

2013 Spring Turkey Harvest Report

The post-season spring turkey harvest survey was conducted by phone and email. In 2013, a total of 15,855 Over-the-Counter (OTC) permits and 955 limited permits were issued. Approximately 30% (4,700) 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 1,595 spring turkey license holders. Approximately 88% (1,411) hunted turkeys in 2012, while 12% (186) did not hunt during the spring season.

Over-the-Counter Licenses

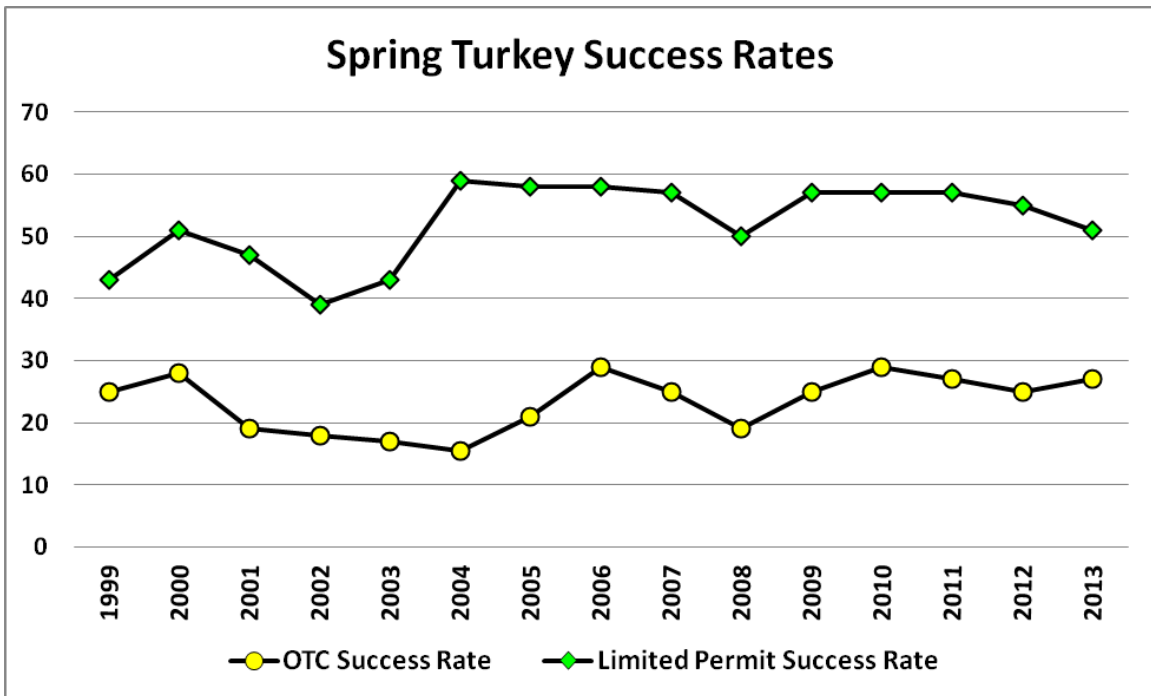
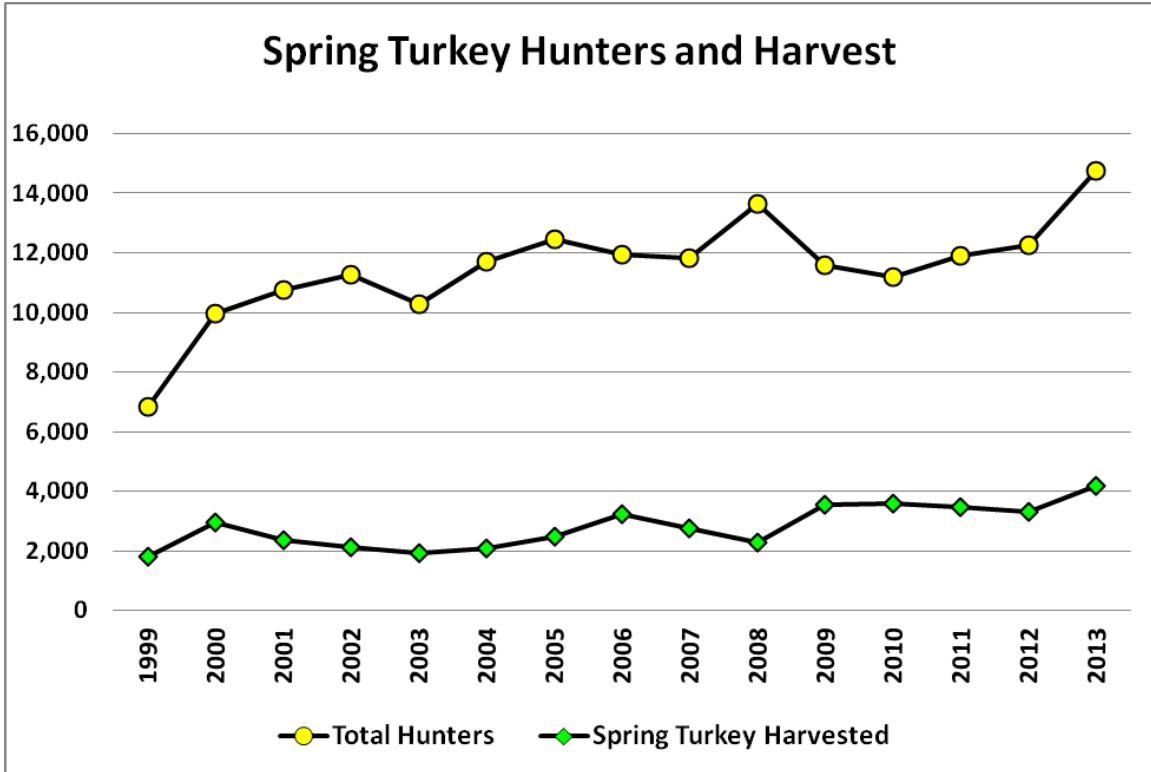
Within the OTC sample, 25% reported harvesting a bird. For the OTC sample, days hunted and harvest results are reported on a county basis. Estimates are not reported at the Game Management Unit level for OTC licenses. The **statewide harvest estimate is 3,771 ± 188 (3,420 – 4,159)** for Unlimited OTC areas. This is up significantly from the 2012 estimate of **2,872 ± 267 (2,618 – 3,151)**. Responses from hunters indicate that OTC hunters hunted **63,363 ± 1,823 (59,894 – 67,033)** days during the 2013 spring season.

