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Fall archery season yields record harvest of 1,045 wild turkeys

SPRINGFIELD - Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary record statewide total of 1,045 wild turkeys during the 2024-2025 fall archery turkey season. The total compares last year's harvest of 803 and the 5-year average of 763 birds harvested. The previous record total for fall archery season was in 2015 when 851 turkeys were taken.

This season 27,422 permits were sold (excluding landowner permits) compared to 25,741 for the 2023-2024 season. The season dates were Oct. 1, 2024 through Jan. 19, 2025 and all 102 counties were open for hunting.

Harvest reports were 51% male and 49% female compared to 54% males and 46% hens last year. A total of 62% of hunters reported using crossbows versus 37% using compound bows and 1% using traditional bows.

The top five counties for fall archery wild turkey harvest this season were Fayette, 37; Jefferson, 28; Pike, 25; Marion, 24; and Jo Daviess, 23.

The table below includes the preliminary 2024-2025 county-by-county fall archery turkey harvest results with comparable totals for 2023-2024.

County	2023-2024	2024-2025
Adams	15	15
Alexander	6	1
Bond	9	21
Boone	7	5
Brown	8	9
Bureau	8	15
Calhoun	14	16
Carroll	11	12
Cass	11	17
Champaign	6	6
Christian	7	9
Clark	8	4
Clay	16	19
Clinton	11	13
Coles	8	13
Crawford	8	8

Cumberland	2	4
Dekalb	2	3
DeWitt	1	3
Douglas	1	2
Edgar	4	4
Edwards	4	6
Effingham	6	16
Fayette	23	37
Ford	0	0
Franklin	10	7
Fulton	10	14
Gallatin	2	3
Greene	4	6
Grundy	4	5
Hamilton	15	8
Hancock	9	17
Hardin	2	7
Henderson	6	2
Henry	8	10
Iroquois	10	17
Jackson	5	7
Jasper	9	9
Jefferson	31	28
Jersey	8	9
JoDaviess	23	23
Johnson	6	16
Kane	1	0
Kankakee	3	11
Kendall	0	0
Knox	7	12
Lake	5	3
LaSalle	9	15
Lawrence	8	4
Lee	9	22
Livingston	3	4
Logan	0	3
Macon	5	6
Macoupin	14	19
Madison	11	18
Marion	16	24
Marshall	7	8
Mason	13	15
Massac	8	5
McDonough	3	2
McHenry	12	17

McLean	2	9
Menard	7	9
Mercer	9	10
Monroe	12	10
Montgomery	11	21
Morgan	5	6
Moultrie	1	6
Ogle	17	17
Peoria	9	18
Perry	5	14
Piatt	0	3
Pike	15	25
Pope	5	6
Pulaski	4	3
Putnam	1	3
Randolph	8	19
Richland	3	3
Rock Island	7	5
Saline	2	7
Sangamon	12	22
Schuylerville	8	11
Scott	6	1
Shelby	7	15
St. Clair	16	13
Stark	0	1
Stephenson	8	20
Tazewell	8	12
Union	8	5
Vermilion	13	10
Wabash	2	3
Warren	4	2
Washington	11	8
Wayne	12	13
White	5	5
Whiteside	11	18
Will	10	15
Williamson	18	14
Winnebago	14	17
Woodford	11	12
Unknown	4	0
TOTAL	803	1045

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