

## 2012 Spring Turkey Harvest Report

The post-season spring turkey harvest survey was conducted by phone and email. In 2012, a total of 14,780 Over-the-Counter (OTC) permits and 811 limited permits were issued. Approximately 23% (3,357) 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. The survey successfully contacted 2,016 spring turkey license holders. Approximately 85% (1,716) hunted turkeys in 2012, while 15% (300) did not hunt during the spring season.

### **Over-the-Counter Licenses**

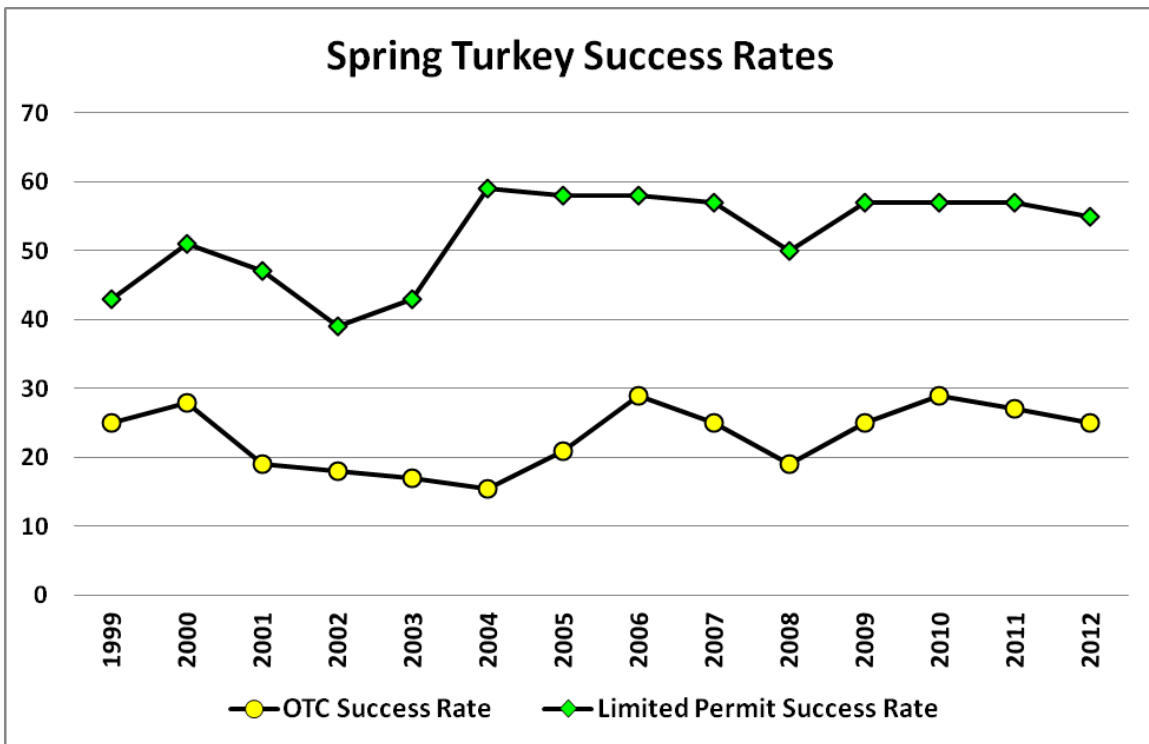
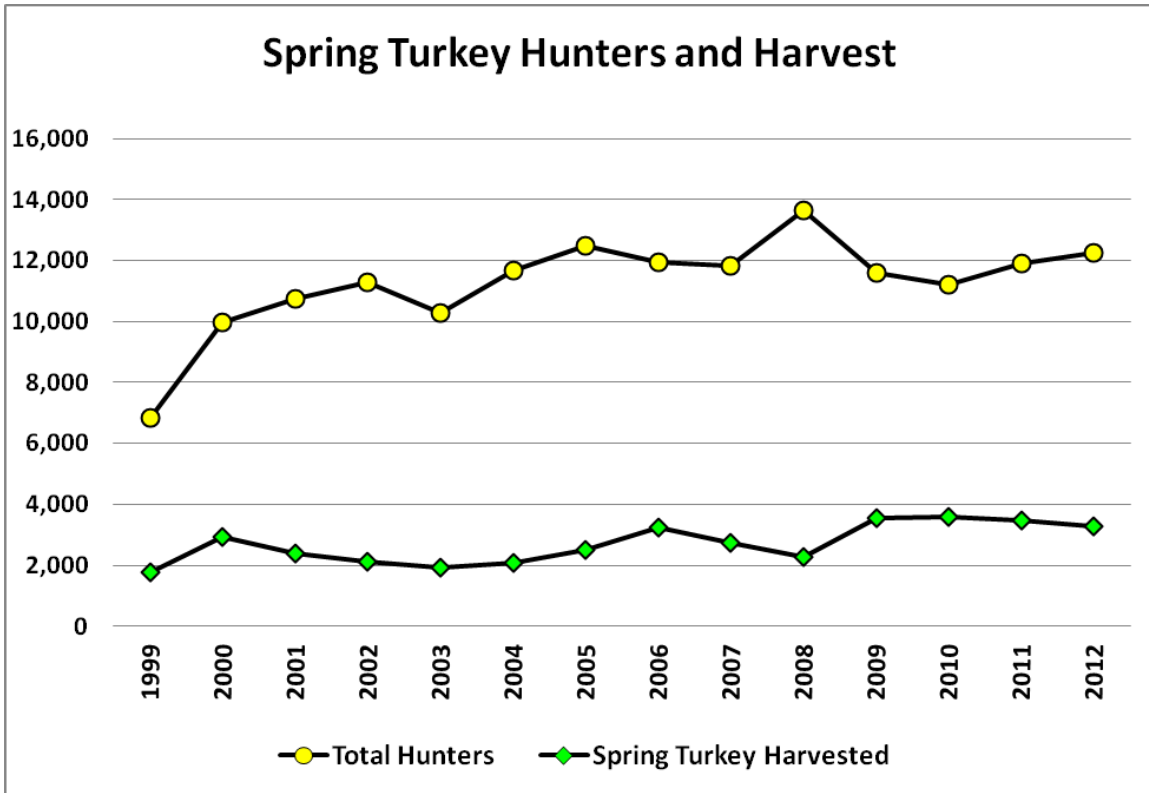
Within the OTC sample, 25% reported harvesting a bird. For the OTC sample, days hunted and harvest results are reported on a county basis. Estimates are not reported at the Game Management Unit level for OTC licenses. The **statewide harvest estimate is 2,872 ± 267 (2,618 – 3,151) for Unlimited OTC areas**. This is down slightly from the 2011 estimate of **3,085 ± 265 (2,832 – 3,361)**. Responses from hunters indicate that OTC hunters hunted **54,046 ± 2,983 (51,944 – 57,910) days** during the 2012 spring season.

