



SMALL GAME & GAME BIRDS

2025-2026 HARVEST REPORT



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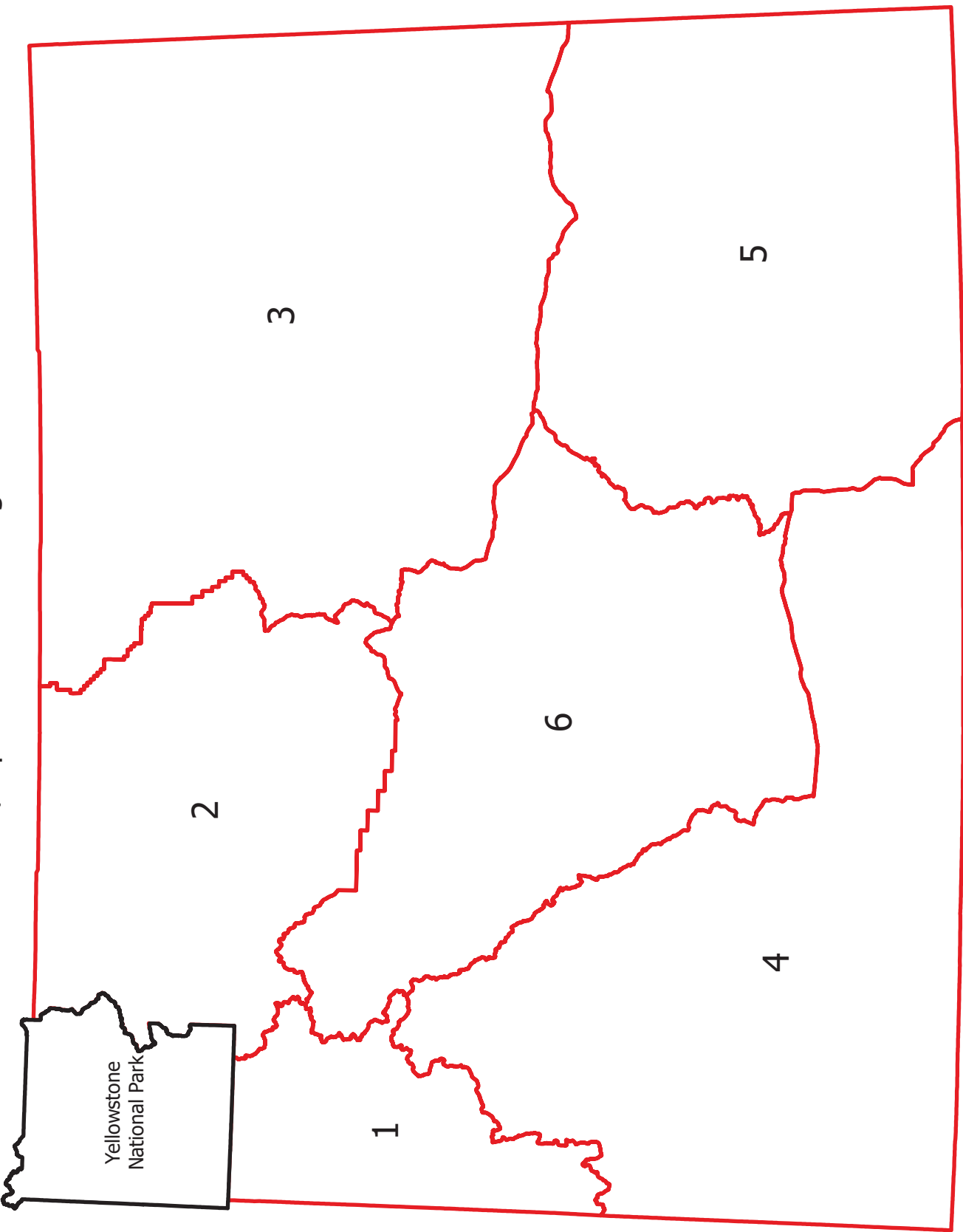
