



SUMMARY OF 2021 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



Regular Shotgun/Archery Spring Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: Apr. 5 - May 6, 2021 (South); Apr. 12 - May 13, 2021 (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 10:00 p.m. on the day of harvest.

Significant Changes: none

Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

Harvest Total: 12,309 (13,613 including Youth Season)

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

Permit Success Rate: 19% (Excludes Landowner Permits)

Harvest Age Structure: 78.3% adult; 21.7% juvenile

Harvest Sex Ratio: 98.4% male; 1.6% female

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

Public Land Harvest: 1,156 (9.5%)

Top 5 Counties: Jefferson (428), Pike (356), Jo Daviess (354), Marion (338), Wayne (302)

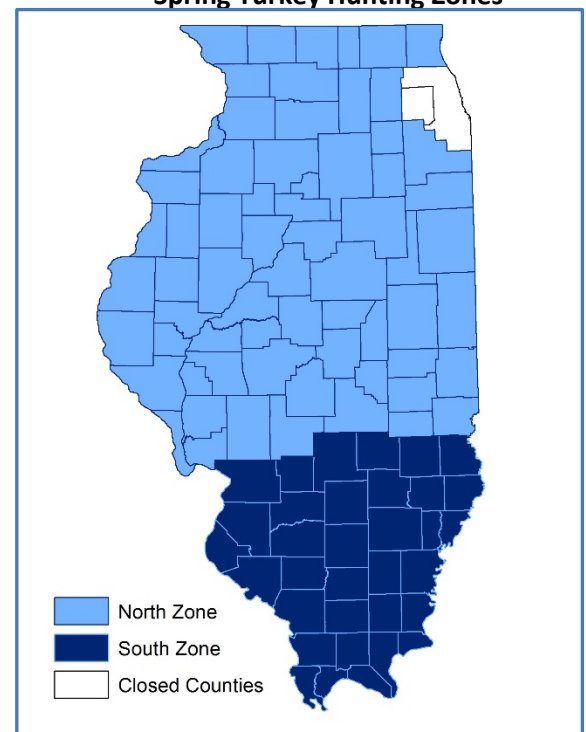
Statewide General Weather Conditions:

March: Temperature above average; precipitation above average.

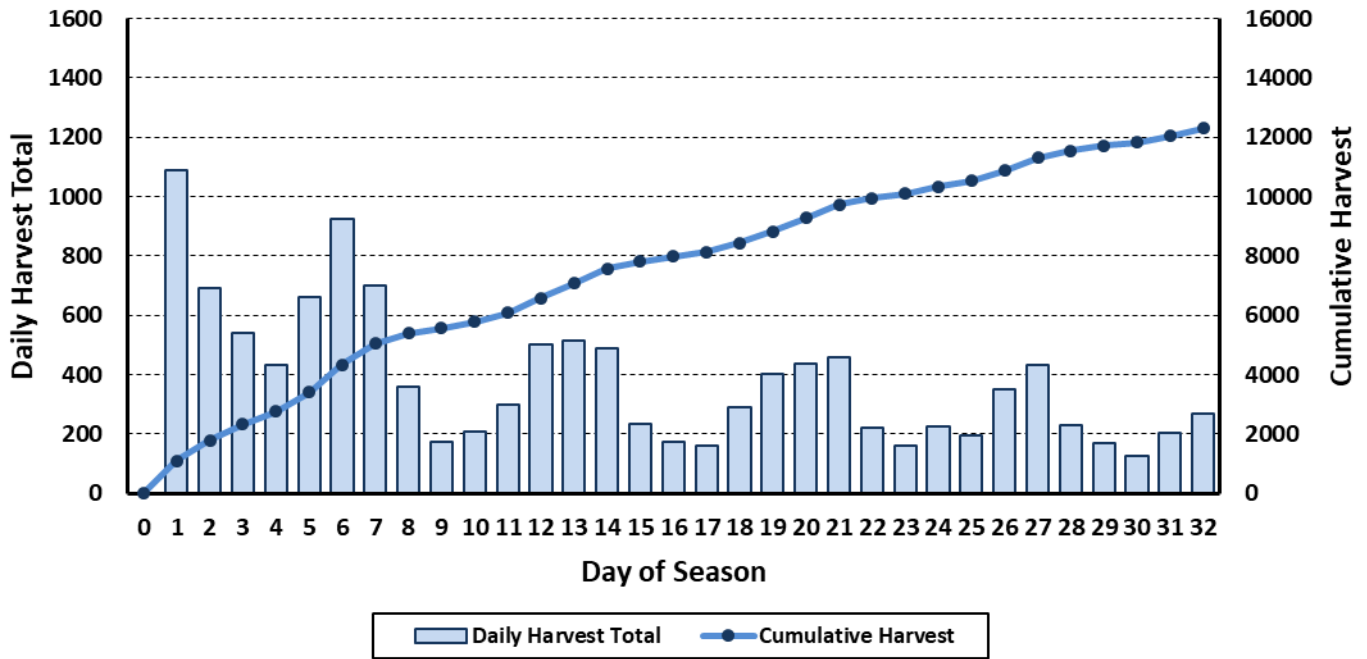
April: Temperature slightly below average; precipitation below average.

