



SAGE-GROUSE

2025 HARVEST REPORT





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Executive Summary

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) surveys sage-grouse hunters to quantify harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort. This information helps the Game and Fish manage sage-grouse populations and plan next year's hunting seasons. With a daily bag limit of two and a total possession limit of four birds, the season opened on September 20th and closed on September 30th, 2025. Sage-grouse hunters had the opportunity to hunt and harvest in Hunt Area 1 which is comprised of sage-grouse Management Areas B-G (see map on page 3).

The harvest statistics presented in this report were based on data collected from 2,651 responses to a voluntary harvest survey extrapolated to represent 6,160 sage-grouse hunting permits issued for the 2025 sage-grouse hunting season. We estimate a total of 6,817 sage-grouse were harvested in Wyoming during the 2025 hunting season, excluding those harvested by falconry, which are covered in a separate report.

Table 1
Sage-Grouse
Harvest Summary
Statewide
2025

Residency	Valid Permits	Active Hunters	Total Harvest	Hunter Days	Days / Harvest	Harvest / Hunter	Hunter Success ^a (%)
Resident	4,329	2,722	4,006	6,156	1.5	1.5	57.8
Nonresident	1,832	1,446	2,811	3,462	1.2	2.0	72.2
Total	6,161	4,168	6,817	9,618	1.4	1.6	63.8

^a The proportion of active hunters that reported harvesting at least one bird.

Table 2
Sage-Grouse
 Ten-Year Comparison of Harvest and Effort
 Statewide
 2016-2025

	Residency	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ^a	2025
Valid Permits	Resident									4,743	4,329
	Nonresident									1,867	1,832
	Total									6,610	6,161
Active Hunters	Resident									2,873	2,722
	Nonresident									1,348	1,446
	Total	4,674	3,576	4,740	4,049	2,673	4,991	6,079	5,366	4,221	4,168
Total Harvest	Resident									5,203	4,006
	Nonresident									2,995	2,811
	Total	10,526	7,817	10,422	7,615	5,659	8,457	11,640	12,323	8,198	6,817
Hunter Days	Resident									6,583	6,156
	Nonresident									3,178	3,462
	Total	11,476	8,646	13,092	9,473	8,744	14,465	16,467	14,587	9,761	9,618
Days / Harvest	Resident									1.3	1.5
	Nonresident									1.1	1.2
	Total	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4
Harvest/Hunter	Resident									1.8	1.5
	Nonresident									2.2	2.0
	Total	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.6
Hunter Success ^b	Resident									63.5	57.8
	Nonresident									76.8	72.2
	Total									68.9	63.8

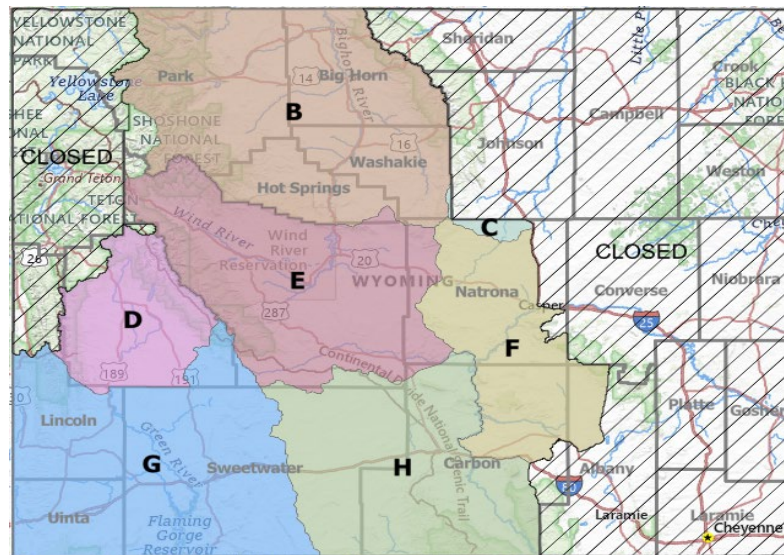
^a Initial year of comparison for most metrics was 2024.

^b The proportion of hunters that reported harvesting at least one bird.

Sage-Grouse
Harvest, Hunting Pressure, Hunter Success
by Management Area
2025

Management Area	Residency	Active Hunters	Total Harvest	Hunter Days	Days / Harvest	Harvest/Hunter	Hunter Success ^a (%)
A - Upper Snake River Basin							
No Harvest Estimate - Almost Entirely Closed to Hunting							
B - Bighorn Basin	Resident	388	355	859	2.4	0.9	46.4
	Nonresident	207	299	491	1.6	1.4	57.8
	Total	595	654	1,350	2.1	1.1	51.2
C - Northeast	Resident	26	21	59	2.8	0.8	40.0
	Nonresident	19	23	42	1.8	1.2	50.0
	Total	45	44	101	2.3	1.0	45.0
D - Upper Green River Basin	Resident	368	591	918	1.6	1.6	60.1
	Nonresident	131	278	332	1.2	2.1	73.9
	Total	499	869	1,250	1.4	1.7	64.6
E - Wind River / Sweetwater River Basin	Resident	537	864	1,057	1.2	1.6	63.2
	Nonresident	252	548	570	1.0	2.2	72.9
	Total	789	1,412	1,627	1.2	1.8	67.0
F - Bates Hole	Resident	344	414	607	1.5	1.2	50.7
	Nonresident	191	343	398	1.2	1.8	73.3
	Total	535	757	1,005	1.3	1.4	60.4
G - Southwest	Resident	817	1,262	1,900	1.5	1.5	57.9
	Nonresident	540	1,038	1,224	1.2	1.9	73.0
	Total	1,357	2,300	3,124	1.4	1.7	65.0
H - South Central	Resident	365	499	756	1.5	1.4	58.5
	Nonresident	186	282	405	1.4	1.5	62.2
	Total	551	781	1,161	1.5	1.4	60.0

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Sage-Grouse Management Areas (B-G) within Hunt Area 1

Table 4
Sage-Grouse
 License Data Summary
 Statewide
 2025

Residency	Valid Permits	Number Surveyed	Responses	Survey Response Rate (%; Responses / Surveyed)	Total Response Rate (%; Responses / Permits)
Resident	4,329	4,282	1,684	39.3	38.9
Nonresident	1,832	1,804	967	53.6	52.8
Total	6,161	6,086	2,651	43.6	43.0