



SUMMARY OF 2020 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



Regular Shotgun/Archery Spring Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: Apr. 6 - May 7, 2020 (South); Apr. 13 - May 14, 2020 (North)

Season Structure: 5 consecutive individual season segments comprising a total of 32 days per zone; the lengths of individual segments were 5, 6, 6, 7, and 8 days, respectively. Regular paid permits were valid for the appropriate season segment only, while landowner permits were valid throughout the entire 32 days.

Number of Counties Open: 100 (closed in Cook and DuPage)

Bag Limit: One gobbler (male) or bearded hen per permit

Number of Permits Allowed: 3 (subject to availability)

Permit Availability: County-specific (or special hunt area-specific) permits issued via a series of 3 lotteries, with specific permit quotas set for each county/special hunt area. Resident hunters could apply for their first permit in the first lottery; resident hunters without a permit and nonresident hunters could apply for their first permit in the second lottery; anyone who does not have a permit or has one permit can apply in the third lottery. The remainder of permits were available over-the-counter (OTC) and anyone could purchase their first, second, or third permit during that time.

Harvest Reporting: Mandatory harvest reporting via telephone or internet by 10:00 p.m. on the day of harvest.

Significant Changes: none

Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

Harvest Total: 14,098 (15,831 including Youth Season)

Record Harvest: 16,057 (2006; 16,569 including Youth Season)

Permit Success Rate: 28.2% (Excludes Landowner Permits)

Harvest Age Structure: 82.1% adult; 17.9% juvenile

Harvest Sex Ratio: 98.7% male; 1.3% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Permit (Excludes Landowner Permits): 2.2

Public Land Harvest: 575 (4.1%)

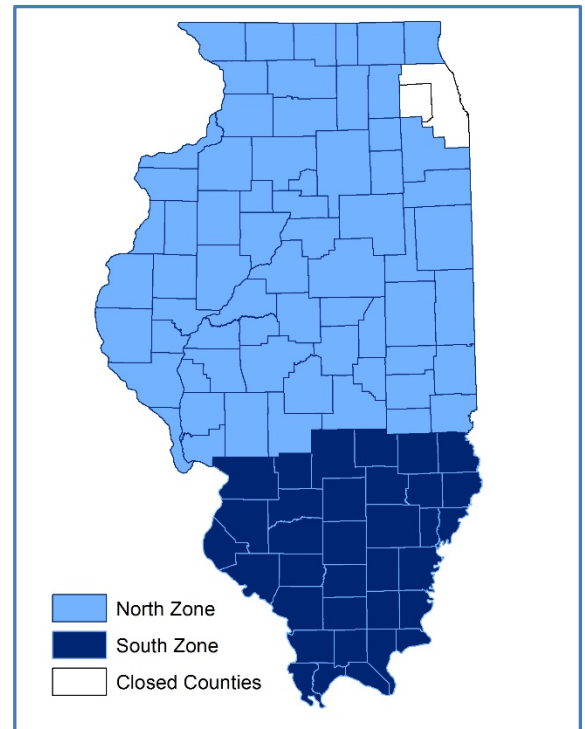
Top 5 Counties: Jefferson (444), Jo Daviess (432), Marion (376), Pike (360), Fulton (342)

Statewide General Weather Conditions:

