65	4	0	0	0	0	190	2.3%
33A (Hand)	116	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	123	1.5%
34A (Hanson)	45	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	59	0.7%
35A (W Harding)	41	0	18	0	114	0	23	2	198	2.4%
35C (E Harding)	13	0	6	0	41	0	10	0	70	0.8%
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	13	0	0	0	41	0	4	2	59	0.7%
36A (Hughes)	59	0	8	2	15	2	2	0	89	1.1%
37A (Hutchinson)	21	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	29	0.4%
38A (Hyde)	18	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	24	0.3%
39A (N Jackson)	19	2	6	0	19	0	2	0	48	0.6%
39B (S Jackson)	28	0	4	0	14	0	2	0	48	0.6%
40A (Jerauld)	30	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	34	0.4%
41A (Jones)	12	0	4	0	10	0	0	0	27	0.3%
42A (Kingsbury)	122	2	22	0	0	0	0	0	146	1.7%
43A (Lake)	141	4	65	4	0	0	0	0	214	2.5%
44A (Lincoln)	96	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	118	1.4%
45A (W Lyman)	31	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	45	0.5%
45B (E Lyman)	15	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	27	0.3%
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.0%
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grsind)	4	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	19	0.2%
46A (McCook)	64	8	28	2	0	0	0	0	103	1.2%
47A (McPherson)	53	0	16	4	0	0	0	0	73	0.9%
48A (Marshall)	96	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	116	1.4%
49A (W Meade)	107	6	47	2	30	0	2	0	193	2.3%
49B (NE Meade)	17	0	4	0	8	0	2	0	31	0.4%
50A,B (Melleette)	23	0	4	0	8	0	0	0	36	0.4%
51A (Miner)	64	4	24	0	2	0	0	0	94	1.1%
52A (Moody)	81	6	40	0	0	0	0	0	128	1.5%
53A (N Perkins)	35	4	10	0	64	0	6	2	122	1.5%
53C (S Perkins)	18	0	6	0	31	0	2	0	58	0.7%
54A (Potter)	23	0	2	0	14	0	0	0	39	0.5%
55A (Roberts)	109	2	43	4	0	0	0	0	158	1.9%
56A (Sanborn)	59	0	12	2	2	0	0	0	76	0.9%
57A (Spink)	88	4	36	2	0	0	0	0	130	1.6%
58A (Stanley)	19	0	10	2	55	2	6	0	94	1.1%
59A (W Sully)	31	0	4	0	40	0	0	0	75	0.9%
59B (E Sully)	13	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	25	0.3%
60A (Tripp)	37	0	16	2	2	0	0	0	58	0.7%
61A (Turner)	41	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	49	0.6%
62A (Union)	45	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	51	0.6%
63A (Walworth)	33	0	16	2	15	0	0	0	66	0.8%
64A (Ziebach)	12	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	27	0.3%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	10	0.1%
67A (Todd)	8	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	15	0.2%
BH (Black Hills)	659	33	188	4	123	0	15	4	1,025	12.2%
TOTALS	5,070	188	1,756	102	1,140	12	123	14	8,405	

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2024 Resident Archery Deer Harvest Distribution										
Unit	Projected Harvest									
	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total	
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does			
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Estimate	%	
01A (Minnehaha)	167	10	93	8	0	0	0	278	4.2%	
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	28	2	14	0	11	0	2	57	0.9%	
02C (SE Pennington)	21	0	6	0	26	2	0	55	0.8%	
03A (Brown)	137	4	83	4	0	0	0	228	3.5%	
04A (Beadle)	124	4	42	2	0	0	0	173	2.6%	
05A (Codington)	143	10	65	0	0	0	0	218	3.3%	
06A (Brookings)	176	14	69	0	0	0	0	259	3.9%	
07A (Yankton)	79	2	34	2	0	0	0	118	1.8%	
08A (Davison)	62	0	10	0	0	0	0	72	1.1%	
10A (Aurora)	49	2	24	0	0	0	0	76	1.1%	
11A (N Bennett)	9	2	0	2	4	0	0	17	0.3%	
11B (S Bennett)	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	9	0.1%	
12A (Bon Homme)	36	0	12	0	0	0	0	49	0.7%	
13A (Brule)	32	0	6	0	2	0	0	40	0.6%	
13L (Brule GPA Corps)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0%	
14A (Buffalo)	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.1%	
15A (Butte)	19	0	20	0	30	0	6	76	1.2%	
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	51	0	34	2	9	0	0	96	1.5%	
16A (Campbell)	15	0	2	0	6	0	0	23	0.4%	
17A (Charles Mix)	58	0	6	0	2	0	0	66	1.0%	
18A (Clark)	99	0	34	2	0	0	2	137	2.1%	
19A (Clay)	17	2	4	0	0	0	0	23	0.4%	
20A (Corson)	4	0	6	0	24	0	6	40	0.6%	
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	43	6	20	6	41	0	0	118	1.8%	
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	19	0	8	0	0	0	0	27	0.4%	
22A (Day)	90	2	22	0	0	0	0	114	1.7%	
23A (Deuel)	69	2	28	2	0	0	0	101	1.5%	
24A (Dewey)	9	0	4	2	11	0	0	25	0.4%	
24B (Little Moreau)	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	8	0.1%	
25A (Douglas)	13	2	8	0	0	0	0	23	0.3%	
26A (Edmunds)	69	6	32	0	0	0	0	107	1.6%	
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	4	0	8	0	15	2	2	32	0.5%	
27B (Fall River)	21	2	26	0	32	0	9	91	1.4%	
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0.1%	
28A (Faulk)	36	2	8	4	0	0	0	51	0.8%	
29A (Grant)	118	6	59	6	0	2	0	191	2.9%	
30A,B (Gregory)	30	2	16	4	0	0	0	52	0.8%	
31A (Haakon)	17	0	8	0	26	0	0	51	0.8%	
32A (Hamlin)	109	0	65	2	0	0	0	176	2.7%	
33A (Hand)	73	0	2	0	2	0	0	77	1.2%	
34A (Hanson)	43	4	10	0	0	0	0	57	0.9%	
35A (W Harding)	21	0	12	0	34	0	9	77	1.2%	
35C (E Harding)	9	0	6	0	22	0	4	40	0.6%	
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	9	0	0	0	13	0	0	21	0.3%	
36A (Hughes)	51	0	8	2	13	2	2	79	1.2%	
37A (Hutchinson)	19	2	4	0	2	0	0	28	0.4%	
38A (Hyde)	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	13	0.2%	
39A (N Jackson)	15	2	4	0	11	0	2	34	0.5%	
39B (S Jackson)	24	0	4	0	6	0	2	36	0.5%	
40A (Jerauld)	26	0	2	0	2	0	0	30	0.5%	
41A (Jones)	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	13	0.2%	
42A (Kingsbury)	118	2	20	0	0	0	0	140	2.1%	
43A (Lake)	135	4	65	4	0	0	0	208	3.2%	
44A (Lincoln)	92	2	20	0	0	0	0	114	1.7%	
45A (W Lyman)	13	0	12	0	0	0	0	25	0.4%	
45B (E Lyman)	11	4	4	2	0	0	0	21	0.3%	
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grsind)	4	0	0	0	11	0	0	15	0.2%	
46A (McCook)	64	8	28	2	0	0	0	103	1.6%	
47A (McPherson)	43	0	8	4	0	0	0	55	0.8%	
48A (Marshall)	60	0	14	0	0	0	0	74	1.1%	
49A (W Meade)	101	4	42	2	24	0	2	175	2.7%	
49B (NE Meade)	13	0	0	0	4	0	2	19	0.3%	
50A,B (Mellette)	19	0	2	0	4	0	0	26	0.4%	
51A (Miner)	60	4	18	0	0	0	0	82	1.2%	
52A (Moody)	79	6	38	0	0	0	0	124	1.9%	
53A (N Perkins)	17	2	8	0	39	0	4	70	1.1%	
53C (S Perkins)	6	0	2	0	17	0	2	28	0.4%	
54A (Potter)	17	0	2	0	6	0	0	26	0.4%	
55A (Roberts)	81	2	28	4	0	0	0	116	1.8%	
56A (Sanborn)	51	0	8	2	0	0	0	62	0.9%	
57A (Spink)	62	4	32	2	0	0	0	101	1.5%	
58A (Stanley)	17	0	10	2	41	2	2	74	1.1%	
59A (W Sully)	15	0	4	0	28	0	0	47	0.7%	
59B (E Sully)	11	0	0	0	6	0	0	17	0.3%	
60A (Tripp)	24	0	12	0	2	0	0	38	0.6%	
61A (Turner)	41	0	6	0	0	0	0	47	0.7%	
62A (Union)	41	0	2	2	0	0	0	45	0.7%	
63A (Walworth)	17	0	12	0	9	0	0	38	0.6%	
64A (Ziebach)	4	0	0	0	13	0	0	17	0.3%	
65A (Oglala Lakota)	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	6	0.1%	
67A (Todd)	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	11	0.2%	
BH (Black Hills)	565	24	166	4	97	0	11	869	13.2%	
TOTALS	4,090	163	1,505	81	662	10	73	6,590		

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2024 Nonresident Archery Deer Harvest Distribution										
Unit	Projected Harvest									
	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total	
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		Estimate	%
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Estimate	%	
01A (Minnehaha)	12	2	2	0	0	0	0	16	0.9%	
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	14	0	0	0	24	0	0	38	2.1%	
02C (SE Pennington)	12	0	0	0	6	0	0	18	1.0%	
03A (Brown)	61	2	21	2	0	0	0	86	4.7%	
04A (Beadle)	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	12	0.7%	
05A (Codington)	14	0	8	2	0	0	0	24	1.3%	
06A (Brookings)	18	0	6	0	0	0	0	24	1.3%	
07A (Yankton)	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.3%	
08A (Davison)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
10A (Aurora)	12	2	6	0	0	0	0	20	1.1%	
11A (N Bennett)	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.3%	
11B (S Bennett)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
12A (Bon Homme)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
13A (Brule)	12	0	2	0	0	0	0	14	0.8%	
13L (Brule GPA Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
14A (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	8	0	2	10	0.5%	
15A (Butte)	22	0	8	0	42	0	2	74	4.1%	
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	16	0	4	0	2	0	0	22	1.2%	
16A (Campbell)	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	10	0.5%	
17A (Charles Mix)	12	0	2	0	2	0	0	16	0.9%	
18A (Clark)	36	0	16	0	0	0	0	52	2.9%	
19A (Clay)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
20A (Corson)	20	0	2	0	24	0	6	52	2.8%	
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	4	0	4	2	20	0	4	34	1.9%	
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0.2%	
22A (Day)	24	0	6	2	0	0	0	32	1.8%	
23A (Deuel)	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	10	0.6%	
24A (Dewey)	8	0	6	0	6	0	0	20	1.1%	
24B (Little Moreau)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
25A (Douglas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
26A (Edmunds)	22	2	6	2	0	0	0	32	1.8%	
27A (NW F River/SW Cust)	0	0	2	0	10	0	2	14	0.8%	
27B (Fall River)	8	0	2	0	14	2	0	26	1.4%	
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
28A (Faulk)	22	0	8	0	0	0	0	30	1.7%	
29A (Grant)	40	0	6	0	0	0	0	46	2.5%	
30A,B (Gregory)	56	0	8	2	0	0	0	66	3.6%	
31A (Haakon)	16	0	2	0	26	0	0	44	2.4%	
32A (Hamlin)	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	14	0.8%	
33A (Hand)	44	0	2	0	0	0	0	46	2.5%	
34A (Hanson)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
35A (W Harding)	20	0	6	0	79	0	14	121	6.7%	
35C (E Harding)	4	0	0	0	20	0	6	30	1.6%	
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	4	0	0	0	28	0	4	38	2.1%	
36A (Hughes)	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	10	0.5%	
37A (Hutchinson)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
38A (Hyde)	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0.7%	
39A (N Jackson)	4	0	2	0	8	0	0	14	0.8%	
39B (S Jackson)	4	0	0	0	8	0	0	12	0.7%	
40A (Jerauld)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
41A (Jones)	6	0	4	0	4	0	0	14	0.8%	
42A (Kingsbury)	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	0.3%	
43A (Lake)	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.3%	
44A (Lincoln)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
45A (W Lyman)	18	0	2	0	0	0	0	20	1.1%	
45B (E Lyman)	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	0.3%	
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.1%	
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grsind)	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0.2%	
46A (McCook)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
47A (McPherson)	10	0	8	0	0	0	0	18	1.0%	
48A (Marshall)	36	0	6	0	0	0	0	42	2.3%	
49A (W Meade)	6	2	4	0	6	0	0	18	1.0%	
49B (NE Meade)	4	0	4	0	4	0	0	12	0.7%	
50A,B (Mellette)	4	0	2	0	4	0	0	10	0.6%	
51A (Miner)	4	0	6	0	2	0	0	12	0.7%	
52A (Moody)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
53A (N Perkins)	18	2	2	0	26	0	2	52	2.8%	
53C (S Perkins)	12	0	4	0	14	0	0	30	1.6%	
54A (Potter)	6	0	0	0	8	0	0	14	0.8%	
55A (Roberts)	28	0	14	0	0	0	0	42	2.3%	
56A (Sanborn)	8	0	4	0	2	0	0	14	0.8%	
57A (Spink)	26	0	4	0	0	0	0	30	1.6%	
58A (Stanley)	2	0	0	0	14	0	4	20	1.1%	
59A (W Sully)	16	0	0	0	12	0	0	28	1.5%	
59B (E Sully)	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	8	0.4%	
60A (Tripp)	14	0	4	2	0	0	0	20	1.1%	
61A (Turner)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
62A (Union)	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	0.3%	
63A (Walworth)	16	0	4	2	6	0	0	28	1.5%	
64A (Ziebach)	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	10	0.5%	
65A (Oglala Lakota)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0.2%	
67A (Todd)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0.2%	
BH (Black Hills)	93	8	23	0	26	0	4	156	8.6%	
TOTALS	980	24	251	21	478	2	50	1,816		

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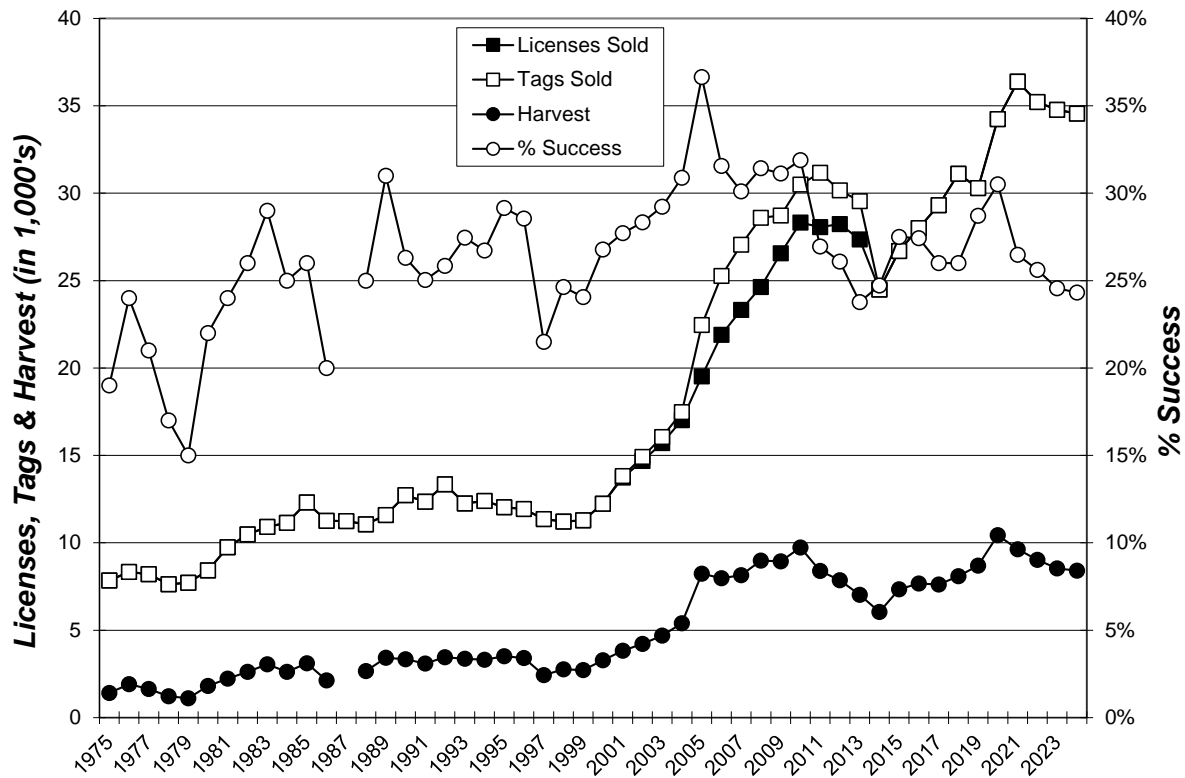
2024 Access Permit Unit Archery Deer Survey Results

Unit	Residency	Permits Available	Permits Issued	Projected Hunted	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Permit Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest	CI (95%)	Avg Days Hunted	Avg Satisf
								Whitetail				Mule Deer							
								Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does				
Hill Ranch GPA/27L	Resident	20	20	16	50%	38%	30%	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	+/-4	9.67	4.67
	Nonresident	5	5	3	60%	50%	33%	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	+/-2	6.50	6.50
Custer Nat Forest/35L	Resident	400	400	211	60%	8%	4%	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	17	+/-6	4.95	4.50
	Nonresident	125	126	104	66%	26%	22%	3	0	0	0	20	0	3	2	28	+/-7	5.52	4.66
Totals	Resident	420	420	226	59.8%	9.6%	5%	12	0	0	0	8	0	2	0	23	+/-10	5.23	4.52
	Nonresident	130	131	108	65.4%	27.1%	22%	5	0	0	0	20	0	3	2	29	+/-9	5.55	4.71
Grand Totals		550	551	334	61.1%	15.6%	9%	17	0	0	0	28	0	5	2	52	+/-19	5.34	4.58

2024 Nonresident Archery Deer Harvest Projections

Unit-Type	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold	Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest	CI (95%)
					Whitetail				Mule Deer					
					Bucks	Fawn	Adult	Does	Bucks	Fawn	Adult	Does		
ADN-ST1-01	Unlimited	2,397	45%	40%	647	7	60	7	234	0	11	2	968	+/-52
ADNP-ST1-01	2,200	2,182	56%	32%	359	9	48	2	241	2	36	7	704	+/-38
ADNP-LM1-13	Unlimited	603	47%	27%	0	8	144	13	0	0	0	0	166	+/-23
Totals		5,182	50.1%	35%	1,006	24	252	21	475	2	47	9	1,837	+/-112

Archery Deer 1975-2024



APPRENTICE DEER

The Apprentice season was separated into Youth and Apprentice seasons in 2021. See separate Youth season report for license sales and estimated harvest.

