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### **FURBEARER HARVEST PROJECTIONS**

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## PREFACE

Harvest estimates reported herein for the 2012 furbearer seasons were developed as described for other species in Wildlife Survey Manual, 2009-2015, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks. If species specific methodologies are not reported there, the methodologies are presented within this report.

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## **FURBEARER HARVEST SUMMARY**

Individual furbearer seasons had different season dates, license requirements, and open areas within the state and are discussed later in separate sections. This report only includes harvest from furbearer license holders, therefore harvest for coyotes, red fox, gray fox, skunks, raccoons and badgers are minimal estimates. Any resident or nonresident with a predator/varmint license or any type of hunting license was eligible to hunt those species.

Harvest surveys were sent to resident and nonresident furbearer license holders who had a 2012 license or a 2013 license that was purchased prior to May 1, 2013. Response rates were 58% for residents and 70% for nonresidents.

In the 2012-2013 seasons, there were 227,575 resident and 136,812 nonresident licenses issued that allowed holders to hunt furbearers. Of those, only 5,022 residents and 19 nonresidents had licenses that allowed trapping of furbearers. Some 2012 furbearer license holders also purchased 2013 licenses that were valid during the 2012 seasons. In addition to those who had both 2012 and 2013 licenses, 972 residents and 3 nonresidents purchased 2013 licenses prior to May 1, 2013 making them eligible to hunt or trap the 2012 seasons.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. Nonresident rules restricted the taking of raccoon, beaver and muskrat only from Dec. 1 - March 15.

When asked their satisfaction on the seasons, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), resident hunters/trappers reported an average satisfaction level of 4.87 and nonresidents reported an average of 4.42.

A total of 5 residents reported incidentally trapping a total of 9 mountain lions, with a range of 1 to 3 per trapper. Of the total, 4 were reported to have been trapped in Lawrence County, 3 in Custer County, and 2 in Fall River County. A total of 17 residents reported incidentally trapping a river otter, 4 in Grant, 3 in Moody, 3 in Minnehaha, 2 in Lincoln, and 1 each in and Clark, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.

Of the 14 nonresidents who responded, 3 (21%) reported being the victim of trap or fur theft, while 219 of the 1,684 residents who responded (13%) reported that they had experienced trap or fur theft during the 2012-13 seasons.

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	Resident	Nonresident	Totals
<b>Licenses Sold*</b>	5,022	19	<b>5,041</b>
<b>Projected ACTIVE TRAPPERS/HUNTERS</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2,802</b>

**Trapping Harvest**

Coyotes	10,747	192	10,939
Red Fox	2,229	37	2,266
Gray Fox	8	0	8
Bobcat	489	0	489
Raccoon	50,861	320	51,181
Beaver	4,821	20	4,841
Muskrat	57,257	811	58,068
Mink	4,006	0	4,006
Weasel	253	1	254
Badger	2,487	18	2,505
Opossum	4,037	0	4,037
Striped Skunk	20,641	41	20,682
Spotted Skunk	701	0	701

**Hunting Harvest**

Coyotes	10,984	5	10,989
Red Fox	429	0	429
Gray Fox	3	0	3
Bobcat	130	0	130
Raccoon	11,806	3	11,809
Beaver	441	0	441
Muskrat	1,640	133	1,773
Mink	73	0	73
Weasel	14	0	14
Badger	641	3	644
Opossum	276	0	276
Striped Skunk	4,070	0	4,070
Spotted Skunk	124	0	124

**Total Harvest**

Coyotes	21,730	198	21,928
Red Fox	2,658	37	2,695
Gray Fox	11	0	11
Bobcat	619	0	619
Raccoon	62,667	323	62,990
Beaver	5,262	20	5,282
Muskrat	58,897	944	59,841
Mink	4,078	0	4,078
Weasel	267	1	268
Badger	3,128	21	3,149
Opossum	4,313	0	4,313
Striped Skunk	24,711	41	24,752
Spotted Skunk	825	0	825

<b>Furbearer Mean Satisfaction Score **</b>	4.87	4.42	
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\* Licenses sold for the 2012 licensing year (15 Dec 2011 - 31 Jan 2013) and the 2013 licensing year (15 Dec 2012 - 31 Jan 2014) purchased prior to 1 May 2013

\*\* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1="very dissatisfied" and 7="very satisfied"

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<b>Total Furbearer Harvest Distribution by County 2012-13</b>														
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>Coyote</b>	<b>Red Fox</b>	<b>Bobcat</b>	<b>Raccoon</b>	<b>Beaver</b>	<b>Muskrat</b>	<b>Mink</b>	<b>Weasel</b>	<b>Badger</b>	<b>Opossum</b>	<b>Striped Skunk</b>	<b>Spotted Skunk</b>	<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Minnehaha	389	146	0	4,396	431	558	135	7	51	233	749	0	7,095	3.7
Pennington	446	59	59	461	138	56	16	0	43	7	584	0	1,867	1.0
Brown	794	81	0	2,206	282	7,082	421	31	99	3	1,525	0	12,523	6.6
Beadle	253	65	0	992	33	342	32	0	138	54	533	86	2,528	1.3
Codington	410	39	0	1,372	105	1,641	209	24	37	7	749	29	4,622	2.4
Brookings	291	101	0	2,761	204	871	190	3	37	85	619	0	5,163	2.7
Yankton	414	147	11	2,895	223	0	42	0	57	296	320	0	4,406	2.3
Davison	60	10	0	972	7	0	3	0	25	112	76	112	1,376	0.7
Lawrence	37	3	6	37	52	0	0	0	4	0	61	0	201	0.1
Aurora	231	48	0	798	0	148	28	0	28	90	367	11	1,749	0.9
Bennett	213	6	62	331	7	165	3	0	21	0	208	0	1,016	0.5
Bon Homme	233	33	8	2,392	108	546	23	0	51	427	533	0	4,354	2.3
Brule	178	10	8	455	0	2,668	3	0	75	89	328	52	3,866	2.0
Buffalo	95	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	21	10	50	29	298	0.2
Butte	20	22	3	199	0	0	0	0	11	0	66	0	321	0.2
Campbell	94	3	0	284	0	3,099	3	0	20	0	83	0	3,587	1.9
Charles Mix	274	35	51	2,399	136	298	26	3	162	157	810	23	4,375	2.3
Clark	193	56	0	1,072	98	404	80	7	24	31	361	0	2,326	1.2
Clay	109	42	0	771	138	47	26	0	34	75	70	0	1,312	0.7
Corson	956	23	0	44	66	41	6	0	36	0	65	0	1,237	0.6
Custer	313	20	56	402	49	0	10	0	45	0	472	0	1,366	0.7
Day	411	49	0	1,678	161	5,003	333	10	43	0	1,534	25	9,248	4.8
Deuel	1,508	32	0	1,251	177	552	164	48	34	51	537	0	4,354	2.3
Dewey	366	20	3	93	20	32	6	0	24	0	211	0	774	0.4
Douglas	125	0	0	1,809	0	1,455	129	0	0	252	235	29	4,034	2.1
Edmunds	55	32	0	1,218	0	8,420	196	7	66	0	2,474	147	12,615	6.6
Fall River	465	111	31	712	7	0	0	0	91	0	358	0	1,774	0.9
Faulk	21	13	0	230	0	454	74	0	13	0	120	6	931	0.5
Grant	220	7	0	1,716	131	871	209	21	24	9	184	0	3,391	1.8
Gregory	644	300	17	2,373	63	455	6	0	90	555	1,272	29	5,802	3.0
Haakon	521	15	48	346	10	29	0	0	127	0	218	0	1,315	0.7
Hamlin	485	29	0	1,232	367	868	158	55	81	55	1,403	0	4,731	2.5
Hand	31	0	0	25	0	416	10	0	0	22	88	27	619	0.3
Hanson	165	19	0	667	10	803	48	0	84	68	451	29	2,344	1.2
Harding	368	95	31	28	26	30	0	0	101	0	110	0	788	0.4
Hughes	237	26	0	327	52	21	16	0	140	27	110	23	980	0.5
Hutchinson	273	97	0	3,657	356	9	29	0	44	254	804	0	5,524	2.9
Hyde	65	0	0	314	13	133	29	7	20	0	78	6	666	0.3
Jackson	474	10	8	59	0	68	0	0	64	0	67	0	750	0.4
Jerauld	202	3	0	62	3	0	3	0	17	0	20	23	334	0.2
Jones	403	0	0	47	0	12	0	0	14	0	68	0	544	0.3
Kingsbury	665	114	0	1,681	36	1,969	19	0	44	30	486	0	5,044	2.6
Lake	257	144	3	1,220	50	1,080	129	0	56	102	275	0	3,316	1.7
Lincoln	130	50	0	1,997	210	207	100	0	58	280	190	0	3,221	1.7
Lyman	351	13	11	289	21	2,931	10	0	87	7	149	0	3,870	2.0
McCook	55	16	0	508	69	193	0	0	0	27	116	11	995	0.5
McPherson	285	10	0	502	0	1,533	6	0	36	0	318	0	2,690	1.4
Marshall	575	10	0	1,493	56	3,307	23	10	30	0	377	0	5,880	3.1
Meade	997	25	39	895	50	74	12	0	45	0	886	0	3,023	1.6
Mellette	999	10	53	394	166	428	0	0	128	61	200	0	2,438	1.3
Miner	355	115	0	593	16	977	103	0	25	20	182	11	2,399	1.3
Moody	83	128	0	1,686	102	18	77	3	34	37	156	0	2,324	1.2
Perkins	516	7	28	269	196	177	6	0	48	0	133	0	1,380	0.7
Potter	183	50	0	296	0	0	20	0	7	10	182	86	834	0.4
Roberts	582	65	0	1,356	138	4,100	647	24	32	10	488	0	7,441	3.9
Sanborn	57	0	0	511	0	762	26	0	13	0	29	0	1,398	0.7
Spink	302	10	0	1,127	69	622	71	3	43	20	360	9	2,635	1.4
Stanley	666	0	20	93	85	68	0	0	36	0	0	0	967	0.5
Sully	142	26	0	367	22	1,806	61	0	40	3	295	17	2,781	1.5
Tripp	357	29	3	452	153	162	6	0	40	324	225	0	1,752	0.9
Turner	150	30	0	1,899	82	9	19	0	37	181	203	0	2,610	1.4
Union	484	35	0	2,047	121	62	45	0	34	232	159	0	3,219	1.7
Walworth	57	0	0	12	0	1,603	13	3	47	0	56	6	1,798	0.9
Ziebach	57	0	0	0	0	144	0	0	11	0	12	0	224	0.1
Shannon	366	0	56	106	134	15	16	0	104	0	270	0	1,067	0.6
Todd	213	0	3	19	33	0	0	0	22	0	35	0	323	0.2
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>21,928</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>62,990</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>59,841</b>	<b>4,078</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>4,313</b>	<b>24,752</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>190,738</b>	<b>100%</b>

