



# SUMMARY OF 2016 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

*Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources*



## Regular Shotgun/Archery Spring Turkey Season

### General Information

**Season Dates:** Apr. 4 - May 5, 2016 (South); Apr. 11 - May 12, 2016 (North)

**Season Structure:** 5 consecutive individual seasons comprising a total of 32 days per zone; the length of individual season segments was 5, 6, 6, 7, and 8 days, respectively. Regular paid permits were valid for only a single season segment, 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 4 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 could apply for a first or second permit in the third lottery; and anyone could apply in the fourth lottery for 1, 2, or 3 permits up to their individual limit of 3.

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

**Significant Changes:** The previously-existing "random daily drawing period" was replaced with a fourth lottery drawing, which was open to any resident or non-resident with fewer than three permits

### Spring Turkey Hunting Zones

#### Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

**Harvest Total:** 14,436 (15,490 including Youth Season)

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

**Permit Success Rate:** 25.8% (Excludes Landowner Permit)

**Harvest Age Structure:** 76.4% adult; 23.9% juvenile

**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 98.4% male; 1.6% female

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

**Public Land Harvest:** 1,428 (9.9%)

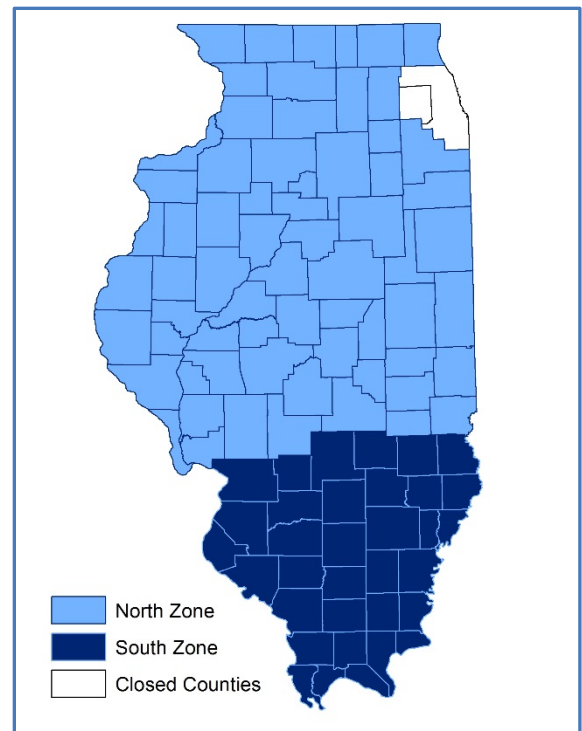
**Top 5 Counties:** JoDaviess (540), Fulton (415), Jefferson (381), Adams (363), Marion (354)