There were 567 resident single-tag antlerless licenses issued for the 2024 Apprentice Deer hunting season. All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 182 responses (33%) were received.

The Apprentice season ran from September 14, 2024, through January 1, 2025. Respondents reported hunting an average of 4.38 days each, which projected to 2,486 recreation days for the season.

Projections for the season indicated that 25 whitetail buck fawns, 260 adult whitetail does, 16 whitetail doe fawns, 6 mule deer buck fawns, and 12 adult mule deer does were harvested. The estimated total harvest for the Apprentice Deer season was 318, and the overall success rate was 56%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Minnehaha, Brookings, SE Pennington, and E Custer/S Pennington, which accounted for 51% of the total season harvest.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 5.65.

Comparison of the 2018 - 2024 Apprentice Deer hunting seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest						Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks		Does		Total				
		WT	Mule	WT	Mule					
2018	4,845	264	35	1,823	377	2,499	52%	3.85	5.72	
2019	4,424	263	37	1,722	297	2,319	52%	3.93	5.70	
2020	4,302	249	26	1,846	372	2,493	58%	3.71	5.73	
2021	641	21	0	323	18	362	57%	3.09	6.10	
2022	527	29	4	210	22	263	50%	4.10	5.82	
2023	653	36	3	292	29	361	55%	4.27	5.69	
2024	567	25	6	276	12	318	56%	4.38	5.65	

*The Apprentice season was separated into Youth and Apprentice seasons in 2021. See separate Youth season report for license sales and estimated harvest.

2024 Apprentice Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised:		Harvest Projections											Average	Avg	
26-Mar-25	License Holders	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold		Response Rate	Tag Success	Whitetail			Mule Deer			Total Harvest	Satisfaction Score **	Days Hunted
Unit-Type	Holder	Available	Resident	Nonresident	Rate	Success	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Harvest	Score **	Hunted
APD-03	92	Unlimited	92	0	34%	45%	0	24	0	6	9	3	42	--	--
APD-13	475	Unlimited	475	0	32%	58%	25	236	16	0	0	0	277	--	--
Totals	567		567	0	32.6%	56%	25	260	16	6	9	3	318	5.65	4.38

** Refers to a satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

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2024 Apprentice Deer Harvest Distribution								
Unit	Projected Harvest							
	Whitetail			Mule Deer			Total	
	Bucks	Does		Bucks	Does		Estimate	%
	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Fawn	Adult	Fawn		
01A (Minnehaha)	3	16	3	0	0	0	22	6.9%
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	0	3	0	0	3	0	6	1.9%
02C (SE Pennington)	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	3.9%
03A (Brown)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
04A (Beadle)	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	2.0%
05A (Codington)	3	6	0	0	0	0	9	3.0%
06A (Brookings)	3	9	0	0	0	0	13	3.9%
07A (Yankton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
08A (Davison)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
10A (Aurora)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
11A (N Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
11B (S Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12A (Bon Homme)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
13A (Brule)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
13L (Brule GPA's/Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
14A (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
15A (Butte)	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	2.9%
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
16A (Campbell)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
17A (Charles Mix)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
18A (Clark)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
19A (Clay)	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	2.0%
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	3.9%
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	2.0%
22A (Day)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
23A (Deuel)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
24A (Dewey)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
24B (Little Moreau)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
25A (Douglas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
26A (Edmunds)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
27B (Fall River)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
28A (Faulk)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
29A (Grant)	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
30A,B (Gregory)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
31A (Haakon)	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.9%
32A (Hamlin)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
33A (Hand)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
34A (Hanson)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
35A (W Harding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35C (E Harding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0.9%
36A (Hughes)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
37A (Hutchinson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
38A (Hyde)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
39A (N Jackson)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
39B (S Jackson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
40A (Jerauld)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
42A (Kingsbury)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
43A (Lake)	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0%
44A (Lincoln)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45A (W Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45B (E Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
46A (McCook)	3	6	0	0	0	0	9	3.0%
47A (McPherson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
48A (Marshall)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
49A (W Meade)	0	6	0	0	3	3	12	3.8%
49B (NE Meade)	0	3	0	3	0	0	6	1.9%
50A,B (Mellette)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
51A (Miner)	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	1.0%
52A (Moody)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
53A (N Perkins)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
53C (S Perkins)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
54A (Potter)	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	2.0%
55A (Roberts)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
57A (Spink)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
59A (W Sully)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
59B (E Sully)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
61A (Turner)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
62A (Union)	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	2.0%
63A (Walworth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
64A (Ziebach)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH (Black Hills)	6	91	6	0	0	0	103	32.4%
TOTALS	25	260	16	6	9	3	318	

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YOUTH DEER

The Youth season was modified into the Apprentice season in 2018 and then separated from the Apprentice season in 2021. See Apprentice season report for license sales and estimated harvest for that season.

There were 3,253 single-tag antlerless licenses issued for the 2024 Youth Deer hunting season (2,956 resident, 297 nonresident). All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 906 responses (28%) were received.

The Youth season ran from September 14, 2024, through January 1, 2025. Respondents reported hunting an average of 4.77 days each, which projects to 15,506 recreation days for the season.

Projections for the season indicated that 137 whitetail bucks, 1,222 whitetail does, 7 mule deer bucks, and 104 mule deer does were harvested. The estimated total harvest for the Youth Deer season was 1,471, and the overall success rate was 45%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Minnehaha, Brown, Codington, and Roberts, which accounted for 32% of the harvest.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 4.96.

Comparison of the 2015 - 2024 Youth Deer hunting seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest					Total	Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks		Does						
		WT	Mule	WT	Mule					
2015	5,331	329	33	2,137	333	2,831	53%	4.54	5.59	
2016	4,861	322	29	1,896	324	2,571	53%	4.15	5.65	
2017	5,325	292	35	2,072	426	2,825	53%	4.17	5.65	
2018-20	Modified into Apprentice Deer season									
2021	3,812	175	8	1,523	156	1,861	49%	3.89	5.57	
2022	3,448	151	4	1,282	235	1,672	48%	4.08	5.38	
2023	3,286	145	3	1,191	121	1,460	44%	4.82	5.05	
2024	3,253	137	7	1,222	104	1,471	45%	4.77	4.96	

* The Youth season was modified into the Apprentice season in 2018 and then separated from the Apprentice season in 2021. See Apprentice season report for license sales and estimated harvest for that season.

2024 Youth Deer Harvest Projections

Unit	License Holders	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold		Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections						Total Harvest	Average Satisf Score **	Avg Days Hunted	
			Resident	Nonresident			Whitetail			Mule Deer						
			Tags Sold	Tags Sold			Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns				
YOD-03	369	Unlimited	293	76	369	31%	58%	10	78	13	7	101	3	212	--	--
YOD-13	2,884	Unlimited	2,663	221	2,884	28%	44%	127	1026	105	0	0	0	1,258	--	--
Totals	3,253		2,956	297	3,253	28.3%	45%	137	1,104	119	7	101	3	1,471	4.96	4.77

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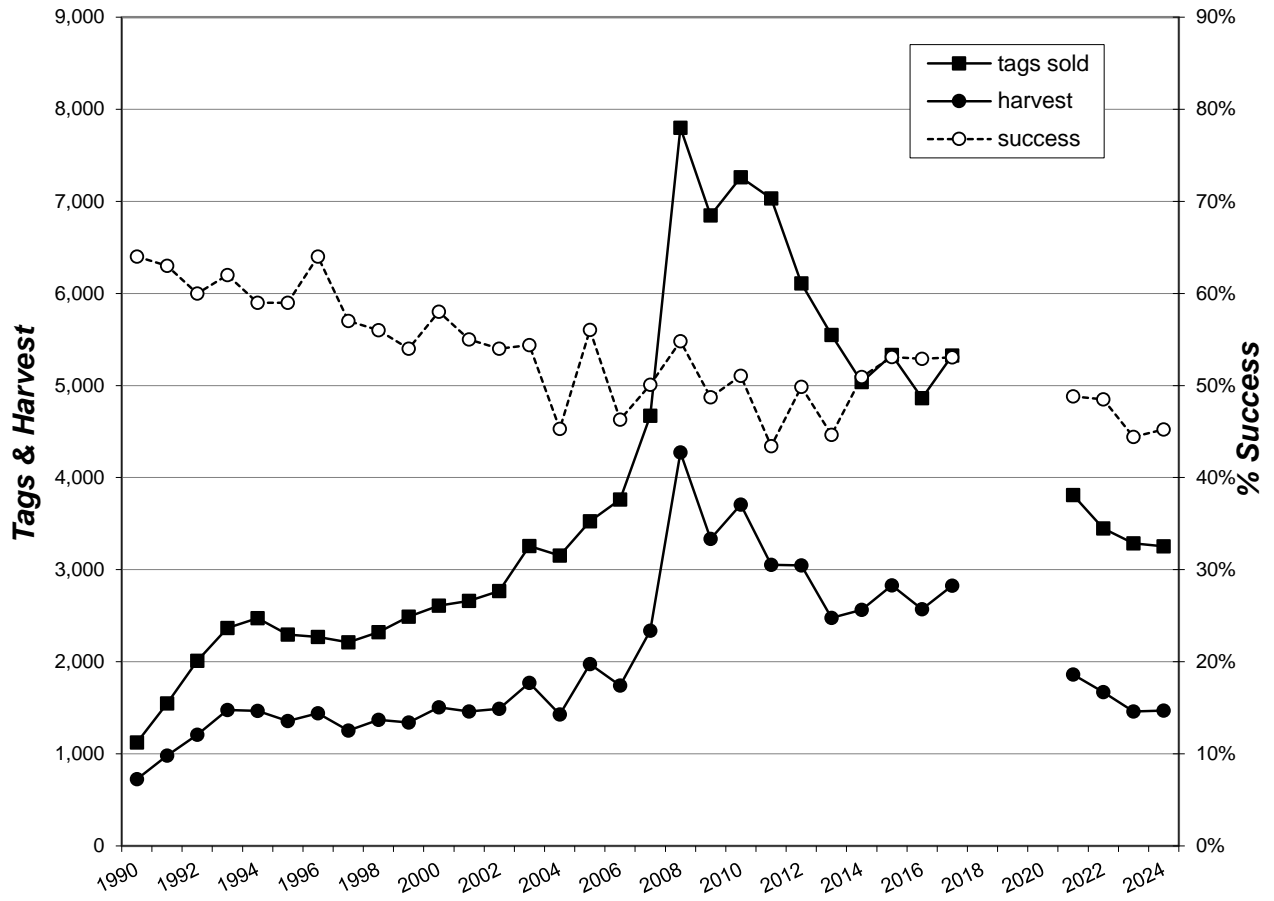
2024 Youth Deer Harvest Distribution by Management Unit

Last Revised:
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Unit	Projected Harvest							Estimate	%
	Whitetail			Mule Deer					
	Bucks	Does	Fawn	Bucks	Does	Fawn			
	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
01A (Minnehaha)	7	54	4	0	0	0	65	4.4%	
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.2%	
02C (SE Pennington)	4	4	0	0	0	0	7	0.5%	
03A (Brown)	11	29	0	0	0	0	40	2.7%	
04A (Beadle)	0	14	4	0	0	0	18	1.2%	
05A (Codington)	0	36	7	0	0	0	43	2.9%	
06A (Brookings)	4	25	0	0	0	0	29	2.0%	
07A (Yankton)	7	7	0	0	0	0	14	1.0%	
08A (Davison)	0	7	4	0	0	0	11	0.7%	
10A (Aurora)	0	22	0	0	0	0	22	1.5%	
11A (N Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
11B (S Bennett)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
12A (Bon Homme)	4	11	4	0	0	0	18	1.2%	
13A (Brule)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
13L (Brule GPA's/Corps)	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
14A (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
15A (Butte)	0	7	7	0	23	0	37	2.5%	
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	4	14	0	3	0	0	21	1.4%	
16A (Campbell)	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
17A (Charles Mix)	14	4	4	0	0	0	22	1.5%	
18A (Clark)	0	18	4	0	0	0	22	1.5%	
19A (Clay)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	4	7	0	0	0	0	11	0.7%	
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	4	7	0	0	0	0	11	0.7%	
22A (Day)	4	11	0	0	0	0	14	1.0%	
23A (Deuel)	0	36	0	0	0	0	36	2.5%	
24A (Dewey)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
24B (Little Moreau)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
25A (Douglas)	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	1.0%	
26A (Edmunds)	4	7	0	0	0	0	11	0.7%	
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
27B (Fall River)	0	4	4	0	0	0	7	0.5%	
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
28A (Faulk)	4	14	0	0	0	0	18	1.2%	
29A (Grant)	4	29	0	0	0	0	32	2.2%	
30A,B (Gregory)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
31A (Haakon)	0	14	4	3	7	0	28	1.9%	
32A (Hamiin)	4	22	4	0	0	0	29	2.0%	
33A (Hand)	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	1.2%	
34A (Hanson)	0	7	7	0	0	0	14	1.0%	
35A (W Harding)	0	4	0	0	13	0	17	1.1%	
35C (E Harding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0.7%	
36A (Hughes)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
37A (Hutchinson)	0	7	4	0	0	0	11	0.7%	
38A (Hyde)	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.5%	
39A (N Jackson)	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.5%	
39B (S Jackson)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
40A (Jerauld)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
41A (Jones)	0	4	4	0	0	0	7	0.5%	
42A (Kingsbury)	4	25	0	0	0	0	29	2.0%	
43A (Lake)	0	25	4	0	0	0	29	2.0%	
44A (Lincoln)	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	1.2%	
45A (W Lyman)	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	0.7%	
45B (E Lyman)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	7	4	0	0	0	11	0.7%	
46A (McCook)	7	29	0	0	0	0	36	2.5%	
47A (McPherson)	4	11	0	0	0	0	14	1.0%	
48A (Marshall)	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	1.2%	
49A (W Meade)	0	11	0	0	7	3	21	1.4%	
49B (NE Meade)	0	14	0	0	7	0	21	1.4%	
50A,B (Mellette)	0	4	4	0	0	0	7	0.5%	
51A (Miner)	0	18	4	0	0	0	22	1.5%	
52A (Moody)	0	22	0	0	0	0	22	1.5%	
53A (N Perkins)	0	11	0	0	23	0	34	2.3%	
53C (S Perkins)	0	11	0	0	7	0	17	1.2%	
54A (Potter)	4	11	0	0	0	0	14	1.0%	
55A (Roberts)	7	32	7	0	0	0	47	3.2%	
56A (Sanborn)	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	1.0%	
57A (Spink)	0	18	4	0	0	0	22	1.5%	
58A (Stanley)	0	11	4	0	0	0	14	1.0%	
59A (W Sully)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
59B (E Sully)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
60A (Tripp)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
61A (Turner)	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	
62A (Union)	4	22	0	0	0	0	25	1.7%	
63A (Walworth)	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.5%	
64A (Ziebach)	7	0	4	0	3	0	14	1.0%	
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
67A (Todd)	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.5%	
BH (Black Hills)	18	238	18	0	0	0	274	18.6%	
TOTALS	137	1,104	119	7	101	3	1,471		

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Youth Deer 1990-2024



MENTORED YOUTH DEER

There were 7,003 resident single-tag antlerless mentored youth deer licenses issued for 2024. All mentors/hunters that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 3,103 responses (44%) were received.

The Mentored Youth licenses were valid during the Youth Deer season which ran from September 14, 2024, through January 1, 2025. Respondents reported hunting an average of 4.32 days each, which projects to 30,233 recreation days for the season.

Projections for the season indicated that a total of 303 whitetail bucks, 2,825 whitetail does, 18 mule deer bucks, and 253 mule deer does were harvested. The estimated total harvest for the Mentored Youth Deer season was 3,398, and the overall success rate was 49%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Minnehaha, Beadle, Roberts, and Hamlin.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 5.21.

