



Season Dates and Application Periods for 2023 nonmigratory game hunting seasons

2023 Hunting Season Dates

Turkey, spring archery (includes youth)	March 25-May 31
Turkey, spring youth shotgun	April 8-May 31
Turkey, spring shotgun	April 15-May 31
Turkey, fall	Oct. 1-Nov. 30, 2023
Deer, archery	Sept. 1-Dec. 31
Deer, Special Landowner	Nov. 4-6
Deer, November firearm	Nov. 11-19
Deer, muzzleloader	Dec. 1-31
Elk, bull archery	Sept. 1-Oct. 31
Elk, bull firearm	Sept. 21-Oct. 31
Elk, early antlerless	Aug. 1-Oct. 31
Elk, late antlerless	Nov. 1-Jan. 31, 2024
Antelope, archery	Aug. 20-Dec. 31
Antelope, muzzleloader	Sept. 16-Oct. 1
Antelope, firearm	Oct. 14-29
Antelope, doe/fawn late season	Nov. 1-Jan. 31, 2024
Bighorn Sheep	Nov. 28-Dec. 22
Squirrel	Aug. 1-Jan. 31, 2024
Cottontail and jackrabbit	Sept. 1-Feb. 29, 2024
Prairie Grouse	Sept. 1-Jan. 31, 2024
Pheasant, quail and partridge	Oct. 28-Jan. 31, 2024
Youth pheasant, quail and partridge	Oct. 21-22

2023 Application/Purchase Periods

Turkey

Spring – Jan. 9-Season end – May purchase up to two spring permits.

Fall – Aug. 14-Season end – May purchase one fall permit.

Elk

May 15-June 2 – Application period for Limited Landowner elk permits and preference points.

June 12-23 – Application period for Bull and Antlerless elk permits and preference points.

Aug. 9-Season end – Remaining elk permits are available to eligible residents and landowners.

Deer and Antelope

June 12-23 – Residents and nonresidents may apply for a preference point or one deer permit in the following draw units: Platte Mule Deer Conservation Area, Frenchman MDCA. Residents and eligible landowners may apply for a preference point or one antelope permit in the following draw units: Banner North, Banner South, Box Butte East, Box Butte West, Cherry, Cheyenne, Dismal, Eastern Sandhills Garden, North Sioux, Prairie Muzzleloader and North Sioux Muzzleloader. Results of the draw will be available by July 7. Successful applicants will have until July 21 to complete the purchase of their awarded permits. Awarded but unpaid permits will result in the applicant losing preference points and forfeiting the permit. Forfeited permits may be made available to the next unsuccessful applicant, then go to periods 7 and 8.

July 10-Season end – Residents, nonresidents and eligible landowners may buy any unlimited deer and antelope permits.

July 11-Season end – Residents may buy any limited deer permits.

July 12-Season end – Residents may buy any limited antelope permits.

July 24-Season end – Nonresidents may buy any limited deer permits.

July 25-Season end – Nonresidents may buy any limited antelope permits.

Aug. 7-Season end – Residents and nonresidents may buy any remaining draw unit deer permits.

Aug. 8-Season end – Residents, nonresidents and eligible landowners may buy any remaining draw unit antelope permits.

Bighorn Sheep

April 17-Aug. 4 – Residents may apply for one lottery permit.

Multispecies Lottery Permits

Jan. 2-July 7 – Apply for Super Tag and Combo permits

Applications accepted on first day at 1 p.m. Central time