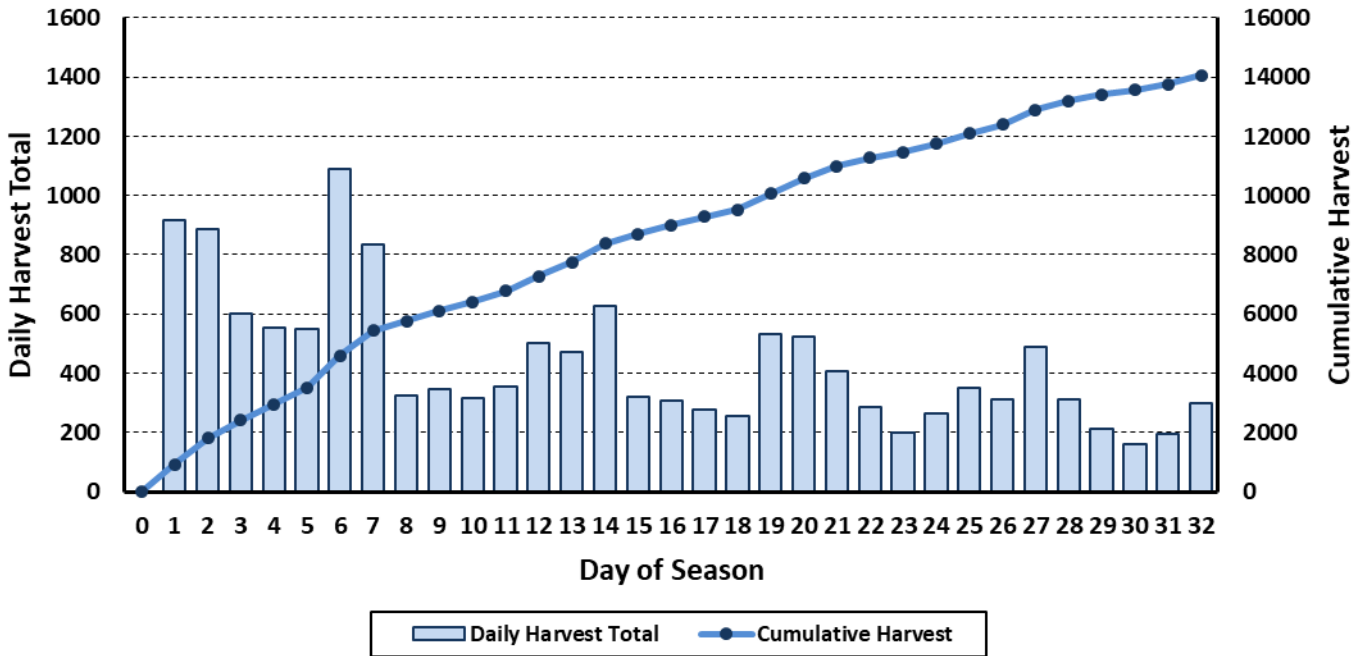
March: Temperature above average; precipitation above average.

April: Temperature near average but 1 week well below; precipitation slightly below average.

May: Temperature below average; precipitation near average



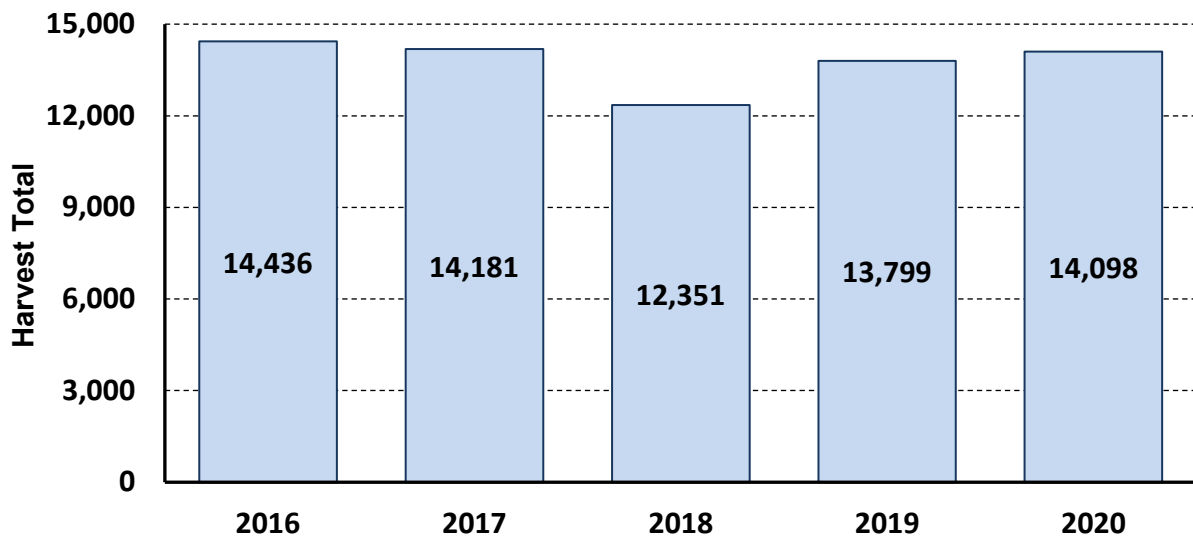
Daily harvest total and cumulative harvest during the 2020 regular spring turkey season



