



# SUMMARY OF 2019 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



## Regular Shotgun/Archery Spring Turkey Season

### General Information

**Season Dates:** Apr. 8 - May 9, 2019 (South); Apr. 15 - May 16, 2019 (North)

**Season Structure:** 5 consecutive individual season segments comprising a total of 32 days per zone; the lengths of individual segments were 5, 6, 6, 7, and 8 days, respectively. Regular paid permits were valid for the appropriate season segment only, while landowner permits were valid throughout the entire 32 days.

**Number of Counties Open:** 100 (closed in Cook and DuPage)

**Bag Limit:** One gobbler (male) or bearded hen per permit

**Number of Permits Allowed:** 3 (subject to availability)

**Permit Availability:** County-specific (or special hunt area-specific) permits issued via a series of 3 lotteries, with specific permit quotas set for each county/special hunt area. Resident hunters could apply for their first permit in the first lottery; resident hunters without a permit and nonresident hunters could apply for their first permit in the second lottery; anyone who does not have a permit or has one permit can apply in the third lottery. The remainder of permits were available over-the-counter (OTC) and anyone could purchase their first, second, or third permit during that time.

**Harvest Reporting:** Mandatory harvest reporting via telephone or internet by 3:00 p.m. on the day of harvest.

**Significant Changes:** Shot size limits were changed to allow for shot smaller than #7.5.

### Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

**Harvest Total:** 13,799 (15,190 including Youth Season)

**Record Harvest:** 16,057 (2006; 16,569 including Youth Season)

**Permit Success Rate:** 22.4% (Excludes Landowner Permits)

**Harvest Age Structure:** 73.5% adult; 26.5% juvenile

**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 98.2% male; 1.8% female

**Average # Days Hunted per Successful Permit (Excludes Landowner Permits):** 2.1

**Public Land Harvest:** 1,242 (9.0%)

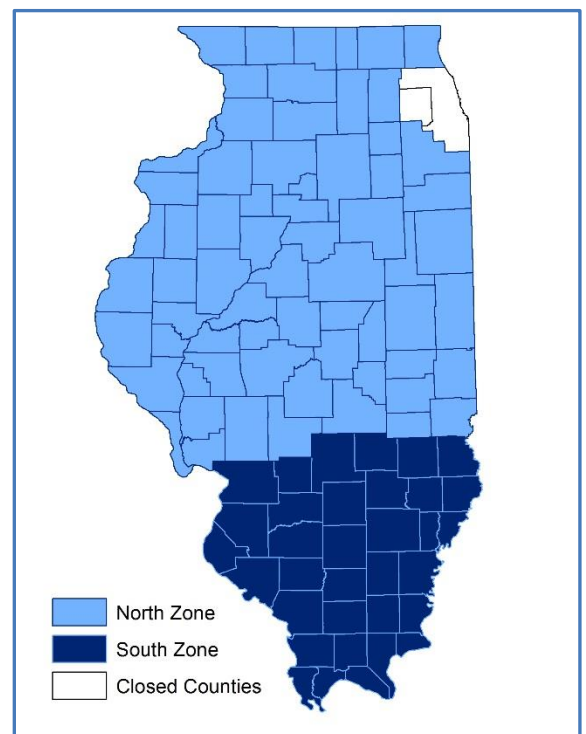
**Top 5 Counties:** Jo Daviess (509), Jefferson (433), Fulton (369), Randolph (347), Pike (342)