#### **Weather Conditions:**

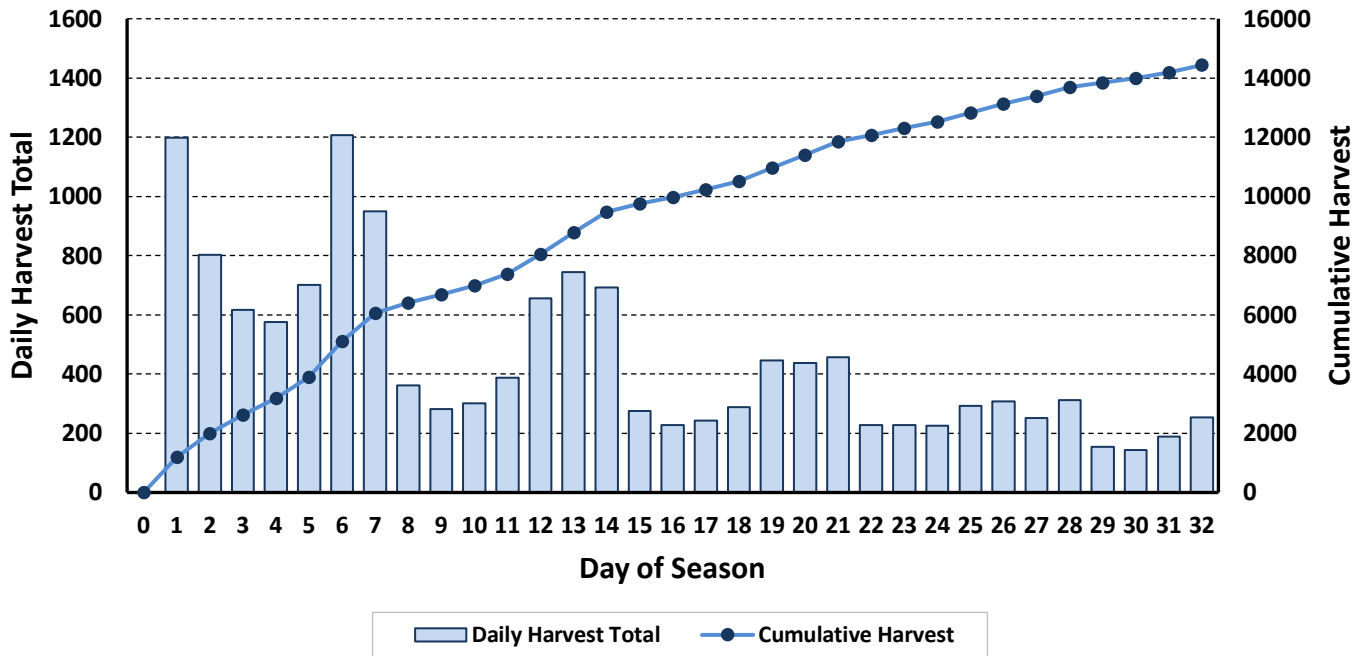
March: Warmer than average; precipitation slightly below average.

April: Temperatures below average for the first half, above average the second half; precipitation slightly below average.

May: Considerably cooler than average and warming to above average for last week; precipitation above average.



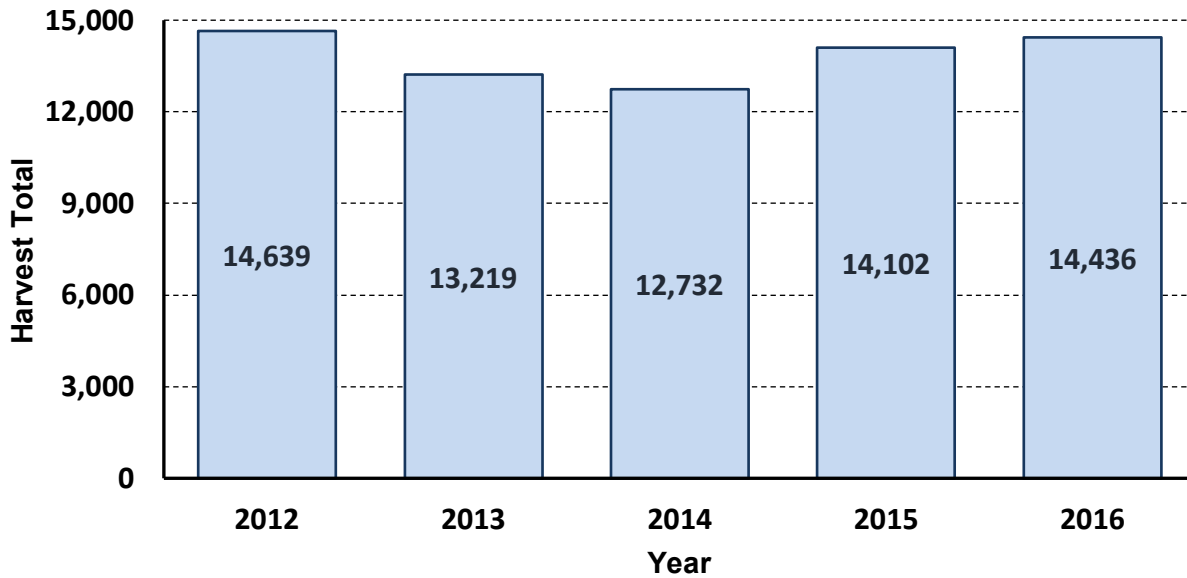
Daily harvest total and cumulative harvest during the 2016 regular spring turkey season