Trends in the number of regular spring turkey season permits issued statewide (no youth)

Permit Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Landowner Permits (free for residents)	17,697	17,395	14,563	21,889	23,821
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,463	2,466	2,381	2,374	230
County-specific Permits	43,806	43,977	48,568	49,047	49,788
TOTAL	63,966	63,838	65,512	73,310	73,839

Recent trend in regular spring turkey harvest



2020 Youth Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: March 28 – 29 & Apr. 4 - 5, 2020 (Statewide)

Season Length: 4 days total

Number of Counties Open: 100 (closed in Cook and DuPage)

Bag Limit: One gobbler (male) or bearded hen per permit

Number of Permits Allowed: 1 (counts towards maximum of 3 allowed in Regular Spring Season)

Special Regulations: Limited to youths under the age of 18, who must be accompanied by a responsible non-hunting supervising adult. One county-specific permit (available over-the-counter) or one special hunt area permit (issued via lottery) allowed per hunter. Mandatory harvest reporting by 3:00 p.m. on day of harvest.

Season Results

Harvest Total: 1,733 (Record)

Permit Success Rate: 31.6%

Harvest Age Structure: 75.5% adult: 24.5% juvenile

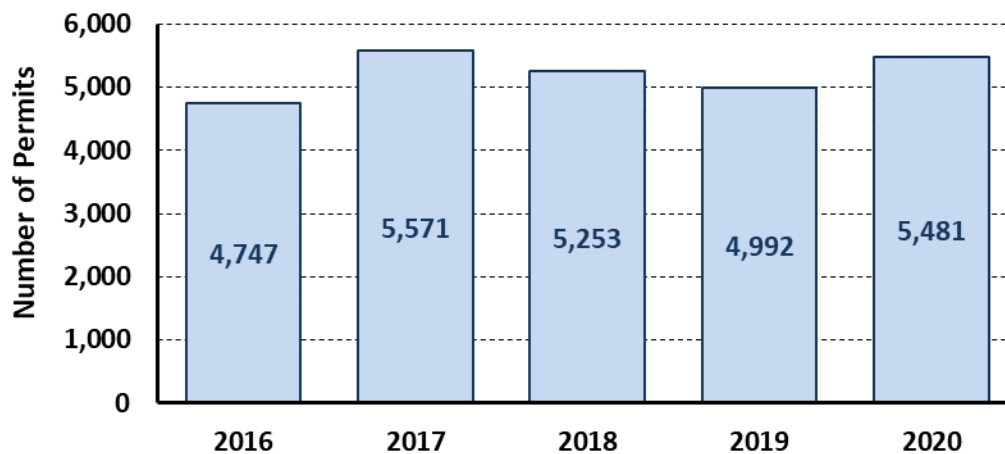
Harvest Sex Ratio: 98.8% male: 1.2% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter: 2

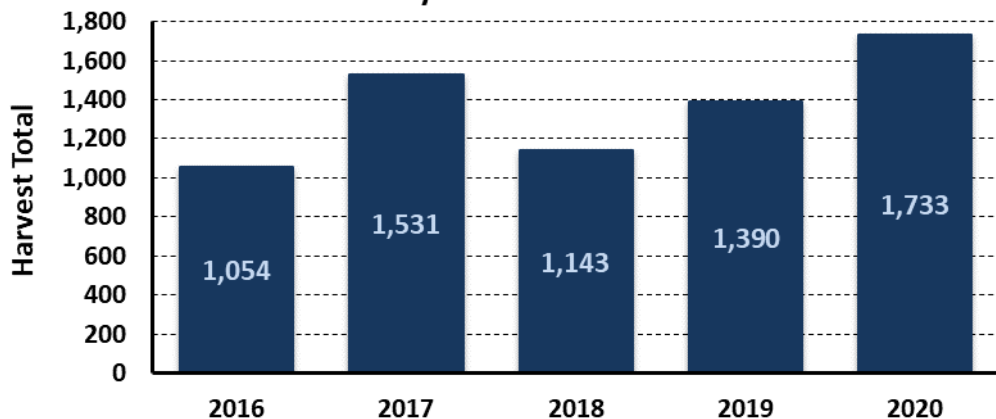
Public Land Harvest: 62 (3.6%)