### **Statewide General Weather Conditions:**

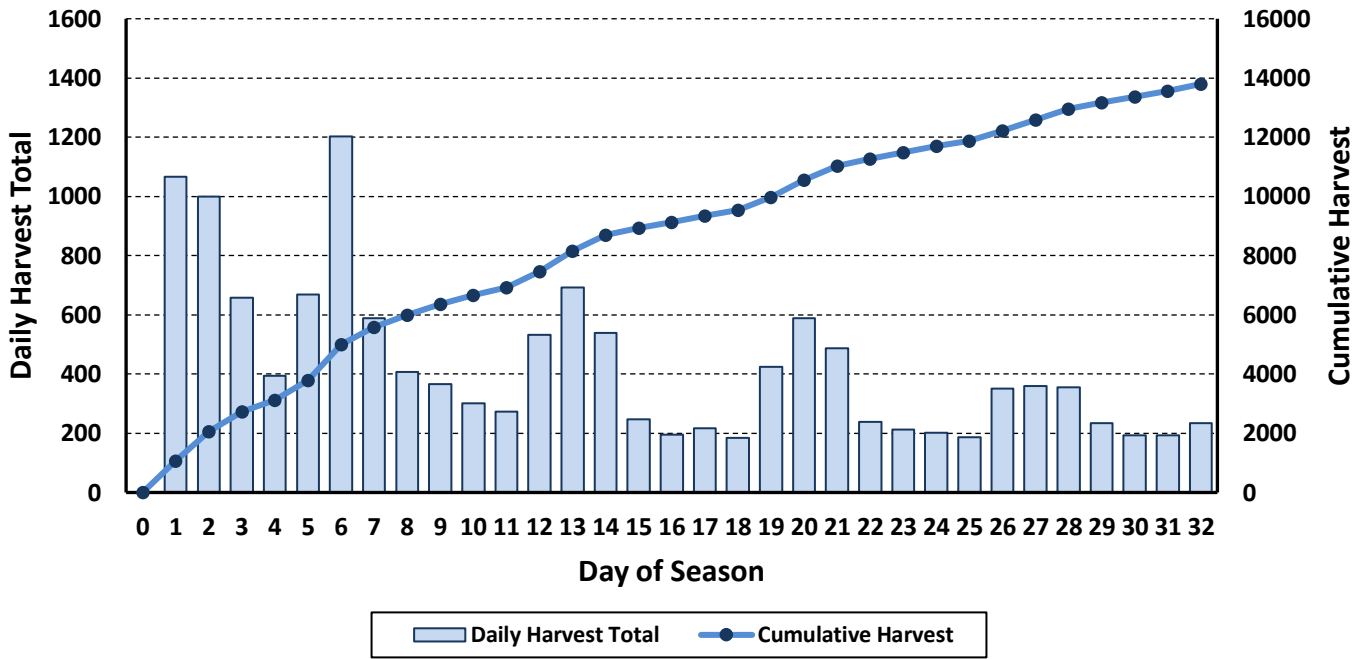
March: Temperature slightly below average; precipitation slightly above average.

April: Temperature near average; precipitation above average.

May: Temperature below average; precipitation well above average, particularly the first week.



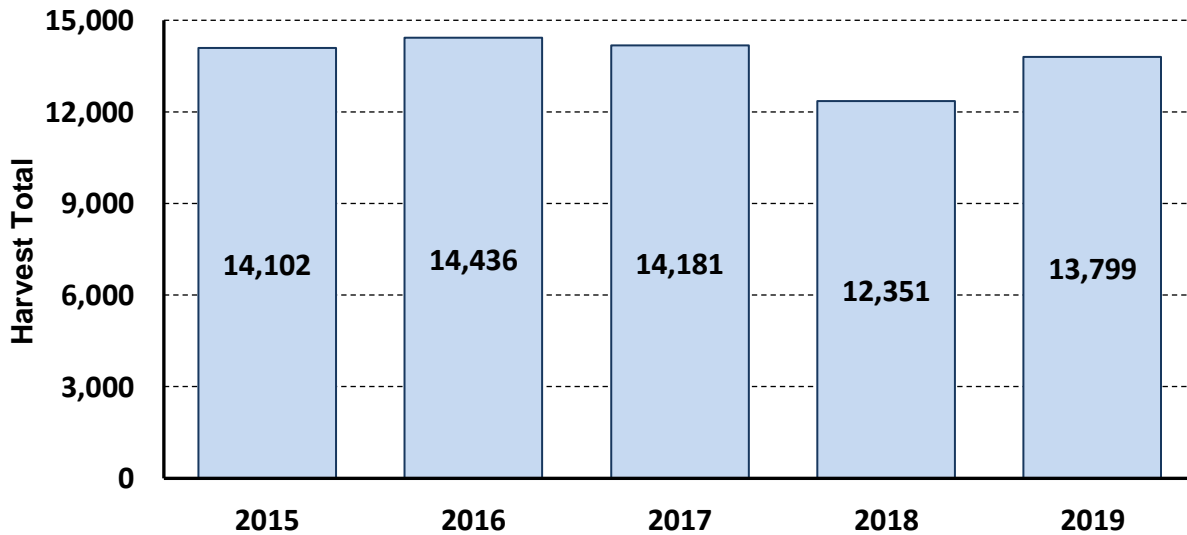
Daily harvest total and cumulative harvest during the 2019 regular spring turkey season



