



South Dakota

# GAME, FISH and PARKS



# Special Buck

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- Private land only
- West River – Res and NR
- East River – Res only
- Created to allow people who have permission to hunt on private land a greater chance of drawing a license
- Deadline to apply is mid April

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- 1997 - 250 Res and 250 NR West River only (first year ?)
- 1998 – 400 Res and 400 NR West River and 400 Res East River
- 2006 – 500 Res and 500 NR West River and 400 Res East River
- 2010 – 500 Res and 500 NR West River and 500 Res East River
- 2013 – 4% of “any” deer tags or 500, whichever is greater



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    - 556 Res East River
  - 2017 - if no changes occur
    - 659 Res and NR West river
    - 798 Res East River



# Archery Deer

# Archery License Sales 2005-2015

Year	Season	# of Licenses Issued	Max # of Applications Allowed	# of Unique Individuals	Unique NR	NR % Increase	Unique Res	Res % Increase
2005	ARD	19497	4	13907	1689		12218	
2006	ARD	21878	4	15426	1940	14.86086442	13486	10.37813063
2007	ARD	23307	5	15963	2062	6.288659794	13901	3.077265312
2008	ARD	24624	5	16704	2183	5.868089234	14521	4.460110783
2009	ARD	26560	5	17805	2437	11.63536418	15368	5.832931616
2010	ARD	28309	5	18922	2800	14.89536315	16122	4.906298803
2011	ARD	28064	5	19122	2785	-0.53571429	16337	1.333581442
2012	ARD	28228	5	19415	2561	-8.04308797	16854	3.164595703
2013	ARD	27351	3	19842	2549	-0.46856697	17293	2.604722914
2014	ARD	24487	3	20131	2566	0.666928207	17565	1.572890765
2015	ARD	26688	3	21804	2914	13.56196415	18890	7.543410191

# Archery Deer

- 2005 – 2015 55% increase in unique residents archery hunters (6672 increase)
- 2005 – 2015 72% increase in unique NR archery hunters (1225 increase)



# Landowner

# Landowner Preference Qualifications

- Operate at least 160 acres
- Operate means to lease or hold fee title to farm or ranch real property and be directly involved in management decisions made for agricultural purposes
- Immediate family members to live with landowner or on land owned by landowner qualify

# Landowner Preference

- License valid for entire unit – no restrictions
- Full price license
- Only license types in the draw are available

# Landowner Only

- License restricts the holder to the taking of game from privately owned lands owned or leased by the landowner
- May not have a license that allows for the harvest of a buck in either the first or second draw
- Guaranteed half price license
- Can choose between 'any deer' and 'any deer plus any antlerless deer'

# Landowner Only Qualifications

- Own or lease at least 160 acres and live on the property or be an owner/operator of the land
- “Owner/Operator” is an individual holding fee title to the property and is directly involved with management decisions made for ag purposes.
- Immediate family who live with the landowner or on land owned or leased by the landowner qualify

# Similarities

- Immediate Family qualifies for both
- Same restrictions on “other” entities
- 160 acre minimum
- Hired hands do not qualify
- Land leased for reasons other than ag purposes do not qualify
- Either tenant or landowner qualify, not both
- Nonresidents do not qualify

# Differences

- Leasing qualifies for Preference but only qualifies for Landowner Only if they live on the property
- “Operate” (own or lease) for Preference  
“Owner/Operator” (hold fee title) for Landowner Only
- Preference valid in entire hunting unit
- Landowner Only valid on private ground the person operates within any unit of the season



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