



SUMMARY OF 2018 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



Regular Shotgun/Archery Spring Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: Apr. 9 - May 10, 2018 (South); Apr. 16 - May 17, 2018 (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 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 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: The previously-existing fourth lottery drawing was removed and permits were made available OTC after the third lottery.

Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

Harvest Total: 12,351 (13,494 including Youth Season)

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

Permit Success Rate: 24.3% (Excludes POH permits)

Harvest Age Structure: 79.6% adult; 20.4% juvenile

Harvest Sex Ratio: 98.1% male; 1.9% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Permit (Excludes Landowner Permits): 2.2

Public Land Harvest: 1,090 (8.8%)

Top 5 Counties: JoDaviess (552), Jefferson (324), Fulton (315), Adams (303), Pike (284)

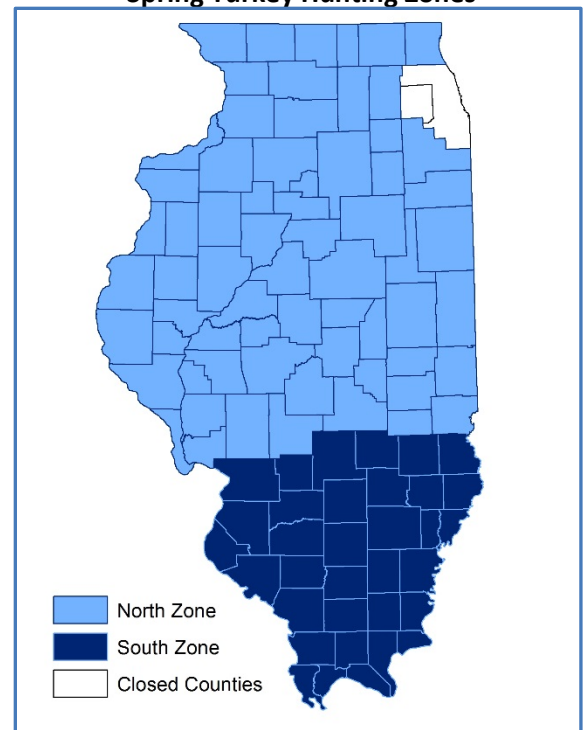
Statewide General Weather Conditions:

March: Temperature slightly below average; precipitation average.

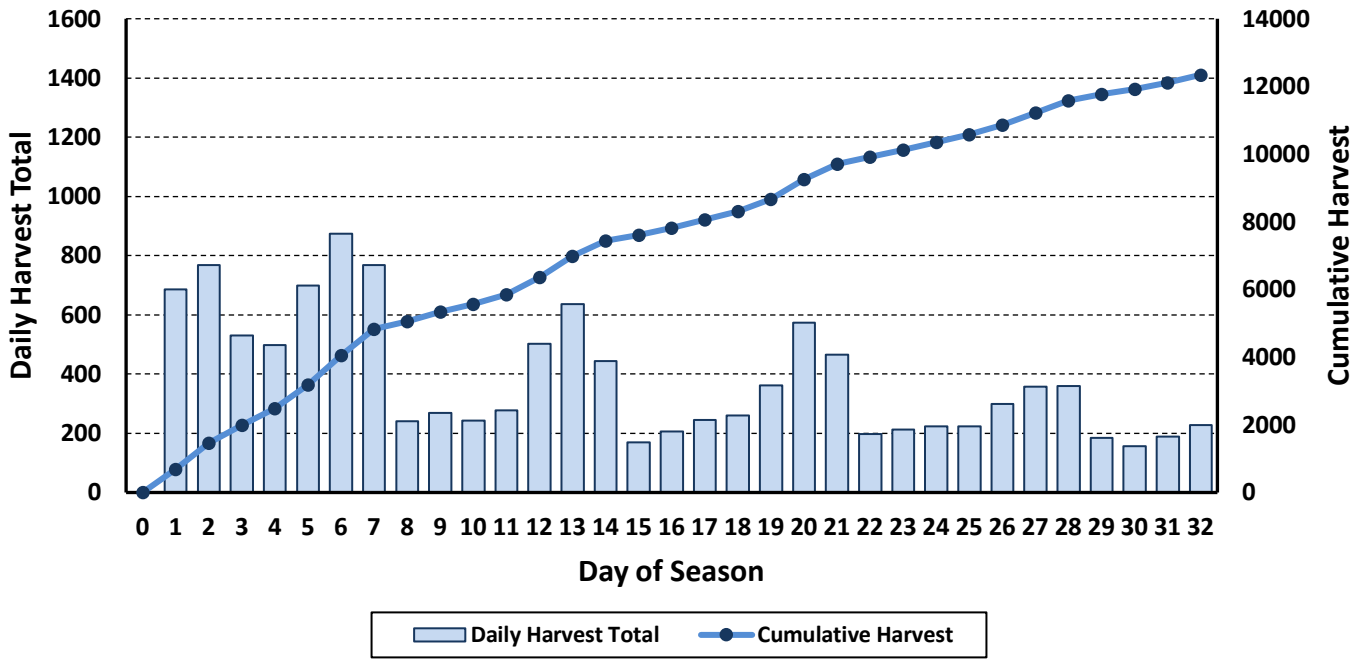
April: Temperature well below average; precipitation average.