Trends in the number of regular spring turkey season permits issued statewide (no youth)

Permit Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Landowner Permits	17,324	17,697	17,395	14,563	21,889
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,367	2,463	2,466	2,381	2,374
County-specific Permits	45,147	43,806	43,977	48,558	49,032
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64,838</b>	<b>63,966</b>	<b>63,838</b>	<b>65,502</b>	<b>73,295</b>

Recent trend in regular spring turkey harvest



# 2019 Youth Turkey Season

## General Information

**Season Dates:** March 30 – 31 & Apr. 6 - 7, 2019 (Statewide)

**Season Length:** 4 days total

**Number of Counties Open:** 100 (closed in Cook and DuPage)

**Bag Limit:** One gobbler (male) or bearded hen per permit

**Number of Permits Allowed:** 1 (counts towards maximum of 3 allowed in Regular Spring Season)

**Special Regulations:** Limited to youths under the age of 18, who must be accompanied by a responsible non-hunting supervising adult. One county-specific permit (available over-the-counter) or one special hunt area permit (issued via lottery) allowed per hunter. Mandatory harvest reporting by 3:00 p.m. on day of harvest.

## Season Results

**Harvest Total:** 1,391

**Record Harvest:** 1,539 (2017)

**Permit Success Rate:** 27.9%

**Harvest Age Structure:** 64.1% adult: 35.9% juvenile

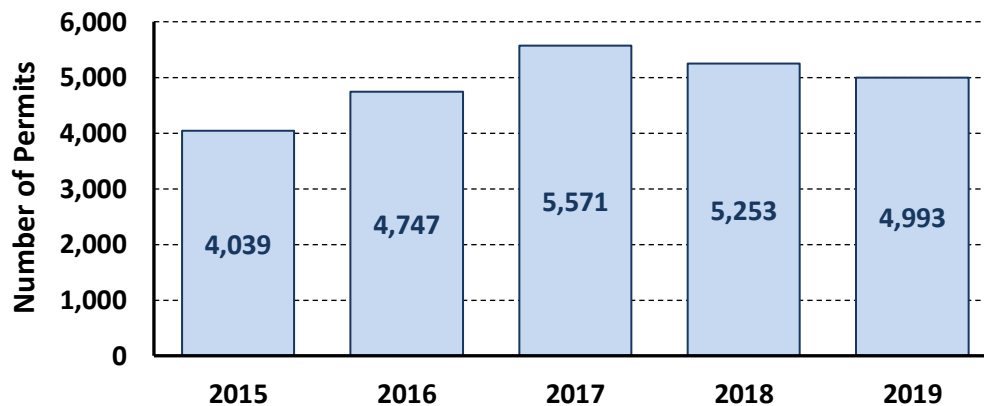
**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 97.8% male: 2.2% female

**Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter:** 1.8

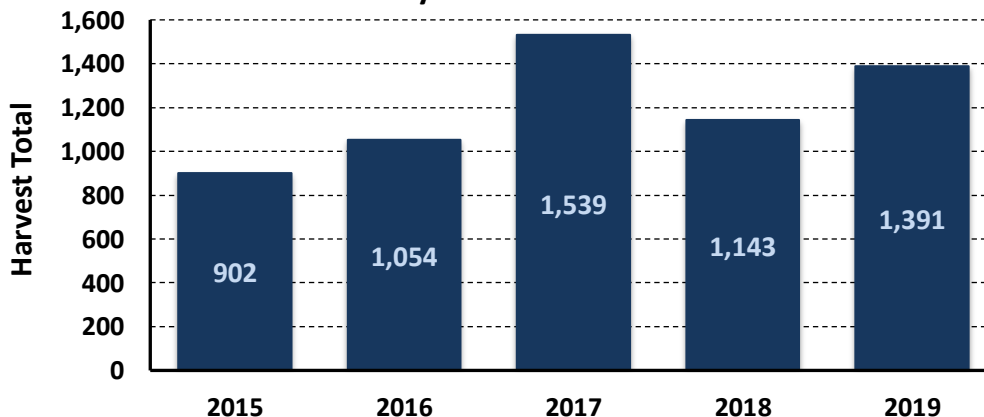
**Public Land Harvest:** 116 (8.3%)

**Top 5 Counties:** Randolph (44), Fayette (33), Adams (32), Jefferson (31), Jo Daviess (31)

**Youth turkey season trend in permits issued**



**Youth turkey season harvest trend**



## 2019 County Harvest Totals by Season Segment

County	Youth	POH	Regular Season Results*						Total**	Regular Season Success
			1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th			
ADAMS	25	57	88	68	32	34	32	254	18.7%	
ALEXANDER	12	16	42	24	23	19	26	134	26.9%	
BOND	17	19	32	22	22	19	23	118	27.8%	
BOONE	8	3	11	16	7	10	11	55	31.4%	
BROWN	14	51	58	37	21	23	20	159	19.4%	
BUREAU	19	35	48	31	27	30	19	155	23.8%	
CALHOUN	22	39	48	31	29	24	11	143	17.8%	
CARROLL	6	19	41	45	35	27	8	156	20.2%	
CASS	23	22	65	53	33	36	23	210	33.4%	
CHAMPAIGN	2	3	3	6	3	2	1	15	15.0%	
CHRISTIAN	4	8	10	9	5	9	5	38	16.8%	
CLARK	17	35	32	25	31	17	20	125	25.0%	
CLAY	23	48	33	37	31	28	31	160	25.7%	
CLINTON	10	28	16	14	11	19	12	72	22.2%	
COLES	3	8	10	9	6	8	6	39	19.5%	
CRAWFORD	19	48	48	24	31	24	32	159	33.5%	
CUMBERLAND	5	11	11	5	12	10	10	48	21.2%	
DEKALB	2	0	3	3	3	0	1	10	10.4%	
DEWITT	5	5	7	6	6	7	7	33	19.1%	
DOUGLAS	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	6	12.5%	
EDGAR	0	17	15	15	9	13	11	63	22.9%	
EDWARDS	10	22	13	10	17	16	13	69	30.7%	
EFFINGHAM	18	24	21	15	11	16	15	78	22.3%	
FAYETTE	45	78	27	28	25	31	27	138	29.1%	
FORD	1	0	1	0	2	1	4	8	16.0%	
FRANKLIN	21	27	31	22	28	27	28	136	38.9%	
FULTON	32	80	70	83	61	48	27	289	22.2%	
GALLATIN/HARDIN	19	36	49	31	31	32	25	168	20.4%	
GREENE	16	32	40	36	20	11	15	122	20.2%	
GRUNDY	4	5	15	11	3	10	7	46	20.4%	
HAMILTON	30	40	29	28	25	32	43	157	36.9%	
HANCOCK	32	62	79	47	48	48	27	249	26.5%	
HENDERSON	11	11	35	22	24	26	15	122	24.4%	
HENRY	17	15	17	21	14	12	10	74	32.9%	
IROQUOIS	13	15	11	12	9	8	12	52	26.0%	