May: Temperature slightly below average; precipitation above average

Spring Turkey Hunting Zones

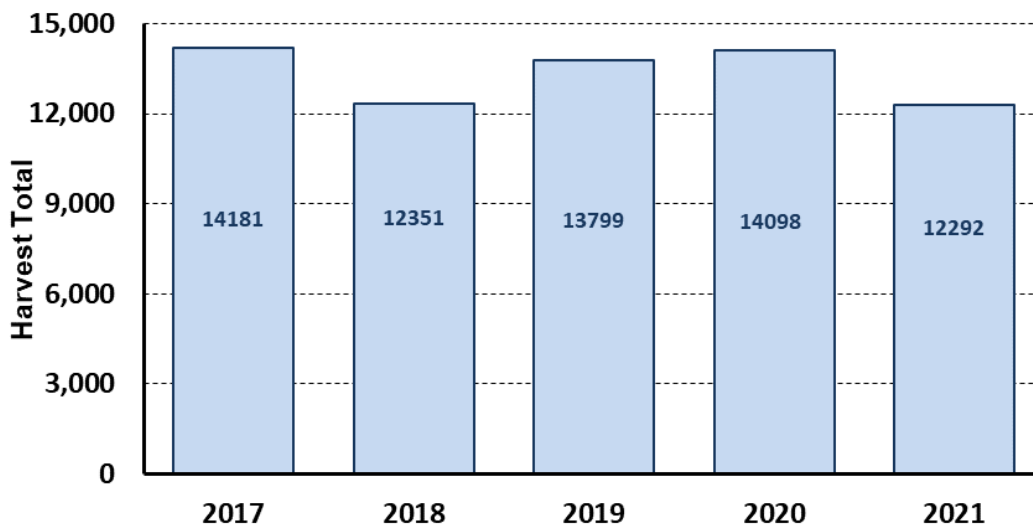


Daily harvest total and cumulative harvest during the 2021 regular spring turkey season



Permit Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Landowner Permits (free for residents)	17,395	14,563	21,889	23,829	24,772
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,466	2,381	2,374	230	2,429
County-specific Permits	43,977	48,568	49,047	49,788	51,160
TOTAL	63,838	65,512	73,310	73,847	78,361

Recent trend in regular spring turkey harvest



2021 Youth Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: March 27 – 28 & Apr. 3 - 4, 2021 (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 youth hunters under the age of 18, 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 10:00 p.m. on day of harvest.