May: Temperature above average; precipitation slightly below average.

Spring Turkey Hunting Zones



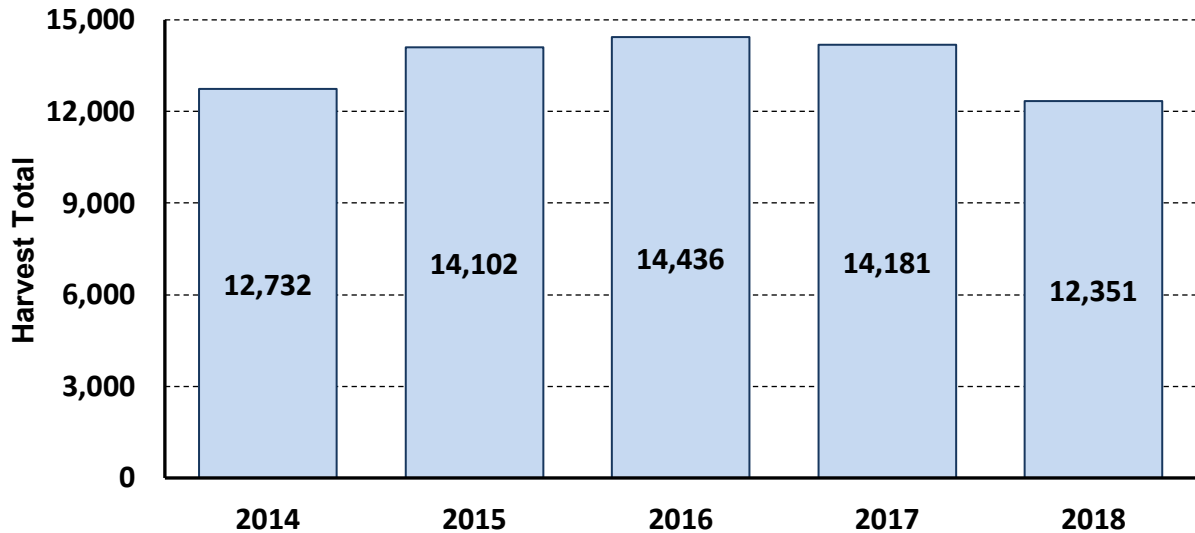
Daily harvest total and cumulative harvest during the 2018 regular spring turkey season



Trends in the number of spring turkey season permits issued statewide

Permit Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Landowner Permits	18,443	17,324	17,697	17,395	14,563
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,383	2,367	2,463	2,466	2,381
County-specific Permits	45,557	45,147	43,806	43,977	48,558
TOTAL	66,383	64,838	63,966	63,838	65,502

