

SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY

An unlimited number of licenses were available and 5,474 licenses were issued for the 2009 Spring Black Hills Turkey season (3,350 residents, 2,124 nonresidents), a significant decrease from 2008. All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

The survey sample size was 797 (15% of the total number of licensees) and the response rate was 85.2%. Approximately 60% of responding hunters used the Internet response site. The reported success rate was 43% and the projected harvest was 2,346 male turkeys.

The season was open from April 11 through May 17, a total of 37 days. Hunters averaged 3.46 days of hunting for a projected total of 17,892 days of recreation for the season.

Resident hunters purchased 420 licenses for the BH2 unit, where tags were only valid between May 1 and May 17. Of those, 117 did not have a unit BH1 license; therefore, only 303 hunters purchased two licenses for the season. Reported success for unit BH2 for those hunters who purchased two licenses was 48%.

Comparison of the 2000-2009 Spring Black Hills Turkey Seasons

Year	Licenses Issued	Tom Harvest	Avg Days Hunted	Success	Average Satisfaction
2000	3,374	1,288	3.90	38%	-
2001	3,998	1,379	3.78	35%	-
2002	4,761	1,503	3.81	32%	4.52
2003	5,053	1,456	3.49	29%	4.63
2004	5,798	2,494	3.58	43%	4.67
2005	6,397	2,666	3.53	42%	4.66
2006	6,656	2,570	3.65	39%	4.95
2007	6,378	2,430	3.45	38%	5.57
2008	6,508	2,743	3.39	42%	5.52
2009	5,474	2,346	3.46	43%	5.69

2009 Spring Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Licenses				Hunters	Response Rate	Unit/ Subunit Success	Harvest Estimate Toms	Ave. Days Hunted	Avg Satsfctn	
	Resident		Nonresident								
	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold							
BH1-32	Unlim	2,930	Unlim	2,124	5,171	85.2%	#	43%	2,346	3.46	5.69
BH2-32	Unlim	420	0	0							
		3,350		2,124							

Response rate for the season was **85.2%**

Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

Seasons with less than 90% response rate and may not be within accepted tolerance for data accuracy.

Black Hills Spring Turkey 1985-2009