Season Results

Harvest Total: 1,304

Record Harvest: 1,733 (2020)

Permit Success Rate: 23.3%

Harvest Age Structure: 70.2% adult: 29.8% juvenile

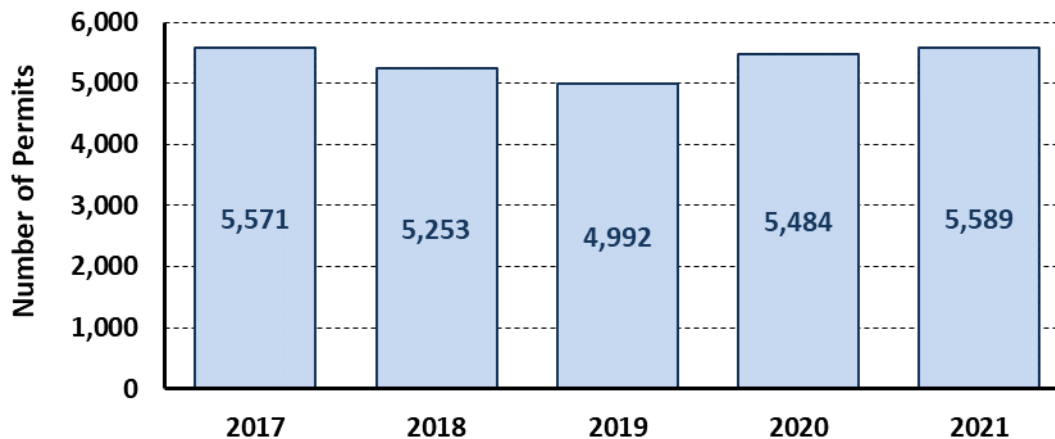
Harvest Sex Ratio: 97.9% male: 2.1% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter: 1.8

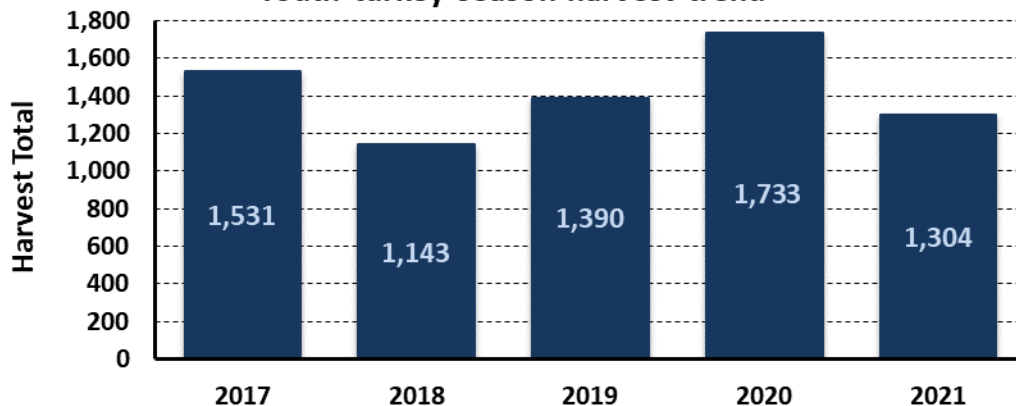
Public Land Harvest: 59 (4.5%)

Top 5 Counties: Jefferson (53), Fayette (44), Hamilton (41), Marion (41), Pike(38)

