



SANDHILL CRANE

2025 HARVEST REPORT





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Executive Summary

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) surveys sandhill crane hunters to estimate harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort. This information helps the Department manage sandhill crane populations and plan next year's hunting seasons. The harvest statistics presented in this report were estimated based on 811 responses (365 LQ, 446 General) to a voluntary harvest survey sent to 1,996 license holders and extrapolated to represent 2,038 limited quota and general sandhill crane hunting licenses issued. We estimate that 453 sandhill cranes were harvested and retrieved in Wyoming during the 2025 hunting season.

Sandhill Crane Hunt Areas

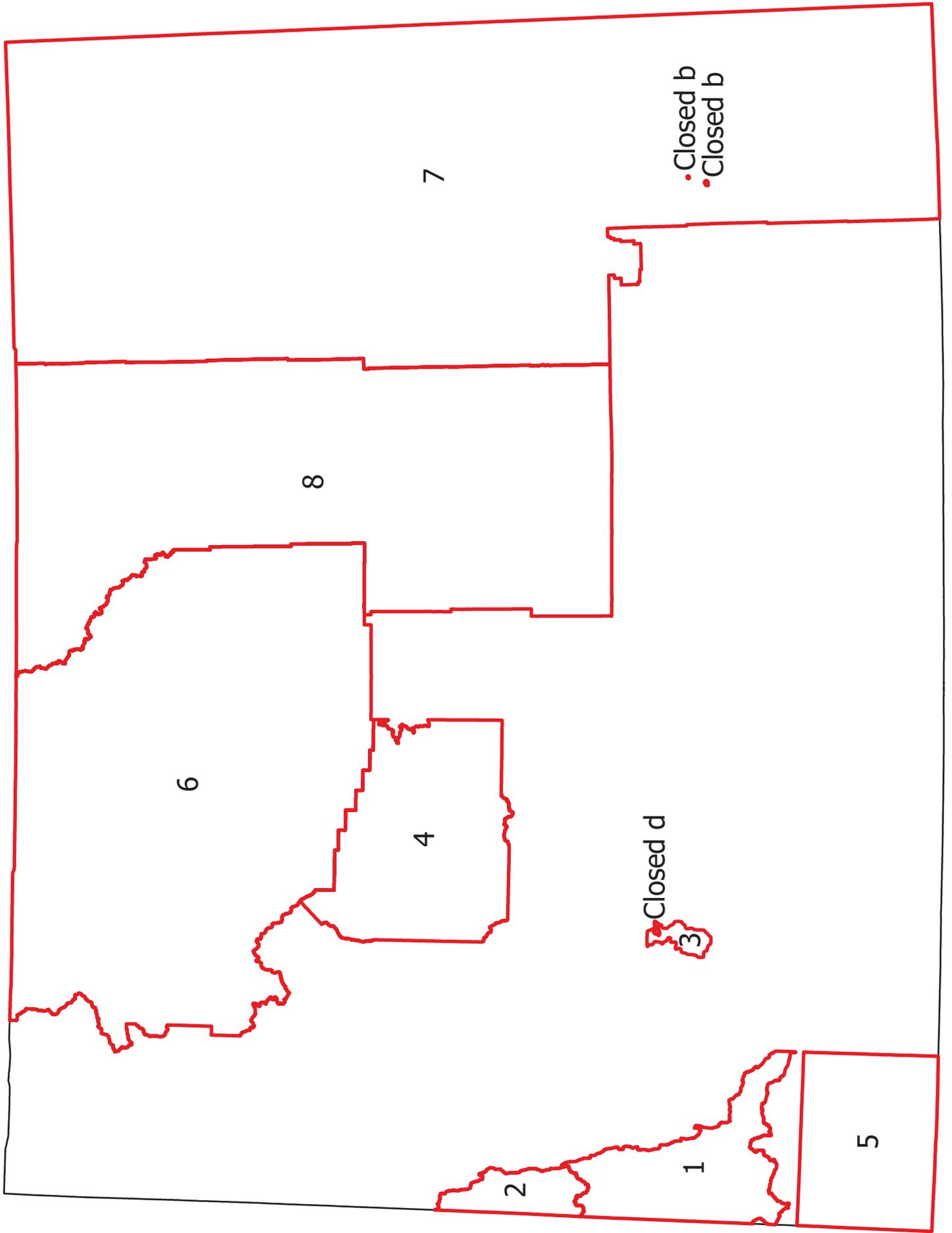


Table 1
Sandhill Crane
 Harvest Statistics
 By Limited Quota Hunt Area
 2025

	1 - Bear River	2 - Salt River	3 - Farson	4 - Riverton	5 - Uinta	6 - Bighorn	8 - N/J/S	Statewide
Permits Issued	50	50	201	201	51	201	75	829
Survey Responses	25	28	89	92	16	84	31	365
Survey Response Rate	50.0%	56.0%	44.3%	45.8%	31.4%	41.8%	41.3%	44.0%
Hunters	42	35	150	155	37	106	55	580
Did Not Hunt	8	15	51	46	14	95	21	250
Days	117	136	411	447	116	445	214	1,886
Days / Hunter	2.79	3.89	2.74	2.88	3.14	4.2	3.89	3.25
Total Retrieved Harvest	12	15	82	95	17	53	28	302
Adult Harvest	8	11	60	72	16	50	23	240
Juvenile Harvest	4	4	22	23	1	3	5	62
Unretrieved Harvest	4	0	0	4	0	0	2	10
Permit Success	24.0%	30.0%	40.8%	47.3%	33.3%	26.4%	37.3%	36.4%
Hunter Success	28.6%	42.9%	54.7%	61.3%	46.0%	50.0%	50.9%	52.1%

Table 2
Sandhill Crane
 Ten-Year Comparison of Limited Quota Harvest
 Statewide
 2016-2025

	Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Adult Harvest	131	151	136	113	90	157	235	178	244	240
Juvenile Harvest	27	42	52	29	24	37	41	37	74	62
Total Retrieved Harvest	158	193	189	141	114	194	277	215	318	302
Unretrieved Harvest	12	8	18	10	4	9	33	15	31	10
Hunters	283	318	329	234	212	366	481	417	517	580
Did Not Hunt	98	142	82	72	94	158	153	176	165	250
Days	666	814	850	530	568	1,101	1,895	1,371	1,419	1,886
Days / Hunter	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.7	3	3.9	3.3	2.7	3.3
Hunter Success	56.0%	61.0%	57.4%	60.4%	53.8%	53.0%	57.6%	51.6%	61.5%	52.1%
Permit Success	41.0%	42.0%	46.1%	46.1%	37.3%	37.0%	43.6%	36.3%	46.6%	36.4%
Permits Issued	381	460	410	306	306	524	634	593	682	829

Table 3
Sandhill Crane
 Harvest Statistics
 By General License Hunt Area
 2025

	7 - General
Permits Issued	1,209
Survey Responses	446
Survey Response Rate	36.9%
Hunters	297
Did Not Hunt	912
Days	1,153
Days / Hunter	3.9
Total Retrieved Harvest	151
Unretrieved Harvest	3
Permit Success	12.5%
Hunter Success	50.8%