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JACKSON	21	59	62	45	39	35	33	214	21.5%
JASPER	12	31	25	20	16	15	15	91	20.3%
JEFFERSON	42	68	87	78	66	70	64	365	36.8%
JERSEY	17	21	53	35	23	9	8	128	17.0%
JO DAVIESS	31	53	142	125	84	75	30	456	20.2%
JOHNSON	20	29	46	37	34	28	26	171	20.9%
KANE	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	5.6%
KANKAKEE	6	5	9	13	6	7	10	45	25.7%
KENDALL	2	1	4	2	4	2	2	14	14.0%
KNOX	29	43	57	37	31	39	27	191	23.2%
LAKE	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	4.8%
LASALLE	6	9	24	29	19	16	12	100	20.0%
LAWRENCE	10	26	25	25	21	13	8	92	24.0%
LEE	9	4	24	16	10	16	11	77	24.0%
LIVINGSTON	2	9	2	7	8	3	3	23	23.0%
LOGAN	2	4	6	11	6	4	6	33	19.0%
MACON	1	9	4	9	4	5	4	26	20.8%
MACOUPIN	32	29	62	51	44	26	23	206	17.5%
MADISON	21	15	62	35	34	23	31	185	20.0%
MARION	36	68	59	35	43	48	37	222	27.2%
MARSHALL/PUTNAM	9	14	25	22	11	15	13	86	22.8%
MASON	13	23	48	28	33	22	14	145	29.6%
MASSAC	7	10	22	11	11	18	5	67	23.9%
MCDONOUGH	10	32	35	30	13	18	11	107	25.2%
MCHENRY	13	4	15	21	13	12	9	70	25.5%
MCLEAN	6	11	13	12	6	8	11	50	22.2%
MENARD	11	24	19	15	9	11	8	62	20.5%
MERCER	29	30	51	40	23	30	30	174	33.2%
MONROE	12	21	30	22	20	17	18	107	19.0%
MONTGOMERY	17	30	28	23	17	19	27	114	24.0%
MORGAN	9	15	39	29	17	12	9	106	17.2%
MOULTRIE	2	0	13	5	5	4	8	35	35.4%
OGLE	15	8	31	38	27	22	23	141	26.8%
PEORIA	10	22	32	29	17	17	13	108	17.6%
PERRY	21	38	43	39	29	22	26	159	26.5%

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PIATT	0	2	1	2	2	4	2	11	15.1%
PIKE	41	60	91	65	54	46	26	282	21.1%
POPE	11	24	75	54	43	54	51	277	16.3%
PULASKI	19	14	17	18	16	13	10	74	26.1%
RANDOLPH	39	78	73	52	58	48	38	269	27.6%
RICHLAND	14	20	19	11	22	17	15	84	25.8%
ROCK ISLAND	13	11	50	38	28	34	29	179	29.9%
SALINE	15	14	19	14	14	10	16	73	19.5%
SANGAMON	16	16	23	21	19	18	12	93	23.1%
SCHUYLER	14	44	56	41	33	33	16	179	17.0%
SCOTT	5	13	27	25	13	9	6	80	22.4%
SHELBY	19	26	12	16	13	11	21	73	26.6%
ST CLAIR	22	13	23	28	20	17	16	104	20.8%
STARK	3	5	1	1	0	3	1	6	8.3%
STEPHENSON	18	15	46	39	21	27	18	151	27.4%
TAZEWELL	4	9	16	12	11	12	12	63	31.5%
UNION	26	39	76	49	44	40	37	246	26.0%
VERMILION	7	12	33	28	21	12	14	108	21.6%
WABASH	3	5	12	12	7	10	9	50	28.6%
WARREN	7	12	12	8	5	8	9	42	24.3%
WASHINGTON	8	29	34	24	23	15	10	106	22.4%
WAYNE	24	46	59	44	36	50	48	237	32.8%
WHITE	15	20	21	20	20	21	22	104	32.0%
WHITESIDE	10	22	42	31	18	22	17	130	27.4%
WILL	4	2	12	18	13	12	13	68	30.2%
WILLIAMSON	25	33	45	41	32	43	32	193	27.7%
WINNEBAGO	15	6	41	38	24	24	23	150	30.0%
WOODFORD	5	10	10	14	6	9	8	47	17.2%
<b>TOTAL**</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>11,514</b>	<b>23.5%</b>