Youth turkey season trend in permits issued



Youth turkey season harvest trend



2021 County Harvest Totals by Season Segment

County	Youth	POH	Regular Season Results*						Total**	Regular Season Success
			1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th			
ADAMS	17	52	70	60	44	40	27	241	17.2%	
ALEXANDER	17	16	33	13	15	29	29	119	23.8%	
BOND	9	27	28	23	14	24	24	113	26.6%	
BOONE	15	1	13	13	18	15	12	71	40.8%	
BROWN	15	59	43	32	45	28	24	172	21.9%	
BUREAU	35	26	33	30	20	22	23	128	19.8%	
CALHOUN	6	47	46	39	31	24	22	162	19.1%	
CARROLL	22	26	28	34	27	24	8	121	14.9%	
CASS	6	28	42	43	30	23	14	152	23.2%	
CHAMPAIGN	2	4	10	5	2	5	2	24	24.0%	
CHRISTIAN	23	12	5	6	1	6	8	26	11.6%	
CLARK	38	48	37	40	28	27	29	161	32.2%	
CLAY	18	55	37	43	34	29	29	172	27.6%	
CLINTON	4	29	18	14	11	11	11	65	20.0%	
COLES	29	11	6	5	9	8	4	32	16.0%	
CRAWFORD	4	49	34	30	22	20	20	126	26.5%	
CUMBERLAND	0	22	10	15	11	12	2	50	22.2%	
DEKALB	3	0	2	1	2	2	3	10	10.0%	
DEWITT	0	6	8	7	10	10	10	45	25.7%	
DOUGLAS	7	1	1	1	2	2	3	9	14.3%	
EDGAR	14	17	16	23	6	12	8	65	23.6%	
EDWARDS	26	27	11	12	6	11	11	51	22.7%	
EFFINGHAM	48	32	23	20	8	21	21	93	24.8%	
FAYETTE	0	83	34	30	32	28	28	152	29.0%	
FORD	32	4	2	4	4	0	6	16	32.0%	
FRANKLIN	35	45	25	22	25	21	21	114	32.6%	
FULTON	24	73	63	68	43	53	42	269	20.7%	
GALLATIN/HARDIN	10	45	42	26	28	26	26	148	17.9%	
GREENE	3	32	31	28	24	15	12	110	17.6%	
GRUNDY	43	6	11	14	9	9	7	50	22.2%	
HAMILTON	35	46	32	36	28	32	32	160	37.6%	
HANCOCK	10	74	53	56	39	46	26	220	23.4%	
HENDERSON	20	11	18	32	20	15	20	105	19.1%	
HENRY	9	16	10	24	21	9	10	74	31.5%	
IROQUOIS	32	15	18	11	12	12	9	62	31.0%	

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JACKSON	17	57	70	40	36	51	51	248	24.8%	
JASPER	68	30	28	27	16	15	15	101	22.4%	
JEFFERSON	18	81	94	73	61	55	55	338	33.8%	
JERSEY	28	31	45	32	27	25	18	147	19.2%	
JO DAVIESS	23	53	108	99	77	74	21	379	16.5%	
JOHNSON	0	37	48	24	18	25	25	140	17.0%	
KANE	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	6.5%	
KANKAKEE	0	5	8	9	6	9	8	40	22.9%	
KENDALL	18	0	3	3	2	4	3	15	15.0%	
KNOX	0	57	42	45	36	38	34	195	23.6%	
LAKE	7	0	0	5	3	3	1	12	15.6%	
LASALLE	15	8	19	19	19	14	15	86	17.3%	
LAWRENCE	10	30	35	23	22	15	15	110	25.6%	
LEE	5	13	9	16	9	18	11	63	19.4%	
LIVINGSTON	8	8	3	5	7	6	5	26	26.0%	
LOGAN	5	4	6	7	7	6	9	35	20.0%	
MACON	40	5	4	6	2	8	5	25	20.0%	
MACOUPIN	23	40	66	60	40	39	29	234	19.2%	
MADISON	60	20	73	52	41	37	37	240	25.9%	
MARION	14	109	80	56	40	48	48	272	33.0%	
MARSHALL/PUTNAM	7	25	19	26	12	18	13	88	22.1%	
MASON	8	26	28	31	26	16	15	116	22.5%	
MASSAC	7	11	28	13	17	9	9	76	27.2%	
MCDONOUGH	9	34	28	20	15	15	13	91	21.4%	
MCHENRY	7	3	15	27	16	16	15	89	32.4%	
MCLEAN	15	9	9	12	7	8	12	48	21.5%	
MENARD	31	28	11	15	16	15	7	64	21.3%	
MERCER	25	17	35	42	36	35	29	177	32.2%	
MONROE	20	30	28	34	21	17	17	117	20.8%	
MONTGOMERY	15	40	25	23	22	29	31	130	27.4%	
MORGAN	6	11	41	25	24	26	15	131	19.7%	
MOULTRIE	10	4	6	7	5	8	8	34	34.0%	
OGLE	14	5	22	37	20	24	27	130	24.8%	
PEORIA	24	20	27	27	20	14	13	101	16.2%	
PERRY	0	48	51	43	23	26	26	169	28.2%	

