

# 2025 FIREARMS ANTELOPE



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Firearms Antelope ..... August 12, 8 a.m. CDT  
Custer State Park Antelope..... August 12, 8 a.m. CDT

## HUNTER RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN HUNTING

**ACCESS:** Prior to applying for a license, a hunter is strongly encouraged to ensure they have access to hunting areas and understand potential game availability for those hunting areas and seasons. In addition to obtaining a license, a hunter must obtain permission if they wish to access private land. Access is not guaranteed on private land and hunters are also required to determine if the managing entity of public land expressly prohibits hunting. The Game, Fish and Parks Department is not responsible for ensuring hunting access for hunters simply because

licenses are available. Hunters can call Game, Fish and Parks offices to learn more about hunting opportunities before applying for a license.

**APPLY ONLINE:** Visit [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov), click “Licenses,” and then “Purchase License.” From there, the system walks you through step by step. If you do not already have an account, you will be required to create one. You will begin by selecting this season. Please note that you are required to provide a credit or debit card number to finish the transaction. If successful, your license will be mailed to you.

**NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED [ONLINE](#).**

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Drawing Statistics Available:** Applicants may access previous drawing results online at [gfp.sd.gov](http://gfp.sd.gov) once the drawing is complete.

### Residency

To apply for a resident license, a person must:

- Have a domicile within South Dakota for at least 90 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of application for, purchasing, or attempting to purchase any hunting, fishing, or trapping license/permit. A domicile is a person’s established, fixed, and permanent home in which the person physically lives, and whenever absent, has the present intention of returning, and
- Make no claim of residency in any other state or foreign country for any purpose, and
- Claim no resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in any other state or foreign country, and
- Prior to any application for any license, transfer to SD the person’s driver’s license and motor vehicle registrations.
- Documentation showing a mailing address, ownership of a property or business, or employment in the state is not sufficient by itself to prove that a person has a domicile in or is a resident of this state.

*EXCEPTION: The following persons are eligible for resident licenses:*

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

### Termination of Residency

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

- Applies for, purchases, or accepts a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country;
- Registers to vote in another state or foreign country;
- Accepts a driver’s license issued by another state or foreign country; or
- Moves to any other state or foreign country and makes it the person’s domicile or makes any claim of residency for any purpose in the other state or foreign country.
- Resides in any other state, territory or country for an aggregate of 180 or more days in a calendar year.

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

### Social Security Number

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

*South Dakota law prohibits the issuance or renewal of any hunting or fishing license if an individual owes \$1,000 or more in past-due child support unless the individual enters into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services for payment of the delinquent child support [SDCL 25-7A-56; 25-7A-1(28)]. There is a requirement to enter into a repayment agreement with the Dept. of Social Services even if the individual is presently making child support payments, or if child support is being withheld from wages or income. To enter into the required repayment agreement, individuals must contact the Department of Social Services - Office of Child Support Enforcement, 700 Governor’s Drive - Kneip Building, Pierre SD 57501, or call 605.773.6456.*

### Submitting Applications

Applications must be submitted online. If you do not have access to the internet, you can apply by calling 605.223.7660 or stopping at any GFP Wildlife Division office.

### Successful Applicants

Successful applicants for limited licenses are selected at random by computer lottery. Online applicant’s credit/debit cards will be charged at the time of the drawing. If the license is not paid for by September 1, 2025, it will be removed from your profile and allocated to the next person. Any preference used to obtain the license will not be reinstated.

## Unsuccessful Applicants

Online applications will be charged only if they elected to purchase a preference point.

## Preference Points

Seasons with a limited number of licenses have a preference point system for applicants who are unsuccessful on their first choice in the first drawing (\$5 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents). One preference point may be purchased each year the applicant is unsuccessful. Preference point use is mandatory for first choice in the first drawing only. Applicants can choose to use preference points for second choices. Purchased preference points are automatically credited to an application. Preference points cannot be transferred to another person. If you have any questions about your preference points, please contact GFP's Licensing Office at 605.223.7660.