\*Property Only Hunting Permits (POH; Landowner Tags) and Youth Permits not included

\*\*Does not include harvest records for which information is unknown due to reporting error

### 2019 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinois Public Land

Site Name*	Location County/Countries	Harvest Total**	Success Rate***
Apple River Canyon SP	JODAVIESS	3	7.5%
Argyle Lake SP	MCDONOUGH	1	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	1	10.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	7	20.0%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	12	41.4%
Burning Star SFWA	JACKSON	5	20.8%
Butterfield Trail SRA	IROQUOIS	2	40.0%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/MASSAC	8	
Carlyle Lake SFWA	FAYETTE	4	
Carlyle Lake SFWA-East Fork Unit	CLINTON	1	10.0%
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	3	11.5%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	9	11.3%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	11	36.7%
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	31	31.0%
Crab Orchard NWR Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/WILLIAMSON	29	
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	5	50.0%
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/PULASKI/ UNION	15	
Cypress Pond SNA	JOHNSON/UNION	3	
Devil's Island WMA	UNION	2	
Dixon Springs SP	POPE	1	
Dog Island WMA	POPE	1	
Eagle Creek SP	SHELBY	1	25.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP Disabled	CLINTON	1	100.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP	CLINTON	1	6.7%
Ferne Clyffe SP	JOHNSON	3	25.0%
Ferne Clyffe SP-Including Cedar/Draper Bluff	JOHNSON	3	
Fort de Chartes HS	RANDOLPH	1	
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	7	46.7%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	3	11.5%
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	4	
Green River SWA	LEE	11	22.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	14	48.3%
Hanover Bluff SNA	JO DAVIESS	2	40.0%
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA	VERMILION	7	26.9%
Hidden Springs SF	SHELBY	4	16.0%
Horseshoe Lake SP	MADISON	3	20.0%

Horseshoe Lake SP-Chouteau, Gabaret, and Mosenthein Islands	MADISON	14	
Iroquois County SWA	IROQUOIS	2	9.1%
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	CASS	69	28.8%
JohnsonSauk Trail SP	HENRY	3	15.0%
Joliet Army Training Area	WILL	13	26.0%
Jubilee College SP	PEORIA	6	
Kankakee River SP	KANKAKEE/WILL	6	26.1%
Kaskaskia River SFWA	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ST CLAIR	32	
Kickapoo SP	VERMILION	5	12.2%
Kinkaid Lake SFWA	JACKSON	19	
Kishwaukee River SFWA	DEKALB	1	4.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	MOULTRIE	19	38.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	SHELBY	12	20.0%
Lowden Miller SF	OGLE	10	10.0%
Mackinaw River FWA	Tazewell	1	4.2%
Marseilles FWA	LASALLE	7	14.6%
Matthiessen SP	LASALLE	1	10.0%
Mautino SFWA	BUREAU	1	14.3%
Meeker SHA	JASPER	1	33.3%
Mermet Lake SFWA	MASSAC	3	30.0%
Mermet Lake SFWA Disabled	MASSAC	1	100.0%
Middlefork FWMA	VERMILION	6	18.2%
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	WILL	10	25.0%
Mississippi Palisades SP	CARROLL	12	23.1%
Mississippi River Pool 13	CARROLL	2	
Mississippi River Pool 17	MERCER	2	
Mississippi River Pool 21	ADAMS	1	
Mississippi River Pool 22	ADAMS	2	
Mississippi River Pool 24	PIKE	2	
Mississippi River SFWA	CALHOUN/JERSEY	1	
Momence Wetlands	KANKAKEE	2	16.7%
Moraine View SP	MCLEAN	9	45.0%
Morrison Rockwood SP	WHITESIDE	6	12.5%
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	JEFFERSON	5	62.5%
Newton Lake FWA	JASPER	11	27.5%
Oakwood Bottoms	JACKSON	10	
Pere Marquette SP	JERSEY	16	45.7%
Pyramid SP	PERRY	1	4.8%
Pyramid SP- East Conant Unit	PERRY	6	30.0%
Pyramid SP-Captain Unit	PERRY	3	60.0%
Pyramid SP-Galum Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%