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PIATT	47	0	1	1	2	1	0	5	6.7%	
PIKE	20	73	82	68	51	56	30	287	20.8%	
POPE	18	24	66	45	38	34	34	217	12.8%	
PULASKI	51	22	16	18	12	18	18	82	29.0%	
RANDOLPH	21	93	61	54	36	41	41	233	23.9%	
RICHLAND	15	22	25	20	23	15	15	98	30.2%	
ROCK ISLAND	24	20	40	42	38	31	29	180	28.8%	
SALINE	16	27	22	10	14	8	8	62	16.6%	
SANGAMON	16	8	20	20	19	12	19	90	22.4%	
SCHUYLER	6	54	42	40	38	30	29	179	16.9%	
SCOTT	24	12	19	15	19	16	6	75	20.3%	
SHELBY	22	33	18	19	16	15	22	90	32.8%	
ST CLAIR	1	14	19	24	32	20	20	115	23.0%	
STARK	18	3	2	4	3	3	2	14	18.7%	
STEPHENSON	9	15	25	37	29	44	23	158	28.7%	
TAZEWELL	40	13	10	14	9	11	7	51	22.7%	
UNION	5	46	57	45	41	44	44	231	24.4%	
VERMILION	6	14	23	22	18	18	17	98	19.7%	
WABASH	7	7	9	13	9	6	6	43	24.6%	
WARREN	14	11	11	11	10	8	4	44	25.1%	
WASHINGTON	35	37	30	37	18	15	15	115	24.2%	
WAYNE	29	73	65	58	37	55	55	270	37.2%	
WHITE	10	25	32	18	23	31	31	135	38.6%	
WHITESIDE	6	19	25	24	17	13	13	92	19.4%	
WILL	38	2	8	8	7	6	4	33	14.8%	
WILLIAMSON	17	36	48	47	41	41	41	218	31.1%	
WINNEBAGO	16	9	32	36	28	31	16	143	29.2%	
WOODFORD	0	15	9	13	11	10	6	49	17.8%	
TOTAL**	1701	2671	2824	2606	2070	2072	1793	11365	23.2%	

*Property Only Hunting Permits (POH; Landowner Tags), SHA-specific Permits, and Youth Permits not included

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

2021 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinois Public Land

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all State-owned public land was closed to spring turkey hunting

Site Name*	Location County/Countries	Harvest Total**	Success Rate***
Apple River Canyon SP	JO DAVIESS	4	10.0%
Argyle Lake SP	MCDONOUGH	6	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	3	30.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	2	5.7%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	12	40.0%
Burning Star SFWA	JACKSON	8	40.0%
Butterfield Trail SRA	IROQUOIS	2	40.0%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/MASSAC	30	
Carlyle Lake SFWA	FAYETTE	2	
Carlyle Lake UACOE Lands	FAYETTE	5	
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	2	8.0%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	10	15.4%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	5	20.0%
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	33	41.3%
Crab Orchard NWR Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/WILLIAMSON	24	
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	3	30.0%
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/PULASKI/UNION	9	
Deer Pond SNA	JOHNSON	2	
Devil's Island	ALEXANDER/UNION	2	
Dixon Springs SP (Formerly Youth)	POPE	2	20.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP	CLINTON	4	26.7%
Eldon Hazlet SP Disabled	CLINTON	1	50.0%
Embarras River Bottoms SHA	LAWRENCE	1	33.3%
Ferne Clyffe SP	JOHNSON	4	40.0%
Ferne Clyffe SP including Cedar/Draper Bluff	JOHNSON	7	
Fort Massac SP	MASSAC	4	44.4%
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	3	20.0%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	2	5.0%
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	5	
Green River SWA	LEE	8	16.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	11	36.7%
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA	VERMILION	6	30.0%
Hidden Springs SF	SHELBY	5	20.0%
Horseshoe Lake CA	ALEXANDER	1	
Horseshoe Lake SP	MADISON	9	60.0%
Horseshoe Lake SP - Chouteau, Gabaret, or Mosenthein Islands	MADISON	6	
Iroquois County SWA	IROQUOIS	4	20.0%