Recent trend in regular spring turkey harvest



2018 Youth Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: March 31 – Apr. 1, 2018 & Apr. 7 - 8, 2018 (Statewide)

Season Length: 4 days total

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: 1,143

Record Harvest: 1,539 (2017)

Permit Success Rate: 21.8%

Harvest Age Structure: 70.1% adult: 29.9% juvenile

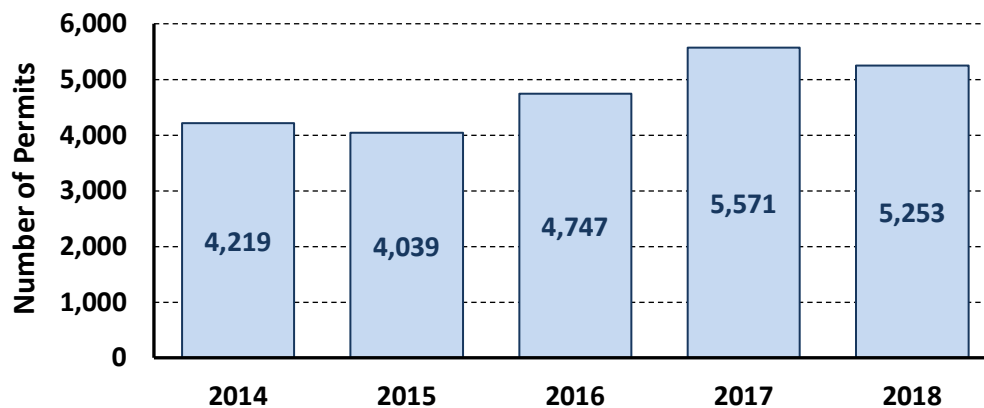
Harvest Sex Ratio: 98.1% male: 1.9% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter: 1.7

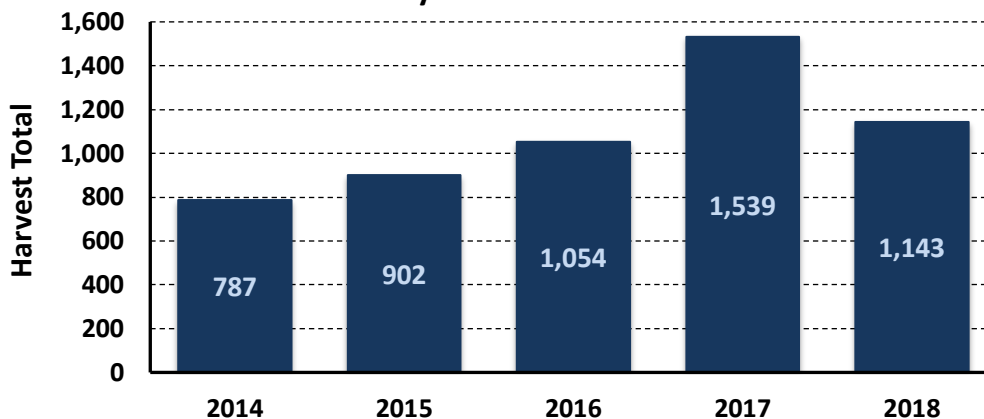
Public Land Harvest: 82 (7.2%)