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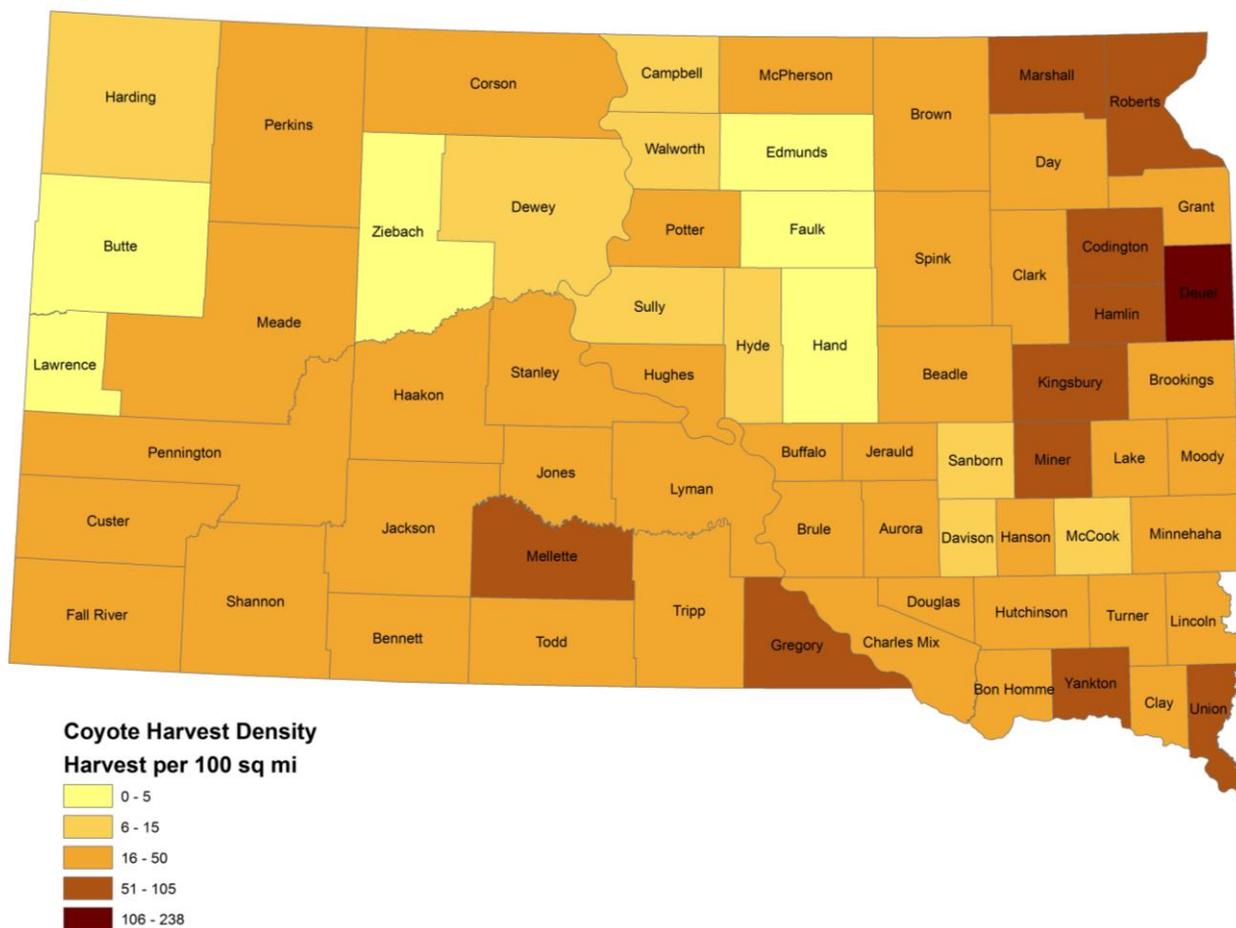
# COYOTE

The 2012 coyote season was open statewide and year-round. Residents age 16 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt coyotes and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap coyotes. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt coyotes. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt coyotes, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap coyotes.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 21,928 coyotes were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported coyote harvest densities were Deuel, Union, Hamlin, Yankton and Kingsbury.

**2012-13 Coyote Harvest**



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<b>Coyote Harvest Distribution by County 2012-13</b>											
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total	
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *			
Minnehaha	49	132	1.3	139	84	223	2.3	250	389	1.8	
Pennington	66	178	1.7	187	87	231	2.4	259	446	2.0	
Brown	70	189	1.8	198	200	531	5.4	595	794	3.6	
Beadle	41	111	1.1	116	46	122	1.3	137	253	1.2	
Codington	6	16	0.2	17	132	351	3.6	393	410	1.9	
Brookings	64	173	1.6	181	37	98	1.0	110	291	1.3	
Yankton	39	105	1.0	110	102	271	2.8	304	414	1.9	
Davison	15	41	0.4	42	6	16	0.2	18	60	0.3	
Lawrence	9	24	0.2	25	4	11	0.1	12	37	0.2	
Aurora	50	135	1.3	142	30	80	0.8	89	231	1.1	
Bennett	71	192	1.8	201	4	11	0.1	12	213	1.0	
Bon Homme	33	89	0.9	93	47	125	1.3	140	233	1.1	
Brule	43	116	1.1	122	19	50	0.5	57	178	0.8	
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	32	85	0.9	95	95	0.4	
Butte	7	19	0.2	20	0	0	0.0	0	20	0.1	
Campbell	31	84	0.8	88	2	5	0.1	6	94	0.4	
Charles Mix	37	100	1.0	105	57	151	1.6	170	274	1.3	
Clark	47	127	1.2	133	20	53	0.5	60	193	0.9	
Clay	8	22	0.2	23	29	77	0.8	86	109	0.5	
Corson	220	594	5.7	623	112	298	3.0	333	956	4.4	
Custer	62	167	1.6	176	46	122	1.3	137	313	1.4	
Day	18	49	0.5	51	121	321	3.3	360	411	1.9	
Deuel	379	1,024	9.8	1,073	146	388	4.0	435	1,508	6.9	
Dewey	61	165	1.6	173	65	173	1.8	194	366	1.7	
Douglas	20	54	0.5	57	23	61	0.6	68	125	0.6	
Edmunds	12	32	0.3	34	7	19	0.2	21	55	0.2	
Fall River	80	216	2.1	227	80	213	2.2	238	465	2.1	
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	7	19	0.2	21	21	0.1	
Grant	42	113	1.1	119	34	90	0.9	101	220	1.0	
Gregory	196	529	5.1	555	30	80	0.8	89	644	2.9	
Haakon	162	438	4.2	459	21	56	0.6	63	521	2.4	
Hamlin	46	124	1.2	130	119	316	3.2	354	485	2.2	
Hand	10	27	0.3	28	1	3	0.0	3	31	0.1	
Hanson	34	92	0.9	96	23	61	0.6	68	165	0.8	
Harding	51	138	1.3	144	75	199	2.0	223	368	1.7	
Hughes	27	73	0.7	76	54	143	1.5	161	237	1.1	
Hutchinson	67	181	1.7	190	28	74	0.8	83	273	1.2	
Hyde	21	57	0.5	59	2	5	0.1	6	65	0.3	
Jackson	118	319	3.0	334	47	125	1.3	140	474	2.2	
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	68	181	1.9	202	202	0.9	
Jones	11	30	0.3	31	125	332	3.4	372	403	1.8	
Kingsbury	54	146	1.4	153	172	457	4.7	512	665	3.0	
Lake	31	84	0.8	88	57	151	1.6	170	257	1.2	
Lincoln	9	24	0.2	25	35	93	1.0	104	130	0.6	
Lyman	86	232	2.2	244	36	96	1.0	107	351	1.6	
McCook	10	27	0.3	28	9	24	0.2	27	55	0.3	
McPherson	66	178	1.7	187	33	88	0.9	98	285	1.3	
Marshall	201	543	5.2	569	2	5	0.1	6	575	2.6	
Meade	86	232	2.2	244	253	672	6.9	753	997	4.5	
Mellette	134	362	3.5	379	208	553	5.7	619	999	4.6	
Miner	33	89	0.9	93	88	234	2.4	262	355	1.6	
Moody	20	54	0.5	57	9	24	0.2	27	83	0.4	
Perkins	77	208	2.0	218	100	266	2.7	298	516	2.4	
Potter	31	84	0.8	88	32	85	0.9	95	183	0.8	
Roberts	90	243	2.3	255	110	292	3.0	328	582	2.7	
Sanborn	20	54	0.5	57	0	0	0.0	0	57	0.3	
Spink	96	259	2.5	272	10	27	0.3	30	302	1.4	
Stanley	173	467	4.5	490	59	157	1.6	176	666	3.0	
Sully	3	8	0.1	8	45	120	1.2	134	142	0.6	
Tripp	61	165	1.6	173	62	165	1.7	185	357	1.6	
Turner	31	84	0.8	88	21	56	0.6	63	150	0.7	
Union	52	140	1.3	147	113	300	3.1	336	484	2.2	
Walworth	15	41	0.4	42	5	13	0.1	15	57	0.3	
Ziebach	20	54	0.5	57	0	0	0.0	0	57	0.3	
Shannon	85	230	2.2	241	42	112	1.1	125	366	1.7	
Todd	74	200	1.9	210	1	3	0.0	3	213	1.0	
Unknown	187	505	-	-	444	1,179	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>4,068</b>	<b>10,989</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,989</b>	<b>4,118</b>	<b>10,939</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,939</b>	<b>21,928</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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# BOBCAT

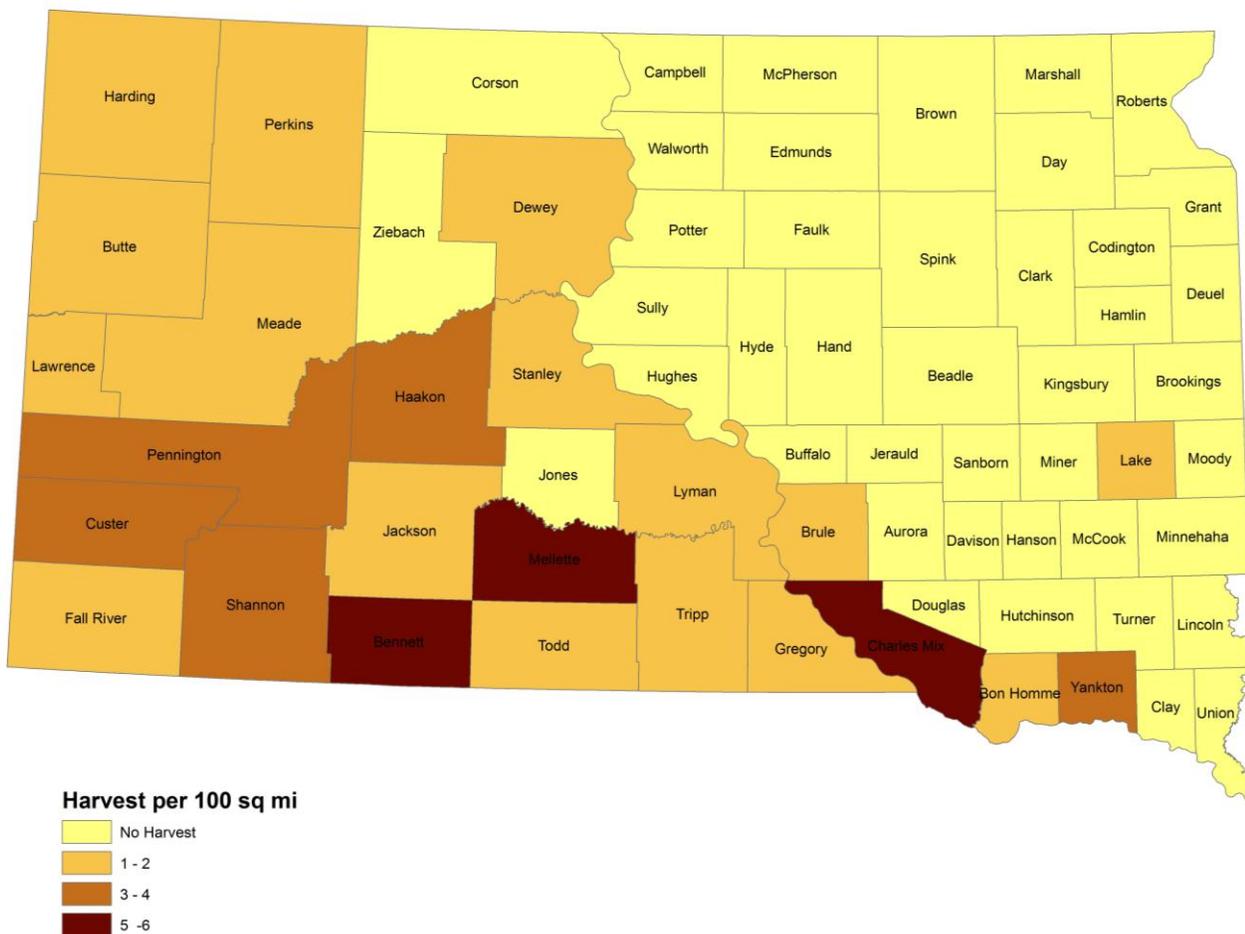
The 2012 resident bobcat season was open west of the Missouri River from December 8, 2012 through February 15, 2013 and east of the Missouri River in Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, Bon Homme and Yankton counties from December 8-30. The nonresident bobcat season was open from January 12 - February 15, 2013 west of the Missouri River only. Residents age 16 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap bobcats. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt bobcats. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap bobcats.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 619 bobcats were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported bobcat harvest densities were Bennett, Charles Mix, Mellette, Custer and Shannon.

