

[Past winters still taking toll on deer population](#) May 4, 2012 South Dakota

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... “It seems like all the wildlife has dropped in numbers, deer, antelope, whatever,” commission member Barry Jensen of White River said.... herds need to be allowed a better chance to rebuild. ... overall there would be an approximate 20 percent reduction in tags ,,,

[South Dakota Black Hills Deer & Firearms Antelope Harvest Report](#) January 20, 2012

AmmoLand.com (press release)

“The reduction in the number of deer and antelope taken during those two seasons is in line with our management goals for both,” said Corey Huxoll, a GFP biologist who leads the harvest survey effort. “We have reduced the number of licenses available for those seasons to help increase the herds.”

[South Dakota hunters might trade less deer for more geese](#) July 11, 2012 Sioux Falls

Argus Leader

South Dakota hunters will be able to shoot fewer deer but more geese this fall ...

Concerned that populations of deer in many parts of the state are too low, the state Game, Fish and Parks Commission is significantly scaling back the number of does hunters will be able to harvest... a series of reductions in the West River [and East River] deer harvest.

[Thousands of deer licenses returned](#) December 8, 2012 South Dakota, Daily Republic

Deer hunters returned 2,624 licenses they purchased but decided not to use this year for South Dakota's seasons. The state Game, Fish and Parks Department extended the

refund offer because of deer die-offs from disease ... South Dakota was among states across the northern plains and upper Midwest that suffered unusual outbreaks this year of Epizootic Hemorrhagic disease....

[Evaluating the effect of predators on white-tailed deer: Movement](#) ... June 7, 2011 South Dakota

Funding for this study was provided by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources , South Dakota State University, Bend of the River Chapter of Minnesota Deer ... Conclusions: coyote predation was not likely limiting white-tailed deer populations in southeast Minnesota.

[GFP cutting back on deer tags](#) October 13, 2011 South Dakota, Black Hills Pioneer

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks is slashing its antlerless deertags in the Black Hills in an effort to help boost a declining deer population... "You're not going to see (the decline) as much in the Northern Hills as much as the Central and Southern Hills," said Mike Apland, a conservation officer with the GFP. "But our numbers are lower than in the past."

[South Dakota Hunters Worried About Lions Impact In Black Hills](#) November 10, 2011

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... John Wrede of Rapid City, a retired conservation officer ... thinks GF&P created many of its own problems with dwindling elk and deer herds in recent years by shooting too many doe deer and cow elk.... bowed to pressure from politicians and a small number of landowners complaining about damage to crops and fences and feed supplies from deer and particularly elk... additional pressure on deer and elk herds already stressed by year-round human disturbance and questionable forest management and grazing practices that have diminished the big-game habitat base ...