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



2018 County Harvest Totals by Season Segment

County	Youth	Regular Season Results*					Total**	Regular Season Success
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
ADAMS	32	86	56	40	40	27	249	18.2%
ALEXANDER	13	27	14	19	21	25	106	21.4%
BOND	7	26	14	16	18	18	92	21.6%
BOONE	6	10	16	10	10	3	49	28.0%
BROWN	15	66	28	34	37	17	182	22.1%
BUREAU	14	36	29	22	28	25	140	25.5%
CALHOUN	15	56	30	23	22	9	140	16.6%
CARROLL	9	57	52	41	32	12	194	23.2%
CASS	20	47	47	40	24	15	173	28.5%
CHAMPAIGN	1	3	4	2	1	6	16	18.8%
CHRISTIAN	3	5	7	2	8	3	25	11.2%
CLARK	15	30	25	18	26	23	122	24.5%
CLAY	13	24	25	24	21	39	133	21.3%
CLINTON	12	10	6	10	15	6	47	14.5%
COLES	3	7	1	2	6	8	24	12.0%
CRAWFORD	13	36	19	30	23	29	137	28.8%
CUMBERLAND	5	7	7	6	5	6	31	13.8%
DEKALB	0	4	4	3	3	2	16	16.2%
DEWITT	7	9	7	2	6	3	27	15.4%
DOUGLAS	0	1	1			1	3	5.7%
EDGAR	3	12	13	9	10	8	52	18.9%
EDWARDS	11	10	15	5	14	14	58	25.8%
EFFINGHAM	13	17	16	12	10	11	66	18.9%
FAYETTE	33	31	24	19	22	27	123	25.9%
FORD	0	3	1	2	2	5	13	26.0%
FRANKLIN	16	23	17	21	25	18	104	29.8%
FULTON	22	63	61	34	59	34	251	19.4%
GALLATIN/HARDIN	23	39	12	27	24	20	122	14.8%
GREENE	18	32	25	20	11	8	96	15.9%
GRUNDY	1	10	19	8	9	13	59	33.7%
HAMILTON	24	38	22	23	21	28	132	33.0%
HANCOCK	25	63	51	38	30	39	221	23.5%
HENDERSON	9	43	31	20	19	12	125	25.1%
HENRY	9	18	12	13	11	3	57	28.6%
IROQUOIS	8	9	6	10	12	9	46	23.0%

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JACKSON	28	60	37	31	33	44	205	20.6%
JASPER	7	25	8	18	14	15	80	17.8%
JEFFERSON	31	52	63	44	62	60	281	28.1%
JERSEY	14	41	33	17	24	11	126	16.3%
JO DAVIESS	31	128	145	101	93	31	498	22.2%
JOHNSON	9	43	23	22	28	24	140	17.0%
KANE	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	6.1%
KANKAKEE	2	5	11	10	7	9	42	28.0%
KENDALL		1	7	3	3	1	15	15.0%
KNOX	22	56	30	47	35	30	198	24.8%
LAKE	0		4	1	1	0	6	18.2%
LASALLE	5	30	26	19	28	13	116	23.2%
LAWRENCE	13	24	21	24	19	11	99	24.9%
LEE	8	13	17	12	21	12	75	25.0%
LIVINGSTON	3	1	5	3	5	6	20	26.7%
LOGAN	2	9	7	5	9	3	33	21.7%
MACON	0	4	4	6	6	0	20	16.0%
MACOUPIN	26	62	39	26	24	19	170	14.4%
MADISON	11	38	19	26	24	25	132	14.3%
MARION	28	59	26	36	29	37	187	22.9%
MARSHALL/PUTNAM	6	19	18	13	14	13	77	20.5%
MASON	11	38	33	31	26	9	137	27.8%
MASSAC	4	25	15	11	11	12	74	26.4%
MCDONOUGH	5	25	23	16	7	14	85	20.1%
MCHENRY	10	18	19	19	10	9	75	33.3%
MCLEAN	2	11	13	9	15	10	58	33.1%
MENARD	6	16	13	6	13	7	55	18.3%
MERCER	26	32	43	31	31	34	171	35.3%
MONROE	12	31	21	12	22	15	101	17.9%
MONTGOMERY	14	23	21	17	16	24	101	21.3%
MORGAN	12	36	24	22	16	7	105	16.7%
MOULTRIE	0	7	2	2	7	4	22	22.7%
OGLE	13	41	38	19	34	23	155	31.1%
PEORIA	3	26	24	22	19	14	105	16.8%
PERRY	24	38	22	33	36	27	156	26.0%

