

2010 Spring Turkey Harvest Report

The post-season spring turkey harvest survey was conducted by phone and email. In 2010, a total of 12,175 Over-the-Counter (OTC) permits and 981 limited permits were issued. Fifteen percent (1,748) 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, 784 hunters were contacted (45% response rate). Of these, 87% had hunted during the 2010 spring turkey season, while 13% had not. Of those who had hunted, 26% 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 3,087 ± 355 (2,752 – 3,463)** for Unlimited OTC areas. This is similar to the 2009 estimate of **3,133 ± 363 (2,791 – 3,517)**. Responses from hunters indicate that OTC hunters hunted **48,784 ± 3,653 days** during the 2010 spring season.

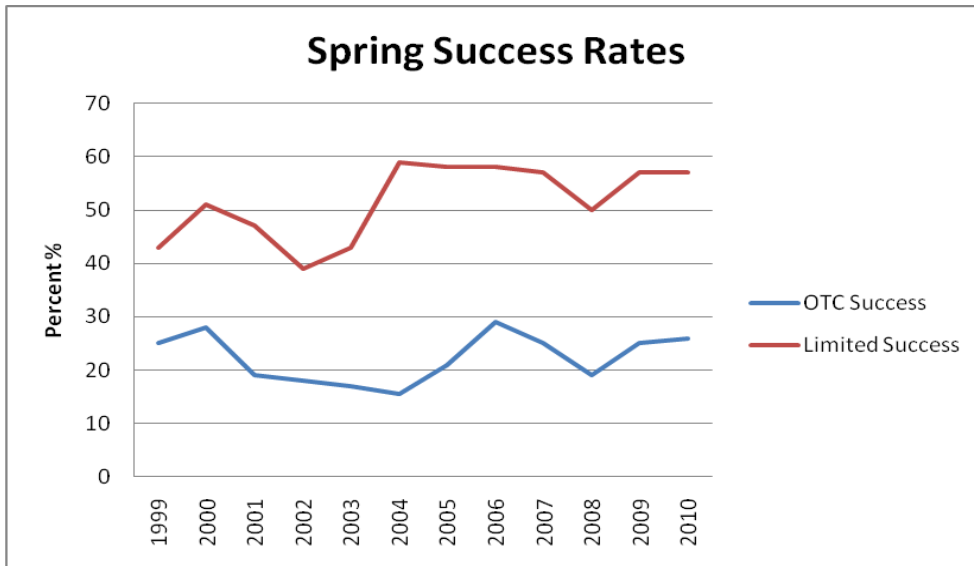
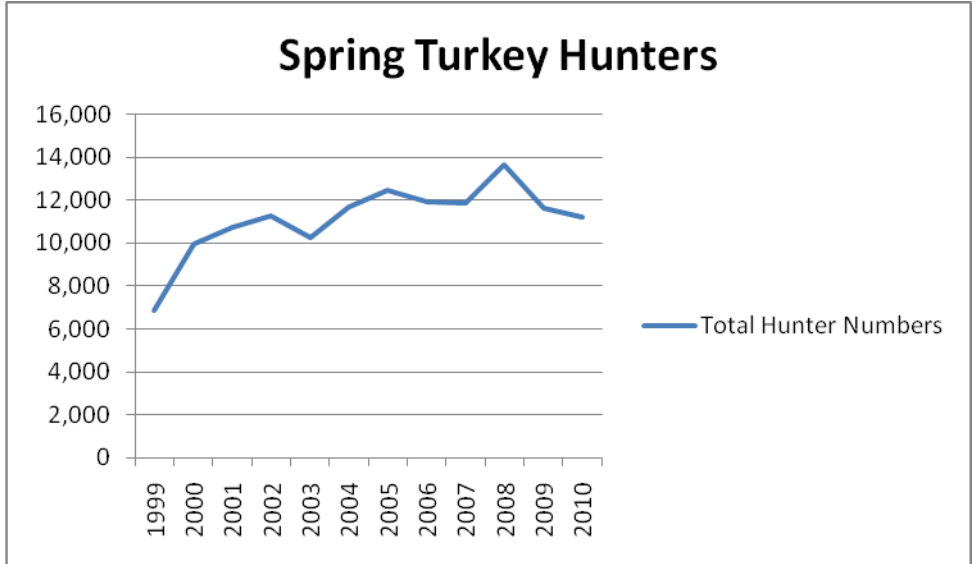
Limited Licenses

Within the limited sample, 517 hunters were contacted (53% response rate). Of these, 90% had hunted during the 2010 spring turkey season, while 10% had not. Of those who had hunted, 57% reported harvesting a bird. Eighty percent of birds harvested were mature birds and hunters reported low levels of wounding loss (<5%). Thirty-eight percent of respondents hunted on both weekdays and weekends, whereas 17% hunted on weekdays only and 45% hunted on the weekends only. Respondents were largely satisfied with their turkey hunting experience (56%) and the survey indicates that 62% 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 515 ± 25 (489 – 541) for limited permits in 2010**. This is up from the 2009 estimate of **392 ± 24 (368 – 416)**. Limited permit holders hunted **2,987 ± 173 (2,815 – 3,159)** during the 2010 spring season.