Survey recipients were also asked whether they had observed bobcats east of the Missouri River within the previous year and in which county they occurred. A total of 111 reports of bobcat observations were received in 25 different East River counties, with Charles Mix, Bon Homme, and Yankton listed in 63 of those reports.

## 2012-13 Bobcat Harvest



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<b>Bobcat Harvest Distribution by County 2012-13</b>											
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total	
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *			
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Pennington	2	5	4.3	6	19	51	10.9	53	59	9.5	
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	2.3	11	11	1.8	
Davison	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	1.1	6	6	0.9	
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Bennett	3	8	6.5	8	19	51	10.9	53	62	10.0	
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	1.7	8	8	1.4	
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	1.7	8	8	1.4	
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.6	3	3	0.5	
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Charles Mix	15	41	32.6	42	3	8	1.7	8	51	8.2	
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Custer	8	22	17.4	23	12	32	6.9	34	56	9.1	
Day	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.6	3	3	0.5	
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	11	30	6.3	31	31	5.0	
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	3.4	17	17	2.7	
Haakon	6	16	13.0	17	11	30	6.3	31	48	7.7	
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Harding	1	3	2.2	3	10	27	5.7	28	31	5.0	
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jackson	2	5	4.3	6	1	3	0.6	3	8	1.4	
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.6	3	3	0.5	
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	2.3	11	11	1.8	
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Meade	3	8	6.5	8	11	30	6.3	31	39	6.4	
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	19	51	10.9	53	53	8.6	
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	10	27	5.7	28	28	4.5	
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Stanley	4	11	8.7	11	3	8	1.7	8	20	3.2	
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Tripp	1	3	2.2	3	0	0	0.0	0	3	0.5	
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Union	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Watworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Shannon	1	3	2.2	3	19	51	10.9	53	56	9.1	
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.6	3	3	0.5	
Unknown	2	5	-	-	7	19	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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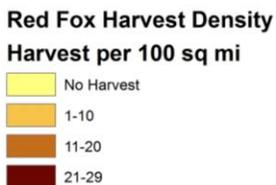
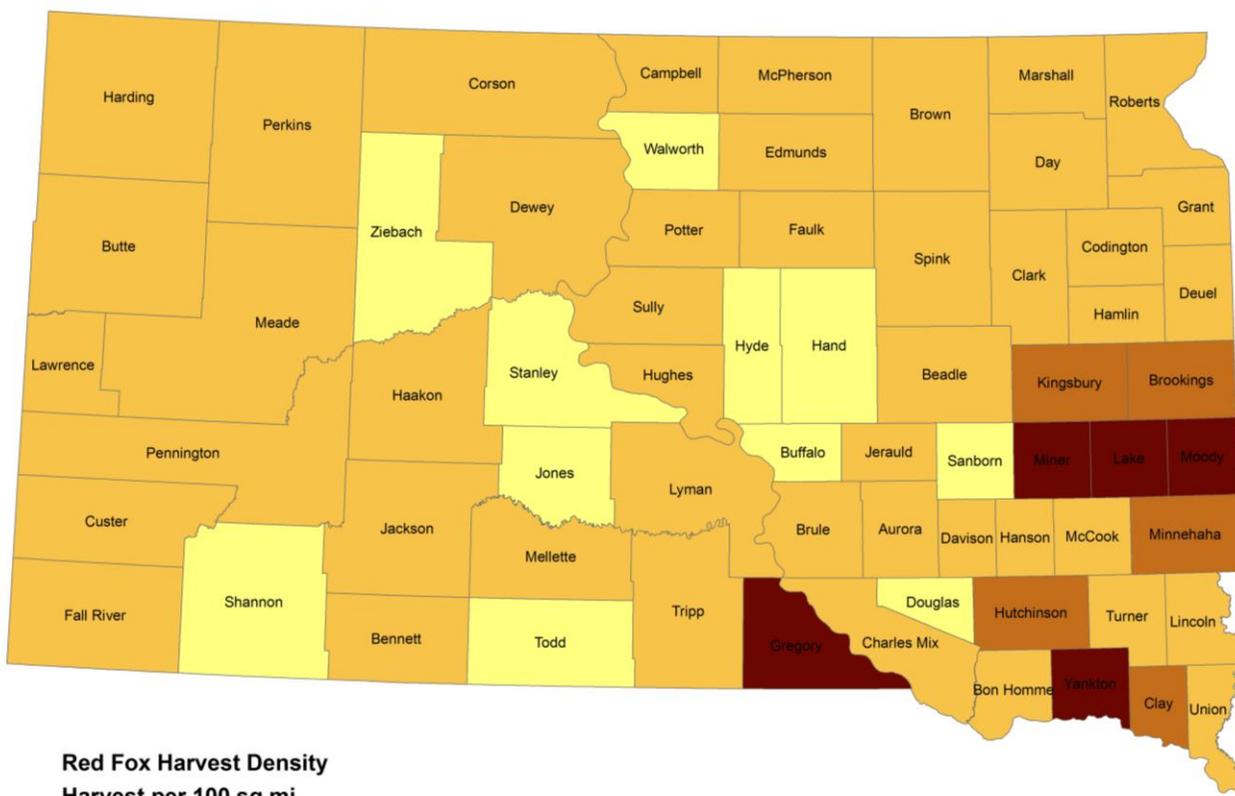
# RED FOX

The 2012 red fox season was open statewide and year-round. Residents age 16 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt fox and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap fox. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt fox. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt fox, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap fox.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 2,695 red fox were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported red fox harvest densities were Gregory, Yankton, Lake, Moody and Miner.

**2012-13 Red Fox Harvest**



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COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *		
	Minnehaha	6	16	4.3	19	39	104	5.6		
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	18	48	2.6	59	59	2.2
Brown	7	19	5.0	22	18	48	2.6	59	81	3.0
Beadle	2	5	1.4	6	18	48	2.6	59	65	2.4
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	12	32	1.7	39	39	1.5
Brookings	1	3	0.7	3	30	80	4.3	98	101	3.8
Yankton	1	3	0.7	3	44	117	6.4	144	147	5.5
Davison	1	3	0.7	3	2	5	0.3	7	10	0.4
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1
Aurora	7	19	5.0	22	8	21	1.2	26	48	1.8
Bennett	1	3	0.7	3	1	3	0.1	3	6	0.2
Bon Homme	1	3	0.7	3	9	24	1.3	30	33	1.2
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.4	10	10	0.4
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Butte	5	13	3.6	15	2	5	0.3	7	22	0.8
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1
Charles Mix	4	11	2.9	12	7	19	1.0	23	35	1.3
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	17	45	2.5	56	56	2.1
Clay	1	3	0.7	3	12	32	1.7	39	42	1.6
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	7	19	1.0	23	23	0.9
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.9	20	20	0.7
Day	1	3	0.7	3	14	37	2.0	46	49	1.8
Deuel	2	5	1.4	6	8	21	1.2	26	32	1.2
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.9	20	20	0.7
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Edmunds	6	16	4.3	19	4	11	0.6	13	32	1.2
Fall River	2	5	1.4	6	32	85	4.6	105	111	4.1
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	0.6	13	13	0.5
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.3	7	7	0.2
Gregory	10	27	7.2	31	82	218	11.9	269	300	11.1
Haakon	5	13	3.6	15	0	0	0.0	0	15	0.6
Hamlin	2	5	1.4	6	7	19	1.0	23	29	1.1
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hanson	1	3	0.7	3	5	13	0.7	16	19	0.7
Harding	1	3	0.7	3	28	74	4.1	92	95	3.5
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	8	21	1.2	26	26	1.0
Hutchinson	7	19	5.0	22	23	61	3.3	75	97	3.6
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.4	10	10	0.4
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	2	5	1.4	6	33	88	4.8	108	114	4.2
Lake	2	5	1.4	6	42	112	6.1	138	144	5.3
Lincoln	12	32	8.6	37	4	11	0.6	13	50	1.9
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	0.6	13	13	0.5
McCook	1	3	0.7	3	4	11	0.6	13	16	0.6
McPherson	1	3	0.7	3	2	5	0.3	7	10	0.4
Marshall	1	3	0.7	3	2	5	0.3	7	10	0.4
Meade	5	13	3.6	15	3	8	0.4	10	25	0.9
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.4	10	10	0.4
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	35	93	5.1	115	115	4.3
Moody	17	46	12.2	52	23	61	3.3	75	128	4.7
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.3	7	7	0.2
Potter	15	40	10.8	46	1	3	0.1	3	50	1.8
Roberts	2	5	1.4	6	18	48	2.6	59	65	2.4
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	1	3	0.7	3	2	5	0.3	7	10	0.4
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	8	21	1.2	26	26	1.0
Tripp	2	5	1.4	6	7	19	1.0	23	29	1.1
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	9	24	1.3	30	30	1.1
Union	4	11	2.9	12	7	19	1.0	23	35	1.3
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Unknown	20	54	-	-	161	428	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## **GRAY FOX**

The 2012 gray fox season was open statewide and year-round. Residents age 16 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt fox and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap fox. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt fox. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt fox, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap fox.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 11 gray fox were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The only counties with reported gray fox harvest were Marshall and Union.