Limited Licenses

Within the limited sample, 51% 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 400 ± 16 (370 – 431) in 2013**. This is similar to the 2012 estimate of **425 ± 22 (403 – 448)**. Limited permit holders hunted **2,943 ± 99 (2,750 – 3,136)** days during the 2013 spring season.

Statewide (all licenses)

For limited and OTC licenses combined, the 2013 statewide harvest estimate is **4,171 ± 189 (3,817 – 4,559)**. This is up significantly the 2012 estimate of **3,297 ± 266 (3,041 – 3,576)**. Hunters spent over **66,000** days in the field during the spring turkey season. Forty-nine percent of respondents hunted on both weekdays and weekends, whereas 13% hunted on weekdays only and 37% hunted on the weekends only. Respondents were mixed on satisfaction with their turkey hunting experience (61% satisfied, 17% neutral) and the survey indicates that 57% felt there was not a crowding problem.



**Unlimited Spring Turkey Harvest (↓)
2013**

County	Harvest	SE	LCL(Harvest)	UCL(Harvest)
Mesa	306	61	208	451
Garfield	280	58	187	419
La Plata	267	57	176	403
Las Animas	240	54	155	371
Fremont	213	51	134	338
Archuleta	173	46	104	289
Delta	173	46	104	289
Montrose	160	44	94	272
Boulder	133	40	75	238
Teller	120	38	65	221
Yuma	120	38	65	221
Douglas	107	36	56	203
Huerfano	107	36	56	203
Pueblo	107	36	56	203
Custer	93	34	47	186
El Paso	93	34	47	186
Adams	80	31	38	168
Chaffee	80	31	38	168
Elbert	80	31	38	168
Larimer	67	29	30	149
Ouray	67	29	30	149
Weld	67	29	30	149
Unknown	67	29	30	149
Montezuma	53	26	22	130
Otero	53	26	22	130
Park	53	26	22	130
Baca	40	22	14	110
Gunnison	40	22	14	110
Morgan	40	22	14	110
Crowley	27	18	8	89
Dolores	27	18	8	89
Mineral	27	18	8	89
Phillips	27	18	8	89
Saguache	27	18	8	89
Alamosa	13	13	3	65
Arapahoe	13	13	3	65
Bent	13	13	3	65
Clear Creek	13	13	3	65
Hinsdale	13	13	3	65
Jefferson	13	13	3	65