Summary for the 2015-2024 Mentored Youth Deer hunting seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest						Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks		Does		Total	Success		
		WT	Mule	WT	Mule				
2015	3,646	261	25	1,556	243	2,086	57%	3.96	5.89
2016	3,646	287	30	1,495	301	2,114	58%	3.56	5.85
2017	4,069	230	31	1,567	320	2,147	53%	3.78	5.83
2018	5,357	324	51	2,335	439	2,824	53%	3.61	5.89
2019	5,715	348	45	2,123	417	2,932	51%	3.52	5.79
2020	6,387	371	21	2,772	472	3,636	57%	3.77	5.77
2021	6,207	301	5	2,446	226	2,977	48%	3.92	5.69
2022	6,723	320	5	2,525	301	3,150	47%	3.88	5.59
2023	6,985	328	2	2,630	225	3,185	46%	4.08	5.24
2024	7,003	303	18	2,825	253	3,398	49%	4.32	5.21

2024 Mentored Youth Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised:		Harvest Projections											Average	Avg	
26-Mar-25	License Holders	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold		Response Rate	Tag Success	Whitetail			Mule Deer			Total Harvest	Satisfaction Score **	Days Hunted
Unit			Resident	Nonresident			Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns			
MHD-03	831	Unlimited	755	76	37%	65%	10	204	54	18	219	33	538	--	--
MHD-13	6,172	Unlimited	5,917	255	45%	46%	292	2218	350	0	0	0	2,860	--	--
Totals	7,003		6,672	331	44.3%	49%	303	2,422	403	18	219	33	3,398	5.21	4.32

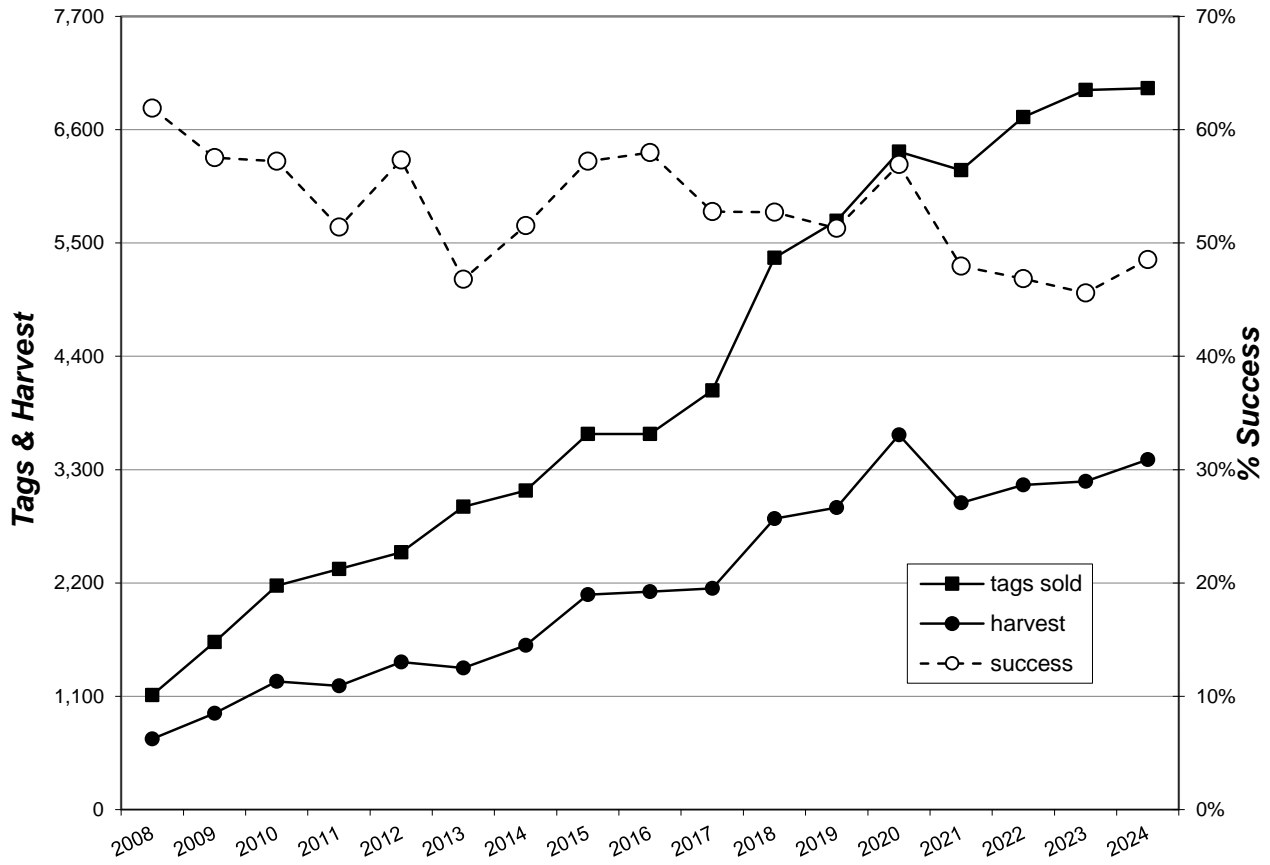
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2024 Mentored Youth Deer Harvest Distribution by Management Unit								
Unit	Projected Harvest						Total	
	Whitetail			Mule Deer			Estimate	%
	Bucks	Does	Fawn	Bucks	Does	Fawn		
01A (Minnehaha)	22	122	25	0	0	0	169	5.0%
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	0	9	0	3	13	0	24	0.7%
02C (SE Pennington)	0	29	0	0	0	0	29	0.9%
03A (Brown)	4	60	13	0	0	0	78	2.3%
04A (Beadle)	4	78	2	0	0	0	85	2.5%
05A (Codington)	11	49	16	0	0	0	76	2.2%
06A (Brookings)	4	62	7	0	0	0	73	2.2%
07A (Yankton)	4	11	4	0	0	0	20	0.6%
08A (Davison)	7	18	4	0	0	0	29	0.9%
10A (Aurora)	2	22	7	0	0	0	31	0.9%
11A (N Bennett)	2	13	0	0	0	0	16	0.5%
11B (S Bennett)	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.2%
12A (Bon Homme)	0	22	2	0	0	0	24	0.7%
13A (Brule)	4	31	7	0	0	0	42	1.2%
13L (Brule GPA's/Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
14A (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
15A (Butte)	2	20	9	3	23	3	59	1.7%
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	4	33	16	3	10	3	69	2.0%
16A (Campbell)	2	4	9	0	0	0	16	0.5%
17A (Charles Mix)	2	24	7	0	0	0	33	1.0%
18A (Clark)	0	65	7	0	0	0	71	2.1%
19A (Clay)	4	13	0	0	0	0	18	0.5%
20A (Corson)	0	18	4	0	0	0	22	0.7%
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0.3%
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	2	4	0	0	0	0	7	0.2%
22A (Day)	18	51	11	0	0	0	80	2.4%
23A (Deuel)	2	36	0	0	0	0	38	1.1%
24A (Dewey)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.1%
24B (Little Moreau)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
25A (Douglas)	0	11	2	0	0	0	13	0.4%
26A (Edmunds)	11	49	11	0	0	0	71	2.1%
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.1%
27B (Fall River)	4	20	2	0	0	0	27	0.8%
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	0	9	2	0	0	0	11	0.3%
28A (Faulk)	7	36	7	0	0	0	49	1.4%
29A (Grant)	20	44	0	0	0	0	64	1.9%
30A,B (Gregory)	2	58	4	0	0	0	65	1.9%
31A (Haakon)	0	24	0	0	33	5	63	1.8%
32A (Hamlin)	9	116	16	0	0	0	140	4.1%
33A (Hand)	4	31	4	0	0	0	40	1.2%
34A (Hanson)	4	18	2	0	0	0	24	0.7%
35A (W Harding)	0	9	0	0	33	3	45	1.3%
35C (E Harding)	0	11	0	3	10	5	29	0.9%
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	0	0	2	0	10	0	12	0.4%
36A (Hughes)	4	11	4	0	0	0	20	0.6%
37A (Hutchinson)	9	7	7	0	0	0	22	0.7%
38A (Hyde)	0	22	0	0	0	0	22	0.7%
39A (N Jackson)	0	13	4	0	0	0	18	0.5%
39B (S Jackson)	2	7	2	0	0	0	11	0.3%
40A (Jerauld)	2	22	2	0	0	0	27	0.8%
41A (Jones)	0	20	4	0	0	0	24	0.7%
42A (Kingsbury)	7	65	4	0	0	0	76	2.2%
43A (Lake)	2	44	4	0	0	0	51	1.5%
44A (Lincoln)	4	29	9	0	0	0	42	1.2%
45A (W Lyman)	0	18	2	0	0	0	20	0.6%
45B (E Lyman)	0	4	2	0	0	0	7	0.2%
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0.3%
46A (McCook)	4	49	9	0	0	0	62	1.8%
47A (McPherson)	2	16	7	0	0	0	24	0.7%
48A (Marshall)	2	31	0	0	0	0	33	1.0%
49A (W Meade)	0	42	11	0	18	3	74	2.2%
49B (NE Meade)	0	2	2	5	13	5	27	0.8%
50A,B (Mellette)	2	13	2	0	0	0	18	0.5%
51A (Miner)	4	29	11	0	0	0	45	1.3%
52A (Moody)	7	27	9	0	0	0	42	1.2%
53A (N Perkins)	2	11	4	0	23	8	48	1.4%
53C (S Perkins)	0	16	0	3	15	0	33	1.0%
54A (Potter)	2	29	2	0	0	0	33	1.0%
55A (Roberts)	15	60	9	0	0	0	84	2.5%
56A (Sanborn)	0	24	0	0	0	0	24	0.7%
57A (Spink)	9	36	2	0	0	0	47	1.4%
58A (Stanley)	2	18	0	0	0	0	20	0.6%
59A (W Sully)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.1%
59B (E Sully)	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	0.3%
60A (Tripp)	2	13	4	0	0	0	20	0.6%
61A (Turner)	2	24	2	0	0	0	29	0.9%
62A (Union)	7	27	7	0	0	0	40	1.2%
63A (Walworth)	7	7	2	0	0	0	16	0.5%
64A (Ziebach)	0	0	2	0	18	0	20	0.6%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH (Black Hills)	33	405	65	0	0	0	503	14.8%
TOTALS	303	2,422	403	18	219	33	3,398	

Use these figures for approximations only!

Mentored Youth Deer 2008-2024



MUZZLELOADER DEER

There were 2,098 “antlerless whitetail” licenses (1,981 resident, 117 nonresident) and 1,013 “any deer” licenses issued for the 2024 Muzzleloader Deer season, which represented a total of 3,111 tags. All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 1,785 responded for a response rate of 59%.

The 2024 Muzzleloader season was open from December 1, 2024, through January 1, 2025. There were 4,154 resident applications for the 1,000 “any deer” licenses. Respondents averaged 5.81 days of hunting for a projected total of 17,525 recreation days for the season.

The estimated harvest for the Muzzleloader season was 794 deer (201 whitetail bucks, 446 whitetail does, 135 mule deer bucks, and 12 mule deer does). The overall success rate for the muzzleloader season was 26% and average satisfaction was 4.14 (1 = very dissatisfied, 7 = very satisfied).

The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills (BH1), Minnehaha (01A), Brookings (06A), Lake (43A), and E Custer/S Pennington (21A) accounting for approximately 25% of the total season harvest.

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Muzzleloader Deer seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Harvest				Total	Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
			Bucks		Does					
	Res	Nonres	WT	Mule	WT	Mule				
2015	3,303	143	313	77	539	16	935	27%	4.03	4.76
2016	2,914	134	334	89	699	6	1,127	37%	4.06	5.03
2017	3,304	128	263	117	865	4	1,251	36%	4.39	5.10
2018	3,263	120	275	110	808	14	1,208	36%	4.44	5.01
2019	3,200	140	295	112	795	17	1,219	36%	4.95	5.10
2020	3,550	157	272	170	882	17	1,341	36%	4.36	5.14
2021	3,358	133	235	110	711	8	1,065	31%	4.87	5.01
2022	3,083	104	275	83	760	8	1,125	35%	5.03	4.73
2023	3,529	130	213	119	600	12	945	26%	5.75	4.22
2024	2,994	117	201	135	446	12	794	26%	5.81	4.14

2024 Muzzleloader Deer Harvest Projections

Unit-Type	License Holders	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold		Tags Sold	Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest	Avg Days Hunted	Avg Satisf
			Resident	Nonresident				Whitetail				Mule Deer						
								Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
ST1-01	1,013	1,000	1,013	NA	1,013	67%	33.7%	138	3	51	3	133	1	12	0	341	-	-
LM1-13	2,098	Unlimited	1,981	117	2,098	56%	21.6%	0	61	351	41	0	0	0	0	452	-	-
Totals	3,018		2,994	117	3,111	59.4%	25.5%	138	64	402	44	133	1	12	0	794	5.81	4.14

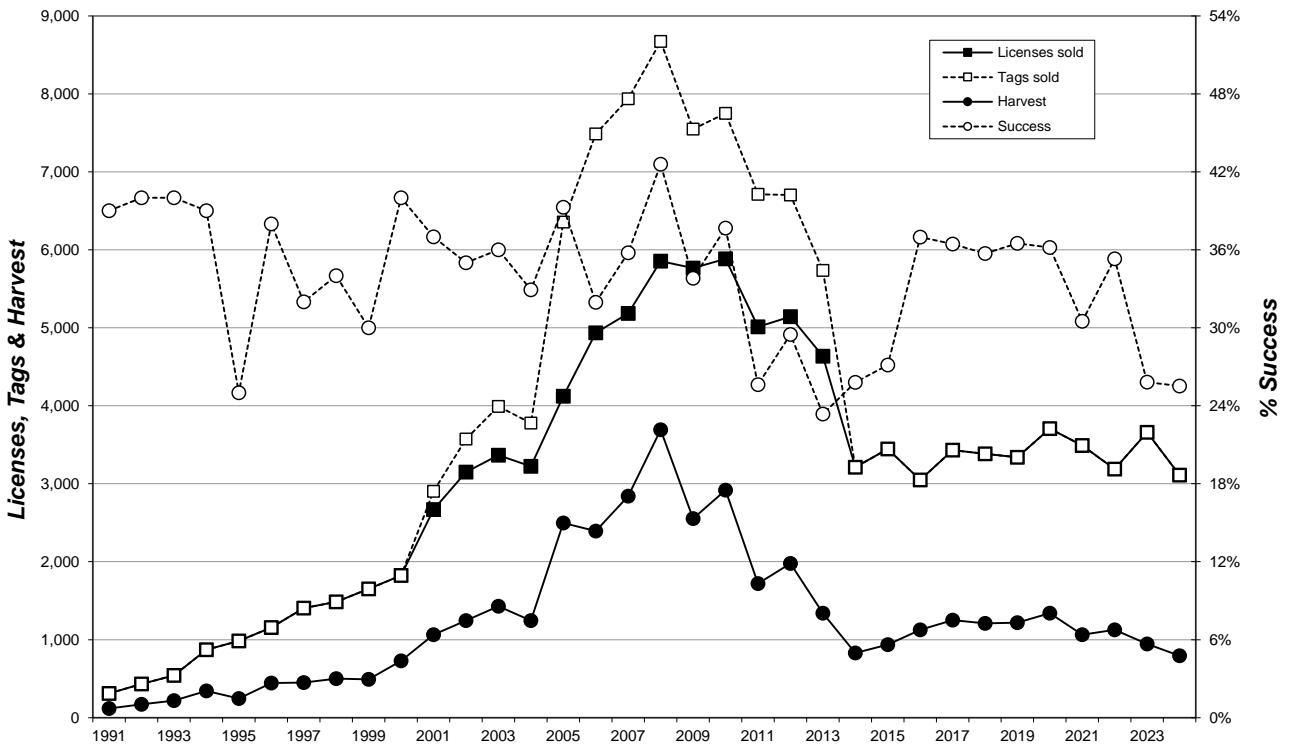
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2024 Muzzleloader Deer Harvest Distribution by Management Unit

Unit	Projected Harvest										Estimate	%
	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total			
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does					
Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
01A (Minnehaha)	3	11	26	2	0	0	0	0	0	41	5.2%	
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	0	0	10	0	6	0	0	0	0	16	2.1%	
02C (SE Pennington)	0	2	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	12	1.6%	
03A (Brown)	3	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	15	1.9%	
04A (Beadle)	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2.0%	
05A (Codington)	6	4	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	2.3%	
06A (Brookings)	6	4	26	2	0	0	0	0	0	37	4.7%	
07A (Yankton)	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1.3%	
08A (Davison)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2%	
10A (Aurora)	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.1%	
11A (N Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
11B (S Bennett)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2%	
12A (Bon Homme)	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.4%	
13A (Brule)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2%	
13L (Brule GPA's/Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
14A (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
15A (Butte)	1	4	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	17	2.2%	
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	3	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	1.3%	
16A (Campbell)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
17A (Charles Mix)	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0.6%	
18A (Clark)	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.4%	
19A (Clay)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2%	
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.9%	
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	4	2	19	0	7	1	1	1	0	36	4.5%	
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.4%	
22A (Day)	1	0	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	19	2.4%	
23A (Deuel)	0	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	1.8%	
24A (Dewey)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.4%	
24B (Little Moreau)	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.9%	
25A (Douglas)	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.4%	
26A (Edmunds)	4	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	2.1%	
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	3	2	5	2	4	0	1	0	0	18	2.2%	
27B (Fall River)	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1.7%	
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0.6%	
28A (Faulk)	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.4%	
29A (Grant)	3	2	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	22	2.8%	
30A,B (Gregory)	3	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	1.2%	
31A (Haakon)	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	8	1.0%	
32A (Hamlin)	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1.5%	
33A (Hand)	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.8%	
34A (Hanson)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2%	
35A (W Harding)	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	0.8%	
35C (E Harding)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.4%	
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	13	1.7%	
36A (Hughes)	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	7	0.9%	
37A (Hutchinson)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2%	
38A (Hyde)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2%	
39A (N Jackson)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.4%	
39B (S Jackson)	0	2	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	10	1.3%	
40A (Jerauld)	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.7%	
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.2%	
42A (Kingsbury)	4	4	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	27	3.4%	
43A (Lake)	1	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3.7%	
44A (Lincoln)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45A (W Lyman)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2%	
45B (E Lyman)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2%	
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.8%	
46A (McCook)	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1.3%	
47A (McPherson)	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1.3%	
48A (Marshall)	1	2	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	2.2%	
49A (W Meade)	3	2	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	20	2.5%	
49B (NE Meade)	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.6%	
50A,B (Mellette)	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	8	1.0%	
51A (Miner)	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1.7%	
52A (Moody)	1	0	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	15	1.9%	
53A (N Perkins)	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	6	0.8%	
53C (S Perkins)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
54A (Potter)	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0.6%	
55A (Roberts)	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1.5%	
56A (Sanborn)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.4%	
57A (Spink)	3	2	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	1.7%	
58A (Stanley)	1	0	2	2	15	0	3	0	0	23	2.9%	
59A (W Sully)	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	7	0.9%	
59B (E Sully)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
60A (Tripp)	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.8%	
61A (Turner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
62A (Union)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2%	
63A (Walworth)	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.9%	
64A (Ziebach)	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0.6%	
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
BH1 (Black Hills)	25	0	14	2	15	0	1	0	0	58	7.3%	
TOTALS	138	64	402	44	133	1	12	0	0	794		

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Muzzleloader Deer 1991-2024



LANDOWNER FREE ANTLERLESS DEER

Landowner Free Antlerless Whitetail Deer licenses (available for resident and nonresident landowners) were available in hunting units which offered a deer license with multiple tags for antlerless deer in the regular lottery drawing for the West River Deer and East River Deer seasons (12 units in 2024).