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<b>Raccoon Harvest Distribution by County 2012-13</b>											
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total	
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *			
Minnehaha	167	451	4.3	507	1249	3,352	7.6	3,888	4,396	7.0	
Pennington	36	97	0.9	109	113	303	0.7	352	461	0.7	
Brown	104	281	2.7	316	607	1,629	3.7	1,890	2,206	3.5	
Beadle	57	154	1.5	173	263	706	1.6	819	992	1.6	
Codington	57	154	1.5	173	385	1,033	2.3	1,199	1,372	2.2	
Brookings	51	138	1.3	155	837	2,247	5.1	2,606	2,761	4.4	
Yankton	211	570	5.4	641	724	1,943	4.4	2,254	2,895	4.6	
Davison	78	211	2.0	237	236	633	1.4	735	972	1.5	
Lawrence	1	3	0.0	3	11	30	0.1	34	37	0.1	
Aurora	25	68	0.6	76	232	623	1.4	722	798	1.3	
Bennett	26	70	0.7	79	81	217	0.5	252	331	0.5	
Bon Homme	233	629	6.0	708	541	1,452	3.3	1,684	2,392	3.8	
Brule	42	113	1.1	128	105	282	0.6	327	455	0.7	
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	30	81	0.2	93	93	0.1	
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	64	172	0.4	199	199	0.3	
Campbell	27	73	0.7	82	65	174	0.4	202	284	0.5	
Charles Mix	104	281	2.7	316	669	1,796	4.1	2,083	2,399	3.8	
Clark	63	170	1.6	191	283	760	1.7	881	1,072	1.7	
Clay	9	24	0.2	27	239	642	1.5	744	771	1.2	
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	14	38	0.1	44	44	0.1	
Custer	38	103	1.0	115	92	247	0.6	286	402	0.6	
Day	39	105	1.0	119	501	1,345	3.0	1,560	1,678	2.7	
Deuel	5	14	0.1	15	397	1,066	2.4	1,236	1,251	2.0	
Dewey	12	32	0.3	36	18	48	0.1	56	93	0.1	
Douglas	170	459	4.4	517	415	1,114	2.5	1,292	1,809	2.9	
Edmunds	158	427	4.1	480	237	636	1.4	738	1,218	1.9	
Fall River	10	27	0.3	30	219	588	1.3	682	712	1.1	
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	74	199	0.5	230	230	0.4	
Grant	80	216	2.1	243	473	1,270	2.9	1,473	1,716	2.7	
Gregory	78	211	2.0	237	686	1,841	4.2	2,136	2,373	3.8	
Haakon	35	95	0.9	106	77	207	0.5	240	346	0.5	
Hamiin	58	157	1.5	176	339	910	2.1	1,055	1,232	2.0	
Hand	4	11	0.1	12	4	11	0.0	12	25	0.0	
Hanson	31	84	0.8	94	184	494	1.1	573	667	1.1	
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	9	24	0.1	28	28	0.0	
Hughes	1	3	0.0	3	104	279	0.6	324	327	0.5	
Hutchinson	678	1,831	17.4	2,060	513	1,377	3.1	1,597	3,657	5.8	
Hyde	41	111	1.1	125	61	164	0.4	190	314	0.5	
Jackson	5	14	0.1	15	14	38	0.1	44	59	0.1	
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	20	54	0.1	62	62	0.1	
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	15	40	0.1	47	47	0.1	
Kingsbury	86	232	2.2	261	456	1,224	2.8	1,420	1,681	2.7	
Lake	46	124	1.2	140	347	931	2.1	1,080	1,220	1.9	
Lincoln	27	73	0.7	82	615	1,651	3.7	1,915	1,997	3.2	
Lyman	3	8	0.1	9	90	242	0.5	280	289	0.5	
McCook	41	111	1.1	125	123	330	0.7	383	508	0.8	
McPherson	74	200	1.9	225	89	239	0.5	277	502	0.8	
Marshall	223	602	5.7	678	262	703	1.6	816	1,493	2.4	
Meade	61	165	1.6	185	228	612	1.4	710	895	1.4	
Mellette	18	49	0.5	55	109	293	0.7	339	394	0.6	
Miner	16	43	0.4	49	175	470	1.1	545	593	0.9	
Moody	105	284	2.7	319	439	1,178	2.7	1,367	1,686	2.7	
Perkins	23	62	0.6	70	64	172	0.4	199	269	0.4	
Potter	3	8	0.1	9	92	247	0.6	286	296	0.5	
Roberts	105	284	2.7	319	333	894	2.0	1,037	1,356	2.2	
Sanborn	30	81	0.8	91	135	362	0.8	420	511	0.8	
Spink	40	108	1.0	122	323	867	2.0	1,006	1,127	1.8	
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	30	81	0.2	93	93	0.1	
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	118	317	0.7	367	367	0.6	
Tripp	30	81	0.8	91	116	311	0.7	361	452	0.7	
Turner	120	324	3.1	365	493	1,323	3.0	1,535	1,899	3.0	
Union	100	270	2.6	304	560	1,503	3.4	1,743	2,047	3.3	
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	0.0	12	12	0.0	
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	34	91	0.2	106	106	0.2	
Todd	1	3	0.0	3	5	13	0.0	16	19	0.0	
Unknown	487	1,315	-	-	2,628	7,054	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>4,373</b>	<b>11,809</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,809</b>	<b>19,068</b>	<b>51,181</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>51,181</b>	<b>62,990</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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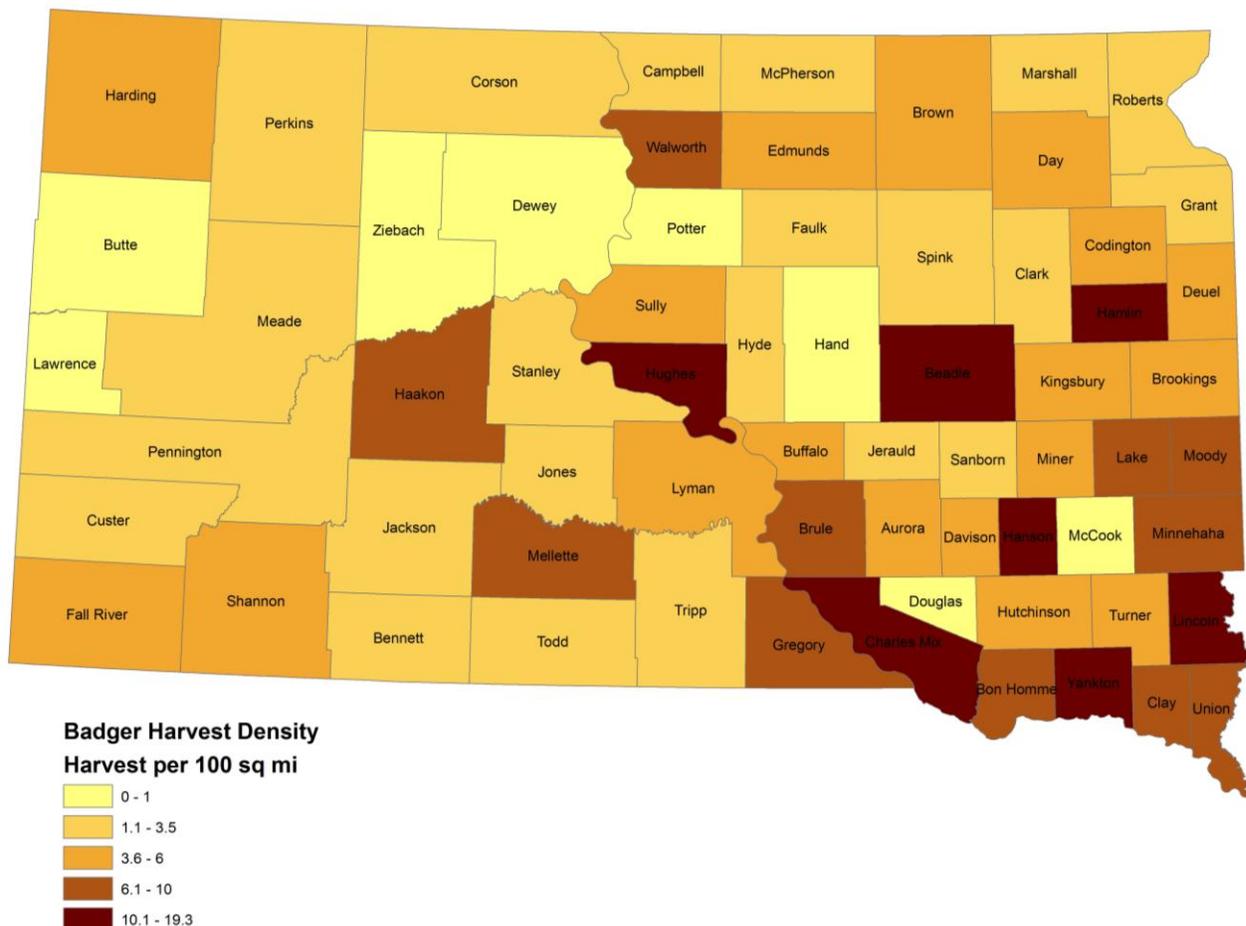
# **BADGER**

The 2012 badger season was open statewide and year-round. Residents age 16 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt badgers and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap badgers. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt badgers. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt badgers, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap badgers.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 3,149 badgers were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported badger harvest densities were Hansen, Hughes, Hamlin, Charles Mix and Beadle.

**2012-13 Badger Harvest**



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COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *		
Minnehaha	1	3	0.6	4	14	38	1.9	47	51	1.6
Pennington	6	16	3.5	23	6	16	0.8	20	43	1.4
Brown	3	8	1.8	11	26	70	3.5	87	99	3.1
Beadle	9	24	5.3	34	31	83	4.2	104	138	4.4
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	11	30	1.5	37	37	1.2
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	11	30	1.5	37	37	1.2
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	17	46	2.3	57	57	1.8
Davison	3	8	1.8	11	4	11	0.5	13	25	0.8
Lawrence	1	3	0.6	4	0	0	0.0	0	4	0.1
Aurora	2	5	1.2	8	6	16	0.8	20	28	0.9
Bennett	2	5	1.2	8	4	11	0.5	13	21	0.7
Bon Homme	1	3	0.6	4	14	38	1.9	47	51	1.6
Brule	3	8	1.8	11	19	51	2.5	64	75	2.4
Buffalo	1	3	0.6	4	5	13	0.7	17	21	0.7
Butte	2	5	1.2	8	1	3	0.1	3	11	0.3
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.8	20	20	0.6
Charles Mix	3	8	1.8	11	45	121	6.0	151	162	5.2
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	7	19	0.9	24	24	0.7
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	10	27	1.3	34	34	1.1
Corson	7	19	4.1	26	3	8	0.4	10	36	1.2
Custer	3	8	1.8	11	10	27	1.3	34	45	1.4
Day	6	16	3.5	23	6	16	0.8	20	43	1.4
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	10	27	1.3	34	34	1.1
Dewey	1	3	0.6	4	6	16	0.8	20	24	0.8
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Edmunds	5	13	2.9	19	14	38	1.9	47	66	2.1
Fall River	2	5	1.2	8	25	67	3.4	84	91	2.9
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	0.5	13	13	0.4
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	7	19	0.9	24	24	0.7
Gregory	6	16	3.5	23	20	54	2.7	67	90	2.9
Haakon	16	43	9.4	60	20	54	2.7	67	127	4.0
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	24	64	3.2	81	81	2.6
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	25	67	3.4	84	84	2.7
Harding	1	3	0.6	4	29	78	3.9	97	101	3.2
Hughes	5	13	2.9	19	36	97	4.8	121	140	4.4
Hutchinson	2	5	1.2	8	11	30	1.5	37	44	1.4
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.8	20	20	0.6
Jackson	1	3	0.6	4	18	48	2.4	60	64	2.0
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	0.7	17	17	0.5
Jones	2	5	1.2	8	2	5	0.3	7	14	0.5
Kingsbury	1	3	0.6	4	12	32	1.6	40	44	1.4
Lake	5	13	2.9	19	11	30	1.5	37	56	1.8
Lincoln	2	5	1.2	8	15	40	2.0	50	58	1.8
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	26	70	3.5	87	87	2.8
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McPherson	5	13	2.9	19	5	13	0.7	17	36	1.1
Marshall	7	19	4.1	26	1	3	0.1	3	30	0.9
Meade	4	11	2.3	15	9	24	1.2	30	45	1.4
Mellette	10	27	5.8	38	27	72	3.6	91	128	4.1
Miner	3	8	1.8	11	4	11	0.5	13	25	0.8
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	10	27	1.3	34	34	1.1
Perkins	3	8	1.8	11	11	30	1.5	37	48	1.5
Potter	1	3	0.6	4	1	3	0.1	3	7	0.2
Roberts	4	11	2.3	15	5	13	0.7	17	32	1.0
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	0.5	13	13	0.4
Spink	6	16	3.5	23	6	16	0.8	20	43	1.4
Stanley	5	13	2.9	19	5	13	0.7	17	36	1.1
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	12	32	1.6	40	40	1.3
Tripp	7	19	4.1	26	4	11	0.5	13	40	1.3
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	11	30	1.5	37	37	1.2
Union	0	0	0.0	0	10	27	1.3	34	34	1.1
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	14	38	1.9	47	47	1.5
Ziebach	3	8	1.8	11	0	0	0.0	0	11	0.4
Shannon	7	19	4.1	26	23	62	3.1	77	104	3.3
Todd	4	11	2.3	15	2	5	0.3	7	22	0.7
Unknown	68	183	-	-	187	502	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>100%</b>