Statewide (all licenses)

For limited and OTC licenses combined, the 2010 statewide harvest estimate is **3,603 ± 357 (3,264 – 3,976)**. This is similar to the 2009 estimate of **3,548 ± 363 (3,185 – 3,911)**. Hunters spent nearly **52,000** days in the field during the spring turkey season.



**Unlimited Spring Turkey Harvest (↓)
2010**

County	Harvest	SE(Harvest)	LCL(Harvest)	UCL(Harvest)
Delta	214	55	131	351
Mesa	183	51	108	313
La Plata	168	49	96	293
Archuleta	153	46	85	274
Unknown	153	46	85	274
Pueblo	138	44	75	254
Garfield	124	42	65	235
Larimer	122	42	64	234
Las Animas	122	42	64	234
Montrose	107	39	54	214
Teller	92	36	44	193
Fremont	76	33	34	172
Baca	61	29	25	150
Boulder	61	29	25	150
Custer	61	29	25	150
El Paso	61	29	25	150
Huerfano	61	29	25	150
Jefferson	61	29	25	150
Weld	61	29	25	150
Elbert	46	26	17	127
Lincoln	46	26	17	127
Arapahoe	31	21	9	103
Chaffee	31	21	9	103
Douglas	31	21	9	103
Montezuma	31	21	9	103
Ouray	31	21	9	103
Park	31	21	9	103
Conejos	15	15	3	75
Dolores	15	15	3	75
San Miguel	15	15	3	75

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Hunt Code	Licenses	Hunters	SE	LCL	UCL	Days	SE	LCL	UCL	Harvest	SE	LCL	UCL
			Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		Days	Days	Days		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest
TM002O1R	5	3	1	2	6	8	4	4	20	3	1	2	6
TM015O1R	5	5	0	5	5	39	3	33	46	3	1	2	4
TM021O1R	5	5	0	5	5	51	10	36	74	4	1	3	5
TM023O1R	10	7	1	5	10	23	6	14	39	5	1	3	9
TM030K1R	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	5	5
TM034O1R	5	3	2	1	10	20	15	5	77	3	2	1	10
TM035O1R	5	4	1	3	5	19	5	11	31	1	1	1	3
TM043O1R	30	23	2	20	27	130	18	99	171	7	2	4	12
TM044O1R	10	7	1	5	9	71	16	47	109	6	1	4	8
TM059O1R	25	21	1	19	24	180	37	121	268	8	2	4	14
TM084W1R	10	10	0	10	10	200	0	200	200	0	0	0	0
TM085W1R	17	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TM091O1R	25	25	0	25	25	80	12	60	107	16	2	12	21
TM091P1R	10	8	2	5	12	8	2	5	12	5	2	2	12
TM091O2R	25	22	1	20	25	48	5	39	59	15	2	12	20
TM091P2R	10	10	0	10	10	23	5	15	34	10	0	10	10
TM092O1R	25	20	1	17	22	44	6	34	56	14	2	10	17
TM092P1R	5	5	0	5	5	7	1	5	9	3	1	2	6
TM092O2R	25	22	1	19	25	45	5	36	57	17	2	13	21
TM092P2R	5	3	1	2	6	8	4	4	20	2	1	1	5
TM096O1R	35	33	1	31	34	105	7	91	120	23	2	19	27
TM096P1R	20	17	0	17	17	73	13	51	104	10	3	6	16
TM096O2R	35	35	0	35	35	136	22	99	186	19	3	13	26
TM096P2R	20	20	0	20	20	87	16	61	124	7	2	4	11
TM101O1R	5	5	0	5	5	7	1	5	9	5	0	5	5

TM101P1R	25	23	0	23	23	61	7	48	76	15	3	10	20
TM101O2R	5	5	0	5	5	22	0	22	22	3	0	3	3
TM101P2R	25	13	4	7	23	43	14	23	80	10	4	5	21
TM102O1R	25	22	1	20	25	39	6	29	54	21	2	18	24
TM102P1R	40	39	1	37	40	94	10	77	116	31	2	28	35
TM102O2R	25	24	1	22	25	62	5	53	72	14	1	12	18
TM102P2R	40	35	2	32	39	103	16	77	139	25	3	20	31
TM103O1R	75	68	1	65	71	171	12	150	196	61	2	57	66
TM103K1R	10	16	2	13	21	27	4	20	37	8	3	4	17
TM124O1R	12	10	1	8	13	34	9	20	57	6	2	3	11
TM124P1R	70	64	2	59	68	265	42	195	362	48	4	41	57
TM124K1R	14	9	2	6	15	23	8	12	45	2	2	1	9
TM126O1R	30	24	3	18	31	108	26	68	172	12	4	6	23
TM127O1R	5	4	1	3	5	13	3	8	20	3	1	2	4
TM130O1R	5	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TM130P1R	10	5	2	3	11	13	8	5	38	5	2	3	11
TM136W1R	23	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TM138O1R	10	10	0	10	10	15	2	11	20	10	0	10	10
TM140O1R	75	64	2	60	68	242	14	216	272	20	3	16	26
TM140O2R	20	9	2	6	13	18	4	11	28	0	0	0	0
TM444O1R	35	33	0	33	33	124	12	102	150	24	2	20	28
TM851O1R	25	22	1	20	25	93	16	67	129	9	2	5	14
Total Limited	981	816	9	798	834	2987	88	2815	3159	515	13	489	541

NR - No responses were obtained for this hunt code