Trends in the number of spring turkey season permits issued statewide

Permit Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<i>Number of Open Counties</i>	96	100	100	100	100
Landowner Permits	20,040	19,238	18,443	17,324	17,697
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,350	2,391	2,408	2,367	2,463
County-specific Permits	48,990	48,500	45,557	45,147	43,806
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,380</b>	<b>70,129</b>	<b>66,408</b>	<b>64,838</b>	<b>63,966</b>

Recent trend in regular spring turkey harvest



# 2016 Youth Turkey Season

## General Information

**Season Dates:** March 26 - 27, 2016 (South); Apr. 2 - 3, 2016 (North)

**Season Length:** 2 days per zone

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

**Bag Limit:** One turkey per legal 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 16, 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:** 1,054

**Record Harvest:** 1,300 (2012)

**Hunter Success Rate:** 22.1%

**Harvest Age Structure:** 70.4% adult: 29.6% juvenile

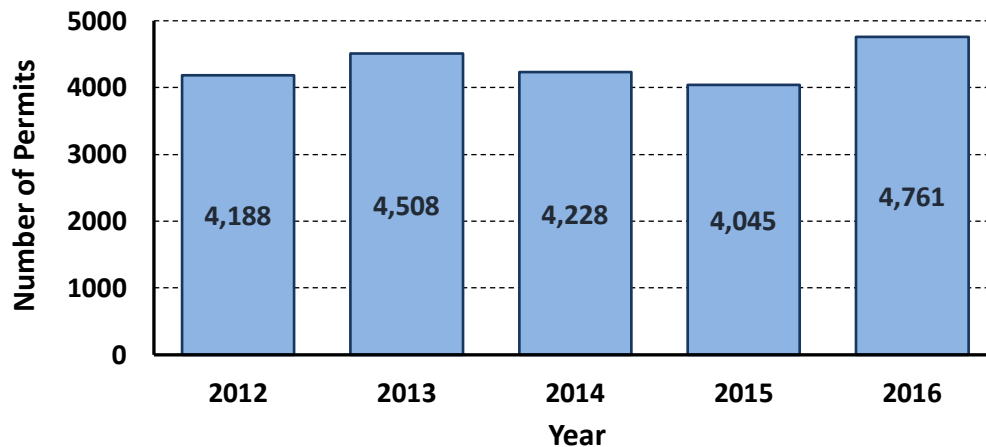
**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 98.1% male: 1.9% female

**Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter:** 1.4

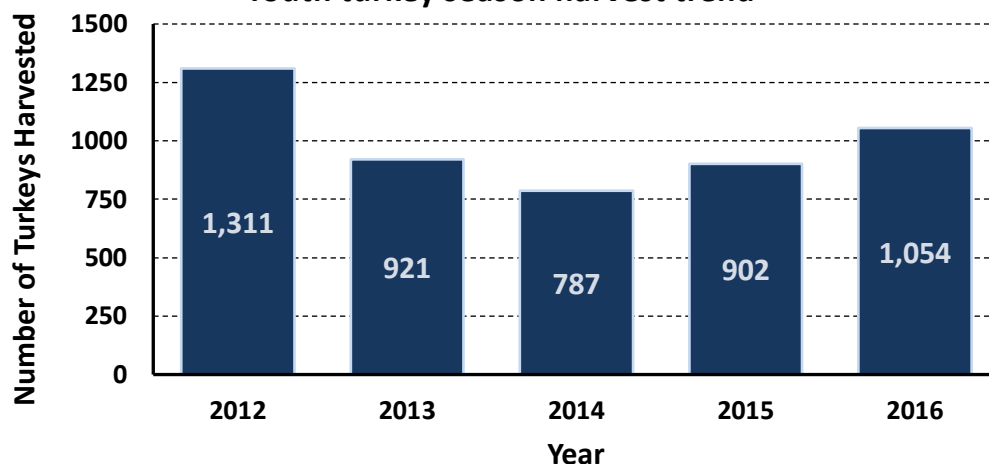
**Public Land Harvest:** 82 (7.8%)