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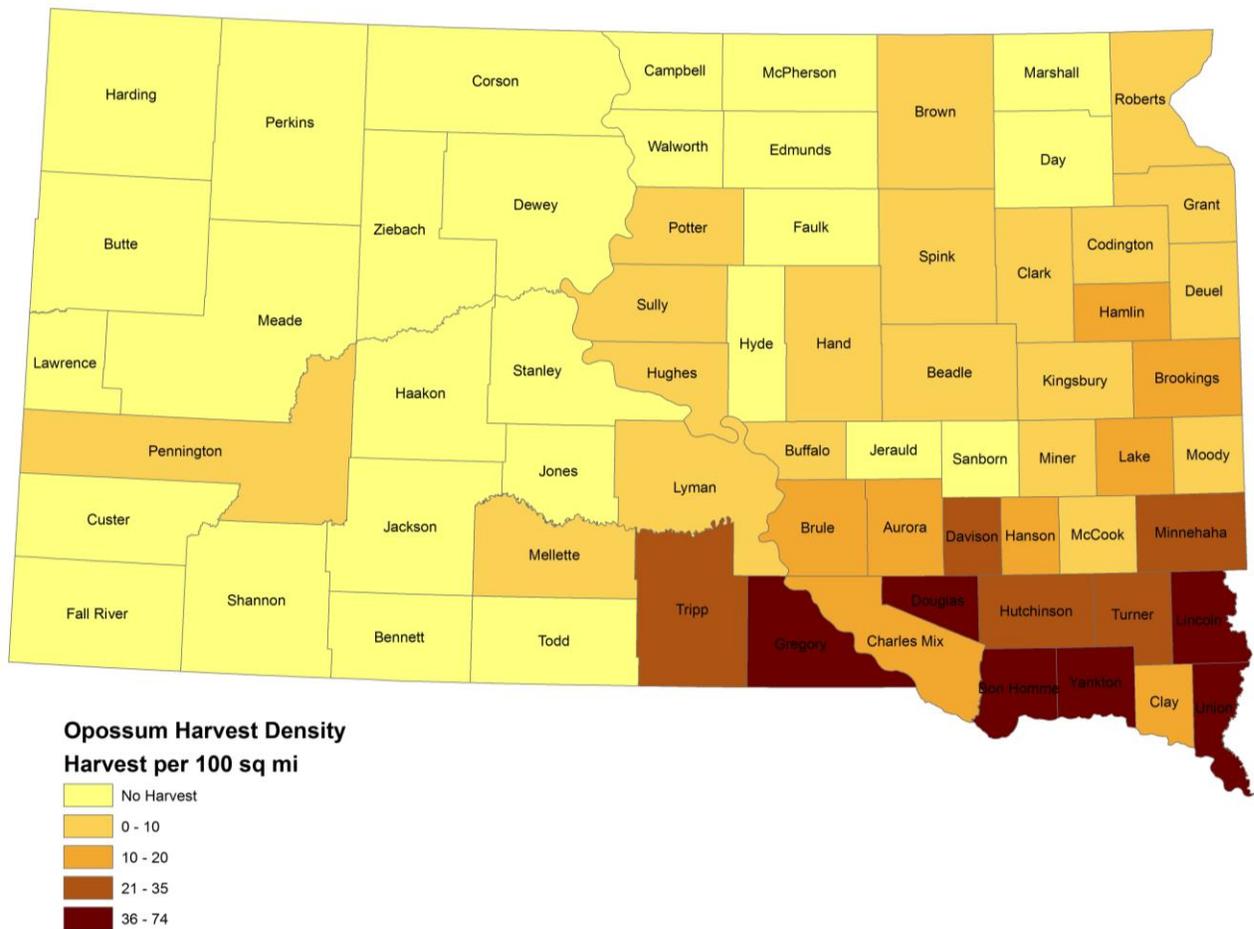
# OPOSSUM

The 2012 opossum season was open statewide and year-round. Residents age 16 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap opossums. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt opossums. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap opossums.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 4,313 opossums were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported opossum harvest densities were Bon Homme, Douglas, Yankton, Gregory, and Union.

## 2012-13 Opossum Harvest



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COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *		
Minnehaha	5	14	5.5	15	64	173	5.4	218	233	5.4
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.2	7	7	0.2
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1
Beadle	2	5	2.2	6	14	38	1.2	48	54	1.2
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.2	7	7	0.2
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	25	68	2.1	85	85	2.0
Yankton	2	5	2.2	6	85	230	7.2	290	296	6.9
Davison	2	5	2.2	6	31	84	2.6	106	112	2.6
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	5	14	5.5	15	22	59	1.9	75	90	2.1
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	6	16	6.6	18	120	324	10.1	409	427	9.9
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	26	70	2.2	89	89	2.1
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.3	10	10	0.2
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	7	19	7.7	21	40	108	3.4	136	157	3.7
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	9	24	0.8	31	31	0.7
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	22	59	1.9	75	75	1.7
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Day	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	15	41	1.3	51	51	1.2
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	10	27	11.0	30	65	176	5.5	221	252	5.8
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Grant	2	5	2.2	6	1	3	0.1	3	9	0.2
Gregory	11	30	12.1	33	153	413	12.9	521	555	12.9
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	16	43	1.4	55	55	1.3
Hand	5	14	5.5	15	2	5	0.2	7	22	0.5
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	20	54	1.7	68	68	1.6
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	8	22	0.7	27	27	0.6
Hutchinson	3	8	3.3	9	72	194	6.1	245	254	5.9
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	3	8	3.3	9	6	16	0.5	20	30	0.7
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	30	81	2.5	102	102	2.4
Lincoln	7	19	7.7	21	76	205	6.4	259	280	6.5
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.2	7	7	0.2
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	8	22	0.7	27	27	0.6
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Mellette	2	5	2.2	6	16	43	1.4	55	61	1.4
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.5	20	20	0.5
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	11	30	0.9	37	37	0.9
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.3	10	10	0.2
Roberts	1	3	1.1	3	2	5	0.2	7	10	0.2
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	2	5	2.2	6	4	11	0.3	14	20	0.5
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1
Tripp	16	43	17.6	49	81	219	6.8	276	324	7.5
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	53	143	4.5	181	181	4.2
Union	0	0	0.0	0	68	184	5.7	232	232	5.4
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Unknown	11	30	-	-	310	837	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>4,313</b>	<b>100%</b>

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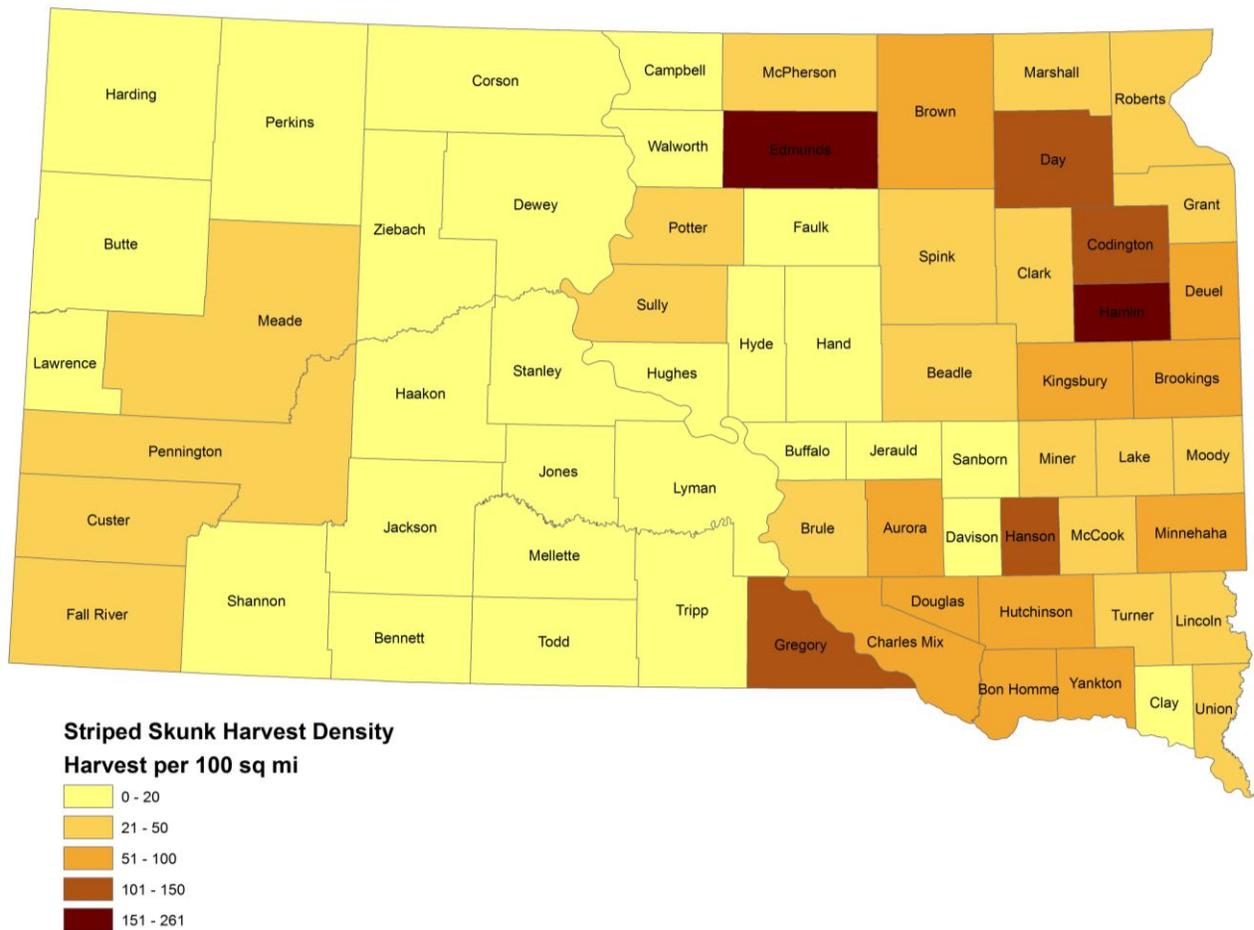
# STRIPED SKUNK

The 2012 striped skunk season was open statewide and year-round. Residents age 16 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt striped skunks and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap striped skunks. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt striped skunks. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt striped skunks, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap striped skunks.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 24,752 striped skunks were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported striped skunk harvest densities were Edmunds, Hamlin, Day, Gregory and Codington.

## 2012-13 Striped Skunk Harvest



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<b>Striped Skunk Harvest Distribution by County 2012-13</b>										
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *		
Minnehaha	20	54	1.5	60	208	560	3.3	689	749	3.0
Pennington	19	51	1.4	57	159	428	2.5	526	584	2.4
Brown	73	197	5.4	220	394	1,061	6.3	1,304	1,525	6.2
Beadle	12	32	0.9	36	150	404	2.4	497	533	2.2
Codington	19	51	1.4	57	209	563	3.3	692	749	3.0
Brookings	12	32	0.9	36	176	474	2.8	583	619	2.5
Yankton	5	14	0.4	15	92	248	1.5	305	320	1.3
Davison	11	30	0.8	33	13	35	0.2	43	76	0.3
Lawrence	7	19	0.5	21	12	32	0.2	40	61	0.2
Aurora	2	5	0.1	6	109	294	1.7	361	367	1.5
Bennett	36	97	2.7	109	30	81	0.5	99	208	0.8
Bon Homme	22	59	1.6	66	141	380	2.3	467	533	2.2
Brule	22	59	1.6	66	79	213	1.3	262	328	1.3
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	15	40	0.2	50	50	0.2
Butte	1	3	0.1	3	19	51	0.3	63	66	0.3
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	25	67	0.4	83	83	0.3
Charles Mix	16	43	1.2	48	230	620	3.7	761	810	3.3
Clark	35	95	2.6	106	77	207	1.2	255	361	1.5
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	21	57	0.3	70	70	0.3
Corson	4	11	0.3	12	16	43	0.3	53	65	0.3
Custer	6	16	0.4	18	137	369	2.2	454	472	1.9
Day	86	232	6.4	260	385	1,037	6.2	1,275	1,534	6.2
Deuel	10	27	0.7	30	153	412	2.4	507	537	2.2
Dewey	47	127	3.5	142	21	57	0.3	70	211	0.9
Douglas	10	27	0.7	30	62	167	1.0	205	235	1.0
Edmunds	109	294	8.1	329	648	1,745	10.4	2,145	2,474	10.0
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	108	291	1.7	358	358	1.4
Faulk	10	27	0.7	30	27	73	0.4	89	120	0.5
Grant	17	46	1.3	51	40	108	0.6	132	184	0.7
Gregory	77	208	5.7	232	314	846	5.0	1,040	1,272	5.1
Haakon	47	127	3.5	142	23	62	0.4	76	218	0.9
Hamlin	24	65	1.8	72	402	1,083	6.4	1,331	1,403	5.7
Hand	15	41	1.1	45	13	35	0.2	43	88	0.4
Hanson	10	27	0.7	30	127	342	2.0	420	451	1.8
Harding	9	24	0.7	27	25	67	0.4	83	110	0.4
Hughes	8	22	0.6	24	26	70	0.4	86	110	0.4
Hutchinson	35	95	2.6	106	211	568	3.4	699	804	3.2
Hyde	15	41	1.1	45	10	27	0.2	33	78	0.3
Jackson	9	24	0.7	27	12	32	0.2	40	67	0.3
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.1	20	20	0.1
Jones	6	16	0.4	18	15	40	0.2	50	68	0.3
Kingsbury	24	65	1.8	72	125	337	2.0	414	486	2.0
Lake	11	30	0.8	33	73	197	1.2	242	275	1.1
Lincoln	8	22	0.6	24	50	135	0.8	166	190	0.8
Lyman	10	27	0.7	30	36	97	0.6	119	149	0.6
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	35	94	0.6	116	116	0.5
McPherson	78	211	5.8	235	25	67	0.4	83	318	1.3
Marshall	105	284	7.8	317	18	48	0.3	60	377	1.5
Meade	96	259	7.1	290	180	485	2.9	596	886	3.6
Mellette	7	19	0.5	21	54	145	0.9	179	200	0.8
Miner	10	27	0.7	30	46	124	0.7	152	182	0.7
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	47	127	0.8	156	156	0.6
Perkins	8	22	0.6	24	33	89	0.5	109	133	0.5
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	55	148	0.9	182	182	0.7
Roberts	63	170	4.7	190	90	242	1.4	298	488	2.0
Sanborn	3	8	0.2	9	6	16	0.1	20	29	0.1
Spink	16	43	1.2	48	94	253	1.5	311	360	1.5
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	89	240	1.4	295	295	1.2
Tripp	23	62	1.7	69	47	127	0.8	156	225	0.9
Turner	7	19	0.5	21	55	148	0.9	182	203	0.8
Union	0	0	0.0	0	48	129	0.8	159	159	0.6
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	17	46	0.3	56	56	0.2
Ziebach	4	11	0.3	12	0	0	0.0	0	12	0.0
Shannon	4	11	0.3	12	78	210	1.2	258	270	1.1
Todd	5	14	0.4	15	6	16	0.1	20	35	0.1
Unknown	159	429	-	-	1,431	3,855	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>7,678</b>	<b>20,682</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20,682</b>	<b>24,752</b>	<b>100%</b>

