



2015 New Mexico Turkey Harvest Results

In 2015, 13,252 turkey licenses were sold. This number was up from 12,252 in 2014. Reporting for turkey hunters is mandatory, and 10,924 license holders filed a report, yielding a return rate of 82.4%. Eighty-three percent of reporting license holders said they went hunting. The average success rate for hunters throughout the year was 25.3%. A total of 2,711 turkeys were reported harvested in 2015.

<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
2015	9,462	2,155	3,790	556

* Online reporting was voluntary in 2011 and 2012

Spring

There were 9,462 spring turkey licenses sold in 2015. Of the license holders, 7,823 filed an online harvest report for a return rate of 82.7%. Eighty-seven percent of reporting license holders (6,796) 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 2,155 turkeys in the spring season, 1,750 as first turkeys, and 405 as second turkeys. The success rate on first bird harvest was 25.8%. Of the spring hunters who harvested a first turkey, 23.1% were successful at harvesting a second turkey. 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 20%. Additionally, eight 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 8,220. The estimated total of spring turkeys harvested was 2,607, with estimated first and second harvests of 2,117 and 490, 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>
1*	37	128	4	100%	4	11%	0	3.1
2	222	853	78	79%	63	32%	15	3.5
3*	10	31	2	100%	2	20%	0	3.2
4	112	327	34	91%	29	28%	5	3.6
5	161	529	24	75%	23	16%	1	3.2
6	886	3173	147	84%	128	16%	18	3.2
7	11	29	2	100%	2	18%	0	3.3
8	13	55	3	100%	3	27%	0	4.2
9	245	889	56	73%	46	21%	10	3.4
10	329	1314	51	80%	46	15%	5	3.1
11*	6	13	1	100%	1	17%	0	3
12	22	103	2	100%	2	11%	0	3.1
13	76	269	6	67%	5	7%	1	3
14	314	1130	47	77%	38	13%	9	3.2
15	413	1531	120	88%	99	27%	21	3.4
16	688	2424	209	77%	168	29%	40	3.4
17	113	411	27	70%	22	22%	5	3.1
18	22	73	9	89%	8	40%	1	3.2
19	5	12	3	100%	2	50%	1	3.6
20	19	48	3	100%	3	17%	0	3
21	102	333	38	68%	33	38%	6	3.7
22	13	43	5	80%	5	42%	0	3.5
23	136	490	41	90%	33	29%	8	3.4
24	250	1062	76	80%	59	27%	17	3.4
25	2	8	0		0	0%	0	4
26	5	13	0		0	0%	0	2.8
29	1	4	0		0	0%	0	3
30	6	11	2	50%	2	40%	0	2.7
31	6	17	1	100%	1	17%	0	2.3
32	39	99	18	44%	14	41%	4	3.5
33	7	12	4	100%	3	50%	1	3.7
34	1288	4365	308	82%	266	21%	42	3.4
35*	18	59	5	100%	3	19%	2	3.5
36	348	1134	115	77%	97	32%	18	3.5
37	186	597	48	77%	36	23%	12	3.3
38	24	41	4	75%	2	12%	2	2.5
39	39	81	22	59%	14	48%	8	4
40	14	20	8	25%	7	54%	1	3.4
41	11	26	3	67%	3	30%	0	4
42	66	138	44	61%	32	62%	12	4
43	36	140	7	57%	7	22%	0	2.9
44	2	10	0		0	0%	0	2
45	391	1343	120	77%	94	27%	26	3.4
46	105	321	41	83%	33	35%	8	3.7
47	21	56	7	86%	7	35%	0	3.2

48	69	268	29	90%	24	40%	5	3.4
49	120	524	51	78%	40	40%	11	3.7
50	2	3	0		0	0%	0	4
51	196	717	56	86%	47	28%	9	3.6
52	75	262	14	93%	12	18%	2	3.5
53	48	223	12	75%	10	26%	2	3.4
54	38	82	22	77%	13	52%	9	3.8
55	129	311	92	91%	66	70%	27	4.3
56	14	27	9	89%	6	55%	3	4.2
57	104	348	70	80%	51	61%	19	4.1
58	47	118	30	93%	23	64%	7	4.3
59	25	35	22	82%	12	80%	10	4.4
UNK	8	8	3	100%	1	17%	2	4
TOTAL	8,772	26,706	2,155	80%	1,750	25.80%	405	3.41

* These GMUs are in Reservation lands, and not under the jurisdiction of New Mexico Game and Fish. Hunters may have misreported GMU of harvest, or reported a harvest from a Reservation Permit.