There were 809 free single-tag antlerless white-tailed deer licenses issued to landowners for the 2024 West River Deer, East River Deer, Archery Deer, Muzzleloader Deer, Youth Deer, and Apprentice Deer hunting seasons. All license holders that provided an email address were surveyed and 200 responses (25%) were received.

Free Landowner on Own Land Antlerless Deer licenses were valid for qualifying hunters from September 14, 2024, through January 1, 2025. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.86 days each, which projected to 2,650 recreation days.

Projections for the season estimated that 17 whitetail bucks and 220 whitetail does were harvested for a total of 237, and overall success rate of 29%. The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 4.78.

Summary of the 2016-2024 Free Landowner Antlerless Deer license statistics

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest						Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks		Does		Total	Success		
		WT	Mule	WT	Mule				
2016	628	36	0	264	3	303	48%	3.54	5.15
2017	349	9	0	159	6	173	49%	3.59	5.10
2018	377	14	2	153	5	173	46%	2.99	5.27
2019	313	4	0	126	0	130	41%	2.68	4.79
2020	393	9	0	212	0	221	56%	3.74	4.92
2021	585	3	0	250	0	253	43%	3.16	5.29
2022	2,152	36	0	684	0	720	33%	3.48	5.04
2023	748	9	0	224	0	233	31%	3.84	4.83
2024	809	17	0	220	0	237	29%	3.86	4.78

2024 Free Antlerless Landowner Own Land Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 10-Apr-25

Unit	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses		Tags sold	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Harvest Projections				Total Deer Harvest	Mean Satisfactn Rating	Average Days Hunted
	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold					Whitetail		Bucks	Does			
									Adult	Fawn					
Statewide	Unltd	781	Unltd	28	809	25%	29%	29%	0	17	216	3	237	4.78	3.86

2024 Statewide Antlerless LOL Harvest Distribution

Last Revised: 14-Apr-25

Unit	Projected Harvest						Estimate	%
	Bucks		Does		Fawn	Total		
	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult				
15A (Butte)	0	38	0	0	0	41	17.4%	
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	3	14	0	0	0	17	7.2%	
18A (Clark)	3	55	0	0	0	58	24.6%	
20A (Corson)	0	10	0	0	0	10	4.3%	
30A,B (Gregory)	0	34	3	0	0	38	15.9%	
31A (Haakon)	3	14	0	0	0	17	7.2%	
35A (W Harding)	0	14	0	0	0	14	5.8%	
35C (E Harding)	3	7	0	0	0	10	4.3%	
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	10	0	0	0	10	4.3%	
53A (N Perkins)	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.9%	
53C (S Perkins)	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.9%	
64A (Ziebach)	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.9%	
TOTALS	17	216	3	0	0	237		

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WEST RIVER FIREARM DEER

There were 24,180 licenses issued for the 2024 West River Firearm Deer season (19,388 regular, 1,997 Special Buck, and 2,795 Landowner Own Land Only) for a total of 33,342 tags.

The West River season was open 16 days from November 16 – December 1 in most units. Unit 30A in Gregory County was open from November 9-12 and Nov. 25 – December 1. The season was also open from December 14-22 for all unfilled antlerless deer tags.

All hunters who provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123 Software for the regular West River season, the West River Special Buck season, and Landowner Own Land Only licenses. Final response rates were 48% for regular West River Deer, 28% for Landowner Own Land, and 57% for Special Buck.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.54 days in the regular West River season, 4.28 days for Landowner, and 3.68 days in the Special Buck. These averages project to a total of 85,492 recreation days for all West River firearm deer seasons.

The West River projected deer harvest was 12,506 for the regular season, 1,728 for Landowner Own Land, and 1,437 for the Special Buck licenses. Success rates were 46% for the regular season, 41% for landowner, and 72% for Special Buck.

The mean satisfaction score for those responding to the regular West River season was 4.63 (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied).

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 West River Deer seasons (including Special Buck and Landowner)

YEAR	Licenses Sold				Harvest				Total	Tag Success	Avg Days	Avg Satis
	Resident		Nonres		Bucks		Does					
	Lics	Tags	Lics	Tags	WT	Mule	WT	Mule				
2015	20,417	23,405	2,394	2,547	9,091	3,673	2,521	246	15,528	60%	3.12	5.27
2016	21,974	28,565	2,510	3,086	8,789	3,885	3,805	354	16,384	53%	3.33	5.13
2017	21,310	26,057	2,322	2,679	7,977	4,384	3,224	399	15,984	56%	3.28	5.05
2018	21,389	26,184	2,337	2,691	7,731	4,200	3,270	427	15,628	54%	3.38	5.10
2019	20,864	28,342	2,028	2,592	7,717	3,800	3,732	423	15,672	51%	3.09	5.18
2020	21,733	29,434	2,380	2,872	9,147	4,033	4,621	454	18,255	56%	3.46	5.30
2021	23,028	33,731	2,745	3,679	8,514	3,846	5,366	556	18,282	49%	3.50	5.12
2022	23,671	34,621	2,796	3,738	7,864	3,893	5,317	568	17,642	46%	3.51	4.69
2023	21,413	29,884	2,585	3,528	7,589	3,473	3,661	468	15,190	46%	3.60	4.55
2024	21,525	30,001	2,562	3,206	7,583	3,662	3,917	509	15,670	47%	3.64	4.63

2024 West River Deer Antlerless Harvest by Date

	Total	Nov 16 - Dec 1	Dec 14 - 22
Reports	1,954	1,624	330
Percent of total		83%	17%
Projected	4,236	3,521	715

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2024 West River Deer Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Licenses											Harvest Projections										Total Deer	Harvest	CI (95%)
	Resident						Nonresident					Whitetail				Mule Deer								
	Appl. 1st		Appl. 1st		Appl. 1st		Tags sold	Response Rate	Success		Hunter Success	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does						
	Choice *	Avail.	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	1st tag			2nd tag	1st tag		2nd tag	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn				
02A-01	630	400	404	113	32	32	436	49%	66%		66%	99	2	6	0	173	0	8	0	288	+/-20			
02A-18	42	200	199	19	16	16	430	48%	69%	32%	69%	125	15	69	8	0	0	0	0	217	+/-30			
02C-01	450	100	104	104	8	8	112	69%	68%		68%	7	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	76	+/-7			
02C-11	25	50	50	5	4	4	54	65%	46%		46%	22	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	25	+/-5			
11A-01	175	125	125	17	10	10	135	59%	65%		65%	44	0	7	0	30	0	7	0	88	+/-9			
11A-11	9	50	50	2	4	4	54	45%	58%		58%	29	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	31	+/-8			
11B-01	116	50	51	21	4	4	55	64%	43%		43%	14	0	0	0	8	0	2	0	24	+/-5			
11B-11	28	75	75	9	6	6	81	46%	59%		59%	42	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	48	+/-9			
15A-01	650	200	204	144	16	16	220	53%	69%		69%	46	0	0	0	98	2	6	0	151	+/-13			
15A-18	421	600	600	78	48	48	1,296	44%	70%	32%	70%	393	29	196	41	0	0	0	0	659	+/-56			
15A-19P	12	400	391	18	32	35	852	36%	52%	31%	52%	0	24	278	54	0	0	0	0	357	+/-53			
15B-01	221	150	150	32	12	11	161	56%	64%		64%	52	0	5	0	43	0	4	0	104	+/-11			
15B-18	276	400	399	45	32	32	862	49%	67%	33%	67%	263	8	152	6	0	0	0	0	429	+/-42			
15B-19P	23	200	200	7	16	16	432	42%	58%	42%	58%	0	29	160	25	0	0	0	0	214	+/-33			
20A-01	392	150	151	86	12	12	163	54%	67%		67%	36	0	2	0	62	0	7	2	109	+/-11			
20A-03	3	50	50	0	4	4	54	48%	54%		54%	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	4	29	+/-7			
20A-18	121	400	402	52	32	30	864	43%	51%	17%	51%	171	5	90	25	0	0	0	0	291	+/-44			
20A-19	6	100	97	2	8	9	212	40%	28%	15%	29%	0	5	32	7	0	0	0	0	43	+/-19			
21A-01	517	100	102	82	8	8	110	53%	78%		78%	23	0	2	0	57	0	4	0	85	+/-8			
21A-11	236	200	199	32	16	16	215	44%	61%		61%	115	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	131	+/-16			
21A-13P	1	50	50	0	4	4	54	39%	62%		62%	0	0	28	5	0	0	0	0	33	+/-9			
21B-01	93	50	50	20	4	4	54	48%	69%		69%	15	0	2	0	19	0	2	0	37	+/-7			
21B-11	60	50	50	2	4	4	54	57%	65%		65%	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	+/-6			
24A-01	286	100	100	44	8	8	108	47%	68%		68%	13	0	2	0	56	0	2	0	73	+/-10			
24A-11	62	250	249	26	20	20	269	47%	47%		47%	115	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	126	+/-17			
24A-13	0	100	98	3	8	10	108	42%	49%		51%	0	4	44	7	0	0	0	0	55	+/-12			
24B-11	47	10	10	11	1	1	11	73%	100%		100%	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	+/-0			
24B-13	2	10	10	1	1	1	11	73%	75%		75%	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	+/-2			
27A-01	372	125	124	85	10	10	134	69%	59%		59%	26	0	1	0	51	0	0	0	79	+/-8			
27A-11	39	50	50	7	4	4	54	30%	69%		69%	27	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	37	+/-10			
27A-13P	4	25	25	0	2	1	26	58%	27%		27%	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	+/-4			
27B-01	427	200	199	98	16	16	215	54%	69%		69%	46	0	0	0	97	0	6	0	149	+/-12			
27B-11	62	125	125	23	10	10	135	48%	57%		57%	73	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	77	+/-12			
27B-13	10	50	50	1	4	4	54	50%	26%		26%	0	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	14	+/-6			
27B-13P	2	50	49	0	4	4	53	45%	50%		50%	0	2	22	2	0	0	0	0	26	+/-8			
27L-01	33	5	6	18	1	1	7	100%	71%		71%	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	+/-0			
27L-11	39	10	10	17	1	1	11	64%	86%		86%	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	+/-2			
30A-01	138	25	26	21	2	2	28	50%	43%		43%	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	12	+/-5			
30A-18	461	600	598	78	48	46	1,288	45%	35%	7%	35%	150	14	98	7	0	0	0	0	268	+/-45			
30A-19	3	200	192	3	16	22	428	41%	19%	8%	19%	0	12	41	2	0	0	0	0	55	+/-23			
30A-19P	1	100	94	1	8	15	218	32%	27%	10%	29%	0	0	41	3	0	0	0	0	44	+/-23			
30B-01	81	25	26	16	2	2	28	36%	30%		30%	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	+/-6			
30B-18	449	600	602	73	48	47	1,298	48%	44%	9%	44%	220	4	114	4	0	0	0	0	343	+/-46			
30B-19	9	200	188	1	16	28	432	44%	28%	16%	30%	0	11	77	15	0	0	0	0	103	+/-28			
30B-19P	3	100	79	0	8	30	218	51%	46%	36%	46%	0	4	85	11	0	0	0	0	99	+/-17			
31A-01	743	600	602	130	48	47	649	56%	66%		66%	155	0	11	0	252	4	7	2	431	+/-21			
31A-08	84	50	50	12	4	4	108	46%	84%	60%	84%	13	0	17	0	24	4	13	6	78	+/-4			
31A-11	15	100	100	12	8	8	108	52%	54%		54%	48	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	58	+/-10			
31A-19	9	100	100	4	8	8	216	50%	44%	28%	44%	0	10	58	10	0	0	0	0	78	+/-20			
35A-01	659	300	299	229	24	26	325	61%	65%		65%	46	0	0	0	149	0	13	3	212	+/-13			
35A-11	11	100	99	16	8	9	108	52%	59%		59%	58	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	64	+/-10			
35A-18	20	50	50	6	5	4	108	61%	61%	21%	61%	31	2	10	2	0	0	0	0	44	+/-11			
35A-19P	5	75	75	1	6	6	162	40%	63%	33%	66%	0	2	59	22	0	0	0	0	84	+/-22			
35C-01	486	200	202	136	16	16	218	52%	77%		77%	39	0	6	2	120	0	2	0	168	+/-12			
35C-03P	2	50	49	0	4	4	53	40%	38%		38%	0	0	8	0	0	0	10	3	20	+/-9			
35C-11	32	100	100	8	8	8	108	50%	43%		43%	44	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	46	+/-10			
35C-18	27	50	50	4	4	4	108	54%	59%	28%	59%	32	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	47	+/-13			
35C-19P	0	75	75	3	6	6	162	38%	54%	32%	57%	0	2	66	10	0	0	0	0	78	+/-22			
35L-01	705	100	100	315	8	9	109	66%	72%		72%	15	0	0	0	61	0	2	0	78	+/-7			
39A-01	384	175	179	54	14	13	192	52%	70%		70%	46	0	2	0	77	0	8	2	134	+/-12			
39A-11	48	100	99	19	8	8	107	52%	54%		54%	55	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	57	+/-10			
39A-13	1	50	50	0	4	4	54	50%	37%		37%	0	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	20	+/-7			
39B-01	247	275	275	44	22	21	296	50%	65%		65%	92	2	4	0	88	0	6	0	192	+/-16			
39B-11	3	50	50	3	4	4	54	56%	43%		43%	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	+/-6			
39B-13	1	50	50	1	4	4	54	57%	64%		65%	0	1	33	1	0	0	0	0	36	+/-5			
41A-01	282	200	201	40	16	16	217	51%	63%		63%	93	0	4	2	37	0	0	0	136	+/-14			
41A-11	16	300	300	24	24	24	324	35%	42%		46%	133	3	18	3	0	0	0	0	156	+/-23			
45A-01	240	100	102	29	8	8	110	56%	54%		54%	27	2	5	0	25	0	0	0	60	+/-9			
45A-11	65	350	350	30	28	28	378	45%	35%		36%	114	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	136	+/-20			
45A-13P	2	150	141	1	12	22	163	39%	27%		29%	0	2	37	2	0	0	0	0	41	+/-12			
45A-18	78	200	201	9	16	15	432	45%	41%	9%	41%	64	0	42	2	0	0	0	0	108	+/-27			
45B-01	166	50	51	18	4	4	55	55%	33%		33%	9	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	18	+/-6			
45B-13P	1	75	69	1	6	6	77	40%	10%		10%	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	+/-6			
45B-18	242	175	175	32	14	14	378	56%	52%	19%	52%	74	2	49	11	0	0	0	0	135	+/-23			
45C-01	43	30	30	4	3	3	33	48%	56%		56%	6	0	0	0	8	0	4	0	19	+/-6			
45C-19	2	20	20	0	2	2	44	55%	45%	9%	42%	0	2											

