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... management objective for the Black Hills elk population is 6,000 to 8,000 overall...

"We've been at about 7,000, and we're at roughly 6,900 now."... the deer [in the Black Hills] population is estimated at just shy of 60,000... the overall objective is to add to the whitetail population ... We saw overwinter fawn survival drop in the Black Hills last year ... we're in a rebuilding stage in most of our deer units [West Prairie] ... everybody wants more muleys...