

FALL PRAIRIE TURKEY

There were 908 licenses (879 resident, 29 nonresident) sold for the 2016 South Dakota Fall Prairie Turkey season for a total of 958 tags. All tags were valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

All hunters were surveyed and 693 responded for a 77% response rate. Approximately 60% of responding hunters used the Internet to respond. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.19 days, which projected to a total of 1,978 recreation days for the season.

Harvest projections indicated 173 males were taken along with 72 hens for a total of 246 turkeys. The estimated success rate for the season was 26%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 4.87 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2007-2016 Fall Prairie Turkey seasons

Year	Licenses	Tags	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	% Success	Hunted	Satisfactn
2007	5,614	8,764	2,315	1,879	4,194	48%	3.07	5.22
2008	5,996	9,593	2,606	1,949	4,556	47%	2.86	5.43
2009	5,876	10,191	2,335	2,002	4,337	43%	2.92	5.22
2010	5,995	11,276	3,019	2,419	5,438	48%	2.87	5.36
2011	5,649	10,662	2,497	1,838	4,335	41%	3.15	5.13
2012	5,527	9,510	2,001	1,335	3,337	35%	2.91	5.12
2013	5,066	8,638	1,180	721	1,901	22%	2.68	4.76
2014	1,910	1,960	422	224	645	33%	2.26	4.91
2015	1,936	1,986	422	227	649	33%	2.56	4.80
2016	908	958	173	72	246	26%	2.19	4.87

2016 Fall Prairie Turkey Harvest Projections

Unit	Licenses																			Avg Days	Mean Satisfctn								
	Resident									Nonresident									Tags			Response	Tag	Harvest Projections					Total
	Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st			Sold	Rate	Success	Males			Hens		Unk	Harvest			Hunted							
	Hunters	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Sold	Rate	Success	Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk	Harvest	Hunted	Score											
Bon Homme	150	127	150	150	N/A	0	0	150	79%	34%	13	15	23	0	0	51	2.5	5.2											
Brule	50	30	50	50	N/A	0	0	50	72%	22%	7	0	3	1	0	11	2.7	4.4											
Davison/Hanson	50	41	50	50	N/A	0	0	100	66%	9%	3	2	5	0	0	9	2.6	4.8											
Gregory	162	141	150	150	17	12	12	162	76%	28%	29	5	8	1	3	46	1.7	4.6											
Hutchinson	30	54	30	30	N/A	0	0	30	93%	36%	3	5	2	0	0	11	1.8	5.1											
Marshall/Roberts	100	131	100	100	N/A	0	0	100	82%	16%	9	5	1	1	0	16	1.5	4.6											
Mellette	54	45	50	50	4	4	4	54	83%	27%	6	4	5	0	0	15	1.3	4.5											
Perkins	103	48	100	99	3	8	9	108	69%	26%	19	4	3	0	1	28	1.5	4.6											
Tripp	54	62	50	50	3	4	4	54	81%	37%	16	1	3	0	0	20	1.9	5.2											
Union	50	107	50	50	N/A	0	0	50	86%	16%	5	0	3	0	0	8	2.6	4.6											
Yankton	100	122	100	100	N/A	0	0	100	75%	31%	20	1	7	1	1	31	4.1	5.6											
Totals	903	908	880	879	27	28	29	958	77.2%	25.6%	130	43	62	5	5	246	2.19	4.87											

The response rate for all units combined was 77%
 * Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

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