**Top 5 Counties:** Pike (37), Adams (32), Fulton (31), Jefferson (31), Macoupin (31)

**Youth turkey season trend in permits issued**



**Youth turkey season harvest trend**



## 2016 County Harvest Totals by Season

County	Youth	Regular Season Results*					Total	Regular Season Success
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
ADAMS	32	80	85	55	33	12	265	25.5%
ALEXANDER	7	42	24	26	15	3	110	28.3%
BOND	18	26	18	16	18	17	95	23.8%
BOONE	7	17	15	13	12	11	68	38.9%
BROWN	24	76	55	47	36	14	228	35.5%
BUREAU	8	29	29	19	16	20	113	23.7%
CALHOUN	20	62	39	29	12	5	147	22.6%
CARROLL	5	30	53	41	17	12	153	22.2%
CASS	17	43	43	31	6	2	125	25.4%
CHAMPAIGN	1	8	4	1	3	5	21	24.7%
CHRISTIAN	1	9	9	5	2	4	29	13.7%
CLARK	12	32	27	22	22	20	123	25.9%
CLAY	15	33	26	24	24	30	137	23.8%
CLINTON	7	19	12	7	8	10	56	18.4%
COLES	4	9	7	4	4	1	25	13.7%
CRAWFORD	6	35	21	21	20	26	123	27.0%
CUMBERLAND	5	14	8	8	4	3	37	18.0%
DEKALB	0	3	7	3	3	1	17	19.8%
DEWITT	5	6	6	5	2	2	21	14.7%
DOUGLAS	0	2	1	2	0	0	5	19.2%
EDGAR	7	16	13	9	14	14	66	24.3%
EDWARDS	5	17	16	11	14	12	70	31.1%
EFFINGHAM	6	19	15	9	10	12	65	20.0%
FAYETTE	29	39	30	27	21	19	136	28.6%
FORD	1	0	3	2	3	0	8	16.0%
FRANKLIN	13	25	17	23	22	15	102	29.1%
FULTON	31	86	79	71	49	32	317	26.4%
GALLATIN	16	77	33	48	43	25	226	24.9%
GREENE	19	26	31	23	13	3	96	20.5%
GRUNDY	3	12	8	8	7	11	46	26.3%
HAMILTON	22	31	28	22	23	29	133	33.3%
HANCOCK	9	81	70	61	34	4	250	33.2%
HENDERSON	5	29	39	23	11	6	108	24.3%
HENRY	4	13	8	11	16	9	57	32.6%
IROQUOIS	1	12	8	11	5	10	46	26.3%