Fall

There were 3,790 fall turkey licenses sold in 2015. Of these license holders, 3,101 filed an online harvest report for a return rate of 81.8%. Seventy-five percent of reporting license holders (2,327) 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 556 turkeys in the fall season, 347 hens, and 209 gobblers. The success rate for fall harvest was 23.9%. 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 2,846. The estimated total of fall turkeys harvested was 680, with estimated 424 hens and 256 gobblers.

GMU	Hunters	Days Hunted	Harvest	Hunter Rating	Success Rates	Sex of Harvest		Harvest Month	
						Hens	Gobblers	Sept	Nov
1*	11	25	0	1.8	0%				
2	58	167	11	3.3	19%	5	6		13
3*	1	10	0	3	0%				
4	4	7	2	2.3	50%	2			2
5	41	184	3	3.2	7%	2	2	3	1
6	269	923	39	3.2	14%	15	24	6	32
7	4	12	2	2.8	50%		2	1	1
8	2	5	0	2	0%				
9	132	488	22	3.3	17%	11	11		22
10	122	472	20	3	16%	6	14	3	17
11*	4	24	0	3.8	0%				
12	5	45	1	2.6	20%	1			1
13	39	207	3	2.9	8%		3	2	1
14	6	14	0	2.5	0%				
15	99	411	17	2.9	17%	11	6	2	15
16	299	1487	62	3.2	21%	20	42	9	51
17	30	83	0	2.7	0%				
18	2	9	0	3	0%				
20	2	18	0	3	0%				
21	51	181	14	3.2	27%	2	12	1	13
22	11	44	4	3.3	36%	1	3	1	3
23	80	293	24	3.4	30%	9	15	3	21
24	77	272	22	3.5	29%	10	12	2	19
26	3	11	1	3.3	33%	1			1
28	1	2	0	1	0%				

29	2	2	2	5	100%	1	1	2	
30	3	12	1	3.7	33%		1	1	
32	24	62	9	3.2	38%	7	2	3	6
33	1	2	0	1	0%				
34	460	1416	148	3.5	32%	109	39	5	149
35*	3	4	0	3.0	0%				
36	115	397	40	3.5	35%	24	16	4	37
37	69	257	19	3.5	28%	7	12		18
38	1	4	0	2	0%				
40	9	19	6	3.9	67%	5	1	1	5
41	5	10	3	4.2	60%	2	1		3
42	20	48	12	4	60%	7	5		12
43	7	22	2	3.3	29%	2			2
45	130	492	29	3.3	22%	12	17	5	25
46	19	59	4	3.3	21%	2	2	1	3
47	4	14	3	4.8	75%		3	2	1
48	25	113	4	3.5	16%	2	2	1	3
49	8	42	3	3.5	38%	3		1	2
50	1	2	0	3	0%				
51	11	37	0	3	0%				
52	8	28	1	3.6	13%	1		1	
53	6	15	0	2.5	0%				
54	3	21	1	3.3	33%		1	1	
55	10	24	4	3.7	40%	2	2	1	3
56	6	13	2	3.5	33%		2		2
57	20	73	12	3.9	60%	3	9	2	10
58	1	1	1	5	100%	1			1
59	2	3	2	4	100%	1	1		2
UNK	1	1	1	1	100%				1
TOTAL	2,327	8,695	556	3.48	23.9%	347	209	61	495

* These GMUs are in Reservation lands, and not under the jurisdiction of New Mexico Game and Fish. Hunters may have misreported GMU of harvest, or reported a harvest from a Reservation Permit.