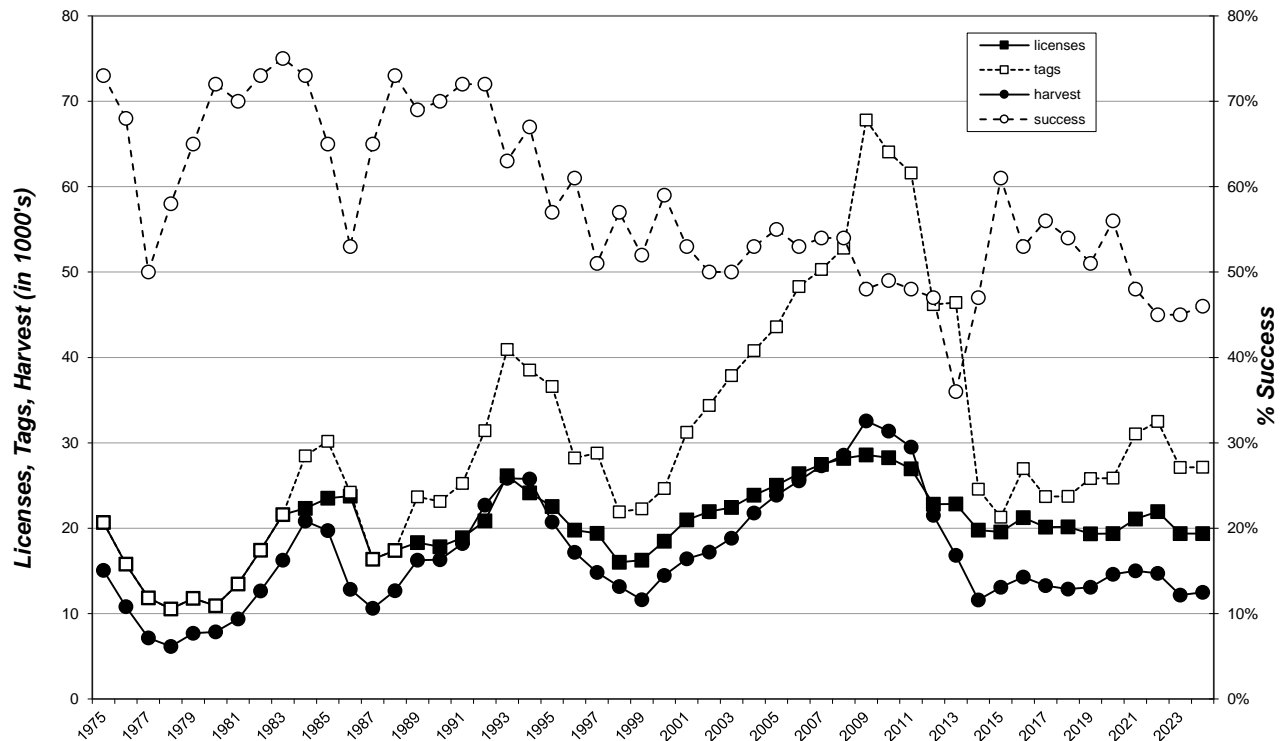
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Unit/Type	Licenses											Harvest Projections								Total Deer	CI (95%)	
	Resident			Nonresident			Tags	Response	Success	Hunter	Whitetail				Mule Deer							
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold					Bucks	Does	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult			Fawn
53A-01	933	400	405	297	32	32	437	54%	64%			64%	83	0	2	0	184	0	9	0	278	+/-18
53A-09P	9	75	75	1	6	6	162	49%	62%	41%	62%	0	0	23	2	0	0	0	46	12	83	+/-18
53A-18	128	250	249	70	20	21	540	54%	63%	29%	63%	159	6	72	11	0	0	0	0	0	248	+/-30
53A-19P	2	100	100	3	8	8	216	42%	53%	37%	53%	0	7	73	18	0	0	0	0	0	98	+/-24
53C-01	649	500	500	135	40	40	540	48%	73%		73%	161	0	4	2	206	2	15	2	392	+/-21	
53C-09P	5	75	75	0	6	5	160	41%	65%	48%	64%	0	0	33	7	0	0	0	44	2	86	+/-21
53C-18	63	250	250	36	20	19	538	50%	67%	28%	67%	155	8	78	16	0	0	0	0	257	+/-32	
53C-19P	1	100	77	2	8	31	216	47%	60%	38%	63%	0	15	97	11	0	0	0	0	124	+/-20	
58A-01	506	150	150	82	12	12	162	57%	75%		75%	33	0	2	0	85	0	2	0	121	+/-9	
58A-13	5	50	50	2	4	4	54	43%	30%		30%	0	5	9	2	0	0	0	0	16	+/-8	
58A-18	117	150	150	12	12	12	324	56%	53%	18%	53%	73	5	28	7	0	0	0	0	114	+/-21	
58D-01	5	5	5	1	1	1	6	83%	60%		60%	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	+/-1	
58D-13	0	3	3	0	1	1	4	0%	0%		0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+/-	
60A-01	422	100	100	49	8	8	108	54%	60%		60%	41	0	4	2	19	0	0	0	65	+/-9	
60A-13	7	250	217	8	20	54	271	38%	29%		34%	0	2	79	9	0	0	0	0	90	+/-18	
60A-18	450	1,000	998	107	80	81	2,158	43%	47%	13%	47%	368	32	239	7	0	0	0	0	646	+/-67	
64A-01	308	250	250	68	20	20	270	49%	76%		76%	65	4	10	2	119	2	2	0	205	+/-14	
64A-11	2	100	97	10	8	8	105	55%	47%		47%	48	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	50	+/-9	
64A-19P	1	50	47	1	4	4	102	39%	44%	22%	45%	0	2	26	2	0	0	0	0	31	+/-16	
65A-01	42	75	75	12	6	6	81	44%	67%		67%	25	0	2	0	27	0	0	0	54	+/-9	
67A-01	87	100	99	17	8	8	107	44%	39%		39%	21	2	5	0	14	0	0	0	42	+/-11	
67A-11	14	100	97	3	8	10	107	36%	24%		24%	21	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	24	+/-11	
67A-13	2	100	93	2	8	16	109	35%	31%		29%	0	2	22	2	0	0	0	0	27	+/-12	
Totals	17,718	17,948	17,822	3,963	1,441	1,566	27,139	48.3%			57%	5,495	307	3,174	403	2,774	18	294	39	12,506	+/-1,678	

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

West River Deer Regular Season 1975-2024
 (does not include Special Buck or Landowner Own Land)



2024 West River Landowner Own Land Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 10-Apr-25

Unit/Type	Harvest Projections																		
	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses		Tags sold	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total Deer Harvest	Mean Satisfactn Rating	Average Days Hunted
	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold					Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
WR1-01	Unltd	1,333	Unltd	51	1,384	29%	45%	45%	392	0	14	4	210	0	7	0	628	-	-
WR1-08	Unltd	1,369	Unltd	42	2,822	27%	55%	39%	406	15	296	15	197	8	156	8	1,100	-	-
Totals		2,702		93	4,206	28.0%	50%	41%	798	15	310	19	408	8	163	8	1,728	4.72	4.28

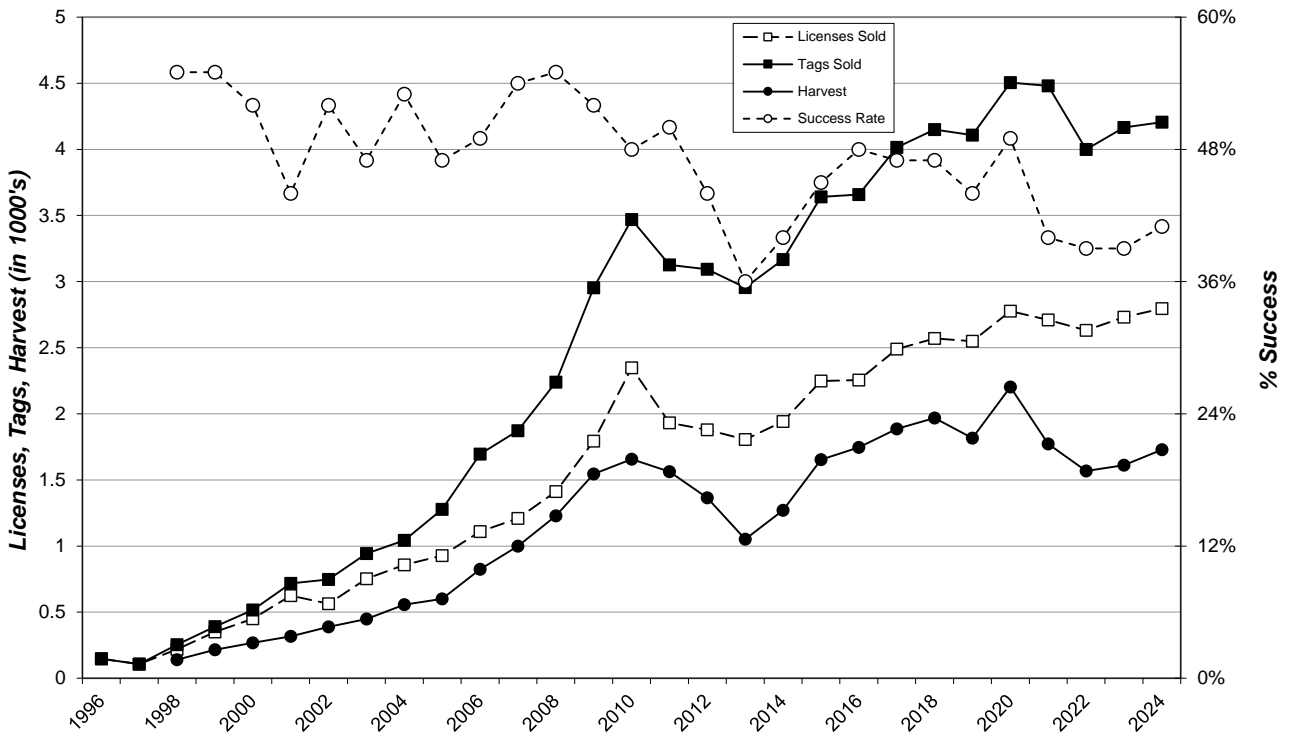
2024 West River LOL Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
14-Apr-25

Unit	Projected Harvest										Estimate	%
	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total			
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does					
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn		
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	15	0	19	0	11	4	11	0	60	3.5%		
02C (SE Pennington)	7	0	4	0	7	0	0	0	18	1.1%		
11A (N Bennett)	15	0	0	0	4	0	8	0	26	1.5%		
11B (S Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%		
15A (Butte)	44	0	30	0	18	0	4	0	97	5.6%		
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	37	0	4	0	7	0	4	0	52	3.0%		
20A (Corson)	29	0	8	0	22	4	15	0	78	4.5%		
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	44	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	51	3.0%		
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	7	0.4%		
24A (Dewey)	7	0	4	7	18	0	11	0	48	2.8%		
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	4	0	0	0	15	0	8	0	26	1.5%		
27B (Fall River)	44	0	4	0	22	0	4	0	74	4.3%		
30A,B (Gregory)	107	4	68	4	4	0	0	0	186	10.8%		
31A (Haakon)	37	4	11	0	62	0	30	0	145	8.4%		
35A (W Harding)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%		
35C (E Harding)	0	0	8	0	4	0	4	0	15	0.9%		
39A (N Jackson)	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	11	0.7%		
39B (S Jackson)	7	0	8	0	11	0	4	0	30	1.7%		
41A (Jones)	26	4	8	0	15	0	0	0	52	3.0%		
45A (W Lyman)	26	4	19	4	15	0	0	0	67	3.9%		
45B (E Lyman)	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0.9%		
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%		
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	7	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	15	0.9%		
49A (W Meade)	33	0	11	0	18	0	11	8	82	4.7%		
49B (NE Meade)	29	0	4	0	26	0	8	0	66	3.8%		
50A,B (Melleite)	22	0	26	0	18	0	0	0	67	3.9%		
53A (N Perkins)	33	0	4	0	18	0	4	0	59	3.4%		
53C (S Perkins)	4	0	8	0	22	0	4	0	37	2.1%		
58A (Stanley)	48	0	8	0	33	0	23	0	111	6.4%		
60A (Tripp)	129	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	155	9.0%		
64A (Ziebach)	18	0	8	0	15	0	4	0	44	2.6%		
65A (Oglala Lakota)	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	11	0.6%		
67A (Todd)	7	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	15	0.9%		
TOTALS	798	15	310	19	408	8	163	8	1,728			

Use these figures for approximations only!

Landowner Own Land West River Deer 1996-2024



2024 West River Special Buck Harvest Projections																					
Unit/Type	Licenses								Harvest Projections								Total Deer	Mean Satisfactn Rating	Average Days Hunted		
	Resident				Nonresident				Whitetail				Mule Deer								
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold		Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold		Response Rate	Tag Success	Bucks Adult	Fawn	Does Adult	Fawn	Bucks Adult	Fawn				Does Adult	Fawn
WR-01	966	500	500		1,020	500	499		59%	78%	315	0	0	0	453	2	5	0	774	-	-
WR-11	70	500	501		364	500	497		56%	66%	651	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	662	-	-
Totals	1,036	1,000	1,001		1,384	1,000	996		57%	72%	966	0	11	0	453	2	5	0	1,437	5.38	3.68

2024 West River Special Buck Harvest Distribution												
Unit	Projected Harvest										Estimate	%
	Whitetail					Mule Deer						
	Bucks		Does			Bucks		Does				
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn		
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	39	0	0	0	24	0	2	0	64	4.5%		
02C (SE Pennington)	25	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	45	3.1%		
11A (N Bennett)	18	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	23	1.6%		
11B (S Bennett)	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	10	0.7%		
15A (Butte)	53	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	62	4.3%		
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	39	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	42	2.9%		
20A (Corson)	37	0	2	0	27	0	0	0	66	4.6%		
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	19	0	2	0	32	0	0	0	54	3.7%		
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	18	1.2%		
24A (Dewey)	34	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	54	3.8%		
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.4%		
27B (Fall River)	27	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	37	2.6%		
30A,B (Gregory)	136	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	140	9.7%		
31A (Haakon)	41	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	88	6.2%		
35A (W Harding)	35	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	66	4.6%		
35C (E Harding)	18	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	31	2.2%		
39A (N Jackson)	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	24	1.7%		
39B (S Jackson)	30	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	44	3.0%		
41A (Jones)	55	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	74	5.1%		
45A (W Lyman)	41	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	53	3.7%		
45B (E Lyman)	25	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	32	2.2%		
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	5	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	11	0.7%		
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.5%		
49A (W Meade)	27	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	32	2.2%		
49B (NE Meade)	14	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	23	1.6%		
50A,B (Mellette)	42	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	58	4.0%		
53A (N Perkins)	42	0	2	0	15	0	0	0	60	4.1%		
53C (S Perkins)	28	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	40	2.8%		
58A (Stanley)	25	0	0	0	44	2	2	0	72	5.0%		
60A (Tripp)	37	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	44	3.1%		
64A (Ziebach)	23	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	49	3.4%		
65A (Oglala Lakota)	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	7	0.5%		
67A (Todd)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.2%		
TOTALS	966	0	11	0	453	2	5	0	1,437			

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EAST RIVER FIREARM DEER

There were 33,183 licenses issued for the 2024 East River Firearm Deer season (24,409 regular, 491 Special Buck and 8,283 Landowner Own Land Only) for a total of 37,582 tags.

The East River season was open 16 days from November 23 through December 8 in all units. The season was also open from December 14-22 for all unfilled antlerless deer tags.

All hunters that listed a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123 Software for the regular East River season, the East River Special Buck season, and Landowner Own Land Only licenses. Final response rates were 46% for regular East River Deer, 33% for Landowner Own Land, and 57% for Special Buck.

Respondents reported hunting an average of 4.39 days per hunter for the regular season, 4.84 days for Landowner Own Land and 5.61 days for Special Buck, resulting in a projected total of 149,859 recreation days for the entire East River season. Regular East River season hunters reported harvesting approximately 88% of their antlerless deer from November 23 – December 8, and 12% from December 14-22.

The East River projected deer harvest was 10,633 for the regular season, 3,754 for Landowner Own Land, and 263 for the Special Buck season. Success rates were 44% for the regular season, 30% for Landowner Own Land, and 54% for Special Buck.

The mean satisfaction score for those responding to the regular East River survey was 4.14 (1 = “very dissatisfied” and 7 = “very satisfied”).