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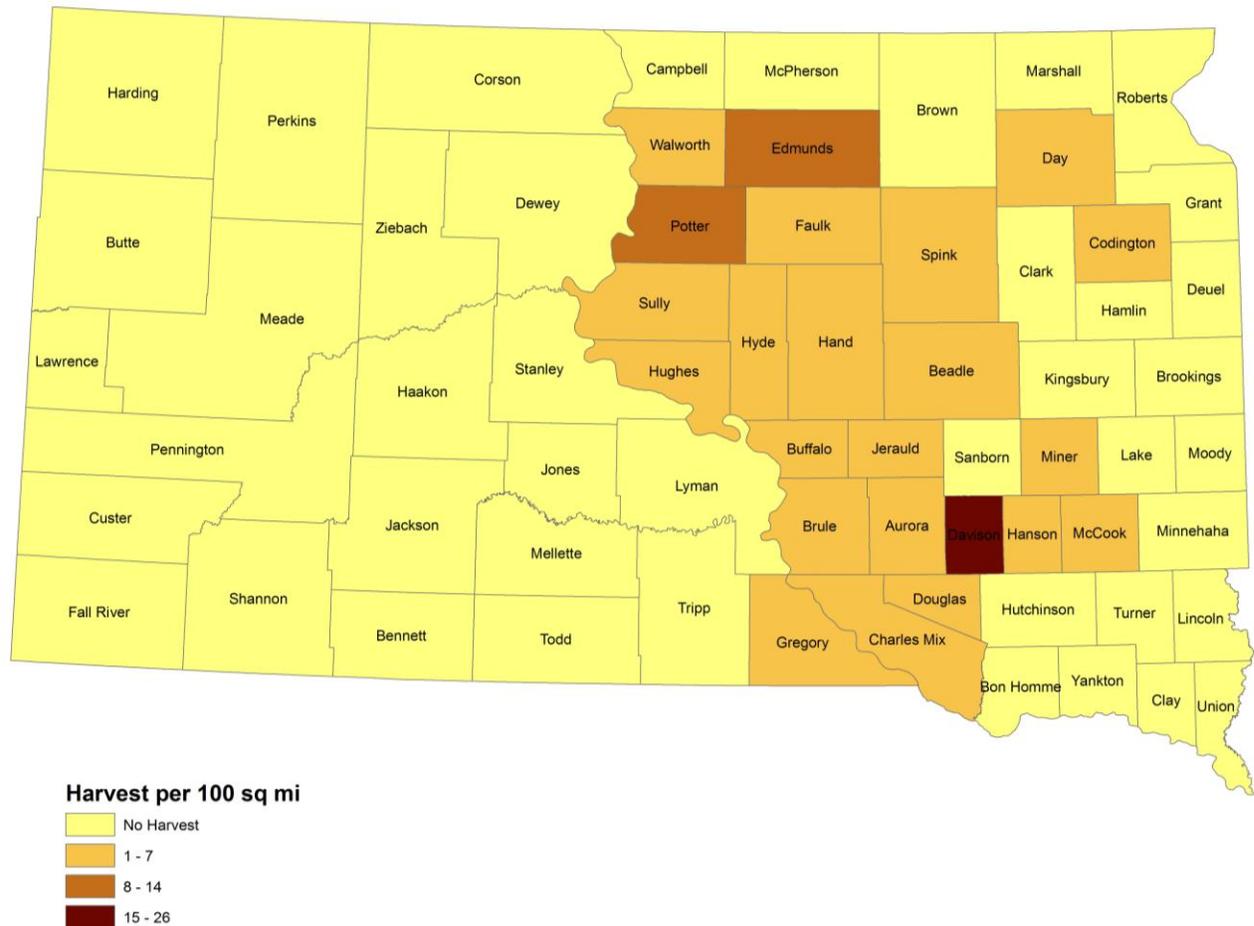
# SPOTTED SKUNK

The 2012 spotted skunk season was open statewide and year-round. Residents age 16 and older holding a predator/varmint, furbearer or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt spotted skunks and residents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap spotted skunks. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt spotted skunks. Nonresidents holding a predator/varmint or any type of hunting license were eligible to hunt spotted skunks, and nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to trap spotted skunks.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 825 spotted skunks were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported spotted skunk harvest densities were Davison, Edmunds, Potter, Beadle and Douglas.

## 2012-13 Spotted Skunk Harvest



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<b>Spotted Skunk Harvest Distribution by County 2012-13</b>											
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total	
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *			
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	15	40	12.3	86	86	10.4	
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	4.1	29	29	3.5	
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Davison	25	69	71.4	89	4	11	3.3	23	112	13.5	
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	1.6	11	11	1.4	
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	9	24	7.4	52	52	6.3	
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	4.1	29	29	3.5	
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Charles Mix	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	3.3	23	23	2.8	
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Day	7	19	20.0	25	0	0	0.0	0	25	3.0	
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	4.1	29	29	3.5	
Edmunds	1	3	2.9	4	25	67	20.5	144	147	17.8	
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.8	6	6	0.7	
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	4.1	29	29	3.5	
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hamiin	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hand	1	3	2.9	4	4	11	3.3	23	27	3.2	
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	4.1	29	29	3.5	
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	3.3	23	23	2.8	
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.8	6	6	0.7	
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	3.3	23	23	2.8	
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	1.6	11	11	1.4	
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	1.6	11	11	1.4	
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	15	40	12.3	86	86	10.4	
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Spink	1	3	2.9	4	1	3	0.8	6	9	1.1	
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	2.5	17	17	2.1	
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Union	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.8	6	6	0.7	
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Unknown	10	28	-	-	138	372	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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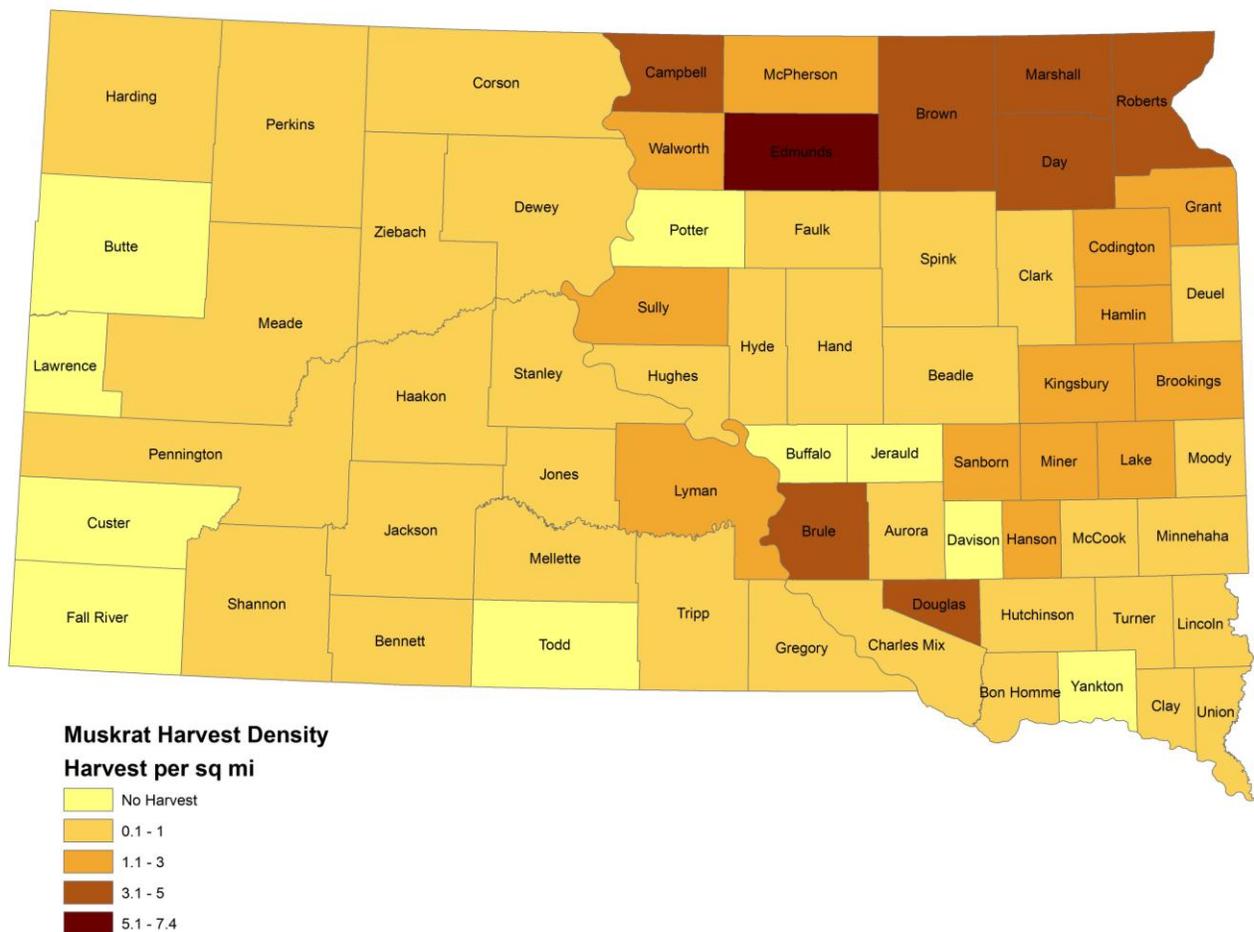
# MUSKRAT

The 2012 resident muskrat season was open year-round west of the Missouri River and from November 3, 2012 through April 30, 2013 east of the Missouri River and in the Black Hills. No trapping was allowed on or in muskrat houses of any size after March 15. The nonresident muskrat season was restricted to Dec. 1, 2012 - March 15, 2013. Residents age 16 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap muskrats. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt muskrats. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap muskrats. Hunting muskrats was allowed statewide only by landowners or lessees, including School and Public land surface lease holders, on land they own or operate and state, county or township highway officials within public road rights-of-way.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 59,841 muskrats were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported muskrat harvest densities were Edmunds, Day, Brown, Campbell and Marshall.