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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	
JACKSON	21	60	42	42	40	41	225	22.8%
JASPER	8	26	20	15	17	9	87	23.4%
JEFFERSON	31	82	68	47	60	61	318	31.7%
JERSEY	15	52	38	31	13	3	137	21.4%
JODAVIESS	30	135	145	104	64	20	468	23.3%
JOHNSON	12	52	42	38	37	44	213	25.8%
KANE	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	11.1%
KANKAKEE	1	4	8	6	4	5	27	18.1%
KENDALL	0	3	2	5	3	1	14	14.7%
KNOX	19	40	52	38	36	25	191	25.4%
LAKE	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.5%
LASALLE	1	28	27	24	20	17	116	25.2%
LAWRENCE	5	23	21	18	16	7	85	27.8%
LEE	6	13	19	17	17	9	75	25.6%
LIVINGSTON	0	3	3	5	4	2	17	22.7%
LOGAN	1	4	12	4	9	1	30	22.4%
MACON	1	6	3	3	7	3	22	17.6%
MACOUPIN	31	72	59	53	25	9	218	22.1%
MADISON	22	49	47	48	36	20	200	24.6%
MARION	27	71	49	43	53	41	257	31.5%
MARSHALL	8	19	20	21	14	10	84	22.4%
MASON	12	30	30	24	4	3	91	24.5%
MASSAC	9	12	18	20	15	8	73	29.1%
MCDONOUGH	8	34	26	17	15	6	98	26.1%
MCHENRY	4	11	12	17	7	7	54	30.9%
MCLEAN	4	12	9	10	8	10	49	32.7%
MENARD	7	18	23	17	15	0	73	29.3%
MERCER	12	42	31	30	25	28	156	32.7%
MONROE	9	45	31	24	24	12	136	25.8%
MONTGOMERY	19	27	27	23	18	27	122	25.7%
MORGAN	12	41	40	26	9	5	121	21.9%
MOULTRIE	2	1	2	0	1	1	5	7.5%
OGLE	23	33	33	25	22	22	135	30.0%
PEORIA	8	33	33	29	15	9	119	20.4%
PERRY	10	37	32	33	28	28	158	27.5%

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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		Success
PIATT		1	4	2		1	8	17.8%
PIKE	37	98	83	46	21	18	266	25.5%
POPE	6	87	67	57	82	29	322	21.2%
PULASKI	7	19	15	15	12	13	74	29.1%
RANDOLPH	23	74	53	42	52	41	262	28.3%
RICHLAND	10	24	16	13	17	14	84	27.4%
ROCK ISLAND	7	35	45	28	31	29	168	28.0%
SALINE	12	24	11	16	14	14	79	21.2%
SANGAMON	11	15	25	12	18	12	82	20.4%
SCHUYLER	18	83	74	42	44	13	256	29.9%
SCOTT	7	12	24	18	4	1	59	23.9%
SHELBY	8	12	8	17	11	13	61	27.1%
ST CLAIR	11	31	30	21	19	17	118	24.3%
STARK	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	18.2%
STEPHENSON	10	45	40	38	39	31	193	35.9%
TAZEWELL	11	11	11	13	10	1	46	23.0%
UNION	25	76	46	58	55	50	285	30.3%
VERMILION	7	22	27	19	25	6	99	22.3%
WABASH	1	7	13	9	8	7	44	27.3%
WARREN	4	13	13	11	14	7	58	33.9%
WASHINGTON	8	25	29	24	14	14	106	24.0%
WAYNE	16	56	45	41	33	45	220	32.6%
WHITE	11	26	26	22	29	24	127	42.3%
WHITESIDE	12	21	22	25	23	19	110	24.4%
WILL	1	9	8	8	4	4	33	22.0%
WILLIAMSON	26	43	38	35	28	41	185	27.4%
WINNEBAGO	11	38	31	30	29	26	154	34.7%
WOODFORD	11	12	19	15	15	15	76	27.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>11,380</b>	<b>26.0%</b>