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 East River Deer seasons (including Special Buck and Landowner)

YEAR	Licenses Sold				Harvest				Total Harvest	Success	Avg Days	Avg Satis
	Resident		Nonres		Bucks		Does					
	Lics	Tags	Lics	Tags	WT	Mule	WT	Mule				
2015	32,287	40,420	836	1,276	13,060	369	7,331	104	20,866	50%	4.15	4.96
2016	31,048	44,311	759	1,595	10,659	359	7,972	117	19,107	42%	4.16	4.70
2017	31,501	39,556	830	1,313	11,636	312	6,446	96	18,489	45%	4.40	4.86
2018	31,791	39,926	718	1,143	11,329	348	6,616	95	18,388	45%	4.36	4.86
2019	33,353	39,891	526	538	10,015	280	6,142	66	16,503	41%	4.15	4.77
2020	33,816	40,884	437	451	11,801	339	7,066	59	19,265	47%	4.56	5.30
2021	33,836	39,740	257	257	11,759	243	6,150	30	18,182	45%	4.43	5.01
2022	33,722	38,962	342	385	12,819	278	6,204	61	19,362	49%	4.21	4.87
2023	33,479	37,747	262	336	11,249	286	5,098	53	16,685	44%	4.44	4.45
2024	32,859	37,144	324	438	9,546	256	4,803	45	14,650	39%	4.63	4.14

2024 East River Deer Antlerless Harvest by Date

	Total	Nov 23 - Dec 8	Dec 14 - 22
Reports	1,756	1,552	204
Percent of total		88%	12%
Projected	3,886	3,434	451

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Last Revised:		Licenses						Harvest Projections										Total Deer			
10-Apr-25		Resident			Nonresident			Tags sold	Response Rate	Success 1st tag	Success 2nd tag	Success Hunter	Whitetail				Mule Deer			Harvest	CI (95%)
Unit/Type	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Bucks Adult						Bucks Fawn	Does Adult	Does Fawn	Bucks Adult	Bucks Fawn	Does Adult	Does Fawn		
01A-01	685	400	407	leftovers	0	407	48%	38%			38%	126	4	19	4	0	0	0	0	153	+/-20
01A-13	39	200	199	leftovers	0	199	43%	37%			37%	0	5	65	5	0	0	0	0	74	+/-15
03A-01	1,365	800	793	leftovers	0	793	50%	38%			38%	259	2	34	2	2	0	0	0	299	+/-27
03A-13	37	600	599	leftovers	0	599	47%	29%			29%	0	13	153	6	0	0	0	0	173	+/-23
04A-11	801	500	498	leftovers	0	498	47%	52%			52%	211	2	45	2	0	0	0	0	260	+/-23
04A-13	34	150	148	leftovers	0	148	48%	38%			38%	0	10	44	2	0	0	0	0	56	+/-12
05A-01	703	400	397	leftovers	0	397	46%	51%			51%	173	2	29	0	0	0	0	0	204	+/-21
05A-13	27	200	199	leftovers	0	199	44%	31%			31%	0	2	54	5	0	0	0	0	61	+/-14
06A-01	774	450	452	leftovers	0	452	51%	45%			45%	168	2	32	0	0	0	0	0	201	+/-20
06A-13	50	150	149	leftovers	0	149	44%	36%			36%	0	9	41	5	0	0	0	0	54	+/-13
07A-01	431	250	231	leftovers	0	231	48%	24%			24%	48	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	56	+/-13
07B-19	17	50	48	leftovers	0	48	46%	23%			23%	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	11	+/-6
08A-11	310	250	241	leftovers	0	241	44%	28%			28%	64	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	68	+/-15
10A-11	500	250	243	leftovers	0	243	48%	51%			51%	110	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	125	+/-16
10A-13	32	150	146	leftovers	0	146	37%	37%			37%	0	0	51	3	0	0	0	0	54	+/-15
12A-01	355	225	207	leftovers	0	207	60%	26%			26%	34	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	54	+/-10
12B-19	14	50	47	leftovers	0	47	38%	22%			22%	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	10	+/-7
13A-01	259	100	98	leftovers	0	98	47%	26%			26%	19	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	26	+/-9
13A-11	282	800	783	leftovers	0	783	45%	31%			31%	205	2	36	0	0	0	0	0	243	+/-28
13A-13P	3	150	144	leftovers	3	147	35%	38%			35%	0	2	39	5	0	0	0	0	46	+/-14
13L-01	96	20	17	leftovers	0	17	53%	78%			78%	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	13	+/-3
14A-01	80	100	99	leftovers	0	99	53%	40%			40%	29	0	2	0	10	0	0	0	40	+/-9
14A-13P	1	50	41	leftovers	5	46	33%	36%			40%	0	3	17	0	0	0	0	0	20	+/-9
14A-18	42	250	245	leftovers	0	490	38%	24%	4%		25%	44	0	26	5	0	0	0	0	75	+/-28
16A-01	126	30	30	leftovers	0	30	53%	81%			81%	6	0	2	0	13	0	4	0	24	+/-4
16A-11	234	400	395	leftovers	0	395	48%	47%			47%	159	2	21	2	0	0	0	0	184	+/-20
17A-01	204	25	24	leftovers	0	24	63%	53%			53%	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	13	+/-4
17A-11	452	250	247	leftovers	0	247	50%	39%			39%	78	2	14	2	0	0	0	0	96	+/-15
18A-01	817	600	598	leftovers	0	598	46%	47%			47%	241	4	28	7	0	0	0	0	280	+/-26
18A-19	40	200	200	leftovers	0	400	44%	42%	19%		42%	0	9	102	11	0	0	0	0	123	+/-29
19A-01	271	100	90	leftovers	0	90	64%	29%			29%	20	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	26	+/-6
22A-01	924	600	595	leftovers	0	595	46%	48%			48%	233	2	46	2	0	0	0	0	283	+/-26
22A-13	16	300	293	leftovers	0	293	43%	42%			42%	0	12	102	9	0	0	0	0	123	+/-19
23A-01	586	500	500	leftovers	0	500	49%	46%			46%	183	6	39	0	2	0	0	0	230	+/-23
23A-13	10	200	198	leftovers	0	198	41%	27%			27%	0	2	49	2	0	0	0	0	54	+/-15
25A-11	201	250	249	leftovers	0	249	49%	30%			30%	57	0	16	2	0	0	0	0	76	+/-15
25A-13	3	100	100	leftovers	0	100	45%	16%			16%	0	0	9	7	0	0	0	0	15	+/-8
26A-01	728	600	596	leftovers	0	596	49%	58%			58%	273	12	53	6	0	0	0	0	345	+/-24
26A-13	19	300	298	leftovers	1	299	39%	46%			51%	0	14	133	12	0	0	0	0	159	+/-21
28A-01	590	600	598	leftovers	0	598	42%	53%			53%	272	5	34	2	2	0	0	0	316	+/-28
28A-13	11	500	432	leftovers	64	496	30%	45%			53%	0	26	240	14	0	0	0	0	280	+/-30
29A-01	629	400	397	leftovers	0	397	49%	45%			45%	145	4	31	0	0	0	0	0	180	+/-20
29A-13	25	100	99	leftovers	0	99	46%	49%			49%	0	2	44	2	0	0	0	0	48	+/-11
32A-01	668	600	597	leftovers	0	597	49%	45%			45%	215	6	49	0	0	0	0	0	271	+/-24
32A-13	17	200	200	leftovers	0	200	50%	40%			40%	0	16	55	10	0	0	0	0	81	+/-14
33A-01	76	10	10	leftovers	0	10	60%	33%			33%	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	+/-2
33A-11	479	350	347	leftovers	0	347	50%	59%			59%	195	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	205	+/-18
34A-11	318	250	231	leftovers	0	231	43%	40%			40%	73	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	92	+/-17
34A-13	4	50	47	leftovers	1	48	38%	17%			17%	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	8	+/-7
36A-01	282	150	147	leftovers	0	147	55%	58%			58%	34	0	2	0	49	0	0	0	85	+/-11
36A-11	227	250	245	leftovers	0	245	56%	46%			46%	94	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	113	+/-14
37A-11	344	200	177	leftovers	0	177	47%	39%			39%	51	0	17	2	0	0	0	0	70	+/-13
38A-01	61	10	10	leftovers	0	10	40%	0%			0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+/-
38A-11	263	300	299	leftovers	0	299	43%	57%			57%	159	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	171	+/-19
40A-11	328	250	251	leftovers	0	251	51%	53%			53%	107	0	22	4	0	0	0	0	132	+/-15
40A-13	4	150	149	leftovers	0	149	41%	35%			40%	0	7	48	2	0	0	0	0	56	+/-13
42A-01	812	500	497	leftovers	0	497	50%	48%			48%	205	6	28	2	0	0	0	0	241	+/-22
42A-13	30	200	200	leftovers	0	200	46%	42%			42%	0	2	68	13	0	0	0	0	84	+/-15
43A-01	633	300	297	leftovers	0	297	56%	56%			56%	137	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	166	+/-15
43A-13	22	150	150	leftovers	0	150	53%	43%			43%	0	4	55	6	0	0	0	0	65	+/-11
44A-01	382	150	139	leftovers	0	139	53%	36%			36%	41	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	51	+/-10
46A-01	638	350	344	leftovers	1	345	49%	40%			40%	118	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	138	+/-18
46A-13	42	300	291	leftovers	0	291	47%	36%			36%	0	19	68	17	0	0	0	0	105	+/-17
47A-01	673	500	499	leftovers	0	499	45%	55%			55%	232	2	25	4	9	0	0	0	272	+/-24
47A-13	21	500	496	leftovers	0	496	34%	51%			54%	0	16	230	26	0	0	0	0	272	+/-28
48A-01	633	500	496	leftovers	1	497	47%	41%			41%	173	4	26	0	0	0	0	0	203	+/-23
48A-13	10	150	147	leftovers	0	147	46%	33%			33%	0	4	41	2	0	0	0	0	48	+/-12
51A-01	535	400	396	leftovers	0	396	41%	52%			52%	181	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	208	+/-23
51A-13	32	350	348	leftovers	0	348	43%	34%			34%	0	11	106	2	0	0	0	0	120	+/-20
52A-01	504	300	301	leftovers	0	301	50%	50%			50%	115	2	30	4	0	0	0	0	152	+/-17
52A-13	30	250	247	leftovers	0	247	47%	34%			34%	0	15	64	4	0	0	0	0	84	+/-16
54A-01	161	50	49	leftovers	0	49	61%	60%			60%	15	0	2	0	10	0	3	0	29	+/-5
54A-11	366	400	398	leftovers	0	398	48%	48%			48%	168	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	193	+/-20
55A-01	711	500	496	leftovers	1	497	46%	44%			44%	182	6	30	0	0	0	0	0	218	+/-23
55A-13	22	200	197	leftovers	0	197	44%	46%			46%	0	5	84	2	0	0	0	0	91	+/-15
56A-11	458	350	346	leftovers	0	346	48%	42%			42%	126	4	13	2	0	0	0	0	145	+/-19
56A-13	19	300	295	leftovers	0	295	38%	34%			34%	0	5	85	7	0	0	0	0	98	

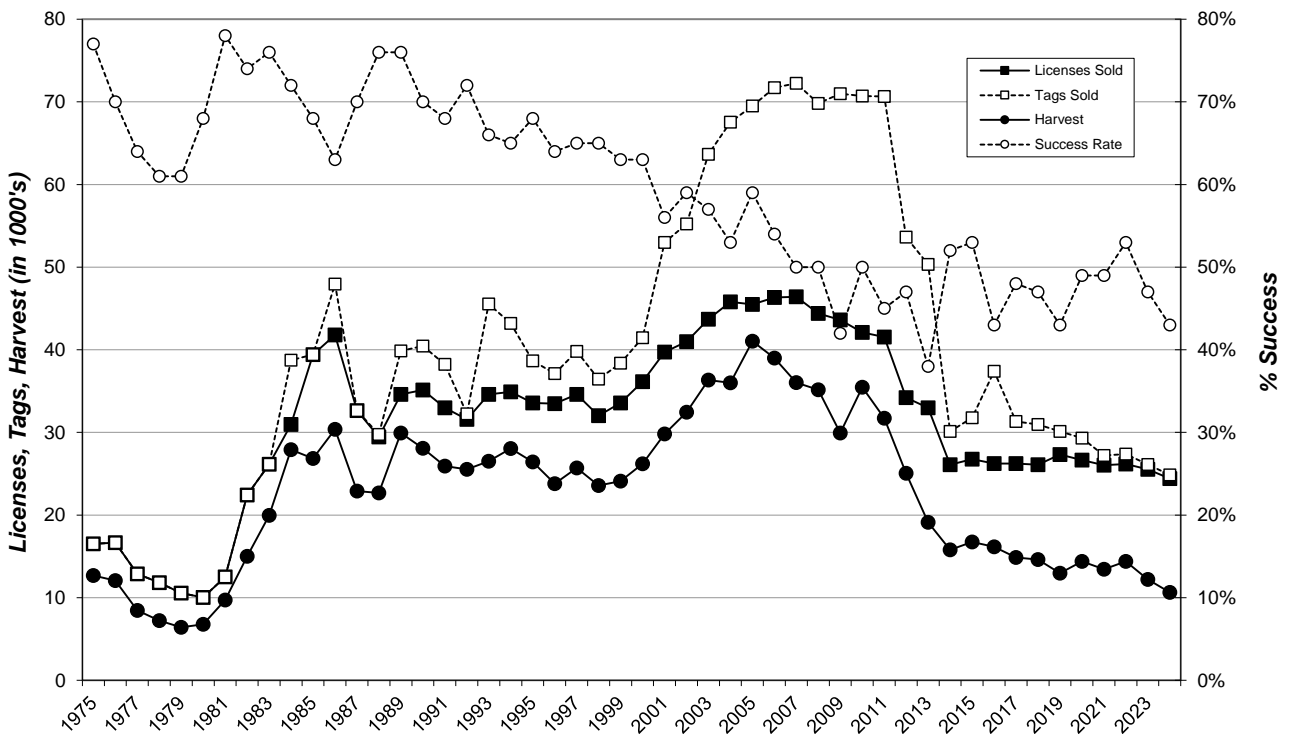
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Unit/Type	Licenses										Harvest Projections															
	Resident					Nonresident					Response		Success		Hunter		Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total Deer	
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold	Tags sold	Rate	1st tag	2nd tag	Success	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Harvest	CI (95%)				
57A-13	16	300	296	leftovers	0	296	36%	42%	45%	0	10	107	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	+/-22				
59A-01	393	100	101	leftovers	0	101	69%	51%	51%	7	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	51	+/-7					
59A-11	137	200	197	leftovers	0	197	52%	52%	52%	97	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	+/-13					
59B-01	50	20	20	leftovers	0	20	45%	33%	33%	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	+/-5					
59B-11	146	200	195	leftovers	0	195	48%	39%	39%	74	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	+/-14					
61A-01	285	150	138	leftovers	0	138	53%	32%	32%	32	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	+/-10					
62A-01	394	250	236	leftovers	0	236	52%	35%	35%	69	2	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	+/-14					
63A-01	178	50	49	leftovers	0	49	59%	59%	59%	12	0	2	0	12	0	2	2	2	2	29	+/-6					
63A-11	310	400	396	leftovers	0	396	48%	50%	50%	164	4	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	198	+/-21					
63A-13	3	100	99	leftovers	0	99	35%	37%	37%	0	0	31	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	+/-13					
Totals	25,412	24,740	24,332	leftovers	77	24,854	46.3%		43%	6,577	327	3,279	268	170	0	10	2	10,633	+/-1,416							

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

East River Deer Regular Season 1975-2024
 (does not include Special Buck or Landowner Own Land)



2024 East River Landowner Own Land Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 10-Apr-25

Unit	Harvest Projections																Total Deer Harvest	Mean Satisfactn Rating	Average Days Hunted
	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses		Tags sold	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Whitetail				Mule Deer						
	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold					Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
ER1-01	Unltd	3,751	250	133	3,884	34%	30%	28%	942	6	113	0	33	3	6	0	1,103	-	-
ER1-08	Unltd	4,285		114	8,798	32%	46%	30%	1,356	103	1,047	90	26	3	19	6	2,650	-	-
Totals		8,036	250	247	12,682	32.9%	38%	30%	2,298	109	1,161	90	59	6	25	6	3,754	4.28	4.84

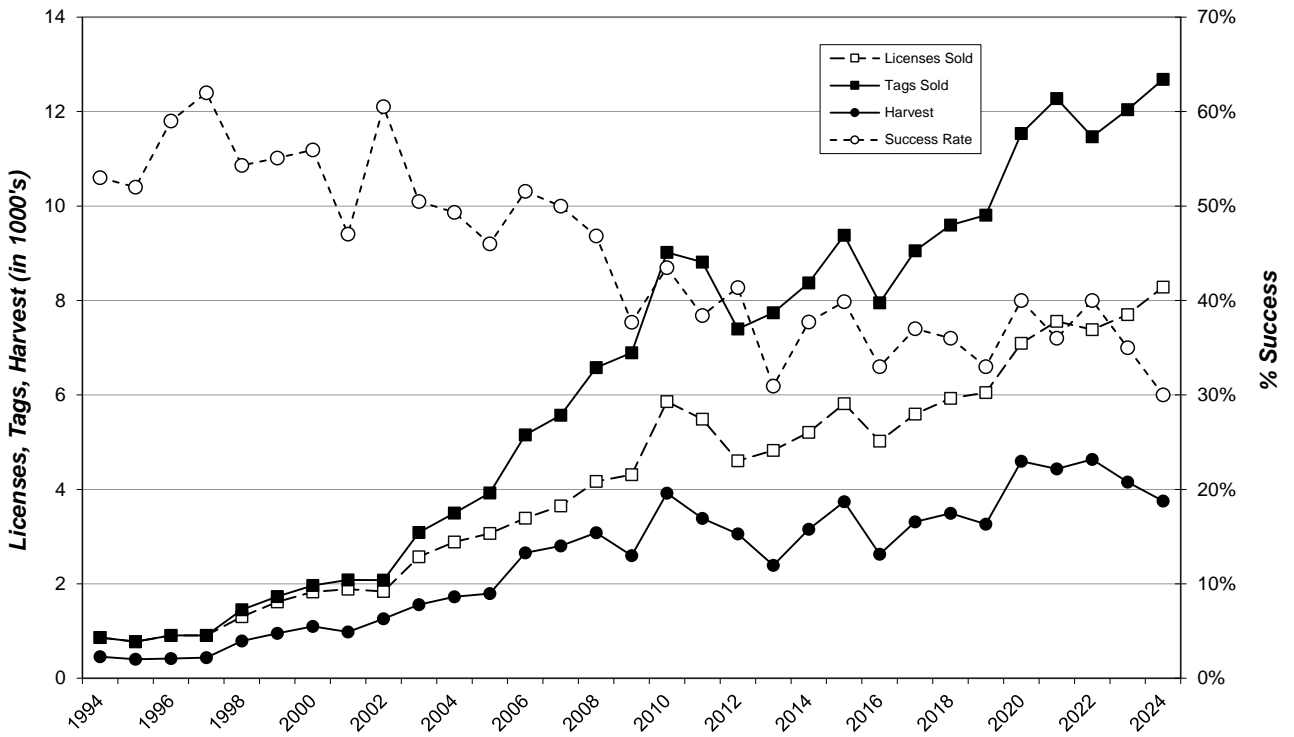
2024 East River LOL Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
14-Apr-25