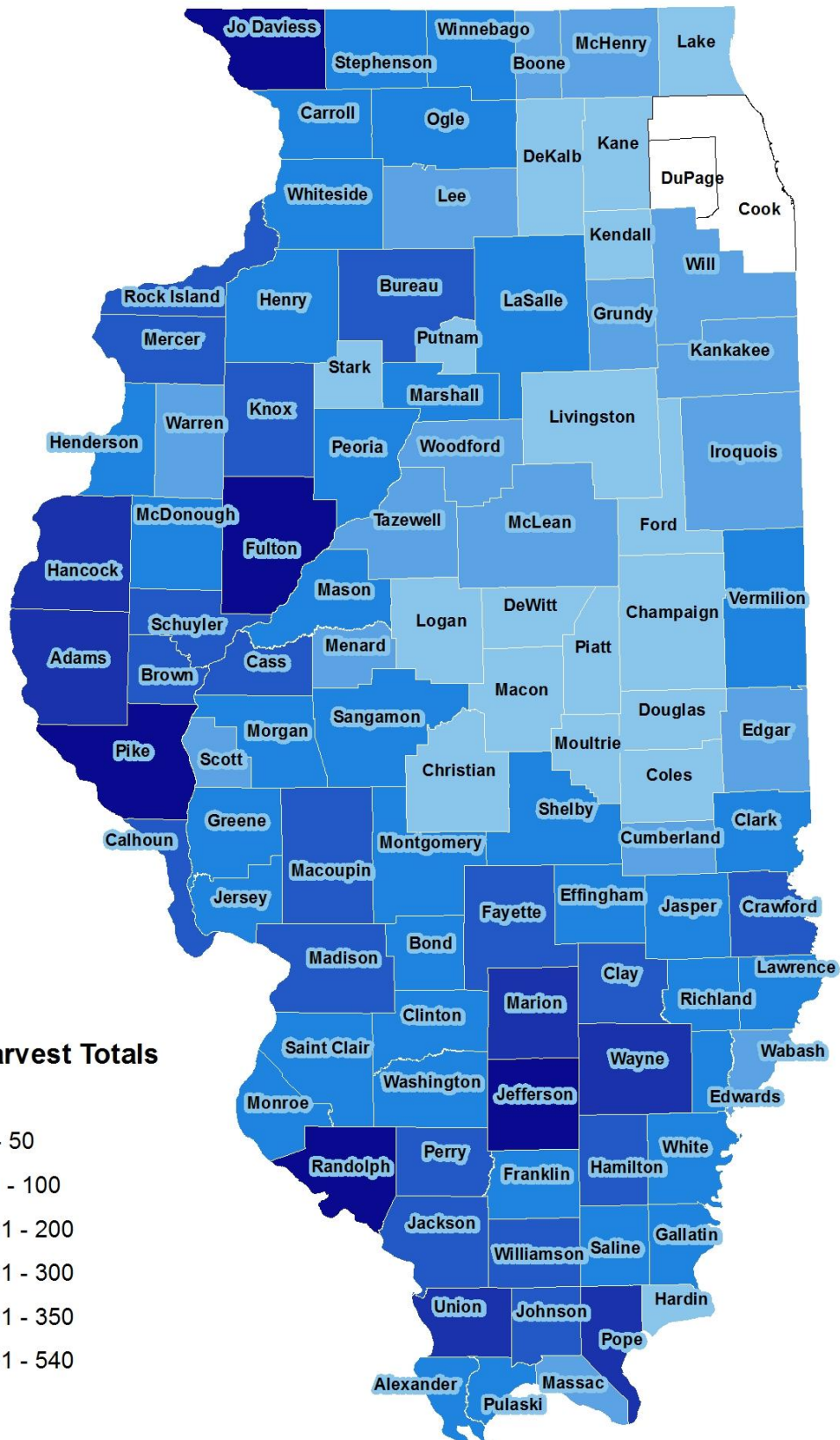
<b>Rall Woods (Falling Down Prairie) SNA</b>	JODAVIESS	1	11.1%
<b>Ramsey Lake SP</b>	FAYETTE	5	15.6%
<b>Randolph County CA</b>	RANDOLPH	4	16.7%
<b>Ray Norbut SFWA</b>	PIKE	4	
<b>Ray Norbut SFWA-Dutch Creek Unit</b>	PIKE	3	42.9%
<b>Red Hills SP-Chauncey Marsh</b>	CRAWFORD/LAWRENCE	1	33.3%
<b>Rend Lake (Corps of Engineers)</b>	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	46	
<b>Rend Lake SFWA</b>	JEFFERSON	10	
<b>Sahara Woods SFWA</b>	SALINE	6	20.7%
<b>Saline County CA</b>	SALINE/GALLATIN	5	
<b>Sam Dale Lake SFWA</b>	WAYNE	5	16.7%
<b>Sand Ridge SF</b>	MASON	26	19.8%
<b>Sangamon County CA</b>	SANGAMON	2	40.0%
<b>Sanganois CA-Squirrel Timber Unit</b>	MASON	1	20.0%
<b>Sanganois SFWA</b>	CASS/MASON	2	
<b>Sangchris Lake SP</b>	CHRISTIAN/SANGAMON	1	8.3%
<b>Shawnee National Forest</b>	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/JACKSON /JOHNSON/MASSAC/POPE/ SALINE/UNION	463	
<b>Shelbyville SFWA</b>	MOULTRIE	2	
<b>Seilbeck Forest SNA</b>	MASSAC	2	
<b>Siloam Springs SP</b>	ADAMS	8	16.7%
<b>Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit</b>	BROWN	15	30.0%
<b>Skinner Farm SHA</b>	JOHNSON	2	