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

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

## 2016 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinois Public Land

Site Name*	Location County/Countries	Harvest Total**	Success Rate***
Apple River Canyon SP	JODAVIESS	4	11.4%
Argyle Lake SP	MCDONOUGH	3	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	2	20.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	11	31.4%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	10	33.3%
Burning Star SFWA	JACKSON	5	21.7%
Butterfield Trail SRA	IROQUOIS	1	16.7%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/ MASSAC	17	
Campbell Pond SHA	JACKSON/PERRY	2	
Carlyle Lake SFWA	CLINTON	5	
Carlyle Lake SFWA-East Fork Unit	CLINTON	5	50.0%
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	1	3.3%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	16	21.6%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	7	23.3%
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	56	46.3%
Crab Orchard NWR-Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/ WILLIAMSON	35	
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	2	20.0%
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/ PULASKI/UNION	13	
Cypress Pond SNA	UNION	1	
Deer Pond SNA	JOHNSON	2	
Devil's Island WMA	ALEXANDER/UNION	5	
Dixon Springs SP	POPE	3	100.0%
Eagle Creek SP	SHELBY	2	50.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP	CLINTON	1	8.3%
Ferne Clyffe SP	JOHNSON	2	16.7%
Ferne Clyffe SP-including Cedar/Draper Bluff	JOHNSON	6	
Fort de Chartes SHS	RANDOLPH	1	
Fort Massac SP	MASSAC	1	100.0%
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	6	40.0%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	4	10.8%
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	19	
Great River NWR	ADAMS	2	
Green River SWA	LEE	12	24.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	12	40.0%
Hanover Bluff SNA	JODAVIESS	2	13.3%

<b>Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA</b>	VERMILION	2	9.5%
<b>Hidden Springs SF</b>	SHELBY	6	23.1%
<b>Horseshoe Lake CA</b>	ALEXANDER	3	
<b>Horseshoe Lake SP</b>	MADISON	7	46.7%
<b>Horseshoe Lake SP- Chouteau, Gabaret, and Mosenthein Islands</b>	MADISON	11	
<b>Iroquois County SWA</b>	IROQUOIS	2	9.1%
<b>Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA</b>	CASS	56	23.2%
<b>JohnsonSauk Trail SP</b>	HENRY	5	25.0%
<b>Joliet Army Training Area</b>	WILL	5	10.0%
<b>Kankakee River SP</b>	KANKAKEE/WILL	3	13.0%
<b>Kaskaskia River SFWA</b>	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ST CLAIR	44	
<b>Kickapoo SP</b>	VERMILION	7	17.1%
<b>Kinkaid Lake SFWA</b>	JACKSON	19	
<b>Kishwaukee River SFWA</b>	DEKALB	4	16.0%
<b>Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie</b>	MOULTRIE	17	34.0%
<b>Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby</b>	SHELBY	14	23.3%
<b>Lowden Miller SF</b>	OGLE	11	11.0%
<b>Mackinaw River FWA</b>	TAZEWELL	3	12.0%
<b>Mark Twain NWR-Wilkerson Island</b>	JACKSON	1	
<b>Marseilles FWA</b>	LASALLE	8	19.0%
<b>Mautino SFWA</b>	BUREAU	2	20.0%
<b>Meeker SHA</b>	JASPER	2	40.0%
<b>Mermet Lake SFWA</b>	MASSAC	6	60.0%
<b>Mermet Lake SFWA – Disabled</b>	MASSAC	1	50.0%
<b>Middlefork FWMA</b>	VERMILION	6	20.0%
<b>Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie</b>	WILL	5	12.5%
<b>Mississippi Palisades SP</b>	CARROLL	13	29.5%
<b>Mississippi River Pool 13</b>	CARROLL	2	
<b>Mississippi River Pool 17</b>	MERCER	1	
<b>Mississippi River Pool 21</b>	ADAMS	8	
<b>Mississippi River Pool 22</b>	ADAMS	3	
<b>Mississippi River SFWA</b>	CALHOUN/JERSEY	13	
<b>Momence Wetlands</b>	KANKAKEE	2	16.7%
<b>Moraine View SP</b>	MCLEAN	5	25.0%
<b>Morrison Rockwood SP</b>	WHITESIDE	1	2.1%
<b>Mt. Vernon GPC</b>	JEFFERSON	5	50.0%
<b>Newton Lake FWA</b>	JASPER	13	32.5%
<b>Oakwood Bottoms</b>	JACKSON	10	
<b>Peabody River King SFWA</b>	ST CLAIR	1	
<b>Pere Marquette SP</b>	JERSEY	15	25.0%