### **Limited Licenses**

Within the limited sample, 55% reported harvesting a bird. Within the limited subset, estimates for hunter numbers, days, and harvest are provided by Hunt Code. Limited license estimates are not provided by county. The **statewide limited harvest estimate is 425 ± 22 (403 – 448) in 2012**. This is up from the 2011 estimate of **353 ± 25 (327 – 378)**. Limited permit holders hunted **2,568 ± 141 (2,426 – 2,710) days** during the 2012 spring season.

### **Statewide (all licenses)**

For limited and OTC licenses combined, the 2012 statewide harvest estimate is **3,297 ± 266 (3,041 – 3,576)**. This is down slightly the 2011 estimate of **3,453 ± 265 (3,199 – 3,729)**. Hunters spent over **57,000 days** in the field during the spring turkey season. Forty-seven percent of respondents hunted on both weekdays and weekends, whereas 16% hunted on weekdays only and 36% hunted on the weekends only. Respondents were mixed on satisfaction with their turkey hunting experience (57.4% satisfied, 21.9% neutral) and the survey indicates that 63% felt there was not a crowding problem.



**Unlimited Spring Turkey Harvest (↓)  
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<b>County</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>SE(Harvest)</b>	<b>LCL(Harvest)</b>	<b>UCL(Harvest)</b>
<b>Archuleta</b>	210	41	144	306
<b>Yuma</b>	210	41	144	306
<b>Mesa</b>	201	40	136	296
<b>Garfield</b>	173	37	114	263
<b>Delta</b>	155	35	100	241
<b>Las Animas</b>	137	33	86	219
<b>Pueblo</b>	137	33	86	219
<b>La Plata</b>	119	31	72	196
<b>Teller</b>	109	30	65	185
<b>Huerfano</b>	100	28	58	173
<b>Montrose</b>	100	28	58	173
<b>Fremont</b>	91	27	52	161
<b>Montezuma</b>	91	27	52	161
<b>Weld</b>	82	26	45	150
<b>El Paso</b>	73	24	39	138
<b>Baca</b>	64	23	32	126
<b>Chaffee</b>	64	23	32	126
<b>Douglas</b>	64	23	32	126
<b>Boulder</b>	55	21	26	113
<b>Custer</b>	55	21	26	113
<b>Elbert</b>	55	21	26	113
<b>Crowley</b>	46	19	21	101
<b>Larimer</b>	46	19	21	101
<b>Kit Carson</b>	36	17	15	88
<b>Ouray</b>	36	17	15	88
<b>Rio Blanco</b>	36	17	15	88
<b>Unknown</b>	36	17	15	88
<b>Bent</b>	27	15	10	74
<b>Otero</b>	27	15	10	74
<b>San Miguel</b>	27	15	10	74
<b>Dolores</b>	18	12	6	60
<b>Gunnison</b>	18	12	6	60
<b>Jefferson</b>	18	12	6	60
<b>Logan</b>	18	12	6	60
<b>Park</b>	18	12	6	60
<b>Prowers</b>	18	12	6	60
<b>Saguache</b>	18	12	6	60
<b>Washington</b>	18	12	6	60
<b>Adams</b>	9	9	2	44
<b>Alamosa</b>	9	9	2	44