## Resident Landowner Preference

- One-half of the resident permits for the Firearms Antelope season are set aside in the first drawing for resident landowners who qualify for landowner preference. There is no landowner preference for the Special Antelope season.
- To be eligible for landowner preference (residents only), a landowner or tenant must operate at least 160 acres of private land within the unit applied for as first choice.
- "Operate" means: to lease or hold fee title to farm or ranch real property and be directly involved in the management decisions made for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch.
- "Agricultural purposes" includes the producing, raising, growing, or harvesting of food or fiber upon agricultural land, including dairy products, livestock, crops, timber, and grasslands.
- Land leased solely for hunting, fishing or trapping does not qualify for landowner preference.
- A landowner or tenant, but not both, may claim landowner preference for the same qualifying property.
- Immediate family members are eligible, and include the applicant's spouse and the applicant's children residing with the applicant or on land owned or leased by the resident farmer or rancher.
- Employment on a farm or ranch alone does not qualify an individual for landowner preference.
- Shareholders of a corporation, members of a limited liability company holding a membership interest in the company, partners in a partnership, and beneficiaries of a trust entitled to the current income and assets held in trust; all organized and in good standing under the laws of South Dakota are eligible for landowner preference if:
  1. The entity holds title to 160 acres or more of private land located within the hunting unit applied for;
  2. The shareholder, member, partner, or trust beneficiary applying for landowner preference is a resident; and
  3. The shareholder, member, partner, or trust beneficiary has responsibility for making the day-to-day management decisions for agricultural purposes on the farm or ranch.

**•Nonresident landowners do not qualify for this landowner preference.**

## Age Eligibility

- Residents and nonresidents must be 12 years old by Dec. 31 to hunt.
- Residents under age 16 must successfully complete a HuntSAFE course.
- Nonresidents under age 16 must include the certificate number from their hunter safety card, or a current or previous hunting license issued to them from any state.
- Residents and nonresidents who have not completed the HuntSAFE course at the time of application must leave their HuntSAFE number blank within their profile, but they can still apply. If successful in the draw, their license will be held until the GFP License Office is notified of the HuntSAFE card number once the course has been successfully completed.

## Fees

Payment before application is submitted must be made with a valid credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express). Your credit/debit card will not be charged until you are either, 1) successful in the drawing, or 2) unsuccessful in the drawing but elected to purchase a preference point. Nonpayment in the form of a cancelled credit/debit card will result in your license being withheld and the blocking of any future license purchases until the unpaid fee, along with any penalties, is paid in full.

## Application Rules

- Applicants may submit only one application for the first drawing and receive no more than one license.
  - Applicants may only apply for one license, either Firearms Antelope or Special Antelope. The Special Antelope drawing occurred in April.
- Applicants who applied for Special Antelope cannot apply for or obtain any other license in the Firearms Antelope season, until the second draw.** Preference points for Special Antelope and Firearms Antelope seasons are interchangeable between seasons the following year.
- Applicants wishing to receive a preference point for the season in which they are unsuccessful in their first choice, must select to purchase a preference point during the application process.
  - Licenses may not be transferred to another person.

## Group Applications

- Applications with matching first and second choices, submitted in the same group, will be treated as a group application. All applicants will either be successful or unsuccessful in the drawings.
- No more than six applications may be submitted in the same group. Custer Antelope max group size is two.
- Applicants with preference points should be aware when applying with applicants with fewer preference points, the lowest preference point balance is then represented within the entire group.
- Residents and nonresidents may apply together in the same group. Either all in the group will be drawn together or all will be rejected. Residents will be charged the resident fee and nonresidents will be charged the nonresident fee. It should be noted that in most instances, residents who apply with nonresidents will have a diminished chance of drawing a first-choice license.

# APPLICATION INFORMATION

A person 18 years of age or older is required to purchase a Habitat Stamp (\$10 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents) when applying for or purchasing any hunting, fishing, or trapping license. A person is not required to purchase more than one Habitat Stamp within a license year.

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

**TRIBAL LANDS.** State licenses are valid on private, deeded lands within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation. Persons applying

to hunt on Tribal lands should contact the appropriate tribal office concerning tribal lands.

**NATIONAL FOREST ROAD TRAVEL.** National Forests and Grasslands in South Dakota have Travel Plans in effect. If you are planning a trip for hunting, please contact the local Forest Service office for your hunting unit to find out which roads, trails, and areas are open for highway and off-road motorized travel, and if seasonal restrictions apply. New roads, trails, and areas have been developed and some roads, trails, and areas you may have used in the past may be closed to public use. Contact US Forest Service for more information.

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**Season Dates:** Oct. 4-19, 2025

**License Eligibility:** Residents and nonresidents are eligible, except individuals who applied for a Special Antelope license; these individuals are not eligible to apply for a Firearm Antelope license until the second drawing. Special Antelope applicants cannot purchase preference points for the Firearms Antelope season. However, Firearms Antelope season preference points can be used for the Special Antelope drawing.

