



# SANDHILL CRANE

## 2024 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 730 responses (326 LQ, 404 General) to a voluntary harvest survey sent to 1,772 license holders and extrapolated to represent 1,840 limited quota and general sandhill crane hunting licenses issued. We estimate that 454 sandhill cranes were harvested and retrieved in Wyoming during the 2024 hunting season.

TABLE I  
**SANDHILL CRANE**  
 HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS  
 BY LIMITED QUOTA HUNT AREA  
**2024**

	1 - Bear River	2 - Salt River	3 - Farson	4 - Riverton	5 - Uinta	6 - Bighorn	8 - N/J/S	Statewide
<b>Permits Issued</b>	41	42	165	166	41	165	62	682
<b>Survey Responses</b>	17	22	71	79	23	84	30	326
<b>Survey Response Rate</b>	41.5%	52.4%	43.0%	47.6%	56.1%	50.9%	48.4%	47.8%
<b>Hunters</b>	37	28	124	138	38	113	39	517
<b>Did Not Hunt</b>	4	14	41	28	3	52	23	165
<b>Days</b>	92	117	247	380	112	319	152	1419
<b>Days / Hunter</b>	2.49	4.18	1.99	2.75	2.95	2.82	3.90	2.74
<b>Total Retrieved Harvest</b>	15	13	72	94	31	75	18	318
<b>Adult Harvest</b>	12	9	44	80	29	60	10	244
<b>Juvenile Harvest</b>	3	4	28	14	2	15	8	74
<b>Unretrieved Harvest</b>	0	0	11	6	5	3	6	31
<b>Permit Success</b>	36.6%	31.0%	43.6%	56.6%	75.6%	45.5%	29.0%	46.6%
<b>Hunter Success</b>	40.5%	46.4%	58.1%	68.1%	81.6%	66.4%	46.2%	61.5%

TABLE II  
**SANDHILL CRANE**  
 TEN YEAR COMPARISON OF LIMITED QUOTA HARVEST  
 STATEWIDE  
**2024**

	YEAR									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Adult Harvest</b>	78	131	151	136	113	90	157	235	178	244
<b>Juvenile Harvest</b>	26	27	42	52	29	24	37	41	37	74
<b>Total Retrieved Harvest</b>	104	158	193	189	141	114	194	277	215	318
<b>Unretrieved Harvest</b>	3	12	8	18	10	4	9	33	15	31
<b>Hunters</b>	164	283	318	329	234	212	366	481	417	517
<b>Did Not Hunt</b>	52	98	142	82	72	94	158	153	176	165
<b>Days</b>	375	666	814	850	530	568	1101	1895	1371	1419
<b>Days / Hunter</b>	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.7	3	3.94	3.29	2.74
<b>Hunter Success</b>	64.0%	56.0%	61.0%	57.4%	60.4%	53.8%	53.0%	57.6%	51.6%	61.5%
<b>Permit Success</b>	48.0%	41.0%	42.0%	46.1%	46.1%	37.3%	37.0%	43.6%	36.3%	46.6%
<b>Permits Issued</b>	216	381	460	410	306	306	524	634	593	682

TABLE III  
**SANDHILL CRANE**  
 HARVEST, HUNTING PRESSURE, HUNTER SUCCESS  
 BY GENERAL LICENSE HUNT AREA  
**2024**

	7 - General
<b>Permits Issued</b>	1158
<b>Survey Responses</b>	404
<b>Survey Response Rate</b>	34.9%
<b>Hunters</b>	220
<b>Did Not Hunt</b>	938
<b>Days</b>	806
<b>Days / Hunter</b>	3.66
<b>Total Retrieved Harvest</b>	136
<b>Unretrieved Harvest</b>	9
<b>Permit Success</b>	11.7%
<b>Hunter Success</b>	61.8%