

FALL BLACK HILLS TURKEY

There were 434 Fall Black Hills Turkey licenses (408 resident, 26 nonresident) sold in South Dakota for the 2016 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

Of the 429 license-holders that were surveyed, 323 responded for a 75% response rate. Approximately 60% of responding hunters used the Internet to respond. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.79 days, which projected to a total of 1,203 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 91 males were harvested along with 55 hens, a total of 147 turkeys. The overall estimated success rate for the season was 34%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 4.85 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2007-2016 Fall Black Hills Turkey seasons

YEAR	LICENSES SOLD		HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Resident	Nonresid	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2007	3,641	138	1,130	1,039	2,169	57%	3.24	5.49
2008	4,155	164	806	1,179	1,986	46%	3.39	5.40
2009	3,506	140	658	711	1,369	38%	3.77	4.78
2010	3,198	114	907	646	1,553	47%	3.05	5.22
2011	2,977	121	537	513	1,050	34%	3.89	4.85
2012	2,075	90	457	470	927	43%	3.39	4.95
2013	1,546	81	185	188	373	23%	2.81	4.57
2014	764	46	100	114	215	27%	3.24	4.54
2015	406	27	66	62	127	29%	3.44	4.58
2016	408	26	91	55	147	34%	2.79	4.85

2016 Fall Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Licenses										Harvest Projections					Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score
	Resident				Nonresident			Response Rate	Tag Success	Males			Hens		Total Harvest		
	Hunters	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold			Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk			
BH1-31	431	504	400	408	20	32	26	75%	34%	67	24	41	5	9	147	2.79	4.85

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

Black Hills Fall Turkey 1985-2016

