

2009 Spring Turkey Harvest Report

The post-season spring turkey harvest survey was conducted by phone and email. In 2009, a total of 12,223 OTC and 824 limited permits were issued. Fifteen percent (1,834) hunters with OTC licenses were randomly selected to participate in the spring survey, and 100% of limited license holders were selected to receive surveys. Hunters with either license that provided email addresses to CORIS were given the opportunity to respond via an email survey.

Over-the-Counter Licenses

Within the OTC sample, 781 hunters were contacted (43% response rate). Of these, 89% had hunted during the 2009 spring turkey season, while 11% had not. Of those who had hunted, 25% reported harvesting a bird. Eighty-four percent of birds harvested were mature birds and hunters reported low levels of wounding loss (2%). Thirty-six percent of respondents hunted on both weekdays and weekends, whereas 13% hunted on weekdays only and 51% hunted on the weekends only. Respondents were mixed on satisfaction with their turkey hunting experience (57% satisfied, 23% neutral) and the survey indicates that 63% felt there was not a crowding problem.

For the OTC sample, days hunted and harvest results are reported on a county basis. Estimates are not reported at the Game Management Unit level for OTC licenses. The **statewide harvest estimate is 3,133 ± 363 for Unlimited OTC areas. This is up from the 2008 estimate of 1,960 ± 288 (1,692 – 2,270).** Responses from hunters indicate that OTC hunters hunted **54,070 ± 3,550 days** during the 2009 spring season.

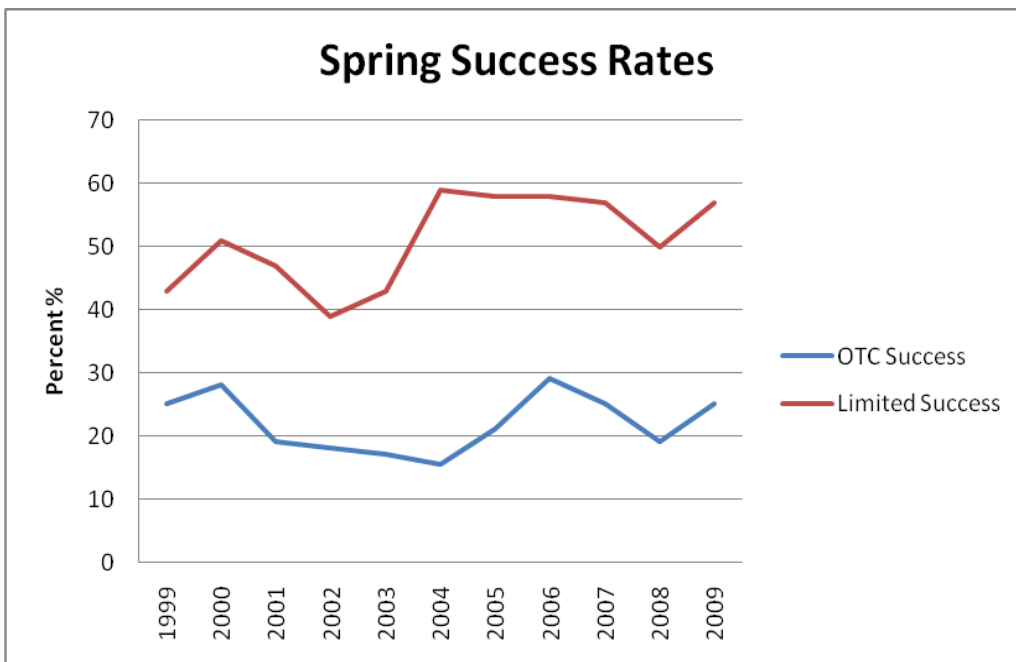
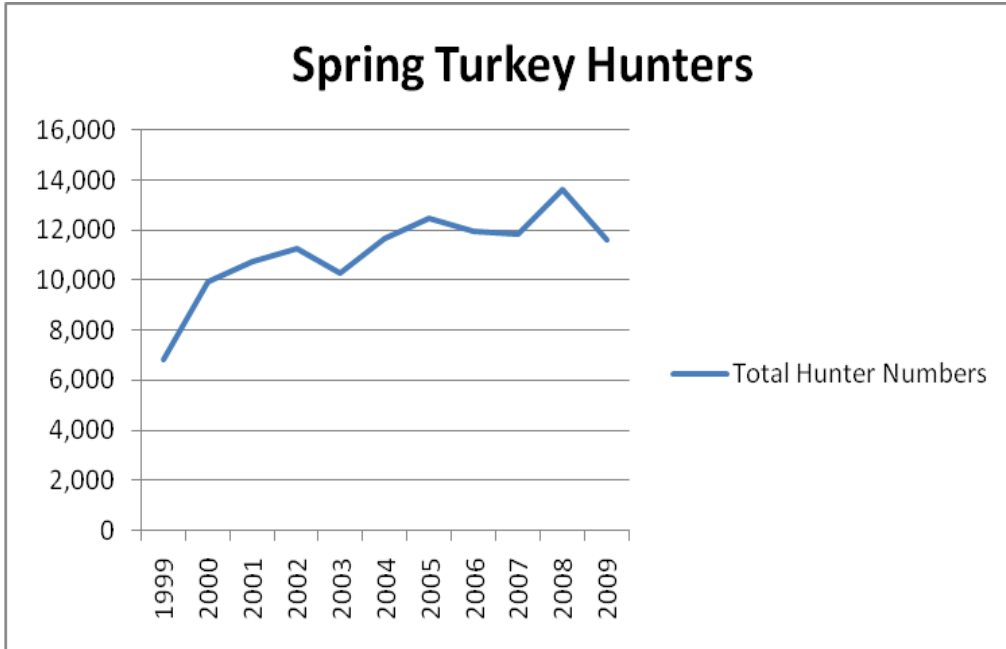
Limited Licenses

