

BLACK HILLS DEER

There were 9,173 single tag licenses issued for the 2008 Black Hills Deer season (8,451 resident, 722 nonresident).

A random sample of 3,263 hunters was taken (36% of license holders) and there were 2,789 responses for an 85% return rate. The Internet response system was not an option for hunters to use to submit their responses for this season in 2008.

The season ran the usual month of November, a total of 30 days. The special antlerless season again ran the entire month of November, an increase from the 10-day season in 2004. Those responding reported hunting an average of 4.08 days, which projected to 35,668 recreation days for the season. Of those responding, 12.7% stated they did not hunt at all during the season.

The mean satisfaction score for all combined units was 5.11. The satisfaction scale ranged from 1 = "very dissatisfied" to 7 = "very satisfied".

The harvest projection for the Black Hills Deer season was 4,638 deer (2,332 adult whitetail bucks, 288 fawn whitetail bucks, 1,652 adult whitetail does, 172 fawn whitetail does, 135 adult mule deer bucks, 3 fawn mule deer bucks, 56 adult mule deer does and zero fawn mule deer does). The overall season harvest success rate was 51%, down considerably from 60% in 2007.

Including the estimated Black Hills harvest from the Archery, Youth and Muzzleloader seasons, approximately 7,575 deer were harvested in the Black Hills proper.

Harvest summaries for the 2000-2008 Black Hills Deer seasons.

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Harvest						Success	Avg Days Hunted	Avg Satis
	Resident	Nonres	Bucks		Does		Total				
			WT	Mule	WT	Mule					
2000	7,350	571	2,603	500	782	84	3,969	50%	3.89	5.23	
2001	6,211	496	2,419	859	313	71	3,662	55%	4.14	5.20	
2002	5,980	474	2,365	618	346	40	3,369	52%	4.59	5.25	
2003	5,965	473	2,427	694	402	53	3,576	56%	4.01	5.42	
2004	6,810	536	2,802	783	946	58	4,589	62%	4.14	5.46	
2005	7,217	597	2,219	696	1,324	8	4,247	54%	4.12	5.50	
2006	8,250	689	2,746	722	1,770	167	5,405	60%	4.22	5.37	
2007	8,240	709	3,172	133	1,988	104	5,397	60%	4.45	5.27	
2008	8,451	722	2,620	138	1,824	56	4,638	51%	4.08	5.11	

2008 Black Hills Deer Harvest Projections

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Unit/Type	Licenses								Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted	
	Resident				Nonresident				Whitetail				Mule Deer							
	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does				
										Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult				Fawn
BH1-01	5,520	500	540	470	40	45	92%	57%	155	7	33	7	120	0	0	0	0	322	5.11	4.56
BH1-11	6,850	5,000	5,000	782	400	402	86%	52%	2,162	68	424	39	10	0	3	0	0	2,706	5.17	4.55
BD1-03	72	400	400	18	32	32	84%	# 50%	0	10	165	0	0	0	39	0	0	214	5.10	2.59
BD1-13	20	800	787	9	64	77	80%	# 41%	3	43	257	37	6	0	6	0	0	352	4.43	3.45
BD2-13	128	500	500	38	40	40	83%	# 54%	3	37	214	34	0	0	0	0	0	288	5.18	2.70
BD3-13	92	500	500	16	40	40	82%	# 59%	7	51	239	20	0	3	0	0	0	320	5.43	3.23
BD4-13	50	750	724	22	60	86	86%	54%	3	72	320	34	0	0	9	0	0	438	5.13	3.43
	12,732	8,450	8,451	1,355	676	722	85.5%	51%	2,332	288	1,652	172	135	3	56	0	0	4,638	5.11	4.08

The response rate for all units combined is: **85.5%**

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

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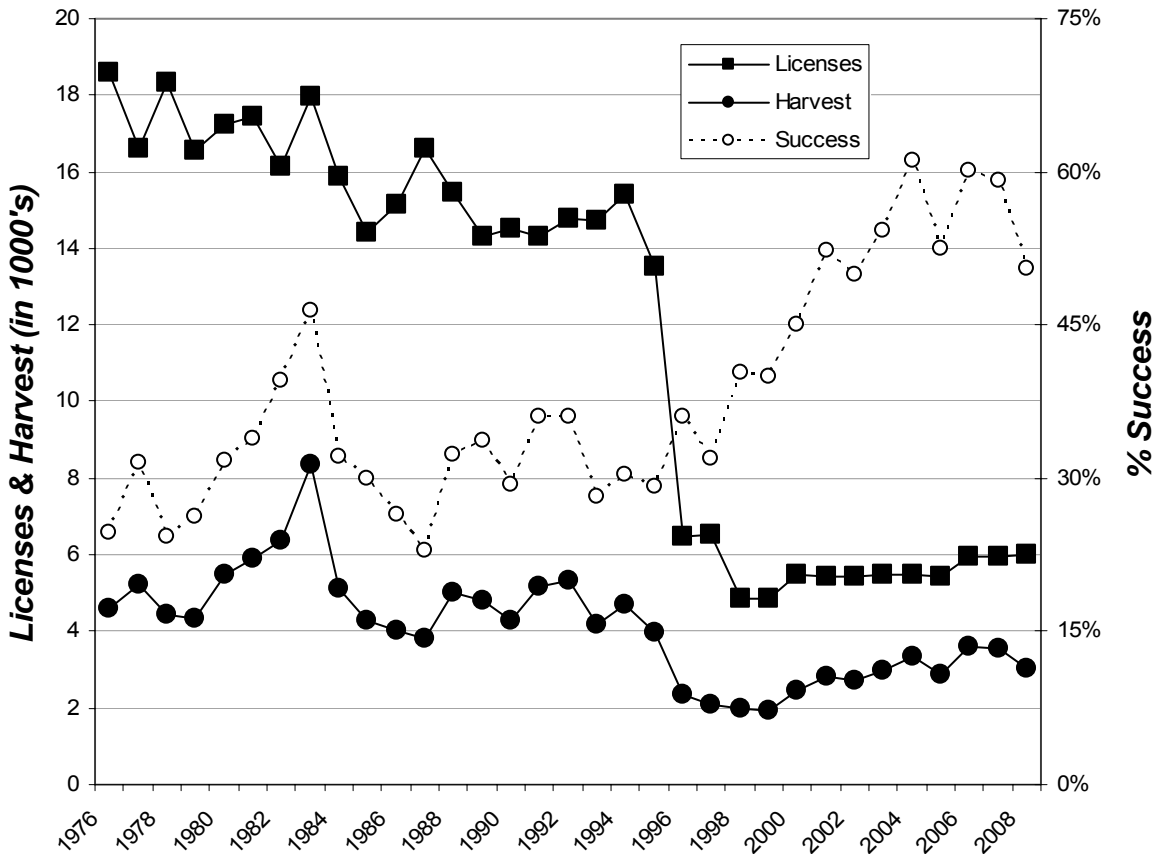
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	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold				Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn							
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Black Hills Buck/Any Deer 1976-2008



Black Hills Antlerless Deer 1990-2008