<b>Eagle</b>	9	9	2	44
<b>Hinsdale</b>	9	9	2	44
<b>Morgan</b>	9	9	2	44
<b>Phillips</b>	9	9	2	44
<b>Sedgwick</b>	9	9	2	44

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Hunt Code <sup>1</sup>	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	3	1	2	6	7	3	3	15	3	1	2	6
T-M-015-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	27	14	10	69	2	1	1	5
T-M-021-O1-R	5	3	1	2	6	18	7	9	39	0	0	0	0
T-M-023-O1-R	10	9	1	7	10	24	4	17	34	3	1	1	6
T-M-025-O1-R	10	8	2	5	12	13	5	6	26	0	0	0	0
T-M-030-K1-R	5	5	0	5	5	8	2	5	12	5	0	5	5
T-M-034-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	23	5	16	34	5	0	5	5
T-M-035-O1-R	5	3	1	2	6	18	10	7	50	0	0	0	0
T-M-043-O1-R	30	24	2	20	29	134	25	93	193	10	3	6	17
T-M-044-O1-R	20	17	1	15	19	110	16	82	147	7	1	5	11
T-M-047-O1-R	10	6	2	3	10	12	4	6	23	2	1	1	7
T-M-059-O1-R	25	19	2	16	23	96	19	65	142	8	2	5	13
T-M-091-O1-R	25	22	1	20	25	70	9	55	90	15	2	12	20
T-M-091-O2-R	25	23	0	22	24	59	4	52	66	14	1	12	17
T-M-091-P1-R	25	22	2	18	27	89	24	53	149	14	4	9	23
T-M-091-P2-R	25	16	2	12	21	38	6	27	52	9	2	6	14
T-M-092-O1-R	25	25	0	25	25	64	6	53	76	18	1	15	21
T-M-092-O2-R	25	25	0	25	25	77	10	60	98	16	2	12	20
T-M-092-P1-R	25	20	2	17	24	48	7	36	65	13	2	10	18
T-M-092-P2-R	25	25	0	25	25	64	5	55	75	9	2	6	14
T-M-096-O1-R	40	37	1	35	38	111	10	93	133	30	1	27	33
T-M-096-O2-R	40	38	1	36	39	117	11	97	141	26	2	22	30
T-M-096-P1-R	50	48	1	46	51	170	23	131	222	37	3	32	43
T-M-096-P2-R	50	46	1	44	49	197	19	164	238	22	3	17	29
T-M-101-O1-R	30	26	1	24	28	69	6	57	82	17	2	13	21

T-M-101-O2-R	30	23	2	19	26	69	7	56	85	13	2	9	18
T-M-103-K1-R	40	27	3	21	34	105	17	77	144	2	2	1	8
T-M-103-O1-R	100	88	2	84	91	237	15	208	269	57	4	50	65
T-M-124-K1-R	14	9	1	7	11	14	2	11	19	5	1	4	8
T-M-124-O1-R	12	10	1	8	13	33	8	21	51	9	1	6	12
T-M-127-O1-R	10	10	0	10	10	48	6	37	62	3	1	1	4
T-M-130-O1-R	5	4	0	4	4	31	0	31	31	0	0	0	0
T-M-138-O1-R	10	10	0	10	10	29	3	23	35	5	1	4	7
T-M-140-O1-R	35	32	2	28	37	110	16	83	147	5	3	2	14
T-M-140-O2-R	20	11	2	8	15	47	10	31	71	4	2	2	8
T-M-444-O1-R	35	35	0	35	35	117	20	84	163	28	3	23	34
T-M-851-O1-R	25	24	0	24	24	66	5	57	77	9	2	6	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2568</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>2426</b>	<b>2710</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>448</b>

<sup>1</sup>Hunt codes not listed if no responses were received by hunters during the survey.



