

WATERFOWL

In 2009, there were an estimated 19,752 active resident migratory bird hunters in South Dakota, of which 17,558 were active waterfowl hunters. There were also an estimated 4,300 nonresidents that participated in waterfowl hunting. Approximately 12% of the resident migratory bird certificate holders and 33% of the nonresident waterfowl license holders were sampled. The survey response rates were 75% for residents and 83% for nonresidents.

Approximately 3.1% of responding resident license holders stated that they participated in the mentored hunting program, which projects to approximately 1,002 hunters.

When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), waterfowl hunters reported an overall average rating of 4.87 for residents, and 5.38 for nonresidents.

Summary comparison of the 2000 - 2009 waterfowl seasons

Year	Resident Hunters				Nonresident Hunters			
	# Active Mig Brd Hunters	# Waterfowl Hunters	Survey Resp. Rate	Satisfaction	# Active Mig Brd Hunters	# Waterfowl Hunters	Survey Resp. Rate	Satisfaction
2000	32,241	28,795	78%	3.42	n/a	4,370	83%	4.76
2001	35,435	32,479	79%	3.30	n/a	3,974	84%	5.21
2002	31,110	28,804	76%	3.41	n/a	5,027	81%	4.99
2003	30,800	27,500	76%	3.15	n/a	4,717	83%	5.04
2004	27,951	25,349	76%	3.64	n/a	4,653	83%	4.60
2005	24,133	21,108	71%	3.34	n/a	4,326	81%	4.90
2006	23,585	20,684	76%	4.91	n/a	4,374	83%	5.20
2007	21,101	18,758	73%	4.83	n/a	4,338	82%	5.05
2008	19,894	17,751	69%	4.97	n/a	4,488	79%	5.17
2009	19,752	17,558	75%	4.87	n/a	4,300	83%	5.38

WATERFOWL HARVEST SUMMARY FOR 2009

Last Revised: 24 May 2010

	Resident	Non Residents
Resident Licenses Sold	32,066	-
Nonresident Season-long Licenses Sold	-	249
Nonresident 10-day Licenses Sold	-	3,735
Nonresident 3-day Licenses Sold	-	954
Projected ACTIVE MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS	19,752	4,300
Number Sampled by Survey	3,828	1,609
Number Responded to Survey	2,880	1,338
Responded and Participated in Season	1,774	1,165
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	1,106	173
Survey Response Rate	75.2%	83.2%
MENTORED YOUTH PARTICIPATION:		
No. Hunters Reporting Participation	90	N/A
Projected No. Hunters Participating	1,002	N/A
Percent Hunters Participating	3.1%	N/A
No. Hunters Reporting Goose or Duck Days	1,577	1,165
Projected Waterfowl Hunters - Ducks and Geese	17,558	4,300
TOTAL WATERFOWL HUNTERS = 21,858		
All Waterfowl Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	4.87	5.38

**1* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied*

**2009 Reported Nonresident Waterfowl Hunting
Distribution - Where Hunted by County**

COUNTY	DUCKS	CANADAS	SNOWS	WHTFRNT	TOTALS	PERCENT
Minnehaha	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
Pennington	0	0	0	0	0	
Brown	127	33	26	8	194	10.4%
Beadle	14	4	5	1	24	1.3%
Codington	37	19	6	1	63	3.4%
Brookings	13	8	3	1	25	1.3%
Yankton	10	8	1	0	19	1.0%
Davison	7	3	1	0	11	0.6%
Lawrence	0	0	1	0	1	0.1%
Aurora	5	2	0	0	7	0.4%
Bennett	7	7	0	0	14	0.8%
Bon Homme	33	16	6	5	60	3.2%
Brule	18	4	1	1	24	1.3%
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	
Butte	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
Campbell	3	2	1	1	7	0.4%
Charles Mix	23	8	4	1	36	1.9%
Clark	84	40	21	5	150	8.0%
Clay	3	3	2	0	8	0.4%
Corson	1	1	0	0	2	0.1%
Custer	0	0	1	0	1	0.1%
Day	187	77	21	7	292	15.7%
Deuel	5	3	2	2	12	0.6%
Dewey	0	0	0	0	0	
Douglas	5	0	0	0	5	0.3%
Edmunds	25	8	4	3	40	2.1%
Fall River	0	0	0	0	0	
Faulk	14	2	5	0	21	1.1%
Grant	2	2	1	0	5	0.3%
Gregory	0	0	0	0	0	
Haakon	0	0	0	0	0	
Hamlin	11	5	1	1	18	1.0%
Hand	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%
Hanson	3	0	0	0	3	0.2%
Harding	0	0	0	0	0	
Hughes	23	56	6	3	88	4.7%
Hutchinson	2	0	1	0	3	0.2%
Hyde	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	
Jerauld	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%
Jones	0	0	0	0	0	
Kingsbury	19	12	8	3	42	2.3%
Lake	9	3	0	0	12	0.6%
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	
Lyman	8	10	0	0	18	1.0%
McCook	2	2	2	0	6	0.3%
McPherson	27	15	11	3	56	3.0%
Marshall	96	34	5	2	137	7.3%
Meade	0	0	0	0	0	
Mellette	0	1	0	0	1	0.1%
Miner	9	3	1	0	13	0.7%
Moody	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Perkins	2	2	0	0	4	0.2%
Potter	11	2	1	1	15	0.8%
Roberts	73	50	6	3	132	7.1%
Sanborn	4	1	0	0	5	0.3%
Spink	25	11	11	5	52	2.8%
Stanley	7	10	2	1	20	1.1%
Sully	24	15	3	1	43	2.3%
Tripp	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
Turner	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
Union	4	6	1	0	11	0.6%
Walworth	9	1	1	0	11	0.6%
Ziebach	1	1	0	0	2	0.1%
Shannon	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Unk/Unreported	68	45	19	6	138	7.4%
TOTALS:	1,070	538	191	65	1,864	100.0%

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