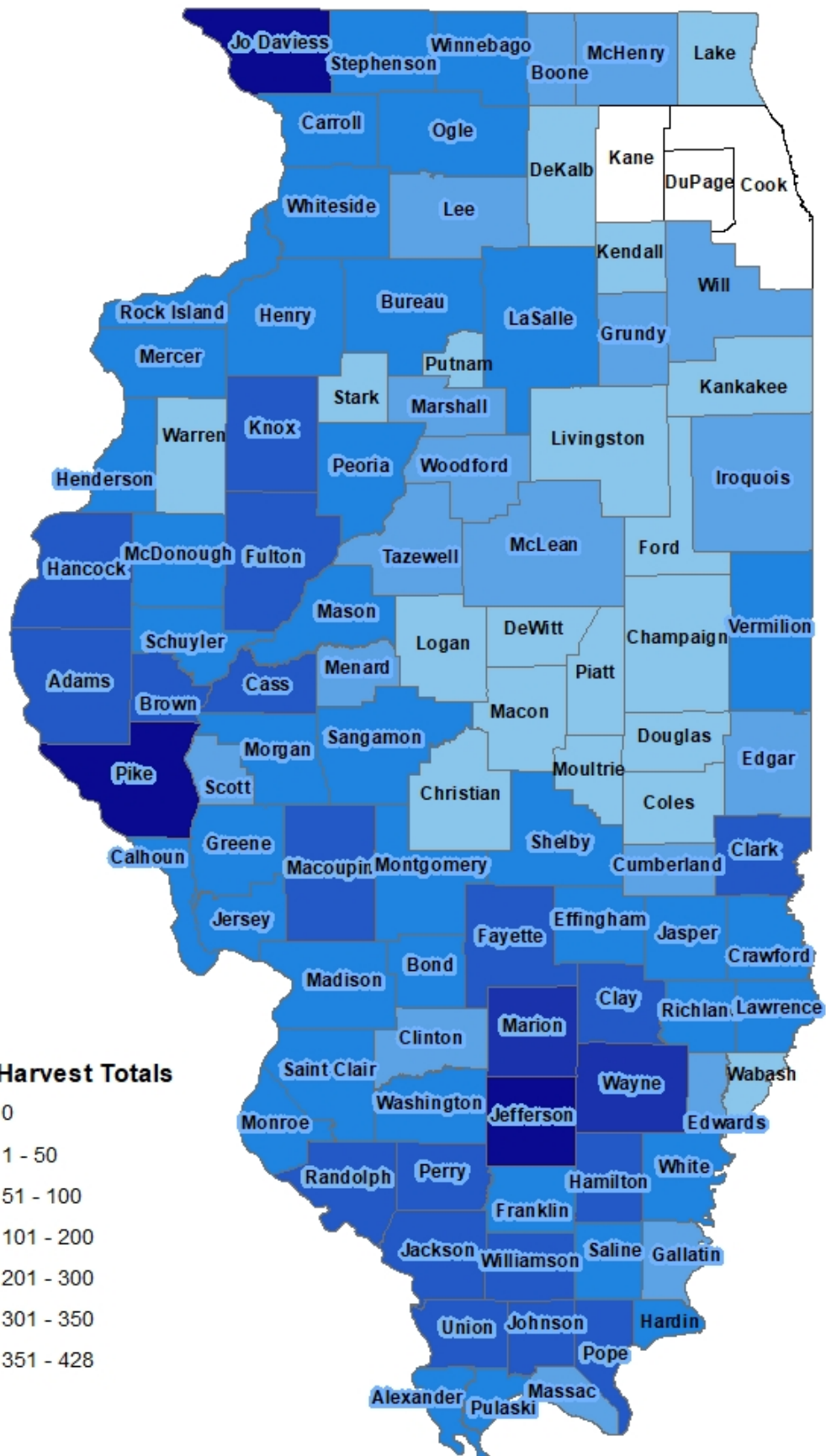
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA		50	23.8%
JohnsonSauk Trail SP	HENRY	5	25.0%
Joliet Army Training Area	WILL	18	34.6%
Jubilee College SP	PEORIA	4	13.3%
Kankakee River SP	KANKAKEE/WILL	6	30.0%
Kaskaskia River SFWA	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ST CLAIR	27	
Kickapoo SP	VERMILION	14	35.0%
Kinkaid Lake SFWA	JACKSON	12	
Kishwaukee River SFWA	DEKALB	5	20.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	MOULTRIE	11	22.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	SHELBY	10	16.7%
Lowden Miller SF	OGLE	9	9.0%
Mackinaw River FWA	TAZEWELL	2	8.0%
Mark Twain NWR Wilkerson Island	JACKSON	1	
Marseilles FWA	LASALLE	8	16.0%
Matthiessen SP	LASALLE	1	10.0%
Mautino SFWA	BUREAU	2	20.0%
Meeker SHA	JASPER	2	40.0%
Mermet Lake SFWA	MASSAC	4	26.7%
Mermet Lake SFWA Disabled	MASSAC	2	66.7%
Middlefork FWMA	VERMILION	8	26.7%
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	WILL	3	7.5%
Mississippi Palisades SP	CARROLL	5	11.1%
Mississippi River Pool 21	ADAMS	5	
Mississippi River Pool 24	PIKE	1	
Mississippi River SFWA	CALHOUN/JERSEY	9	
Momence Wetlands	KANKAKEE	3	30.0%
Moraine View SP	MCLEAN	6	30.0%
Morrison Rockwood SP	WHITESIDE	5	10.4%
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	JEFFERSON	5	50.0%
Newton Lake FWA	JASPER	15	37.5%
Oakwood Bottoms	JACKSON	1	
Peabody River King SFWA	ST CLAIR	1	
Pere Marquette SP	JERSEY	26	70.3%
Pyramid SP	PERRY	6	24.0%
Pyramid SP East-Conant Unit	PERRY	7	35.0%
Pyramid SP-Captain Unit	PERRY	5	100.0%
Pyramid SP-Denmark Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%
Pyramid SP-Galum Unit	PERRY	3	60.0%
Ramsey Lake SP	FAYETTE	10	33.3%
Randolph County CA	RANDOLPH	6	24.0%
Ray Norbut SFWA	PIKE	2	
Ray Norbut SFWA-Dutch Creek Unit	PIKE	2	20.0%