**2012-13 Muskrat Harvest**



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<b>Muskrat Harvest Distribution by County 2012-13</b>										
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *		
Minnehaha	1	3	0.2	3	188	500	1.0	555	558	0.9
Pennington	6	15	1.0	17	13	35	0.1	38	56	0.1
Brown	20	50	3.2	58	2380	6,328	12.1	7,025	7,082	11.8
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	116	308	0.6	342	342	0.6
Codington	130	325	21.1	374	429	1,141	2.2	1,266	1,641	2.7
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	295	784	1.5	871	871	1.5
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Davison	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	50	133	0.3	148	148	0.2
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	56	149	0.3	165	165	0.3
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	185	492	0.9	546	546	0.9
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	904	2,404	4.6	2,668	2,668	4.5
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	1050	2,792	5.3	3,099	3,099	5.2
Charles Mix	0	0	0.0	0	101	269	0.5	298	298	0.5
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	137	364	0.7	404	404	0.7
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	16	43	0.1	47	47	0.1
Corson	5	13	0.8	14	9	24	0.0	27	41	0.1
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Day	200	500	32.5	576	1500	3,988	7.6	4,427	5,003	8.4
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	187	497	1.0	552	552	0.9
Dewey	11	28	1.8	32	0	0	0.0	0	32	0.1
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	493	1,311	2.5	1,455	1,455	2.4
Edmunds	13	33	2.1	37	2840	7,551	14.4	8,383	8,420	14.1
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Faulk	3	8	0.5	9	151	401	0.8	446	454	0.8
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	295	784	1.5	871	871	1.5
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	154	409	0.8	455	455	0.8
Haakon	10	25	1.6	29	0	0	0.0	0	29	0.0
Hamiin	0	0	0.0	0	294	782	1.5	868	868	1.5
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	141	375	0.7	416	416	0.7
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	272	723	1.4	803	803	1.3
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	10	27	0.1	30	30	0.0
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	7	19	0.0	21	21	0.0
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.0	9	9	0.0
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	45	120	0.2	133	133	0.2
Jackson	3	8	0.5	9	20	53	0.1	59	68	0.1
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	0.0	12	12	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	667	1,773	3.4	1,969	1,969	3.3
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	366	973	1.9	1,080	1,080	1.8
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	70	186	0.4	207	207	0.3
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	993	2,640	5.0	2,931	2,931	4.9
McCook	30	75	4.9	86	36	96	0.2	106	193	0.3
McPherson	20	50	3.2	58	500	1,329	2.5	1,476	1,533	2.6
Marshall	100	250	16.2	288	1023	2,720	5.2	3,020	3,307	5.5
Meade	1	3	0.2	3	24	64	0.1	71	74	0.1
Mellette	2	5	0.3	6	143	380	0.7	422	428	0.7
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	331	880	1.7	977	977	1.6
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.0	18	18	0.0
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	60	160	0.3	177	177	0.3
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	1389	3,693	7.1	4,100	4,100	6.9
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	258	686	1.3	762	762	1.3
Spink	5	13	0.8	14	206	548	1.0	608	622	1.0
Stanley	3	8	0.5	9	20	53	0.1	59	68	0.1
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	612	1,627	3.1	1,806	1,806	3.0
Tripp	3	8	0.5	9	52	138	0.3	153	162	0.3
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.0	9	9	0.0
Union	0	0	0.0	0	21	56	0.1	62	62	0.1
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	543	1,444	2.8	1,603	1,603	2.7
Ziebach	50	125	8.1	144	0	0	0.0	0	144	0.2
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	0.0	15	15	0.0
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Unknown	93	233	-	-	2,166	5,759	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>21,839</b>	<b>58,068</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>58,068</b>	<b>59,841</b>	<b>100%</b>

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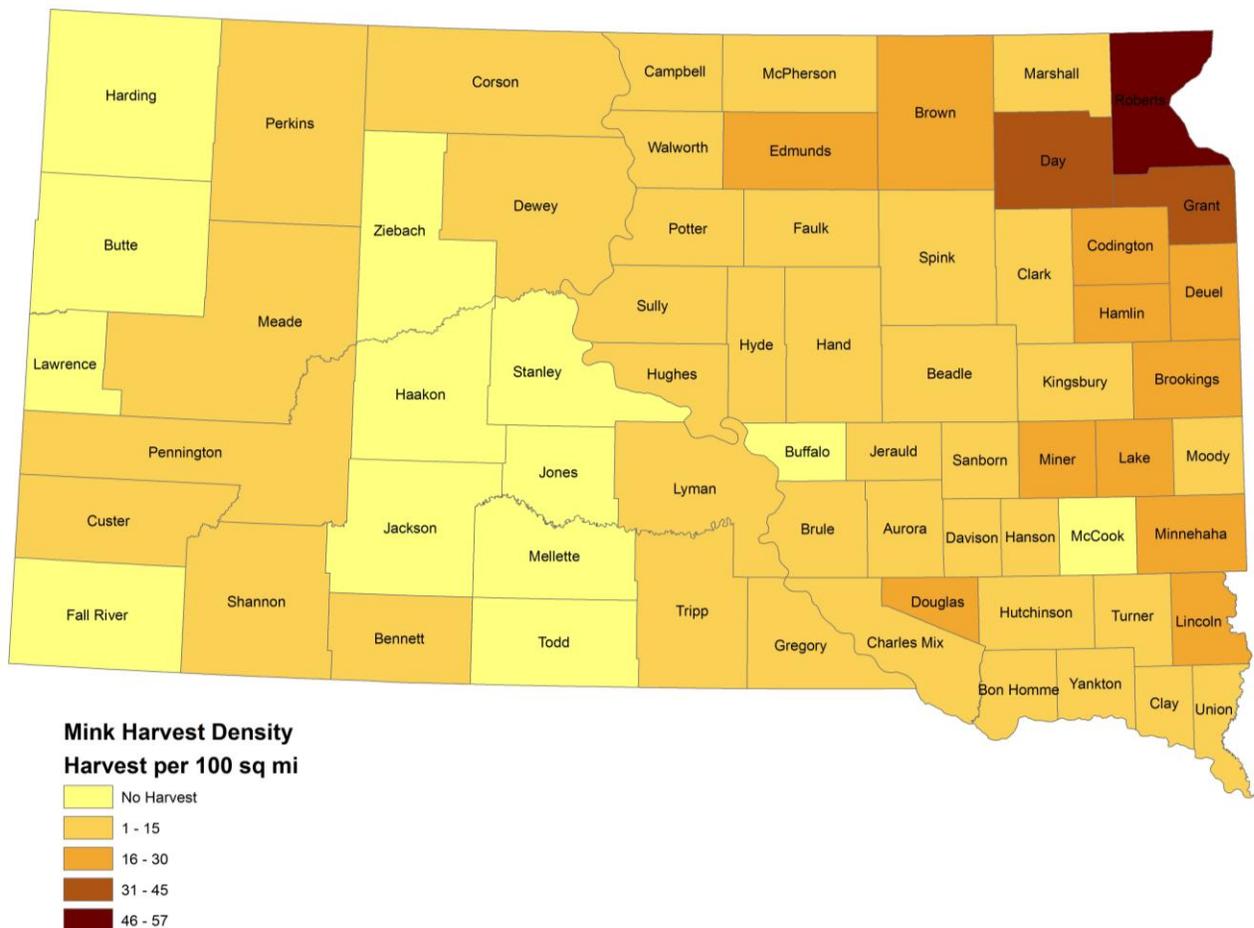
# MINK

The 2012 resident mink season was open November 3, 2012 through January 31, 2013 statewide. The nonresident mink season was restricted to December 1, 2012 - January 31, 2013. Residents age 16 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap mink. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt mink. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap mink.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 4,078 mink were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported mink harvest densities were Roberts, Day, Grant, Douglas and Hamlin.

## 2012-13 Mink Harvest



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<b>Mlnk Harvest Distribution by County 2012-13</b>											
COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total	
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *			
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	42	113	3.4	135	135	3.3	
Pennington	1	3	3.7	3	4	11	0.3	13	16	0.4	
Brown	1	3	3.7	3	130	350	10.5	419	421	10.3	
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	10	27	0.8	32	32	0.8	
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	65	175	5.2	209	209	5.1	
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	59	159	4.7	190	190	4.7	
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	13	35	1.0	42	42	1.0	
Davison	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1	
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Aurora	2	5	7.4	5	7	19	0.6	23	28	0.7	
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1	
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	7	19	0.6	23	23	0.6	
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1	
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1	
Charles Mix	0	0	0.0	0	8	22	0.6	26	26	0.6	
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	25	67	2.0	80	80	2.0	
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	8	22	0.6	26	26	0.6	
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.2	6	6	0.2	
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.2	10	10	0.2	
Day	16	43	59.3	43	90	243	7.2	290	333	8.2	
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	51	137	4.1	164	164	4.0	
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.2	6	6	0.2	
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	40	108	3.2	129	129	3.2	
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	61	164	4.9	196	196	4.8	
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	23	62	1.8	74	74	1.8	
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	65	175	5.2	209	209	5.1	
Gregory	1	3	3.7	3	1	3	0.1	3	6	0.1	
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hamlin	0	0	0.0	0	49	132	3.9	158	158	3.9	
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.2	10	10	0.2	
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	15	40	1.2	48	48	1.2	
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	0.4	16	16	0.4	
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	9	24	0.7	29	29	0.7	
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	9	24	0.7	29	29	0.7	
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1	
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.5	19	19	0.5	
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	40	108	3.2	129	129	3.2	
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	31	84	2.5	100	100	2.4	
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.2	10	10	0.2	
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.2	6	6	0.2	
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	7	19	0.6	23	23	0.6	
Meade	1	3	3.7	3	3	8	0.2	10	12	0.3	
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	32	86	2.6	103	103	2.5	
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	24	65	1.9	77	77	1.9	
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.2	6	6	0.2	
Potter	4	11	14.8	11	3	8	0.2	10	20	0.5	
Roberts	1	3	3.7	3	200	539	16.1	644	647	15.9	
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	8	22	0.6	26	26	0.6	
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	22	59	1.8	71	71	1.7	
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	19	51	1.5	61	61	1.5	
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.2	6	6	0.2	
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.5	19	19	0.5	
Union	0	0	0.0	0	14	38	1.1	45	45	1.1	
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	0.3	13	13	0.3	
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	0.4	16	16	0.4	
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	
Unknown	0	0	-	-	242	652	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>4,006</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,006</b>	<b>4,078</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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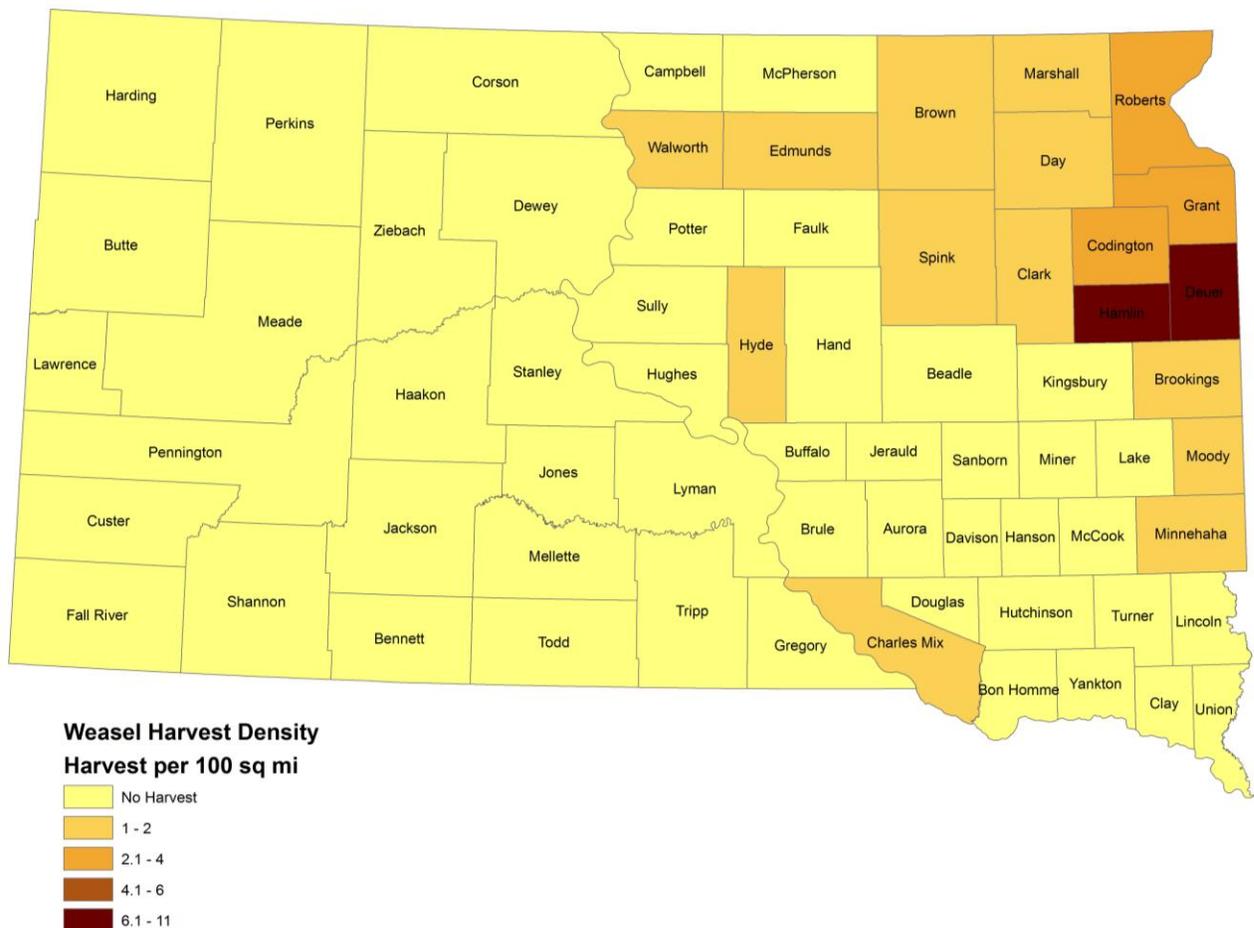
# WEASEL

The 2012 resident weasel season was open November 3, 2012 through January 31, 2013 statewide. The nonresident weasel season was restricted to December 1, 2012 - January 31, 2013. Residents age 16 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap weasels. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt weasels. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap weasels.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 268 weasels were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported weasel harvest densities were Hamlin, Deuel, Codington, Grant and Roberts.

