



2014 New Mexico Turkey Harvest Results

In 2014, 12,252 turkey licenses were sold. This number was up from 12,030 in 2013. Reporting for turkey hunters is mandatory, and 10,039 license holders filed a report, yielding a return rate of 82%. Eighty-three percent of reporting license holders said they went hunting. The average success rate for hunters throughout the year was 26.3%. A total of 2,515 turkeys were reported harvested in 2014.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Spring Licenses Sold</i>	<i>Reported Spring Harvest</i>	<i>Fall Licenses Sold</i>	<i>Reported Fall Harvest</i>
2011*	9,656	624	2,431	45
2012*	8,524	540	2,828	240
2013	9,284	1,459	2,989	258
2014	8,916	1,960	3,336	555

* Online reporting was voluntary in 2011 and 2012

Spring

There were 8,916 spring turkey licenses sold in 2014. Of the license holders, 7,297 filed an online harvest report for a return rate of 81.8%. Eighty-five percent of reporting license holders (6,214) said that they went hunting. The average days hunting per hunter was 3.9, with the largest number of hunters spending 2 days afield. Hunters reported harvesting 1960 turkeys in the spring season, 1,634 as first turkeys, and 326 as second turkeys. The success rate on first bird harvest was 26.3%. For the purpose of this report, age was estimated by beard length, and a male with a beard less than 4 inches was considered a juvenile. The proportion of juveniles males harvested was 13.7%. Additionally, ten bearded hens were harvested. Harvest information reported for each Game Management Unit is listed below.

Using the number of non-reporting license holders, estimates for the total number of hunters and harvests can be made. The estimated total number of spring hunters was 8,676. The estimated total of spring turkeys harvested was 2,395, with estimated first and second harvests of 1,997 and 398, respectively.

<i>GMU</i>	<i>Hunters</i>	<i>Days Hunted</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>% of Beards >4"</i>	<i>First Turkey</i>	<i>Success on First Harvest</i>	<i>Second Turkey</i>	<i>Hunter Rating</i>
2	172	643	57	63%	52	30%	5	3.3
4	90	320	40	63%	35	39%	5	3.7
5	118	427	32	63%	28	24%	4	3.3
6	727	2745	153	67%	133	18%	20	3.2
7	13	38	8	75%	7	54%	1	3.7
8	8	21	0			0%		2.9
9	205	816	41	68%	33	16%	8	3.2
10	287	1370	67	75%	57	20%	10	3.2
12	15	65	3	100%	3	20%		3.3
13	47	199	6	100%	6	13%		3
14	260	926	59	70%	48	19%	11	3.2
15	310	1350	126	74%	106	34%	20	3.5
16	527	2172	173	82%	148	28%	25	3.5
17	78	340	21	81%	18	23%	3	3.1
18	24	75	7	71%	6	25%	1	3.1
19	2	8	2	50%	2	100%		4
20	14	41	8	63%	7	50%	1	3.9
21	72	267	23	83%	20	28%	3	3.3
22	11	43	4	100%	4	36%		3.9
23	97	377	30	73%	26	27%	4	3.2
24	271	1026	70	76%	61	23%	9	3.2
27	1	2	1	100%	1	100%		4
28	1	5	0			0%		2
30	3	8	2	50%	1	33%	1	3.3
31	3	21	0			0%		5
32	27	86	20	80%	18	67%	2	3.6
33	2	3	1	0%	1	50%		3
34	1096	3910	342	74%	279	26%	63	3.3
36	307	1155	117	70%	93	30%	24	3.5
37	165	607	47	77%	37	22%	10	3.3
38	18	42	5	40%	4	22%	1	3.1
39	19	60	3	67%	3	16%		3.5
40	11	25	6	83%	5	46%	1	2.8
41	9	30	3	100%	3	33%		3.4
42	53	159	21	76%	17	32%	4	3
43	22	85	8	88%	7	32%	1	2.9
44	2	8	0			0%		2
45	336	1457	90	63%	74	22%	16	3.3
46	64	209	26	65%	23	36%	3	3.6
47	18	53	14	64%	9	50%	5	3.7
48	52	225	25	80%	21	40%	4	3.6
49	110	612	48	71%	40	36%	8	3.4
50	5	30	2	100%	2	40%		3.2
51	153	613	34	41%	29	19%	5	3.3
52	47	224	13	54%	9	19%	4	3.6