<b>Spoon River SF</b>	KNOX	16	32.0%
<b>Starved Rock SP</b>	LASALLE	3	30.0%
<b>Stephen A. Forbes SP</b>	MARION	5	7.6%
<b>Tapley Woods SNA</b>	JO DAVIESS	1	6.7%
<b>Ten Mile Creek FWA</b>	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	11	22.4%
<b>Trail of Tears SF</b>	UNION	5	
<b>Turkey Bluffs SFWA</b>	RANDOLPH	19	
<b>Vesely Land and Water Reserve</b>	WILL	4	40.0%
<b>Washington County CA</b>	WASHINGTON	5	22.7%
<b>Wayne Fitzgerald SRA</b>	FRANKLIN	10	40.0%
<b>Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit</b>	SCHUYLER	5	20.0%
<b>Weinberg-King SP</b>	SCHUYLER	2	
<b>Weldon Springs SP – Piatt Unit</b>	PIATT	4	18.2%
<b>Wildcat Hollow SHA</b>	EFFINGHAM	1	
<b>Winston Tunnel SNA</b>	JO DAVIESS	2	22.2%
<b>Witkowsky SFWA</b>	JODAVIESS	5	10.0%
<b>Wolf Creek SP</b>	SHELBY	2	50.0%

<b>Unidentified Public Land</b>	Multiple	96
	<b>Total**</b>	<b>1,172</b>

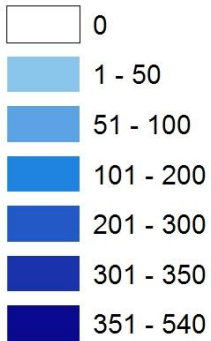
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\*\*Includes Youth Harvest

\*\*\*Only listed for SHAs; success rate cannot be calculated on sites open to county tags



**2019 Harvest Totals**



Harvest Totals across all season segments and permit types