

FALL BLACK HILLS TURKEY

There were 1,627 Fall Black Hills Turkey licenses (1,546 resident, 81 nonresident) sold in South Dakota for the 2013 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from October 1 through January 31, a total of 123 days (92 days in 2006, 31 days in 2005, 16 days in 2004, 9 days in 2003).

Of the 599 license-holders that were sampled, 484 responded for an 81% response rate. Approximately 75% of responding hunters used the Internet to respond. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.81 days, which projected to a total of 4,331 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 185 toms were harvested along with 188 hens, a total of 373 turkeys. The overall estimated success rate for the season was 23%. Approximately 29% of the harvest occurred in October, 47% in November, 19% in December, and 5% in January.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 4.57 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2004-2013 Fall Black Hills Turkey seasons

YEAR	LICENSES SOLD		HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Resident	Nonresid	Toms	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2004	708	42	206	270	476	63%	2.12	5.97
2005	1,312	83	321	399	720	52%	2.51	6.04
2006	3,081	159	681	962	1,643	51%	3.50	5.34
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

2013 Fall Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:
20-May-14

Unit/Type	Hunters	Licenses						Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections					Total Harvest	Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score
		Resident			Nonresident					Males		Hens					
		Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold			Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk			
BH1-31	1,541	1,096	1,500	1,546	44	120	81	81%	23%	118	67	153	22	13	373	2.81	4.57

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

Black Hills Fall Turkey 1985-2013