**Individual License Quota:** Applicants may be issued only one license in the first or second drawing. See "Application Deadlines" below for instructions.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

**First Deadline** - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT Aug. 12. One application may be submitted per person for this drawing. Results available online Aug. 20.

**Second Deadline** - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT Sept. 4. Those who do not have a license may submit one application. Results available online Sept. 9.

## SEASON-UNIT-TYPE CHOICES

**PRA-02A- PENNINGTON CO.** east of the Cheyenne River.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
50 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-11A- BENNETT** and **OGLALA LAKOTA** counties.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
20 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-15A- BUTTE CO.** within a line beginning at the junction of the Harding-Butte county line and the SD-MT state line: then east on the county line to US 85; then south on US 85 to the junction of US 212; then west on US 212 to the WY line; then north on the state line to the Harding-Butte County line, the point of beginning.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
50 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-15B- Those portions of Butte Co.** not included in Unit 15A and Lawrence Co. north of Interstate 90.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
200 resident licenses (\$45); 4 nonresident licenses (\$375)

**PRA-20A- CORSON CO.**

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
70 resident licenses (\$45); 2 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-21A- CUSTER CO.** east of US 385, and the eastern boundaries of Wind Cave National Park and Custer State Park and PENNINGTON County south of I-90, west of the Cheyenne River and east of the eastern boundary of the Black Hills National Forest and US 16.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
100 resident licenses (\$45); 2 nonresident licenses (\$375)

**PRA-24A- DEWEY CO.**

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
50 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-27A- FALL RIVER COUNTY** and that portion of **CUSTER COUNTY** south of US 16 and west of US 385.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
350 resident licenses (\$45); 7 nonresident licenses (\$375)

**PRA-31A- HAAKON CO.**

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
25 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-35A- HARDING CO.** west of US 85.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
150 resident licenses (\$45); 3 nonresident licenses (\$375)

**PRA-35B- HARDING CO.** east of US 85.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
150 resident licenses (\$45); 3 nonresident licenses (\$375)

**PRA-36A- HUGHES CO.**

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
5 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-38A- HYDE, HAND** and **BUFFALO** counties

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
5 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-39A- JACKSON CO.**

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
50 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-41A- JONES CO.** excluding that portion described in PRA-45B.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
30 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-45A- LYMAN CO.** except for United States Corps of Engineers land and excluding that area described in Unit PRA-45B

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
5 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-45B- US Forest Service land** and private land in **LYMAN, STANLEY** and **JONES** counties within a line beginning at the northwest corner of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation's exterior boundary; then west 18 miles, then south 20 miles, then east 19 miles, then north 1.5 miles to the southwest corner of the Lower Brule Indian Reservation's exterior boundary; then north along the reservation's western boundary to the northwest corner of the reservation; the point of beginning.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
10 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-49A- MEADE CO.** north of SD 34 and south of US 212.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
200 resident licenses (\$45); 4 nonresident licenses (\$375)

**PRA-49B- MEADE CO.** south of SD 34 and east of I-90 and PENNINGTON CO. north of I-90 and west of the Cheyenne River.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
50 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-50A- MELLETTTE** and **TODD** counties

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
20 licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-53A- PERKINS CO.** north of SD 20.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
75 resident licenses (\$45); 2 nonresident licenses (\$375)

**PRA-53B- PERKINS CO.** south of SD 20; **MEADE CO.** north of US 212.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
100 resident licenses (\$45); 2 nonresident licenses (\$375)

**PRA-58A- STANLEY CO.** excluding that portion described in PRA-45B.

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
40 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

**PRA-59A- SULLY CO.**

**42:** Valid for one Buck Antelope  
5 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

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## PRA-60A- TRIPP CO.

42: Valid for one Buck Antelope  
5 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