Kit Carson	13	13	3	65
Lincoln	13	13	3	65
Pitkin	13	13	3	65
Prowers	13	13	3	65
Rio Blanco	13	13	3	65
San Miguel	13	13	3	65

**Limited Spring Turkey Harvest (↓)
2013**

Hunt Code*	Hunters	SE	LCL	UCL	Days	SE	LCL	UCL	Harvest	SE	LCL	UCL
		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		Days	Days	Days		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest
T-M-002-O1-R	5	0	5	5	18	5	11	30	5	0	5	5
T-M-015-O1-R	5	0	5	5	43	10	27	66	5	0	5	5
T-M-021-O1-R	5	0	5	5	10	0	10	10	5	0	5	5
T-M-023-O1-R	7	3	3	15	7	3	3	15	0	0	0	0
T-M-025-O1-R	10	0	10	10	34	4	28	42	2	1	1	7
T-M-030-K1-R	5	4	1	22	30	27	7	135	0	0	0	0
T-M-030-O1-R	10	0	10	10	30	18	10	88	5	4	1	22
T-M-034-O1-R	3	2	1	10	13	10	3	48	3	2	1	10
T-M-035-O1-R	5	0	5	5	20	4	14	29	5	0	5	5
T-M-043-O1-R	26	2	22	30	234	38	170	322	15	3	10	22
T-M-044-O1-R	17	0	17	17	77	13	56	107	11	2	8	16
T-M-047-O1-R	9	0	9	9	38	17	16	89	5	2	2	10
T-M-059-O1-R	25	0	25	25	173	29	124	241	7	3	3	14
T-M-091-O1-R	17	2	13	23	39	7	27	56	7	3	4	15
T-M-091-O2-R	22	1	20	25	61	9	46	81	13	2	9	18
T-M-091-P1-R	20	2	16	25	95	24	59	155	16	3	11	23
T-M-091-P2-R	25	0	25	25	56	6	45	70	9	4	4	20
T-M-092-O1-R	23	0	23	23	66	7	54	80	13	2	10	18
T-M-092-O2-R	23	1	21	26	64	6	53	78	7	2	4	12
T-M-092-P1-R	19	3	14	26	64	15	41	100	17	3	11	25
T-M-092-P2-R	16	3	11	23	45	11	29	72	7	3	3	14
T-M-096-O1-R	38	0	38	38	172	24	132	225	24	3	19	31
T-M-096-O2-R	37	1	35	39	129	14	105	158	24	3	19	29
T-M-096-P1-R	48	1	46	51	171	20	137	214	35	3	29	41
T-M-096-P2-R	46	2	43	51	101	14	77	132	26	5	18	36

T-M-101-O1-R	27	1	24	30	75	9	59	94	12	3	8	19
T-M-101-O2-R	27	2	23	32	93	11	74	117	16	4	10	26
T-M-103-K1-R	34	3	29	40	112	16	85	148	7	3	3	16
T-M-103-O1-R	91	2	86	96	319	26	273	374	55	5	46	65
T-M-124-K1-R	14	0	14	14	45	2	41	49	0	0	0	0
T-M-124-O1-R	10	1	8	13	68	25	33	138	0	0	0	0
T-M-127-O1-R	10	0	10	10	23	7	13	43	0	0	0	0
T-M-130-O1-R	3	1	2	6	15	5	7	30	2	1	1	5
T-M-138-O1-R	8	1	7	11	52	15	30	90	7	1	5	10
T-M-140-O1-R	27	2	23	32	103	13	81	132	4	2	2	9
T-M-140-O2-R	10	3	6	18	35	13	18	70	3	2	1	10
T-M-444-O1-R	33	1	31	36	122	13	99	150	20	3	16	26
T-M-851-O1-R	18	3	13	24	93	23	57	151	10	3	5	18
Total	780	11	758	801	2943	99	2750	3136	400	16	370	431

*Hunt codes not listed above received no responses during the survey.