Unit	Projected Harvest										Estimate	%
	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total			
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		Adult	Fawn		
01A (Minnehaha)	90	10	57	0	3	0	0	0			0	160
03A (Brown)	75	6	32	3	0	0	0	0	0	116	3.1%	
04A (Beadle)	140	10	86	6	0	0	0	0	0	242	6.5%	
05A (Codington)	65	0	35	3	0	0	0	0	0	104	2.8%	
06A (Brookings)	44	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	2.6%	
07A (Yankton)	12	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0.6%	
08A (Davison)	44	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	1.4%	
10A (Aurora)	62	3	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	2.3%	
12A (Bon Homme)	22	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0.7%	
13A (Brule)	25	3	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	1.3%	
14A (Buffalo)	16	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	22	0.6%	
16A (Campbell)	25	0	3	0	22	3	19	0	0	72	1.9%	
17A (Charles Mix)	93	0	16	3	6	0	0	6	0	125	3.3%	
18A (Clark)	62	10	57	6	3	0	0	0	0	139	3.7%	
19A (Clay)	9	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0.5%	
22A (Day)	72	3	35	6	0	0	0	0	0	116	3.1%	
23A (Deuel)	62	0	22	0	0	3	0	0	0	88	2.3%	
25A (Douglas)	28	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0.8%	
26A (Edmunds)	69	3	32	3	0	0	0	0	0	107	2.8%	
28A (Faulk)	53	6	16	6	0	0	0	0	0	82	2.2%	
29A (Grant)	75	6	48	10	0	0	0	0	0	139	3.7%	
32A (Hamlin)	65	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	2.8%	
33A (Hand)	84	6	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	4.5%	
34A (Hanson)	22	10	19	3	0	0	3	0	0	57	1.5%	
36A (Hughes)	19	0	6	0	9	0	0	0	0	34	0.9%	
37A (Hutchinson)	53	3	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	2.3%	
38A (Hyde)	22	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	1.3%	
40A (Jerauld)	69	0	13	0	3	0	0	0	0	84	2.2%	
42A (Kingsbury)	72	3	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	2.8%	
43A (Lake)	69	0	41	10	0	0	0	0	0	120	3.2%	
44A (Lincoln)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0.1%	
46A (McCook)	59	3	29	3	3	0	0	0	0	97	2.6%	
47A (McPherson)	65	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	2.1%	
48A (Marshall)	34	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	1.3%	
51A (Miner)	90	6	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	3.4%	
52A (Moody)	31	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	1.3%	
54A (Potter)	22	0	22	0	6	0	0	0	0	50	1.3%	
55A (Roberts)	103	10	38	13	0	0	0	0	0	163	4.4%	
56A (Sanborn)	84	3	54	3	0	0	0	0	0	145	3.9%	
57A (Spink)	87	0	41	3	0	0	0	0	0	132	3.5%	
59A (W Sully)	19	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0.7%	
59B (E Sully)	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	9	0.2%	
61A (Turner)	19	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0.7%	
62A (Union)	50	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	56	1.5%	
63A (Walworth)	12	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0.9%	
TOTALS		2,298	109	1,161	90	59	6	25	6	3,754		

Use these figures for approximations only!

Landowner Own Land East River Deer 1994-2024



2024 East River Special Buck Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Appl. 1st Choice *	Harvest Projections												Total Deer Harvest	Mean Satisfactn Rating	Average Days Hunted		
		Resident Licenses				Response Rate	Tag Success	Whitetail				Mule Deer						
		Avail.		Sold				Bucks		Does		Bucks					Does	
		Avail.	Sold	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
ER-01	1,360	500	491	57%	54%	230	5	4	2	21	0	2	0	263	4.33	5.61		

2024 East River Special Buck Harvest Distribution

Unit	Projected Harvest										Estimate	%
	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total			
	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does		Estimate	%		
	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn				
01A (Minnehaha)	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	6.7%	
03A (Brown)	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3.4%	
04A (Beadle)	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3.4%	
05A (Codington)	16	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	19	7.4%	
06A (Brookings)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.0%	
07A (Yankton)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7%	
08A (Davison)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
10A (Aurora)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.0%	
12A (Bon Homme)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7%	
13A (Brule)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.7%	
14A (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
16A (Campbell)	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	5	2.0%	
17A (Charles Mix)	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	9	3.4%	
18A (Clark)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
19A (Clay)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
22A (Day)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.0%	
23A (Deuel)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
25A (Douglas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
26A (Edmunds)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
28A (Faulk)	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2.7%	
29A (Grant)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.0%	
32A (Hamlin)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.0%	
33A (Hand)	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4.7%	
34A (Hanson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
36A (Hughes)	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	7	2.7%	
37A (Hutchinson)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
38A (Hyde)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
40A (Jerauld)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
42A (Kingsbury)	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2.7%	
43A (Lake)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.0%	
44A (Lincoln)	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2.7%	
46A (McCook)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
47A (McPherson)	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.0%	
48A (Marshall)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
51A (Miner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
52A (Moody)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7%	
54A (Potter)	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	9	3.4%	
55A (Roberts)	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.0%	
56A (Sanborn)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
57A (Spink)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
59A (W Sully)	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	7	2.7%	
59B (E Sully)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
61A (Turner)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.3%	
62A (Union)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7%	
63A (Walworth)	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2.7%	
TOTALS	230	5	4	2	21	0	2	0	0	263		

Use these figures for approximations only!

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

YEAR	LICENSES	BUCKS	DOES	% SUCCESS	AVG DAYS HUNTED
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

YEAR	LICENSES	BUCKS	DOES	% SUCCESS	AVG DAYS HUNTED
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

YEAR	LICENSES	BUCKS	DOES	% SUCCESS	AVG DAYS HUNTED
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

Unit/Type	Licenses						Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections						
	Resident			Nonresident					Whitetail				Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisf	Avg Days Hunted
	Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st					Bucks		Does				
	Choice *	Available	Sold	Choice *	Available	Sold			Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
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						Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections						
	Resident			Nonresident					Whitetail				Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisf	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%**

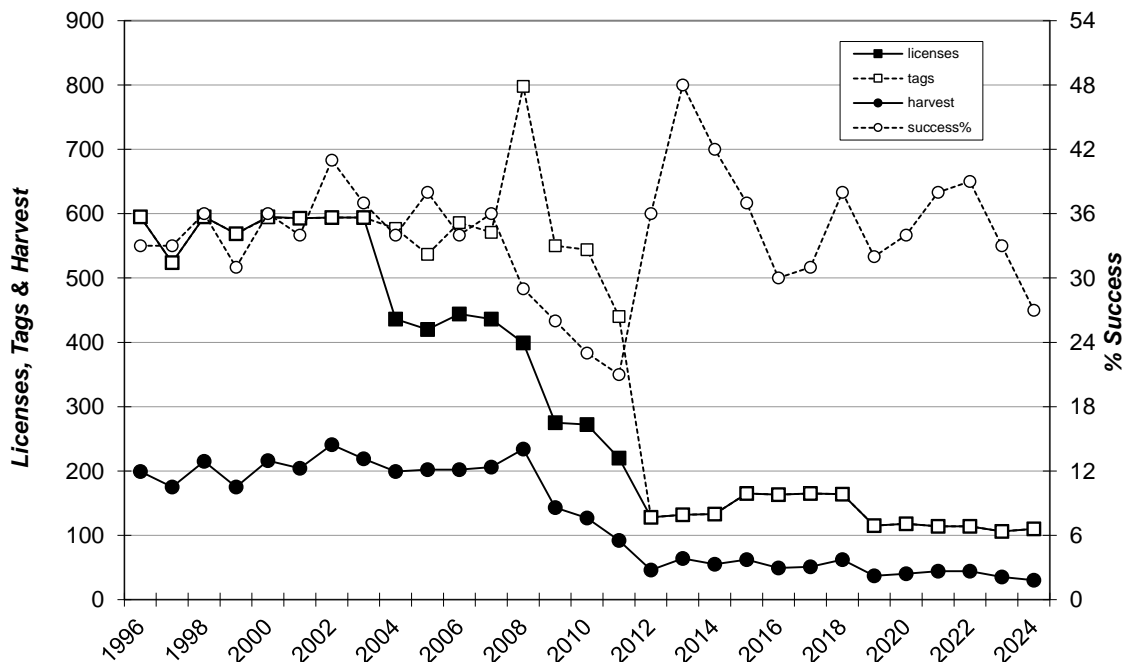
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2024 Waubay Refuge Deer Harvest Projections

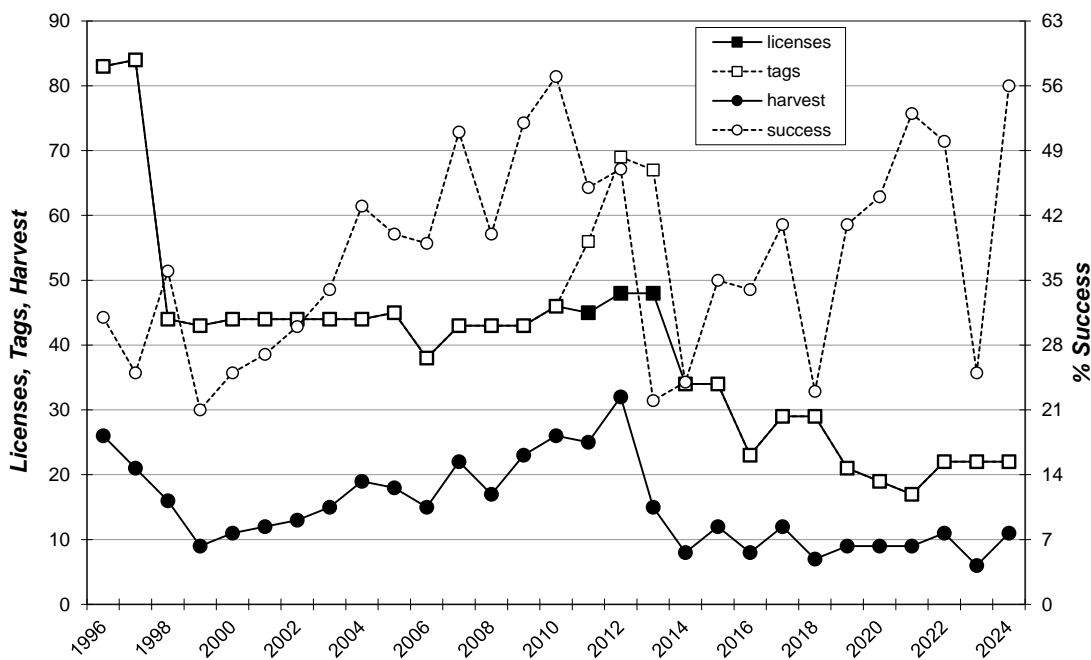
Unit/Type	Licenses						Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections						
	Resident			Nonresident					Whitetail				Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisf	Avg Days Hunted
	Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st					Bucks		Does				
	Choice *	Available	Sold	Choice *	Available	Sold			Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
WA1-01	42	10	9	4	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.

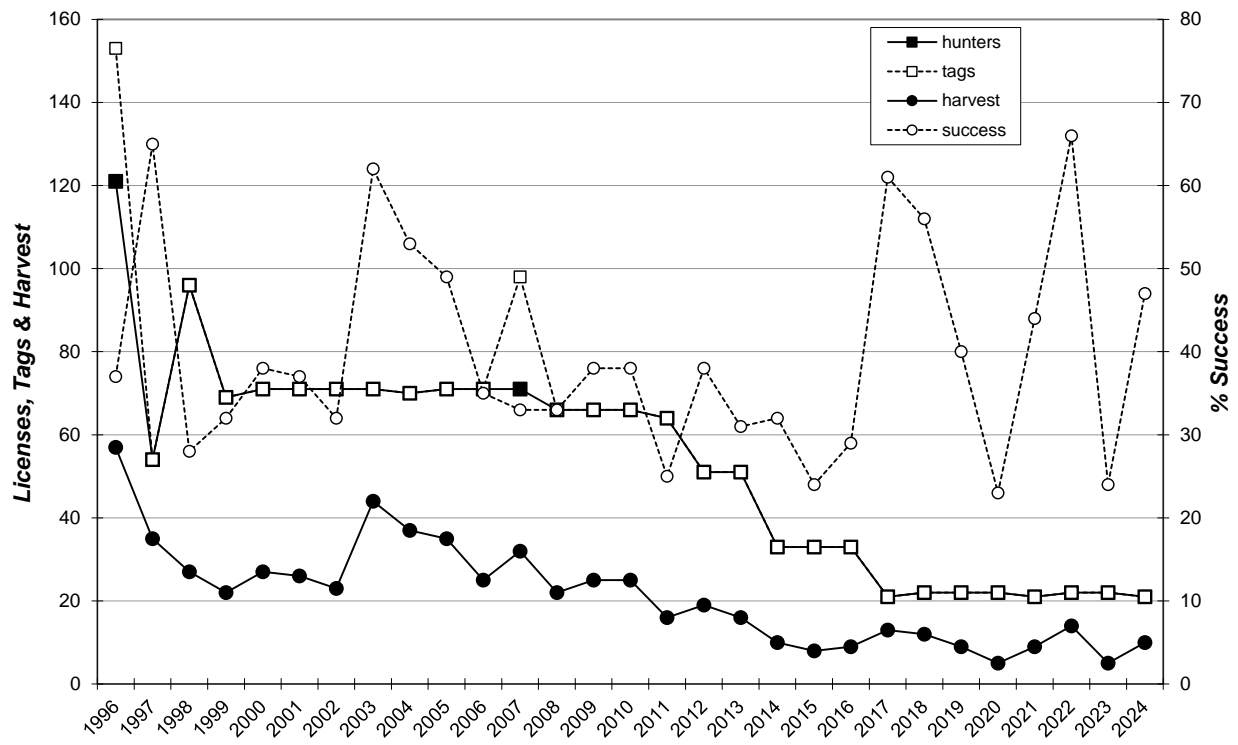
Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge 1996-2024



Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge 1996-2024



Waubay National Wildlife Refuge 1996-2024



BLACK HILLS DEER

There were 3,216 single-tag licenses issued for the 2024 Black Hills Deer season (2,981 resident, 235 nonresident), and 32 single-tag and 21 double-tag licenses issued for the Landowner Own Land Black Hills season.

All regular season hunters that provided an email address were surveyed and 1,892 (59%) responded. All Landowner Own Land hunters that provided an email address were surveyed and 27 (51%) responded.

The season ran the month of November, a total of 30 days. Those responding reported hunting an average of 5.12 days, which projected to 16,474 recreation days for the season. The mean satisfaction score for all combined units was 4.96 on a scale ranging from 1 = “very dissatisfied” to 7 = “very satisfied”.

The harvest projection for the Black Hills Deer and Landowner Black Hills Deer seasons was 2,073 deer (1,674 adult whitetail bucks, 48 fawn whitetail bucks, 233 adult whitetail does, 32 fawn whitetail does, and 86 adult mule deer bucks. The overall season harvest success rate was 63%.

Including the estimated Black Hills harvest of 1,996 deer from the Archery, Apprentice, Mentored Youth, Youth, and Muzzleloader seasons, approximately 4,069 deer were harvested in the Black Hills proper.