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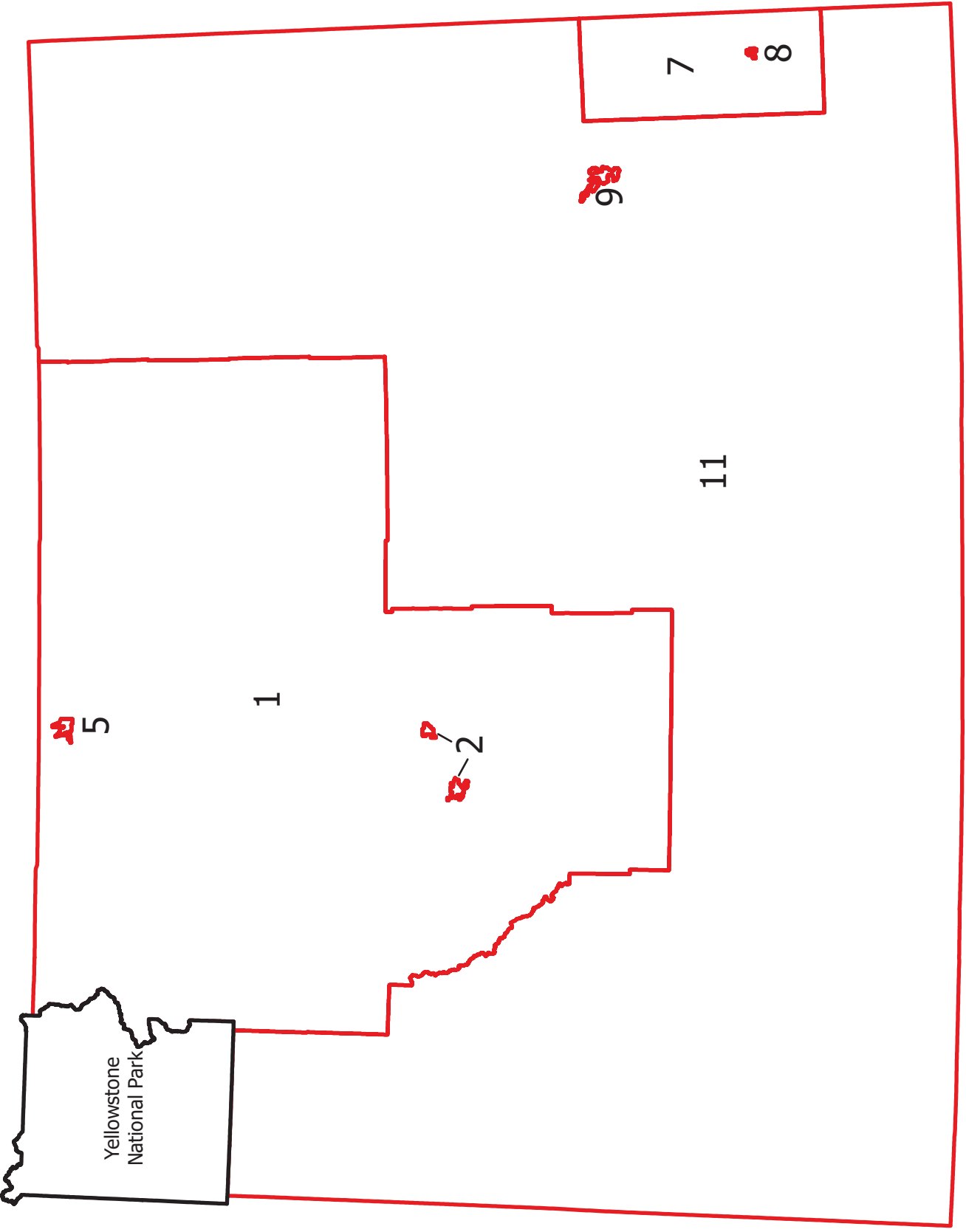
Executive Summary

