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Illinois 2019 Spring Wild Turkey Preliminary Harvest Totals 15,189 Birds

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Illinois turkey hunters harvested a preliminary statewide total of 15,189 wild turkeys during the 2019 Spring Turkey Season. This year's total is up compared with the 2018 statewide turkey harvest of 13,494. The statewide preliminary total includes the 2019 Youth Turkey Season harvest of 1,364 birds, compared with the 2018 youth harvest of 1,143 turkeys. The statewide record total was set in 2006 when 16,569 turkeys were harvested.

Spring turkey hunting was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties. The 2019 season dates were April 8-May 9 in the South Zone and April 15-May 16 in the North Zone. The Youth Spring Turkey Season was March 30-31 and April 6-7 statewide.

Turkey hunters this spring took a preliminary total of 6,607 wild turkeys during all season segments in the South Zone, compared with 5,507 last year in the south. The North Zone preliminary harvest total this year was 8,582 wild turkeys, compared with 7,987 in northern counties in 2018.

The top five counties for spring wild turkey harvest in the South Zone in 2019 were Jefferson (480), Randolph (383), Marion (328), Union (310), and Pope (310). The top five North Zone counties for spring turkey harvest this year were Jo Daviess (541), Fulton (402), Pike (381), Hancock (344), and Adams (331).

A table with county preliminary harvest totals for the 2019 Illinois Spring Turkey Season, and 2018 comparable harvest totals, is below.

County	2019	2018
Adams	331	335
Alexander	163	136
Bond	153	115
Boone	66	56
Brown	227	240
Bureau	212	182
Calhoun	201	193

Carroll	179	221
Cass	254	218
Champaign	20	18
Christian	53	38
Clark	179	160
Clay	231	189
Clinton	111	88
Coles	50	33
Crawford	227	177
Cumberland	64	44
DeKalb	12	16
DeWitt	42	37
Douglas	7	3
Edgar	80	64
Edwards	98	86
Effingham	120	102
Fayette	259	216
Ford	9	13
Franklin	183	148
Fulton	402	337
Gallatin-Hardin	224	176
Greene	170	139
Grundy	56	66
Hamilton	227	195
Hancock	344	295
Henderson	142	141
Henry	107	82
Iroquois	80	61
Jackson	295	283
Jasper	136	103
Jefferson	480	355
Jersey	169	164
JoDaviess	541	583
Johnson	220	184
Kane	1	3
Kankakee	51	49
Kendall	17	16
Knox	263	262
Lake	5	6
LaSalle	115	129
Lawrence	128	130

Lee	89	90
Livingston	34	26
Logan	39	40
Macon	36	22
Macoupin	270	223
Madison	220	151
Marion	328	267
Marshall- Putnam	108	98
Mason	182	168
Massac	83	86
McDonough	149	121
McHenry	86	87
McLean	62	72
Menard	98	80
Mercer	234	219
Monroe	141	135
Montgomery	162	142
Morgan	130	122
Moultrie	36	22
Ogle	165	181
Peoria	139	118
Perry	218	216
Piatt	14	9
Pike	381	309
Pope	310	263
Pulaski	107	102
Randolph	383	303
Richland	117	90
Rock Island	203	191
Saline	102	89
Sangamon	124	113
Schuyler	237	253
Scott	101	58
Shelby	118	117
St. Clair	140	112
Stark	13	19
Stephenson	184	185
Tazewell	77	54
Union	310	248
Vermilion	127	123
Wabash	58	37

Warren	61	64
Washington	144	117
Wayne	303	261
White	139	136
Whiteside	162	158
Will	80	67
Williamson	249	211
Winnebago	169	165
Woodford	63	67
Grand Total	15189	13494

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