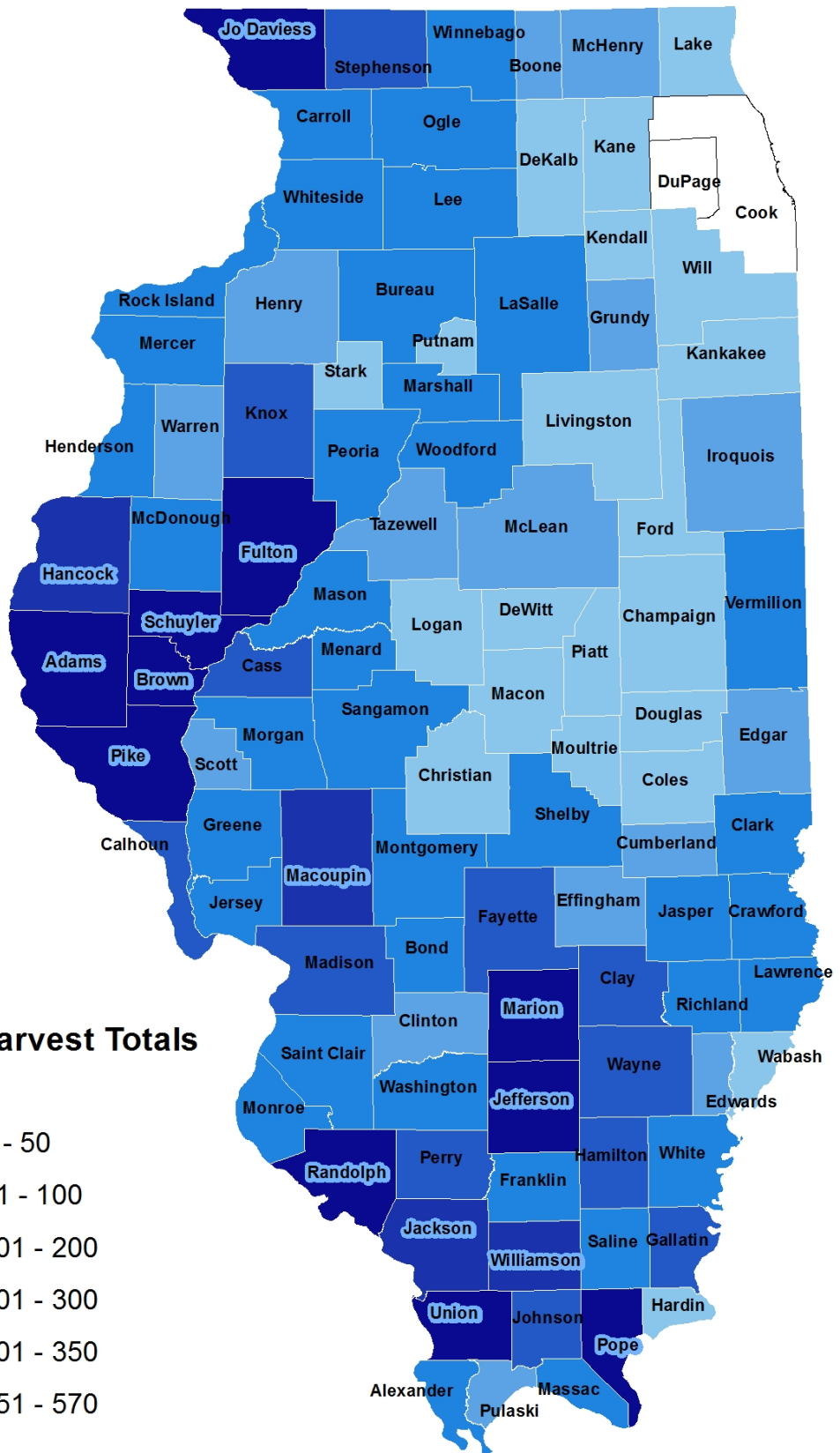
<b>Pere Marquette SP Open Hunting Area</b>	JERSEY	3	
<b>Pyramid SP</b>	PERRY	5	20.0%
<b>Pyramid SP East-Conant Unit</b>	PERRY	9	45.0%
<b>Pyramid SP-Captain Unit</b>	PERRY	1	50.0%
<b>Pyramid SP-Denmark Unit</b>	PERRY	4	80.0%
<b>Pyramid SP-Galum Unit</b>	PERRY	3	60.0%
<b>Ramsey Lake SP</b>	FAYETTE	6	20.0%
<b>Randolph County CA</b>	RANDOLPH	4	16.0%
<b>Ray Norbut SFWA</b>	PIKE	6	
<b>Ray Norbut SFWA-Dutch Creek Unit</b>	PIKE	2	33.3%
<b>Red Hills SP</b>	LAWRENCE	1	14.3%
<b>Red Hills SP-Chauncey Marsh</b>	CRAWFORD/LAWRENCE	1	33.3%
<b>Rend Lake (Corps of Engineers)</b>	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	45	
<b>Rend Lake SFWA</b>	JEFFERSON	10	
<b>Sahara Woods SFWA</b>	SALINE	13	34.2%
<b>Saline County CA</b>	SALINE/GALLATIN	5	
<b>Sam Dale Lake SFWA</b>	WAYNE	6	20.0%
<b>Sam Parr SFWA</b>	JASPER	1	10.0%
<b>Sand Ridge SF</b>	MASON	26	20.3%
<b>Sandy Ford SNA</b>	LASALLE	2	20.0%
<b>Sangamon County CA</b>	SANGAMON	2	40.0%
<b>Sanganois SWFA</b>	CASS/MASON	1	
<b>Sangchris Lake SP</b>	CHRISTIAN/SANGAMON	3	25.0%
<b>Shawnee National Forest</b>	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/ JACKSON/JOHNSON/MASSAC/ POPE/SALINE/UNION/ WILLIAMSON	507	
<b>Shelbyville SFWA</b>	MOULTRIE	1	
<b>Sielbeck Forest SNA</b>	MASSAC	1	