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) surveys small game and game bird hunters to quantify harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort. This information helps the Game and Fish manage small game and game bird populations and plan future hunting seasons. The harvest statistics in this report were estimated based on 10,487 survey responses sent to 53,659 license holders. The results were extrapolated to represent 65,995 licenses sold. An estimated total of 7,892 cottontail rabbits, 715 snowshoe hare, 5,137 squirrels, 44,566 pheasant, 18,140 chukar partridge, 15,085 gray partridge, 14,118 ruffed grouse, 14,007 blue (dusky) grouse, 4,421 sharp-tailed grouse, 16,038 mourning doves, 46,126 ducks, and 27,668 geese were harvested in Wyoming during the fall 2025 and winter 2026 hunting seasons.

Small / Upland Game Management Areas



Pheasant Hunt Areas



Waterfowl Management Areas

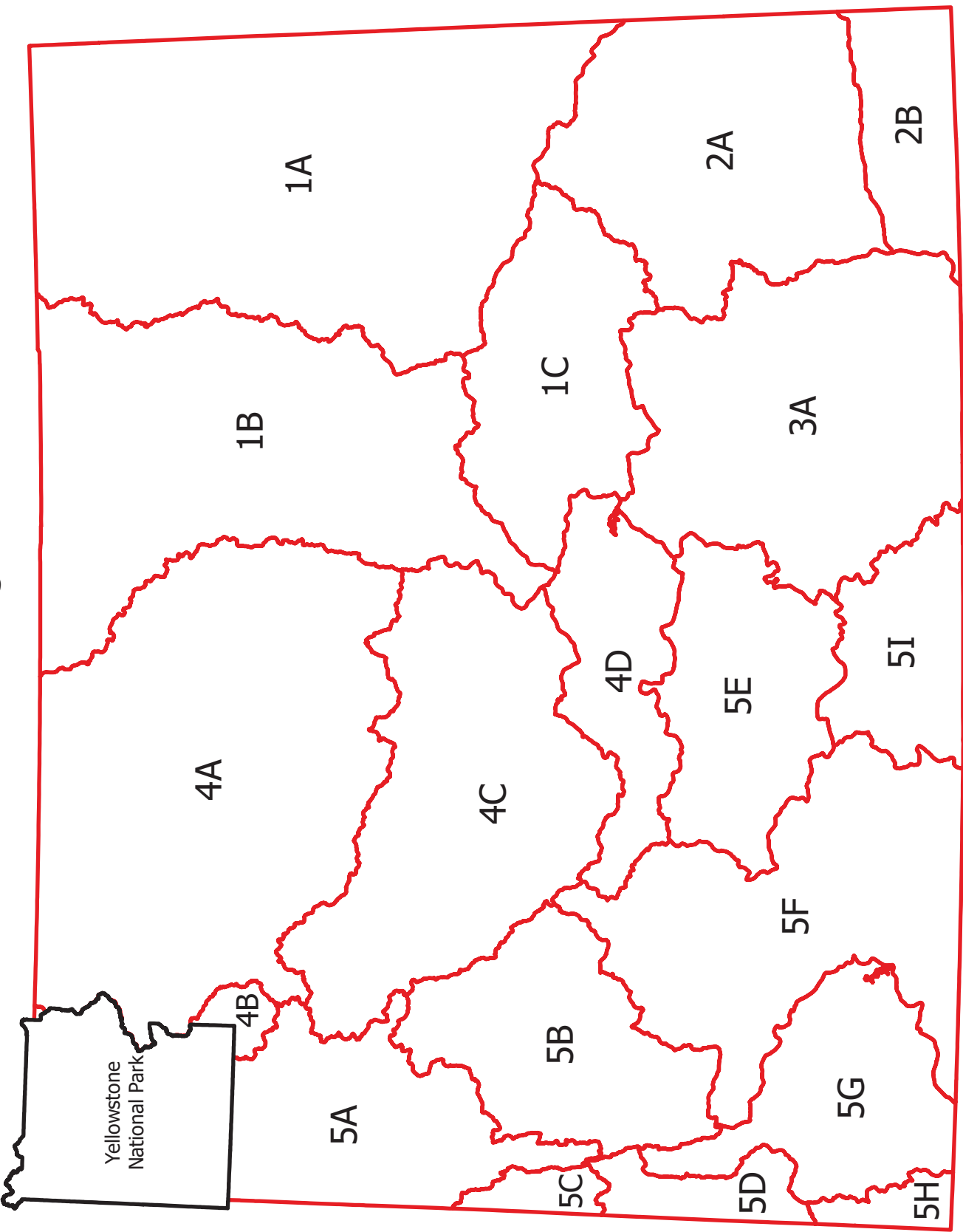


Table 1
Small Game, Upland Game Bird, and Migratory Game Bird
 Ten Year Comparison of Hunters, Harvest, and Days
 Statewide
 2016-2025