Harvest summaries for the 2015-2024 Black Hills Deer seasons (including Landowner Own Land)

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Bucks				Harvest Does			Avg Days Hunted	Avg Satis
	Resident	Nonres	WT	Mule	WT	Mule	Total	Success			
2015	3,741	294	2,533	74	307	2	2,917	72%	4.61	5.75	
2016	4,120	325	2,604	86	505	2	3,198	72%	4.38	5.76	
2017	4,319	343	2,616	79	630	0	3,325	71%	4.39	5.76	
2018	4,366	344	2,260	86	643	12	3,001	64%	4.54	5.52	
2019	4,838	375	2,258	57	847	0	3,161	60%	4.09	5.50	
2020	4,889	343	2,311	81	909	7	3,307	63%	4.87	5.44	
2021	3,547	269	1,916	76	422	8	2,420	63%	4.88	5.49	
2022	3,565	291	1,789	75	437	10	2,310	60%	5.01	4.96	
2023	3,016	234	1,645	73	242	6	1,967	60%	5.26	4.75	
2024	3,034	235	1,722	86	265	0	2,073	63%	5.12	4.96	

2024 Black Hills Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 20-Mar-25

Unit/Type	Licenses						Hunters	Resp.	Tag Success	Harvest Projections						Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted			
	Resident			Nonresident						Whitetail			Mule Deer								
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold				Bucks	Does	Total	Bucks	Does	Total						
BH1-01	3,299	200	231	772	16	17	248	60%	63%	62	3	7	0	84	0	0	0	156	+/-12	-	-
BH1-11	8,085	2,750	2,750	1,066	220	218	2,968	59%	63%	1,591	44	216	32	0	0	0	0	1,884	+/-43	-	-
Totals	11,384	2,950	2,981	1,838	236	235	3,216	58.9%	63%	1,653	48	223	32	84	0	0	0	2,040	+/-55	4.96	5.12

The response rate for all units combined is: 58.9%

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

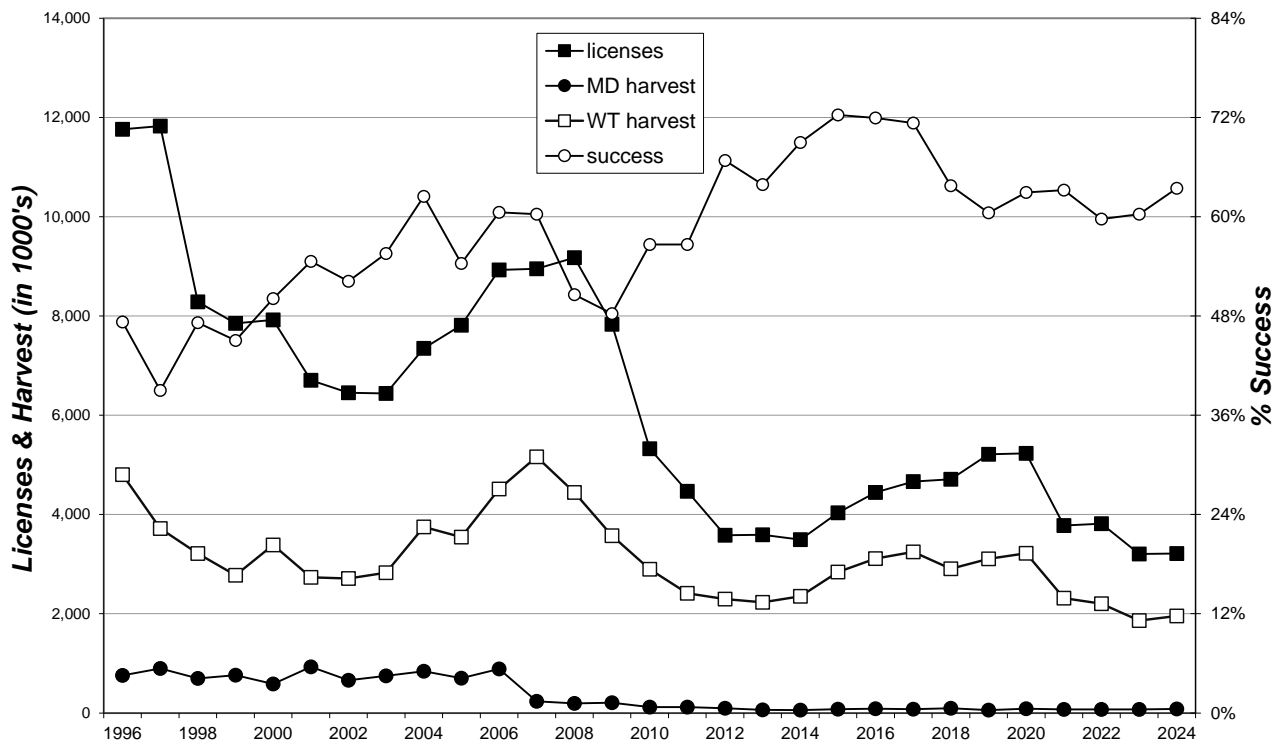
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2024 Black Hills Landowner Own Land Harvest Projections

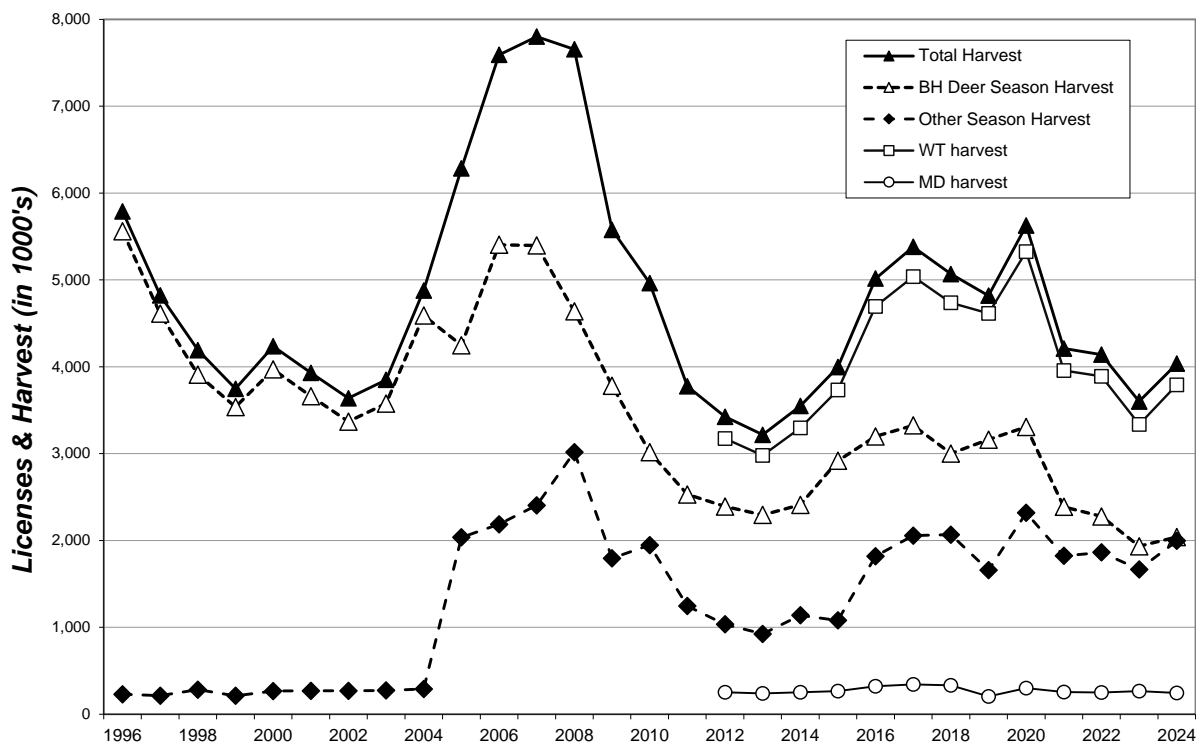
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Unit	Licenses						Tags sold	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Harvest Projections						Total Deer Harvest	Mean Satisfactn Rating	Average Days Hunted
	Resident			Nonresident							Whitetail			Mule Deer					
	Avail.	Sold	Double	Avail.	Sold	Double					Bucks	Does	Total	Bucks	Does	Total			
BH1-01	Unitd	32	0	0	32	50%	44%	44%	10	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	14	-	-
BH1-08	Unitd	21	0	0	42	52%	64%	45%	11	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	19	-	-
Totals		53	0	0	74	50.9%	52%	45%	21	0	10	0	2	0	0	0	33	4.62	5.22

Black Hills Deer 1996-2024



Black Hills Deer Harvest 1996-2024



CLUSTER STATE PARK DEER

The 2024 Custer State Park Deer season was open November 1-30. A total of 20 Any Whitetail licenses were issued.

All hunters that listed an email address were surveyed using Survey123 Software. A total of 18 responses were received for a 90% return rate. Those responding reported hunting an average of 5.47 days, which projected to 109 recreation days for the season.

The harvest projection for the Custer State Park Deer season was 17 adult whitetail bucks. The overall season harvest success rate was 83%.

Summary comparison of the 2015-2024 Custer State Park Deer seasons

Year	Apps	Licenses	Whitetail		Mule		Total	Success	Avg Days Hunted
			Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
2015	1,866	29	8	15	0	0	23	79%	2.9
2016	2,088	40	10	19	0	0	29	72%	2.3
2017	2,391	64	30	11	1	0	42	66%	3.5
2018	2,503	64	26	9	0	0	36	56%	2.6
2019	1,199	87	26	24	3	0	53	61%	3.4
2020	1,080	88	28	25	3	0	56	63%	3.3
2021	1,091	73	20	23	0	0	43	59%	3.1
2022	1,029	75	14	28	0	0	42	56%	3.3
2023	1,063	20	18	0	0	0	18	89%	5.8
2024	1,022	20	17	0	0	0	17	83%	5.5

2024 Custer State Park Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 19-Mar-25

Unit/Type	Licenses			Harvest Projections							Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted	
	Resident			Whitetail				Total Deer	Harvested CI (95%)				
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Bucks		Does							
				Resp.	Success	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn				
CU1-11	1,022	20	20	90%	83%	17	0	0	0	17	+/-1	5.76	5.47

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

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

MOUNTAIN GOAT

The 2024 season for Mountain Goats in the Black Hills remained closed to hunting.

Comparison of the 2016-2024 Black Hills Mountain Goat seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Apps/Licenses</i>	<i>Billies Harvested</i>	<i>Nannies Harvested</i>	<i>Success</i>	<i>Avg. Days Hunted</i>
2016	3,564/2	2	0	100%	8.0
2017	3,505/2	2	0	100%	14.0
2018	3,511/2	1	1	100%	11.0
2019	3,807/2	1	1	100%	12.0
2020	3,970/2	2	0	100%	8.0
2021	3,983/2	1	1	100%	4.0
2022	4,359/2	2	0	100%	11.5
2023-24	Season Closed				

BIGHORN SHEEP

The 2024 seasons for Bighorn Sheep were open from September 1 through December 31. Three licenses were available in unit 2 and two licenses in unit 4 of the Black Hills season. There were 6,242 applicants for the five any-bighorn licenses (2,276 for unit 2, and 3,966 for unit 4). An additional license was auctioned to the highest bidder and was valid in any open unit, and that individual successfully harvested an adult ram in unit 2. All hunters outside Custer State Park were successful at harvesting rams, and including the auction license hunter, reported an average of 5.8 days hunting. Four licenses were available for the Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep season; all successfully harvested rams and averaged 6.5 days of hunting.

Comparison of the 2017-2024 Black Hills Bighorn Sheep seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Applications</i>	<i>Licenses</i>	<i>Rams Harvested</i>	<i>Success</i>	<i>Avg. Days Hunted</i>
2017	4,357	3	3	100%	16.7
2018	4,410	4	4	100%	6.0
2019	4,823	4	4	100%	18.5
2020	4,885	7	7	100%	5.3
2021	4,951	7	7	100%	12.6
2022	5,179	8	8	100%	1.7
2023	5,525	8	8	100%	7.0
2024	6,242	6	6	100%	5.8

Comparison of the 2005-2024 Custer State Park Bighorn Sheep seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Applications</i>	<i>Licenses</i>	<i>Rams Harvested</i>	<i>Success</i>	<i>Avg. Days Hunted</i>
2005-2019	Season Closed				
2020	3,390	1	1	100%	6
2021	3,159	1	1	100%	1
2022	4,109	3	3	100%	1.7
2023	4,590	3	3	100%	6.3
2024	5,270	4	4	100%	6.5

MOUNTAIN LION

The 2023/24 Black Hills season opened on December 26, 2023 and closed on April 30, 2024. The harvest limit was 60 total or 40 female mountain lions. After the Black Hills season closed, anyone with a valid 2024 license who did not take a mountain lion could hunt through December 25, 2024 on land that was located outside the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

There were 2,842 resident mountain lion licenses issued prior to the end of the 2023/24 Black Hills season. A total of 75 access permits were also issued for Custer State Park (CSP), 15 of those allowing the use of hounds.

Email survey requests were sent to all hunters who purchased a license before the Black Hills season ended and had a valid email address listed in the license database. The survey response rate was 47%. Active hunters reported hunting an average of 7.3 days outside of CSP and 4.0 days inside CSP. Average hunter satisfaction within the Black Hills Fire Protection District was 4.93 and 4.99 inside CSP. Satisfaction was based on a numerical scale from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 7 (very satisfied), 4 being neutral.

The overall Black Hills success rate was 4.22%, with a total of 47 mountain lions harvested, 30 of which were females. Hunter success for active mountain lion hunters in the Black Hills (excluding those with a CSP access permit) was 3.88%, whereas success for those with a hound access permit in CSP was 33.3%. Check station data for the Black Hills showed that 12 mountain lions were harvested in Custer County, 18 in Lawrence County, 13 in Pennington County, 2 in Fall River County, and 2 in Meade County. Five mountain lions, 1 of which was a female, were harvested within Custer State Park, all by hunters with access permits that allowed the use of hounds.

A total of 8 mountain lions were harvested on the prairie outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024, which included 4 sub-adult males, 3 adult males, and 1 adult female.

2023/24 Black Hills Mountain Lion Harvest Projections																	
Unit/Type	Resident Licenses		Response Rate	Active Hunters		Active Hunter Success	Harvest Reports						Total Lion Harvest	Mean Satisfaction Rating		Average Days Hunted	
	Avail.	Sold		Black Hills	CSP		Males			Females				BHills	CSP	BHills	CSP
						Adult	Subadult	<1 year	Adult	Subadult	<1 year						
Black Hills (no CSP permit)	Unlimited	2,767	47%	1,082	---	3.88%	6	6	1	15	13	1	42	4.86	---	7.2	---
CSP Boot Access Permit	60	60	52%	31	29	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	4.93	10.6	3.1
CSP Hound Access Permit	15	15	67%	1	15	33.3%	1	3	0	0	1	0	5	6.00	5.10	10.0	5.7
Totals		2,842	46.8%	1,115	44	4.22%	7	9	1	15	14	1	47	4.93	4.99	7.3	4.0

Harvest statistics for 2014/15 - 2023/24 Black Hills Mountain Lion seasons (excluding CSP)

YEAR	Season Length (Days)	Licenses Sold	Active Hunters	Harvest		Average Days Hunted	Average Satisf
				Males	Females		
2014/15	96	3,211	1,689	18	20	7.1	4.58
2015/16	97	3,102	1,529	11	24	7.1	4.75
2016/17	96	2,561	1,153	10	13	6.9	4.51
2017/18	96	2,878	1,199	7	15	7.3	4.87
2018/19	96	2,818	1,132	8	6	6.9	4.81
2019/20	127	2,907	1,144	15	25	8.3	4.65
2020/21	126	3,208	1,214	17	22	7.1	4.68
2021/22	126	2,894	1,025	10	24	6.2	4.58
2022/23	126	2,628	999	12	25	8.1	4.89
2023/24	127	2,842	1,115	13	29	7.3	4.93

Harvest statistics for 2014/15 - 2023/24 Custer State Park Mountain Lion seasons

YEAR	Season Length (Days)	Permits Issued	Active Hunters	Harvest		Average Days Hunted	Average Satisf
				Males	Females		
2014/15	96	136	90	3	2	3.4	4.60
2015/16	97	57	30	5	1	5.6	5.44
2016/17	96	57	37	4	3	3.7	5.13
2017/18	96	57	41	5	4	4.0	5.26
2018/19	96	57	38	5	2	4.3	5.63
2019/20	127	74	39	9	2	5.0	5.18
2020/21	126	75	42	6	3	4.3	4.95
2021/22	126	68	36	6	2	4.6	5.22
2022/23	126	67	24	4	3	5.6	5.41
2023/24	127	75	44	4	1	4.0	4.99

Reported participation and mean days hunted by Custer State Park permit period

2023/2024 CSP Lion Season	Mean Days Hunted									
	Dec. 26 Jan 8 ^a	Jan 9 Jan 22	Jan 23 Feb 5 ^a	Feb 6 Feb 19	Feb 20 Mar 5 ^a	Mar 6 Mar 19	Mar 20 Apr 2 ^a	Apr 3 Mar 16	Apr 17 Apr 30 ^a	TOTAL
Permits Issued	3	15	3	15	3	15	3	15	3	75
Sample (n)	3	15	3	15	3	15	3	15	3	75
Responded (N)	3	7	1	8	2	9	3	7	1	41
Response Rate	100%	47%	33%	53%	67%	60%	100%	47%	33%	54.7%
Reported Did Not Hunt	0	2	0	6	0	6	0	2	0	16
Reported Hunted	3	5	1	2	2	3	3	5	1	25
Projected Hunted	3	11	3	4	3	5	3	11	3	45
Projected Days Hunted	26	21	6	15	17	20	16	34	6	161
Mean Days Hunted	8.7	2.0	2.0	4.0	5.5	4.0	5.3	3.2	2.0	3.6
Lions Harvested ^b	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	5

a. hunting with hounds allowed.

b. total lions harvested based on mandatory check-in data, not returned surveys.

Lion hunters' preference for mountain lion population over the next 5 years

	All Licensed Lion Hunters	Inactive Lion Hunters	Active Lion Hunters	Harvested a Lion
Decrease A Lot	18.3	18.8	17.7	12.0
Decrease A Little	20.6	19.8	21.5	12.0
Stay About the Same	39.3	37.7	41.3	52.0
Increase A Little	11.5	10.7	12.5	24.0
Increase A Lot	3.4	3.4	3.5	—
Not Sure	6.97	9.62	3.65	—
N	1,176	655	521	25
Mean*	2.58	2.56	2.61	2.88

*Mean preference is based on a scale of 1-5, where "1" is decrease a lot, "3" is stay the same, and "5" is increase a lot.