<b>Siloam Springs SP</b>	ADAMS/BROWN	13	26.0%
<b>Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit</b>	BROWN	11	23.9%
<b>Skinner Farm SHA</b>	JOHNSON	1	
<b>Spoon River SF</b>	KNOX	8	16.0%
<b>Starved Rock SP</b>	LASALLE	2	20.0%
<b>Stephen A. Forbes SP</b>	MARION	12	15.8%
<b>Tapley Woods SNA</b>	JODAVIESS	3	20.0%
<b>Ten Mile Creek FWA</b>	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	20	40.0%
<b>Trail of Tears SF</b>	UNION	11	
<b>Turkey Bluffs SFWA</b>	RANDOLPH	11	
<b>Vesely Land and Water Reserve</b>	Unknown	4	40.0%
<b>Washington County CA</b>	WILL	4	18.2%

<b>Wayne Fitzgerald SRA</b>	WASHINGTON	7	24.1%
<b>Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit</b>	SCHUYLER	6	24.0%
<b>Weinberg-King SFWA</b>	SCHUYLER	1	
<b>Weinberg-King SP Spunky Bottoms Unit</b>	BROWN	3	
<b>Weldon Springs SP-Piatt Unit</b>	PIATT	2	9.5%
<b>Wildcat Hollow State Habitat Area</b>	EFFINGHAM	1	
<b>Witkowsky SFWA</b>	JODAVIESS	10	20.0%
<b>Wolf Creek SP</b>	SHELBY	3	75.0%
<b>Unidentified Public Land</b>	Multiple	99	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,515</b>	

\*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



### 2016 Harvest Totals

- 0
- 1 - 50
- 51 - 100
- 101 - 200
- 201 - 300
- 301 - 350
- 351 - 570

Harvest Totals are across all seasons and permit types