Species	Metric	Year									
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 ^a	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cottontail Rabbit	Hunters	6,594	4,461	4,270	3,894	3,054	3,214	4,577	3,175	3,966	3,367
	Harvest	55,688	22,492	18,328	13,145	9,554	8,033	15,013	8,991	10,971	7,892
	Days	24,530	14,736	16,053	17,000	15,591	15,442	25,654	14,767	19,702	19,543
Snowshoe Hare	Hunters	510	348	342	548	551	463	852	775	902	776
	Harvest	745	229	150	347	286	207	512	449	633	715
	Days	3,311	1,206	1,148	2,971	3,556	2,678	6,028	3,046	4,325	4,097
Squirrel	Hunters	475	430	643	761	618	732	1,123	905	1,129	1,118
	Harvest	1,664	1,361	1,854	2,959	1,348	1,312	3,551	3,351	3,375	5,137
	Days	2,137	1,477	2,234	3,554	2,039	2,504	7,420	3,607	5,787	6,111
Pheasant	Hunters	12,344	12,308	11,849	9,181	—	9,461	11,021	9,279	10,447	9,896
	Harvest	36,684	41,478	54,015	42,511	—	33,796	44,125	43,282	45,235	44,566
	Days	34,478	36,813	47,362	39,783	—	38,164	46,588	40,321	45,700	43,291
Chukar Partridge	Hunters	1,681	1,415	2,059	2,119	1,628	2,662	3,479	3,136	5,018	4,282
	Harvest	5,916	4,160	7,286	7,586	8,138	8,156	15,639	18,531	33,133	18,140
	Days	5,995	4,650	8,981	10,805	9,838	15,155	18,030	18,098	30,213	23,369
Gray Partridge	Hunters	1,114	771	1,200	1,592	1,203	1,919	2,599	2,731	4,551	3,453
	Harvest	3,564	1,420	2,835	4,552	6,256	4,130	9,241	14,160	29,152	15,085
	Days	5,247	2,899	4,923	8,951	7,919	12,218	14,781	18,123	30,730	21,647
Ruffed Grouse	Hunters	2,386	1,714	2,145	2,620	1,615	3,167	4,052	3,468	4,771	4,336
	Harvest	8,324	3,968	6,153	5,446	2,960	8,145	9,887	11,608	17,109	14,118
	Days	11,673	8,414	10,908	14,628	7,886	18,898	21,226	19,238	28,537	25,109
Blue Grouse	Hunters	3,787	2,654	3,807	3,932	2,516	5,068	6,974	6,077	7,297	6,442
	Harvest	8,932	5,306	8,363	8,418	5,702	11,221	18,443	15,689	19,809	14,007
	Days	17,574	11,520	16,716	20,408	11,060	25,437	35,490	29,665	37,257	33,654
Sharp-Tailed Grouse	Hunters	1,039	742	1,027	1,408	882	1,690	1,872	1,445	2,373	2,004
	Harvest	2,381	1,316	1,411	3,990	2,575	3,505	5,089	2,888	5,660	4,421
	Days	4,107	2,215	3,892	7,030	4,085	6,998	8,916	6,849	11,311	9,930
Mourning Dove	Hunters	2,255	1,903	2,119	2,239	1,023	2,042	3,570	2,502	2,244	1,979
	Harvest	23,920	18,242	20,420	25,482	9,526	20,966	38,415	26,752	24,229	16,038
	Days	6,758	5,201	6,637	8,167	3,656	7,030	12,808	8,725	8,397	6,686
Duck	Hunters	6,047	5,625	5,592	5,767	3,919	6,929	7,862	6,491	6,622	5,818
	Harvest	54,426	47,092	47,526	57,186	42,870	66,132	80,973	66,751	56,016	46,126
	Days	28,636	27,957	30,047	32,499	25,074	41,134	47,752	37,509	36,135	33,827
Goose	Hunters	5,215	5,077	4,895	5,725	3,124	7,155	7,599	5,596	5,753	5,155
	Harvest	35,928	34,880	29,222	43,440	15,382	50,610	64,533	28,238	32,587	27,668
	Days	24,637	26,073	25,866	33,044	18,414	40,418	44,524	28,219	28,243	28,957

^a Due to irregularities in the 2020 survey, the 2020 estimates should be interpreted with caution. Only the pheasant estimates were deemed so egregious that they were omitted.