## PRA-63A- CAMPBELL, POTTER, and WALWORTH counties

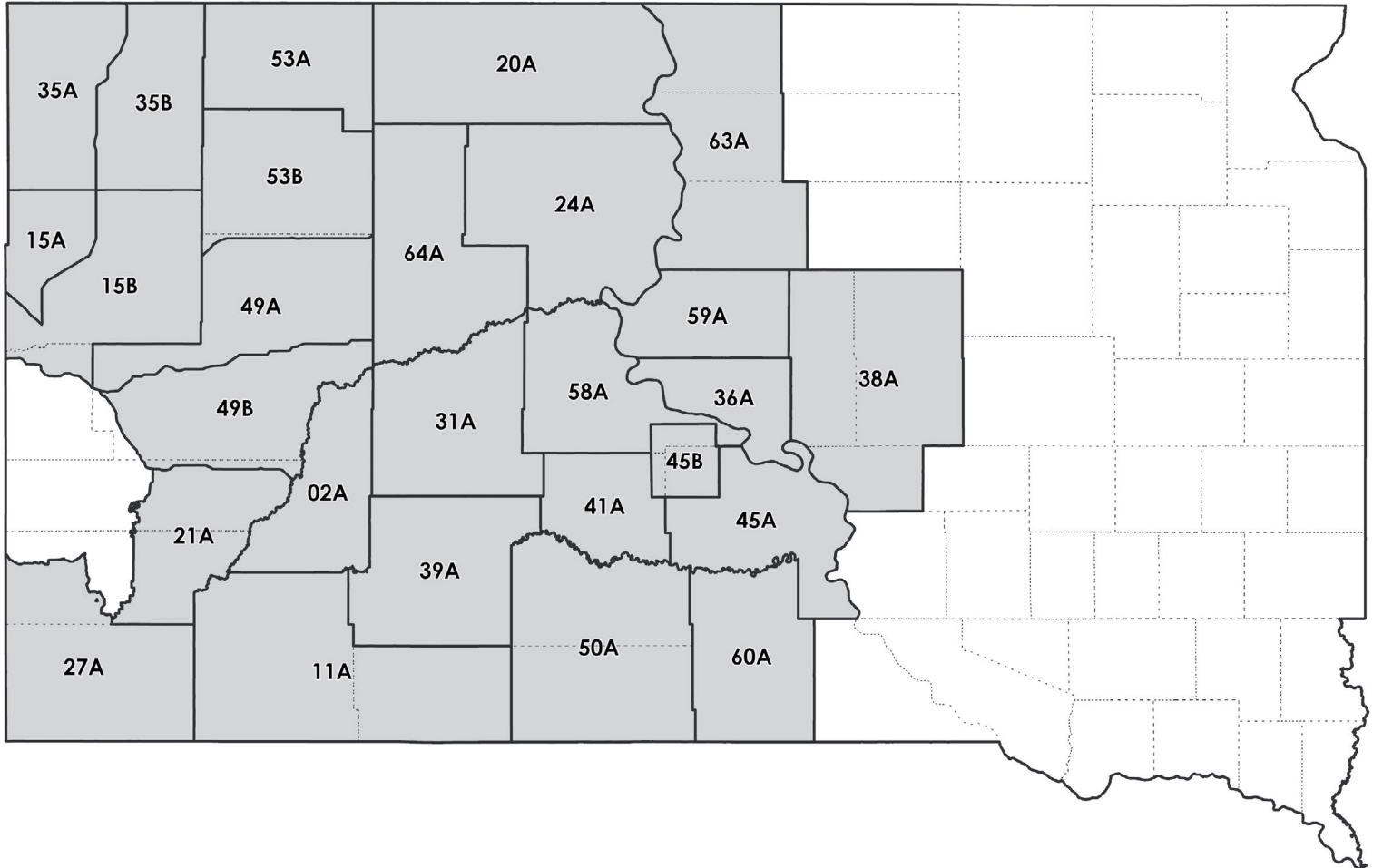
42: Valid for one Buck Antelope  
5 resident licenses (\$45); 1 nonresident license (\$375)

## PRA-64A- ZIEBACH CO.

42: Valid for one Buck Antelope  
150 resident licenses (\$45); 3 nonresident licenses (\$375)

**Preference Points:** During the first draw, applicants can choose to purchase a preference point if unsuccessful (\$5 residents and \$20 nonresidents.) Additionally, preference points can be purchased from September 15 - December 15, through GFP's online licensing system at [license.gooutdoorsouthdakota.com](http://license.gooutdoorsouthdakota.com).

## FIREARMS ANTELOPE UNIT MAP





# CUSTER STATE PARK ANTELOPE

**Season Dates:** Oct. 4-19, 2025

**License Eligibility:** South Dakota residents. Successful applicants cannot reapply for 9 years.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

**First Deadline** - Apply online by 8 a.m. CDT Aug. 12. One application may be submitted per person for this drawing. Results available online Aug. 20.

## SEASON-UNIT-TYPE CHOICES

**CUA-CU1-** Custer State Park, except closed in an area within 200 yards of any public access road or building.

**42:** Valid for One Buck Antelope - 5 licenses (\$156).

**Preference Points:** During the first draw, applicants can choose to purchase a preference point if unsuccessful (\$5 residents) Additionally, preference points can be purchased from September 15 - December 15, through GFP's online licensing system at [license.gooutdoorsouthdakota.com](https://license.gooutdoorsouthdakota.com).

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