

## Prairie Chicken Harvest Report (2001)

Twenty-five individuals drew permits for the 2001 greater prairie chicken season. Three of the permits were for falconry hunting and twenty-two were for shotgun/archery hunting.

Of the 25 hunters contacted for a post-season harvest survey, 13 (52%) did not hunt and 12 (48%) did. None of the 3 falconry permittees hunted. One of the permittees responded to the survey by email. The remaining 24 were contacted by phone or in person.

***The reported harvest for the 12 hunters was 2 birds (adult females). Accordingly, 2 wings were received for age and sex determination.*** None of the hunters reported having hit birds that were not recovered. Two of the hunters each harvested 1 prairie chicken. The remaining 10 hunters were unsuccessful. Hunter success rate was 17% or 0.2 bird/hunter.

Four (33%) of the 12 hunters reported hunting during weekends and 8 (66%) had hunted during the week. All of the hunters reported being either strongly or somewhat satisfied with their hunting experience.