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PIATT	0	0	3	4	1	0	8	12.7%
PIKE	25	85	57	40	42	15	239	17.5%
POPE	8	62	36	36	59	43	236	13.9%
PULASKI	14	18	20	14	12	11	75	26.3%
RANDOLPH	44	49	32	33	36	47	197	20.2%
RICHLAND	1	23	18	18	15	9	83	25.5%
ROCK ISLAND	12	41	37	37	31	19	165	27.5%
SALINE	8	16	17	14	10	10	67	17.9%
SANGAMON	9	17	24	20	14	16	91	23.8%
SCHUYLER	17	70	39	42	24	23	198	18.8%
SCOTT	5	17	12	11	4	3	47	13.5%
SHELBY	11	15	16	15	16	23	85	34.1%
ST CLAIR	16	23	19	17	12	20	91	18.3%
STARK	1	4	2	4	3	4	17	27.4%
STEPHENSON	16	31	36	30	31	22	150	27.3%
TAZEWELL	6	8	10	8	8	6	40	20.0%
UNION	26	51	30	33	36	43	193	20.3%
VERMILION	8	26	26	18	19	17	106	21.2%
WABASH	1	8	12	5	4	3	32	18.3%
WARREN	5	10	12	8	13	11	54	30.9%
WASHINGTON	16	19	19	17	19	12	86	18.1%
WAYNE	27	49	29	31	37	41	187	25.8%
WHITE	15	31	17	10	26	20	104	32.0%
WHITESIDE	10	27	29	20	36	17	129	27.2%
WILL	3	12	11	10	15	16	64	32.0%
WILLIAMSON	18	35	35	32	40	30	172	24.6%
WINNEBAGO	12	29	31	24	28	27	139	30.1%
WOODFORD	3	9	17	13	8	6	53	19.3%
TOTAL**	1,143	2,780	2,218	1,884	1,967	1,613	10,462	21.5%

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

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

2018 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	2	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	1	10.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	10	28.6%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	12	40.0%
Burning Star SFWA	JACKSON	3	14.3%
Butterfield Trail SRA	IROQUOIS	1	16.7%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/MASSAC	15	
Campbell Pond SHA	JACKSON/PERRY	1	
Carlyle Lake SFWA	FAYETTE	2	
Carlyle Lake SFWA-East Fork Unit	CLINTON	3	30.0%
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	1	4.0%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	12	15.8%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	5	16.7%
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	28	28.0%
Crab Orchard NWR Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/WILLIAMSON	19	
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	5	50.0%
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/PULASKI/ UNION	15	
Devil's Island WMA	UNION	7	
Dog Island WMA	POPE	2	
Eagle Creek SP	SHELBY	1	25.0%
Ferne Clyffe SP	JOHNSON	1	9.1%
Ferne Clyffe SP-Including Cedar/Draper Bluff	JOHNSON	2	
Fort Massac SP	MASSAC	2	40.0%
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	6	40.0%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	2	9.1%
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	7	
Great River NWR	ADAMS	7	
Green River SWA	LEE	10	20.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	12	41.4%
Hanover Bluff SNA	JO DAVIESS	8	40.0%
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA	VERMILION	4	19.0%
Hidden Springs SF	SHELBY	2	7.7%
Horseshoe Lake CA	ALEXANDER	2	
Horseshoe Lake SP	MADISON	2	13.3%

