

2016-2017 Season Table

Hunting Season		September	October	November	December	January	February	Notes	
Grouse ¹			September 17 - January 1					¹ Includes prairie chicken, sharp-tailed grouse, and ruffed grouse.	
Sage Grouse ²			← September 17-18						
Partridge			September 17 - January 1						
Pheasant			October 15 - January 1						
Youth only			← October 1-5						² Special permit required.
Residents only			← October 8-10						
Quail			October 15 - January 1						³ Season will close in the Black Hills Fire Protection District earlier if the harvest limit is reached. Open year-round statewide outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection Area.
Cottontail Rabbit		September 1 - February 28							
Tree Squirrel		September 1 - February 28							
Crow		September 1 - October 31		The crow hunting season is also open March 1 - April 30					
Common Snipe		September 1 - October 31							
Mourning Dove		September 1 - November 9							
Ducks	Youth only		← September 17-18					⁴ Only antlerless whitetail deer tags are valid January 1-15.	
	Low Plains North		September 24 - December 6						
	Low Plains Middle		September 24 - December 6						
	Low Plains South		October 8 - December 20						
	High Plains		October 8 - January 12						
Canada Geese	Unit 1		September 3 - December 18					⁵ Units in Gregory and Mellette counties have special season dates.	
	Unit 2		October 31 - February 12						
	Bennett Co. ²		October 15 - December 18				← January 14-22		
Light Geese			September 24 - December 18					⁶ Only antlerless deer tags are valid Dec. 31 - Jan. 8.	
White-fronted Geese			September 24 - December 18						
Sandhill Crane			September 24 - November 20						
Tundra Swan			October 1 - December 18						
Fall Turkey			November 1 - January 31						
Black Hills Mountain Lion ³					Dec 26 - March 31				
Antelope - Archery		Aug 20 - Sep 30		← Oct 17-31					⁷ Season dates listed in table are for any elk licenses. Visit http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/elk/black-hills.aspx to view Black Hills elk application for unit-specific antlerless elk season dates.
Antelope - Rifle			← October 1-16						
Deer	Archery		September 24 - December 31			← Jan 1-15 ⁴			
	Muzzleloader				December 1-31	← Jan 1-15 ⁴			
	Mentored & Youth		September 10 - January 15						
	Black Hills		Nov 1-30						
	West River ⁵		← Nov 12-27						
East River		Nov 19 - Dec 4 →				← Dec 31 - Jan 8 ⁶			
Elk - Black Hills		Archery: Sept 1-30	Rifle: Oct 1-31 ⁷						