Red Hills SP	LAWRENCE	6	60.0%
Rend Lake Corps of Engineers lands	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	40	
Sahara Woods SFWA	SALINE	9	31.0%
Saline County CA	SALINE/GALLATIN	4	
Sam Dale Lake SFWA	WAYNE	8	26.7%
Sam Parr SFWA	JASPER	1	10.0%
Sand Ridge SF	MASON	21	17.5%
Sandy Ford SNA	LASALLE	1	10.0%
Sangamon County CA	SANGAMON	1	20.0%
Sanganois CA-Squirrel Timber Unit	MASON	1	20.0%
Sanganois SFWA	CASS/MASON	2	
Sangchris Lake SP	CHRISTIAN/SANGAMON	3	30.0%
Shawnee National Forest	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/HARDIN/JACKSON/JOHNSON/MASSAC/POPE/SALINE/UNION/WILLIAMSON	360	
Sielbeck Forest SNA	MASSAC	1	
Siloam Springs SP	ADAMS/BROWN	5	10.0%
Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit	BROWN	14	28.0%
Skinner Farm SHA	JOHNSON	1	
Spoon River SF	KNOX	15	30.0%
Starved Rock SP	LASALLE	2	20.0%
Stephen A. Forbes SP	MARION	14	20.0%
Tapley Woods SNA	JO DAVIESS	1	6.7%
Ten Mile Creek FWA	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	14	28.0%
Trail of Tears SF	UNION	7	
Turkey Bluffs SFWA	RANDOLPH	5	
Unidentified Public Land	Multiple	7	
Union County CA	UNION	3	
Vesely Land and Water Reserve	WILL	5	50.0%
Washington County CA	WASHINGTON	4	18.2%
Wayne Fitzgerrell SRA	FRANKLIN	6	24.0%
Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit	SCHUYLER	3	12.0%
Weinberg-King SP	SCHUYLER	1	
Winston Tunnel SNA	JO DAVIESS	1	10.0%
Witkowski SFWA	JO DAVIESS	3	6.0%

*Sites with no harvest reported not included

**Includes Youth Harvest

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



Harvest Totals across all season segments and permit types