## 2012-13 Weasel Harvest



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COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *		
Minnehaha	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	2.7	7	7	2.6
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Brown	2	5	100.0	14	5	13	6.8	17	31	11.5
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	7	19	9.5	24	24	9.0
Brookings	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.4	3	3	1.3
Yankton	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Davison	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.4	3	3	1.3
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	2.7	7	7	2.6
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Day	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	4.1	10	10	3.8
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	14	37	18.9	48	48	18.0
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	2.7	7	7	2.6
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	8.1	21	21	7.7
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hamiin	0	0	0.0	0	16	43	21.6	55	55	20.5
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hanson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hutchinson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	2.7	7	7	2.6
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lake	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lincoln	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Lyman	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	4.1	10	10	3.8
Meade	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.4	3	3	1.3
Perkins	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	7	19	9.5	24	24	9.0
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.4	3	3	1.3
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Sully	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Union	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	1.4	3	3	1.3
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Unknown	3	8	-	-	21	56	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# BEAVER

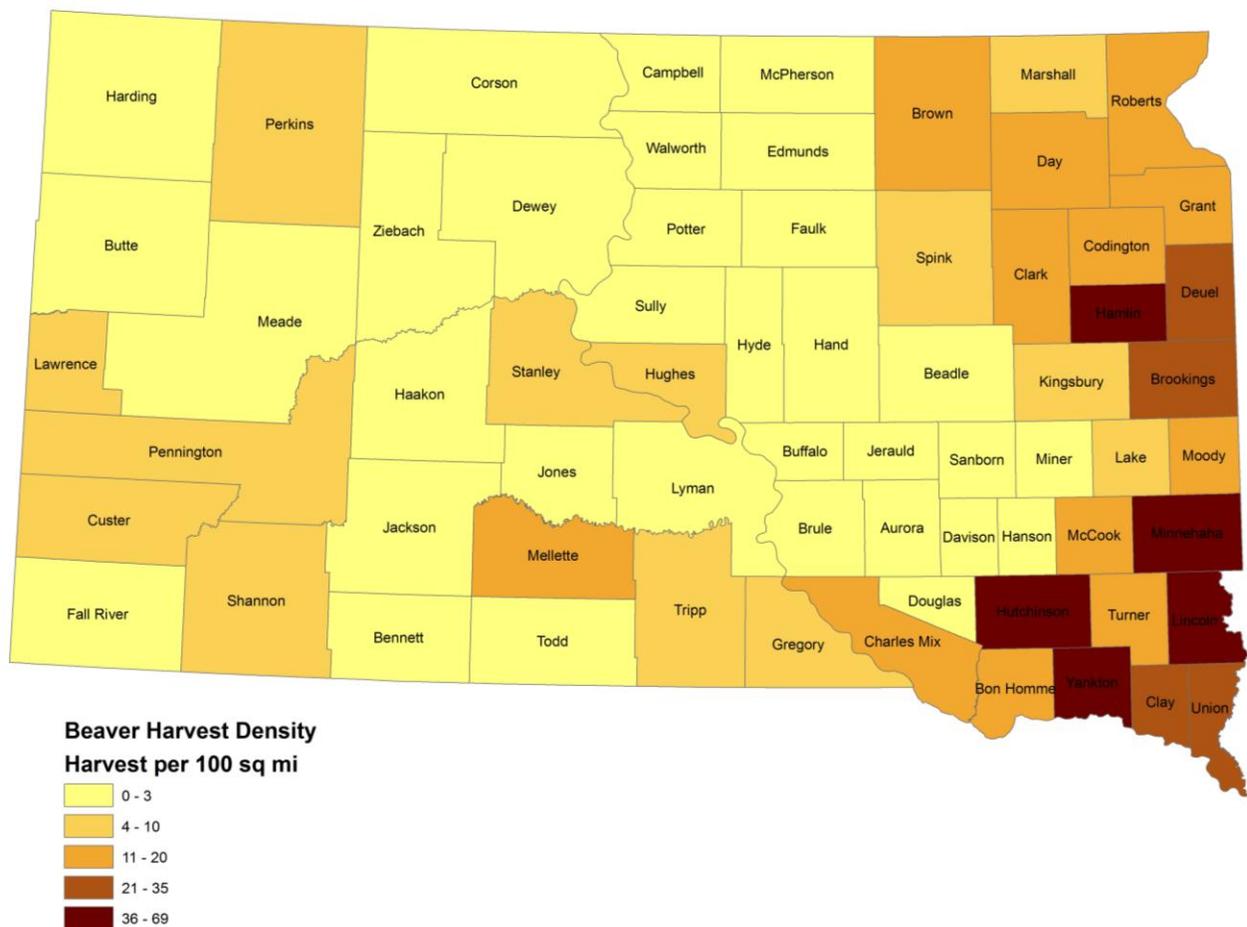
The 2012 resident beaver season was open November 3, 2012 through April 30, 2013 east of the Missouri River, year-round west of the Missouri River except in the Black Hills, where the season was open only January 1 through March 31. The nonresident beaver season was restricted to December 1, 2012 - March 15, 2013. Residents age 16 and older holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap weasels. Resident youth under age 16 were not required to have any license to trap or hunt beaver. Nonresidents holding a furbearer license were eligible to hunt or trap beaver.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting or trapping furbearers, there were a projected 2,785 resident active hunters/trappers and 18 nonresidents that held a furbearer license during the 2012 seasons. An estimated 5,282 beaver were harvested during the 2012 season by furbearer license holders.

The five counties with the highest reported beaver harvest densities were Hamlin, Minnehaha, Yankton, Lincoln and Hutchinson.

A total of 17 of the 1,698 respondents reported trapping for beaver in the Black Hills National Forest. Only 3 reported successfully catching beaver for a total of 16 taken.

## 2012-13 Beaver Harvest



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 Corey Huxoll

COUNTY	HUNTING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				TRAPPING HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Total Harvest	% of Total
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/Unk *		
Minnehaha	21	57	18.3	80	107	288	7.2	351	431	8.2
Pennington	0	0	0.0	0	42	113	2.8	138	138	2.6
Brown	0	0	0.0	0	86	231	5.8	282	282	5.3
Beadle	0	0	0.0	0	10	27	0.7	33	33	0.6
Codington	0	0	0.0	0	32	86	2.2	105	105	2.0
Brookings	2	5	1.7	8	60	161	4.1	197	204	3.9
Yankton	1	3	0.9	4	67	180	4.5	220	223	4.2
Davison	1	3	0.9	4	1	3	0.1	3	7	0.1
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	16	43	1.1	52	52	1.0
Aurora	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Bennett	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.1	7	7	0.1
Bon Homme	0	0	0.0	0	33	89	2.2	108	108	2.0
Brule	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Buffalo	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Butte	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Campbell	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Mix	20	54	17.4	77	18	48	1.2	59	136	2.6
Clark	0	0	0.0	0	30	81	2.0	98	98	1.9
Clay	0	0	0.0	0	42	113	2.8	138	138	2.6
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	20	54	1.4	66	66	1.2
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	15	40	1.0	49	49	0.9
Day	7	19	6.1	27	41	110	2.8	134	161	3.1
Deuel	0	0	0.0	0	54	145	3.7	177	177	3.4
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	6	16	0.4	20	20	0.4
Douglas	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Edmunds	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Fall River	0	0	0.0	0	2	5	0.1	7	7	0.1
Faulk	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Grant	0	0	0.0	0	40	108	2.7	131	131	2.5
Gregory	2	5	1.7	8	17	46	1.2	56	63	1.2
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	3	8	0.2	10	10	0.2
Hamiin	0	0	0.0	0	112	301	7.6	367	367	7.0
Hand	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hanson	1	3	0.9	4	2	5	0.1	7	10	0.2
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	8	22	0.5	26	26	0.5
Hughes	0	0	0.0	0	16	43	1.1	52	52	1.0
Hutchinson	27	73	23.5	103	77	207	5.2	252	356	6.7
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	4	11	0.3	13	13	0.2
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Jerauld	0	0	0.0	0	1	3	0.1	3	3	0.1
Jones	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Kingsbury	0	0	0.0	0	11	30	0.7	36	36	0.7
Lake	1	3	0.9	4	14	38	0.9	46	50	0.9
Lincoln	1	3	0.9	4	63	169	4.3	206	210	4.0
Lyman	3	8	2.6	11	3	8	0.2	10	21	0.4
McCook	0	0	0.0	0	21	56	1.4	69	69	1.3
McPherson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Marshall	0	0	0.0	0	17	46	1.2	56	56	1.1
Meade	1	3	0.9	4	14	38	0.9	46	50	0.9
Mellette	3	8	2.6	11	47	126	3.2	154	166	3.1
Miner	0	0	0.0	0	5	13	0.3	16	16	0.3
Moody	0	0	0.0	0	31	83	2.1	102	102	1.9
Perkins	16	43	13.9	61	41	110	2.8	134	196	3.7
Potter	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Roberts	0	0	0.0	0	42	113	2.8	138	138	2.6
Sanborn	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Spink	0	0	0.0	0	21	56	1.4	69	69	1.3
Stanley	0	0	0.0	0	26	70	1.8	85	85	1.6
Sully	4	11	3.5	15	2	5	0.1	7	22	0.4
Tripp	4	11	3.5	15	42	113	2.8	138	153	2.9
Turner	0	0	0.0	0	25	67	1.7	82	82	1.6
Union	0	0	0.0	0	37	100	2.5	121	121	2.3
Walworth	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	41	110	2.8	134	134	2.5
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	10	27	0.7	33	33	0.6
Unknown	48	130	-	-	323	869	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## **MOUNTAIN LION AND RIVER OTTER REPORTS**

Mountain lions are classified as a big-game species in South Dakota and trapping them is prohibited. River otters are protected from harvest in South Dakota and are classified as threatened species by the State. In order to learn more about the incidental trapping of mountain lions and river otters, questions were included in the 2012-13 Furbearer Harvest Survey asking whether the participant had incidentally trapped a mountain lion or river otter within the previous year, and if so, in which county the animal was caught.

A total of 1,698 responses (1,684 resident and 14 nonresident) were received to the 2012-13 Furbearer Harvest Survey. No nonresidents reported incidentally trapping either a mountain lion or a river otter. A total of 5 residents reported incidentally trapping a total of 9 mountain lions, with a range of 1 to 3 per trapper. Of the total, 4 were reported to have been trapped in Lawrence County, 3 in Custer County, and 2 in Fall River County.

A total of 17 residents reported incidentally trapping a river otter, 4 in Grant, 3 in Moody, 3 in Minnehaha, 2 in Lincoln, and 1 each in and Clark, Deuel, and Roberts Counties.

## **TRAP OR FUR THEFT**

A total of 1,698 responses (1,684 resident and 14 nonresident) were received to the 2012-13 Furbearer Harvest Survey. Of the 14 nonresidents who responded, 3 (21%) reported being the victim of trap or fur theft, while 219 of the 1,684 residents who responded (13%) reported that they had experienced trap or fur theft during the 2012-13 seasons.