Within the limited sample, 456 hunters were contacted (56% response rate). Of these, 89% had hunted during the 2009 spring turkey season, while 11% had not. Of those who had hunted, 56% reported harvesting a bird. Eighty-six percent of birds harvested were mature birds and hunters reported low levels of wounding loss (<4%). Thirty-four percent of respondents hunted on both weekdays and weekends, whereas 21% hunted on weekdays only and 45% hunted on the weekends only. Respondents were largely satisfied with their turkey hunting experience (75%) and the survey indicates that 68% felt there was not a crowding problem.

Within the limited subset, estimates for hunter numbers, days, and harvest are provided by Hunt Code. Limited license estimates are not provided on a county basis. The **statewide harvest estimate is 392 ± 24 (368 – 416) for limited permits.** This is up from the 2008 estimate of **327 ± 25 (302 – 352).** Limited permit holders hunted **2,598 ± 196 days** during the 2009 spring season.

Statewide (all licenses)

For limited and OTC licenses combined, the 2009 statewide harvest estimate is **3,548 ± 363 (3,185 – 3,911)**. This is up from the 2008 estimate of **2,287 ± 290 (1,998 – 2,576)**. Hunters spent nearly **54,070** days in the field during the spring turkey season.



**Unlimited Spring Turkey Harvest (↓)
2009**

County	Harvest	SE(Harvest)	LCL(Harvest)	UCL(Harvest)
Mesa	329	69	220	493
Pueblo	235	58	146	379
Garfield	204	54	122	340
La Plata	204	54	122	340
Las Animas	204	54	122	340
Unknown	188	52	110	320
Archuleta	188	52	110	320
Montezuma	157	48	87	281
El Paso	157	48	87	281
Fremont	141	45	76	260
Custer	141	45	76	260
Weld	125	43	65	240
Delta	110	40	55	219
Huerfano	94	37	45	198
Dolores	94	37	45	198
San Miguel	94	37	45	198
Larimer	78	34	35	176
Montrose	78	34	35	176
Douglas	63	30	26	154
Chaffee	47	26	17	130
Jefferson	31	21	9	105
Baca	31	21	9	105
Gunnison	31	21	9	105
Teller	31	21	9	105
Rio Blanco	16	15	3	77
Lincoln	16	15	3	77
Park	16	15	3	77
Bent	16	15	3	77
Boulder	16	15	3	77