Horseshoe Lake SP-Chouteau, Gabaret, and Mosenthein Islands	MADISON	12	
Iroquois County SWA	IROQUOIS	8	36.4%
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	CASS	43	17.9%
JohnsonSauk Trail SP	HENRY	7	35.0%
Joliet Army Training Area	WILL	12	24.0%
Jubilee College SP	PEORIA	2	
Kankakee River SP	KANKAKEE/WILL	6	26.1%
Kaskaskia River SFWA	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ST CLAIR	34	
Kickapoo SP	VERMILION	9	20.9%
Kinkaid Lake SFWA	JACKSON	18	
Kishwaukee River SFWA	DEKALB	2	8.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	MOULTRIE	11	22.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	SHELBY	18	30.0%
Lowden Miller SF	OGLE	11	11.0%
Marseilles FWA	LASALLE	9	29.9%
Matthiessen SP	LASALLE	2	20.0%
McHenry County Cons. District Lands	MCHENRY	1	
Mermet Lake SFWA	MASSAC	7	70.0%
Middlefork FWMA	VERMILION	7	21.2%
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	WILL	11	27.5%
Mississippi Palisades SP	CARROLL	15	34.1%
Mississippi River Pool 13	CARROLL	2	
Mississippi River Pool 16	ROCK ISLAND	2	
Mississippi River Pool 17	MERCER	3	
Mississippi River Pool 18	HENDERSON	2	
Mississippi River Pool 21	ADAMS	9	
Mississippi River Pool 22	ADAMS	6	
Mississippi River Pool 24	PIKE	2	
Mississippi River SFWA	CALHOUN/JERSEY	18	
Momence Wetlands	KANKAKEE	4	40.0%
Moraine View SP	MCLEAN	5	25.0%
Morrison Rockwood SP	WHITESIDE	4	8.3%
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	JEFFERSON	2	20.0%
Newton Lake FWA	JASPER	9	22.5%
Oakwood Bottoms	JACKSON	12	
Peabody River King SFWA	ST CLAIR	4	
Pere Marquette SP	JERSEY	8	17.8%
Pyramid SP	PERRY	6	26.1%
Pyramid SP- East Conant Unit	PERRY	2	10.5%
Pyramid SP-Captain Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%
Pyramid SP-Denmark Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%

Pyramid SP-Galum Unit	PERRY	3	60.0%
Quincy Bay Federal Lands	Adams	1	
Rall Woods (Falling Down Prairie) SNA	JODAVIESS	1	10.0%
Ramsey Lake SP	FAYETTE	6	18.8%
Randolph County CA	RANDOLPH	8	34.8%
Ray Norbut SFWA	PIKE	6	
Ray Norbut SFWA-Dutch Creek Unit	PIKE	2	25.0%
Red Hills SP	LAWRENCE	2	28.6%
Red Hills SP-Chauncey Marsh	CRAWFORD/LAWRENCE	1	100.0%
Rend Lake (Corps of Engineers)	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	39	
Rend Lake SFWA	JEFFERSON	9	
Sahara Woods SFWA	SALINE	3	10.7%
Saline County CA	SALINE/GALLATIN	3	
Sam Dale Lake SFWA	WAYNE	7	21.2%
Sam Parr SFWA	JASPER	1	12.5%
Sand Ridge SF	MASON	23	18.7%
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	4	
Sangchris Lake SP	CHRISTIAN/SANGAMON	2	16.7%
Shawnee National Forest	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/JACKSON /JOHNSON/MASSAC/POPE/ SALINE/UNION	326	
Siloam Springs SP	ADAMS	5	10.0%
Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit	BROWN	9	18.0%
Snakeden Hollow SFWA	KNOX	1	
Spoon River SF	KNOX	13	26.0%
Stephen A. Forbes SP	MARION	9	13.4%
Tapley Woods SNA	JO DAVIESS	3	23.1%
Ten Mile Creek FWA	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	13	26.5%
Trail of Tears SF	UNION	3	
Turkey Bluffs SFWA	RANDOLPH	10	
Vesely Land and Water Reserve	WILL	2	20.0%
Washington County CA	WASHINGTON	4	18.2%
Wayne Fitzgerald SRA	FRANKLIN	6	28.6%
Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit	SCHUYLER	5	20.0%
Weinberg-King SP	SCHUYLER	2	
Weldon Springs SP – Piatt Unit	PIATT	2	11.1%
Witkowsky SFWA	JODAVIESS	4	8.0%
Unidentified Public Land	Multiple	65	