Table 2
Cottontail Rabbit
 Harvest Estimates
 By Small / Upland Game Management Area
 2025-2026

Small / Upland Game Management Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1	132	231	788
2	394	850	2,043
3	662	1,363	2,420
4	918	1,618	4,914
5	916	2,725	6,569
6	592	1,105	2,809
Total	3,367 ^a	7,892	19,543

^a A sportsperson can contribute to the statewide total only once, but may add to the total for multiple areas.

Table 3
Snowshoe Hare
 Harvest Estimates
 By Small / Upland Game Management Area
 2025-2026

Small / Upland Game Management Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1	65	12	536
2	86	155	381
3	116	69	529
4	186	173	958
5	224	163	1273
6	140	143	420
Total	776 ^a	715	4097

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Table 4
Squirrel
 Harvest Estimates
 By Small / Upland Game Management Area
 2025-2026

Small / Upland Game Management Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1	117	1,206	957
2	210	1,116	1,277
3	211	1,075	690
4	127	237	582
5	409	1,201	2,268
6	104	302	337
Total	1,118 ^a	5,137	6,111

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Table 5
Pheasant
 Harvest Estimates
 By Hunt Area
 2025

Hunt Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1	2,562	11,480	12,713
2	1,637	5,776	7,373
5	1,648	8,954	9,669
7	1,269	4,023	3,578
8 (Post-Springer Permit Hunt) ^a	1,103	4,256	2,682
8 (Springer Special Permit) ^b	1,013	1,877	1,013
8 (Springer Special Walk-On Permit) ^c	957	2,764	1,666
9	1,091	4,745	3,609
11	172	691	988
Total	9,896 ^d	44,566	43,291

^a Season following the Springer special permit period

^b Springer special permit period

^c Standby hunters during the Springer special permit period

^d A sportsperson can contribute to the statewide total only once, but may add to the total for multiple areas.

Table 6
Chukar Partridge
 Harvest Estimates
 By Small / Upland Game Management Area
 2025-2026

Small / Upland Game Management Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1	78	137	404
2	2333	12,139	12,477
3	624	1,145	2,654
4	459	1,369	2,914
5	145	127	862
6	1015	3,223	4,058
Total	4,282 ^a	18,140	23,369

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Table 7
Gray Partridge
 Harvest Estimates
 By Small / Upland Game Management Area
 2025-2026

Small / Upland Game Management Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1	34	240	216
2	1644	7,968	10,389
3	1131	4,598	6,806
4	65	107	245
5	310	623	1,580
6	573	1,549	2,411
Total	3,453 ^a	15,085	21,647

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Table 8
Ruffed Grouse
 Small / Upland Game Management Area
 By Hunt Area
 2025

Small / Upland Game Management Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1	1376	7,061	9,224
2	358	662	1,636
3	591	744	2,861
4	1418	3,816	7,605
6	875	1,835	3,783
Total	4,336 ^a	14,118	25,109

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Table 9
Blue (Dusky) Grouse
 Harvest Estimates
 By Small / Upland Game Management Area
 2025

Small / Upland Game Management Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1	904	1,313	5,734
2	604	1,450	2,432
3	1011	3,072	4,173
4	1540	2,836	7,335
5	1942	4,250	10,469
6	792	1,086	3,511
Total	6,442 ^a	14,007	33,654

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Table 10
Sharp-Tailed Grouse
Harvest Estimates
By Small / Upland Game Management Area
2025

Small / Upland Game Management Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
3	1,241	3,720	7,128
5	570	607	2,262
6	193	94	540
Total	2,004 ^a	4,421	9,930

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Table 11
Mourning Dove
Harvest Estimates
By Small / Upland Game Management Area
2025

Small / Upland Game Management Area	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1	50	235	138
2	275	2,235	666
3	247	1,900	944
4	223	892	872
5	902	9,026	3,106
6	325	1,750	960
Total	1,979 ^a	16,038	6,686

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Table 12
Duck
Harvest Estimates
By Management Area
2025-2026