53	41	181	17	82%	16	39%	1	3.5
54	20	60	13	77%	10	50%	3	3.9
55	92	257	79	66%	58	63%	21	4.3
56	12	27	9	78%	7	58%	2	3.5
57	85	365	50	78%	41	48%	9	3.8
58	18	52	21	71%	15	83%	6	4.4
59	8	22	6	67%	5	63%	1	3.3
UNK	66	202	7	71%	6	10%	1	3.1
TOTAL	6,214	24,064	1,960	83.3%	1,634	26%	326	3.35

Fall

There were 3,336 fall turkey licenses sold in 2014. Of these license holders, 2,742 filed an online harvest report for a return rate of 82.2%. Seventy-seven percent of reporting license holders (2,113) said that they went hunting. The average days hunting per hunter was 3.7, with the largest number of hunters spending two days afield. Hunters reported harvesting 555 turkeys in the fall season, 345 hens, and 210 gobblers. The success rate for fall harvest was 26.3%. Reported information for each Game Management Unit is listed below.

Using the number of non-reporting license holders, estimates for the total number of hunters and harvests can be made. The estimated total number of fall hunters was 2,571. The estimated total of fall turkeys harvested was 675, with estimated 420 hens and 255 gobblers.

GMU	Hunters	Days Hunted	Harvest	Hunter Rating	Success Rates	Sex of Harvest		Harvest Month	
						Hens	Gobblers	Sept	Nov
2	49	156	17	3.3	35%	10	7	3	14
4	4	8	0	3.3	0%				
5	13	38	5	2.8	38%	2	3	1	4
6	312	1193	65	3.3	21%	49	16	6	58
7	4	10	2	3.8	50%	0	2	0	2
8	1	3	0	3	0%				
9	129	457	29	3.3	22%	18	11	1	28
10	128	681	14	3	11%	7	7	1	13
12	7	15	0	3	0%				
13	26	117	1	3	4%	0	1	0	1
14	5	10	2	4	40%	1	1	0	2
15	101	424	17	3.2	17%	6	11	0	17
16	217	947	56	3.4	26%	33	23	9	47
17	28	101	6	3.2	21%	6	0	0	6
19	8	20	0	3	0%				
20	1	4	0	3	0%				
21	40	102	13	3.2	33%	10	3	1	12
22	10	46	4	3.5	40%	4	0	3	1
23	70	293	20	3	29%	6	14	1	19
24	63	234	21	3.5	33%	12	9	4	16
27	2	8	1	4	50%	0	1	1	0
29	1	3	0	3	0%				
30	1	4	0	1	0%				
31	4	9	1	3.8	25%	0	1	0	1
32	14	29	6	4.1	43%	2	4	0	5
33	3	5	2	4.3	67%	0	2	1	1
34	444	1385	145	3.4	33%	104	41	8	136
36	95	333	27	3.2	28%	18	9	3	24
37	71	213	22	3.2	31%	13	9	0	22
38	2	6	0	3.7	0%				

39	3	7	0	2.7	0%				
40	4	15	2	3.2	50%	1	1	0	2
41	5	20	2	4.2	40%	0	2	0	2
42	10	21	5	3.1	50%	4	1	0	5
43	4	7	1	3.3	25%	1	0	1	0
44	1	2	0	4	0%				
45	108	400	31	3.1	29%	18	13	3	28
46	19	50	7	3.6	37%	5	2	1	6
47	4	13	2	4	50%	0	2	0	2
48	18	74	2	3.4	11%	1	1	0	2
49	3	7	1	3.3	33%	0	1	0	1
51	11	44	1	3.2	9%	1	0	0	1
52	5	20	1	2.2	20%	0	1	0	1
53	2	5	0	3.5	0%				
54	2	10	1	4	50%	1	0	0	1
55	5	12	2	3.8	40%	0	2	0	2
56	1	2	1	4	100%	1	0	0	1
57	27	112	14	3.9	52%	8	6	1	13
58	1	25	1	5	100%	1	0	1	0
59	2	4	0	4.5	0%				
UNK	25	78	6	2.5	24%	2	4	0	6
TOTAL	2,113	7,782	555	3.30	26.3%	345	210	50	505