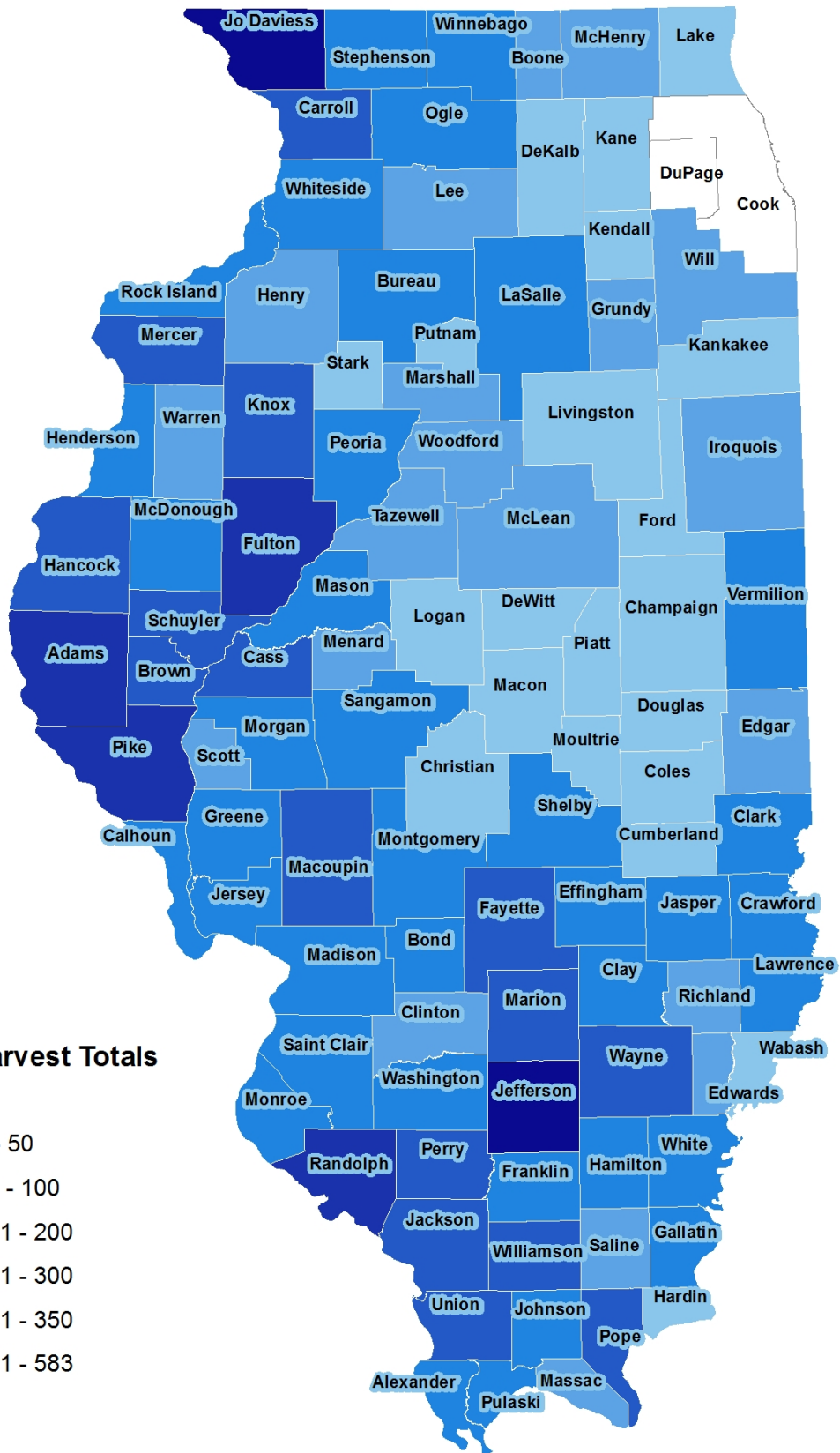
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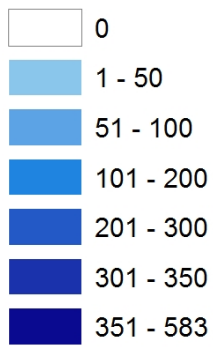
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**Includes Youth Harvest

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



2018 Harvest Totals



Harvest Totals are across all seasons and permit types