Management Area	Management Area Name	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1A	Missouri River	337	2,098	1,627
1B	Tongue, Little Big Horn, and Powder Rivers	268	1,223	1,274
1C	Central North Platte River	830	5,852	5,564
2A	Lower North Platte River	825	6,756	5,465
2B	South Platte River	135	1,037	653
3A	Upper North Platte River	388	2,348	1,709
4A	Big Horn River	1,153	10,788	6,328
4B ^b	Madison - Yellowstone National Park	-	-	-
4C	Wind River	635	4,033	2,912
4D	Sweetwater Basin	39	93	78
5A	Snake River	214	1,215	1,049
5B	Upper Green River	268	1,480	1,122
5C	Salt River	193	1,777	1,274
5D	Lower Bear River	110	527	382
5E	Great Divide Basin	12	19	36
5F	Lower Green River	558	4,772	3,105
5G	Ham's Fork / Black Fork	141	692	501
5H	Upper Bear River	152	955	534
5I	Little Snake River	29	461	214
Total		5,818 ^a	46,126	33,827

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^b No hunting activity was reported

Table 13
Early Goose
Harvest Estimates
By Management Area
2025

Management Area	Management Area Name	Hunters	Harvest	Days
5A	Snake River	95	268	200
5B	Upper Green River	48	136	130
5C	Salt River	49	141	154
5D	Lower Bear River	21	45	35
5E	Great Divide Basin	34	24	71
5F	Lower Green River	166	501	518
5G	Ham's Fork / Black Fork	41	142	69
5H	Upper Bear River	24	32	24
5I ^b	Little Snake River	-	-	-
Total		474 ^a	1,289	1,201

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^b No hunting activity was reported.

Table 14
Regular Goose
Harvest Estimates
By Management Area
2025-2026

Management Area	Management Area Name	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1A	Missouri River	244	1,096	974
1B	Tongue, Little Big Horn, and Powder Rivers	196	439	1,078
1C	Central North Platte River	685	3,482	4,454
2A	Lower North Platte River	1,709	10,482	8,764
2B	South Platte River	84	328	392
3A	Upper North Platte River	134	241	1,084
4A	Big Horn River	1,069	6,006	5,522
4B ^b	Madison - Yellowstone National Park	-	-	-
4C	Wind River	380	2,342	1,890
4D	Sweetwater Basin	21	65	48
5A	Snake River	83	218	474
5B	Upper Green River	85	163	373
5C	Salt River	63	63	247
5D	Lower Bear River	40	71	167
5E	Great Divide Basin	12	30	42
5F	Lower Green River	253	1,224	1,872
5G	Ham's Fork / Black Fork	58	77	182
5H	Upper Bear River	66	46	180
5I	Little Snake River	13	6	13
Total		4947 ^a	26,379	27,756

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^b No hunting activity was reported.

Table 15
Annual Combined Goose
 Harvest Estimates
 By Management Area
 2025-2026

Management Area	Management Area Name	Hunters	Harvest	Days
1A	Missouri River	244	1,096	974
1B	Tongue, Little Big Horn, and Powder Rivers	196	439	1,078
1C	Central North Platte River	685	3,482	4,454
2A	Lower North Platte River	1,709	10,482	8,764
2B	South Platte River	84	328	392
3A	Upper North Platte River	134	241	1,084
4A	Big Horn River	1,069	6,006	5,522
4B ^b	Madison - Yellowstone National Park	-	-	-
4C	Wind River	380	2,342	1,890
4D	Sweetwater Basin	21	65	48
5A	Snake River	148	486	674
5B	Upper Green River	112	299	503
5C	Salt River	92	204	401
5D	Lower Bear River	55	116	202
5E	Great Divide Basin	41	54	113
5F	Lower Green River	340	1,725	2,390
5G	Ham's Fork / Black Fork	81	219	251
5H	Upper Bear River	76	78	204
5I	Little Snake River	13	6	13
Total		5,155 ^a	27,668	28,957

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^b No hunting activity was reported.

Table 16
Small Game, Upland Game Bird, and Migratory Game Bird
 License Data Summary
 Statewide
 2025-2026

	Licenses ^a	Surveyed	Responses	Responses/ Surveyed	Responses/ Licenses
Resident	55,112	43,906	8,218	18.7%	14.9%
Nonresident	10,883	9,753	2,269	23.3%	20.8%
Total	65,995	53,659	10,487	19.5%	15.9%

^a Includes all annual, daily, lifetime, pioneer and veteran licenses in the WGFD system.