

SPRING PRAIRIE TURKEY

In 2009, license sales totaled 7,479 (6,284 residents and 1,195 nonresidents) compared to 7,370 in 2008. There were 8,218 licenses available and overall tag sales totaled 12,472.

The survey sample size was 3,977 (56% of all hunters) and the response rate was 87.8%. Approximately 57% of responding hunters used the Internet response site. The reported overall success rate for hunters was 51% and the projected harvest was 6,369 turkeys.

Spring prairie turkey hunters averaged 2.93 days hunting for a projected total of 20,660 hunting days for the April 11 through May 17 season.

Double tag any-turkey licenses were available again this year and have been since 2001. An estimated 600 hens were harvested (9.4% of the total harvest) compared to 588 in 2008.

Respondents were asked to gauge their satisfaction of the season (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied) and the average response was 5.81.

Comparison of the 2000-2009 Spring Prairie Turkey Seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Res Lic</i>	<i>NR Lic</i>	<i>Tags</i>	<i>Harvest</i>		<i>Success</i>	<i>Avg Days Hunted</i>	<i>Satisf</i>
				<i>Toms</i>	<i>Hens</i>			
2000	3,969	553	5,927	3,360	-	57%	2.75	4.48
2001	4,357	606	6,831	3,473	147	53%	2.49	4.47
2002	4,470	666	7,028	3,567	199	54%	2.65	4.64
2003	4,451	692	7,370	3,440	304	51%	2.74	4.76
2004	4,502	821	7,627	3,713	355	53%	2.71	4.69
2005	4,787	876	7,864	3,988	297	55%	2.87	4.78
2006	5,308	1,004	9,605	4,583	487	53%	2.77	4.59
2007	5,477	1,108	9,993	4,595	524	51%	2.73	5.58
2008	6,118	1,252	11,228	5,333	588	53%	2.73	5.64
2009	6,284	1,195	12,472	5,769	600	51%	2.93	5.81

2009 Spring Prairie Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:

08/06/2009

County Unit	Licenses										Harvest Estimates						
	License Type	Hunters	Resident			Nonresident			Response Rate	Unit/Subunit Success	Harvest			Total Harvest	Ave. Days Hunted	Avg Satsfctn	
			Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold			1st tag	2nd tag	Toms				Hens
Bennett	37	71	28	70	51	12	6	25	88%	70%	81%	51%	102	5	107	3.26	6.47
Bon Homme	32	300	293	300	300	0	0	0	87%	57%			167	5	172	3.43	5.94
Brookings	32	50	86	50	50	0	0	0	92%	33%			16	0	16	3.96	5.28
Brule	32	50	37	50	50	0	0	0	84%	# 61%			29	1	30	2.46	6.00
Butte/Lawrence	37	397	135	450	291	89	36	135	86%	44%	54%	35%	349	28	377	3.18	5.99
Charles Mix/Douglas	37	302	466	300	302	0	0	0	90%	49%	57%	40%	270	25	295	3.69	5.64
Clay	32	138	122	140	140	0	0	0	90%	49%			69	0	69	2.63	5.80
Corson	37	153	44	150	134	20	12	28	83%	# 38%	48%	31%	103	20	123	2.30	5.79
Custer/ Penn-Mid	37	140	51	180	132	16	15	30	85%	# 43%	49%	35%	126	13	138	3.35	5.59
Davison/Hanson	32	120	148	120	120	0	0	0	86%	54%			65	0	65	2.94	5.94
Day/Codington	32	60	73	60	60	0	0	0	73%	# 34%			20	0	20	3.02	5.24
Deuel	32	60	137	60	60	0	0	0	92%	47%			28	0	28	3.36	5.60
Dewey/Ziebach	37	199	73	250	174	35	20	50	86%	46%	55%	38%	182	23	205	2.35	5.73
Fall River	37	197	55	350	139	22	28	68	89%	42%	47%	38%	161	13	174	2.89	5.36
Grant	32	240	251	240	240	0	0	0	92%	55%			132	0	132	3.02	5.48
Gregory	37	918	862	850	849	190	68	69	86%	53%	63%	41%	803	167	969	2.64	5.93
Haakon	37	208	76	300	155	28	24	69	84%	# 49%	57%	39%	198	22	220	2.71	5.78
Hamlin	32	20	21	20	20	0	0	0	100%	65%			13	0	13	2.50	5.88
Harding	37	241	131	300	197	55	24	71	88%	30%	35%	27%	128	34	162	2.57	5.19
Hughes	37	40	36	40	40	0	0	0	79%	# 47%	52%	42%	32	5	37	3.19	5.33
Hutchinson	32	60	64	60	60	0	0	0	83%	# 58%			35	0	35	2.92	5.58
Jackson	37	192	90	200	143	45	16	69	89%	58%	66%	49%	218	28	247	2.29	6.34
Jerauld	32	10	13	10	10	0	0	0	100%	0%			0	0	0	2.50	4.13
Jones	32	46	5	100	37	4	8	22	87%	64%			38	0	38	1.87	6.57
Lincoln	32	120	263	120	120	0	0	0	90%	49%			59	0	59	3.79	5.61
Lyman	37	108	158	100	100	31	8	8	87%	61%	62%	59%	109	22	132	3.50	6.00
Marshall/Roberts	37	402	432	400	402	0	0	0	90%	45%	52%	38%	294	70	364	3.86	5.53
Meade/Penngtn	37	343	101	350	226	67	28	151	92%	55%	63%	46%	389	27	416	2.84	6.09
Mellette	37	510	165	550	458	85	44	136	88%	62%	72%	56%	666	71	737	2.29	6.09
Minnehaha	32	99	113	100	99	0	0	0	92%	53%			52	0	52	3.62	5.37
Moody	32	20	43	20	20	0	0	0	90%	61%			12	0	12	2.33	6.27
Pennington-East	37	144	39	300	100	30	24	59	89%	52%	72%	32%	156	9	165	2.30	6.04
Perkins	37	86	17	100	59	21	8	34	87%	45%	53%	36%	73	11	83	3.11	5.39
Sanborn	32	60	61	60	60	0	0	0	88%	55%			33	0	33	3.11	5.52
Shannon	37	35	6	70	16	13	6	23	94%	64%	73%	67%	50	0	50	2.58	6.50
Stanley	32	52	24	50	45	6	4	9	92%	50%			27	0	27	2.65	5.58
Todd	32	59	15	80	67	9	7	19	92%	55%			47	0	47	1.80	6.43
Tripp	32	355	177	400	311	38	32	120	82%	# 70%			300	0	300	1.94	5.96
Turner	32	59	29	60	60	0	0	0	88%	40%			23	1	24	3.42	5.16
Union	32	138	164	140	138	0	0	0	91%	46%			64	0	64	3.25	5.88
Yankton	32	249	261	250	249	0	0	0	90%	53%			132	0	132	3.52	5.82
Totals		7,051	5,365	7,800	6,284	816	418	1,195	87.8%	51.1%			5,769	600	6,369	2.93	5.81

Response rate for all units combined was **87.8%**

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

Units with less than 85% response rate and may not be within accepted tolerance for data accuracy.

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

Spring Firearm Prairie Turkey 1985-2009