**Limited Spring Turkey Harvest (↓)
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Hunt Code	Licenses	Hunters	SE Hunters	LCL Hunters	UCL Hunters	Days	SE Days	LCL Days	UCL Days	Harvest	SE Harvest	LCL Harvest	UCL Harvest
T-M-002-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	7	1	5	9	3	1	2	6
T-M-015-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	30	5	22	41	0	0	0	0
T-M-023-O1-R	9	6	2	3	11	30	18	10	87	0	0	0	0
T-M-030-K1-R	10	10	0	10	10	26	2	23	30	0	0	0	0
T-M-031-W1-R	3	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
T-M-034-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	23	6	14	38	5	0	5	5
T-M-035-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	19	2	16	22	3	1	2	4
T-M-043-O1-R	30	30	0	30	30	120	20	87	165	16	4	10	26
T-M-044-O1-R	6	6	0	6	6	23	4	15	33	6	0	6	6
T-M-059-O1-R	24	24	0	24	24	116	17	87	155	9	2	6	15
T-M-084-W1-R	10	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
T-M-085-W1-R	17	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
T-M-091-O1-R	25	23	1	21	25	78	12	59	105	17	2	13	21
T-M-091-O2-R	25	20	2	17	25	75	12	55	103	5	2	2	12
T-M-091-P1-R	10	10	0	10	10	43	10	27	68	5	2	2	12
T-M-091-P2-R	11	8	1	6	11	12	3	7	21	6	2	3	10
T-M-092-O1-R	24	23	1	21	24	49	6	39	63	17	1	14	20
T-M-092-O2-R	24	21	1	18	23	43	4	35	53	14	2	11	19
T-M-092-P1-R	5	5	0	5	5	18	6	10	33	3	1	2	6
T-M-092-P2-R	5	2	1	1	4	2	1	1	5	2	1	1	5
T-M-096-O1-R	34	33	1	31	34	126	11	106	149	19	2	16	24
T-M-096-O2-R	35	32	1	29	34	239	47	162	351	21	2	17	26
T-M-096-P1-R	20	20	0	20	20	72	13	51	101	10	2	6	16
T-M-096-P2-R	20	20	0	20	20	36	4	29	45	9	2	6	14
T-M-101-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	13	6	5	30	3	2	1	10
T-M-101-O2-R	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	5	5	3	2	1	10

T-M-102-O1-R	23	21	1	19	24	64	15	40	102	18	2	14	22
T-M-102-O2-R	24	24	0	24	24	46	3	41	51	19	1	18	21
T-M-102-P1-R	10	9	1	8	10	19	2	15	24	9	1	8	10
T-M-102-P2-R	10	10	0	10	10	28	3	22	35	6	1	5	8
T-M-103-O1-R	73	71	1	70	73	242	16	212	276	50	3	45	56
T-M-105-O1-R	78	57	4	49	67	367	55	274	492	32	5	24	44
T-M-107-K1-R	10	10	0	10	10	36	8	23	55	0	0	0	0
T-M-124-O1-R	6	6	0	6	6	20	4	14	28	6	0	6	6
T-M-124-P1-R	14	12	1	10	14	24	6	15	37	11	1	8	13
T-M-125-K1-R	5	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
T-M-126-O1-R	25	18	4	12	26	68	28	31	148	14	4	8	25
T-M-127-O1-R	5	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
T-M-130-O1-R	5	3	1	1	7	3	2	1	10	3	2	1	10
T-M-130-P1-R	11	11	0	11	11	37	14	18	74	7	3	3	16
T-M-136-W1-R	7	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
T-M-136-W2-R	6	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
T-M-138-O1-R	8	8	0	8	8	43	18	20	94	6	1	5	9
T-M-140-O1-R	74	61	3	55	67	245	24	202	297	15	3	10	23
T-M-140-O2-R	20	16	1	14	18	40	5	31	51	4	1	2	7
T-M-444-O1-R	10	8	1	6	9	60	13	39	92	5	1	4	7
T-M-851-O1-R	23	19	2	17	23	51	7	39	67	11	2	7	16
Limited Total	824	687	8	671	703	2598	100	2403	2793	392	12	368	416