

FALL BLACK HILLS TURKEY

There were 3,646 Fall Black Hills Turkey licenses (3,506 resident, 140 nonresident) sold in South Dakota for the 2009 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen.

Of the 499 license-holders that were sampled, 428 responded for an 86% response rate. Approximately 58% of responding hunters used the Internet response site.

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). Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.77 days, which projected to a total of 10,722 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 658 toms were harvested along with 711 hens, a total of 1,369 turkeys. The overall estimated success rate for the season was 38%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 4.78 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2000-2009 Fall Black Hills Turkey seasons

YEAR	LICENSES SOLD		HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Resident	Nonresid	Toms	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2000	595	33	123	210	333	54%	2.21	NA
2001	No Season							
2002	300	25	104	78	182	56%	2.22	5.91
2003	400	32	114	165	279	65%	1.84	5.95
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

2009 Fall Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Hunters	Licenses							Response Rate	Unit/ Subunit Success	Harvest Projections			Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score
		Resident			Nonresident						Total Harvest	Toms	Hens		
		Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold								
BH1-31	2,844	1,416	5,000	3,506	45	400	140	86%	38%	658	711	1,369	3.77	4.78	

The response rate for all units combined was: **85.8%**

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

Harvest projections were developed for units where response rate was less than 85% and may not be within +/- 15% of the sample statistic.

Black Hills Fall Turkey 1985-2009