Top 5 Counties: Jefferson (68), Marion (60), Randolph (51), Fayette (48), Pike(47)

Youth turkey season trend in permits issued



Youth turkey season harvest trend



2020 County Harvest Totals by Season Segment

Regular Season Results*

County	Youth	POH	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total**	Regular Season Success
ADAMS	27	49	79	43	32	37	9	200	14.2%
ALEXANDER	15	20	33	20	24	29	16	122	24.0%
BOND	15	16	27	17	15	20	20	99	22.0%
BOONE	7	2	12	15	12	14	10	63	31.5%
BROWN	11	50	62	30	26	27	14	159	19.0%
BUREAU	14	27	35	28	13	14	19	109	16.3%
CALHOUN	17	33	49	37	16	20	13	135	14.8%
CARROLL	4	16	38	26	21	15	9	109	12.0%
CASS	17	23	55	31	28	29	27	170	19.1%
CHAMPAIGN	2	3	3	3	3	2	5	16	13.9%
CHRISTIAN	5	9	5	4	6	7	4	26	10.7%
CLARK	19	44	34	39	19	29	29	150	30.0%
CLAY	22	46	40	36	24	21	39	160	25.6%
CLINTON	8	20	16	9	14	15	4	58	16.4%
COLES	2	8	9	5	8	7	6	35	16.3%
CRAWFORD	13	40	30	26	20	30	18	124	25.6%
CUMBERLAND	8	20	7	15	3	3	9	37	16.4%
DEKALB	1	0	2	3	1	1	2	9	7.2%
DEWITT	2	3	10	9	11	7	8	45	18.6%
DOUGLAS	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	5	7.8%
EDGAR	6	12	17	17	10	7	11	62	22.5%
EDWARDS	9	11	13	16	10	8	11	58	25.8%
EFFINGHAM	25	30	19	14	13	7	20	73	18.3%
FAYETTE	44	74	43	36	22	29	21	151	24.0%
FORD	0	4	3	2	2	2	2	11	22.0%
FRANKLIN	21	32	26	37	31	16	21	131	29.0%
FULTON	18	52	50	36	35	31	24	176	13.3%
GALLATIN/HARDIN	23	30	57	21	24	28	19	149	20.4%
GREENE	12	32	34	17	19	19	7	96	15.9%
GRUNDY	3	5	11	7	10	12	5	45	20.0%
HAMILTON	41	48	37	28	30	29	29	153	28.8%
HANCOCK	30	38	60	43	26	37	21	187	19.5%
HENDERSON	12	7	36	21	20	26	12	115	19.4%
HENRY	11	12	19	19	16	15	14	83	30.7%
IROQUOIS	6	10	11	19	10	10	13	63	25.2%
JACKSON	24	57	55	45	28	44	28	200	19.3%
JASPER	14	21	27	19	16	18	21	101	20.0%

JEFFERSON	53	61	86	61	54	46	65	312	30.1%
JERSEY	11	20	43	24	18	19	10	114	12.7%
JO DAVIESS	18	34	99	80	60	40	22	301	12.7%
JOHNSON	17	37	43	36	29	34	26	168	19.5%
KANE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
KANKAKEE	3	4	11	5	6	9	7	38	18.4%
KENDALL	0	0	1	0	3	4	1	9	8.8%
KNOX	17	46	42	33	29	32	27	163	18.6%
LAKE	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	6	8.7%
LASALLE	3	3	28	22	20	23	13	106	17.8%
LAWRENCE	10	20	24	24	27	19	21	115	25.2%
LEE	15	5	17	16	10	13	8	64	16.9%
LIVINGSTON	1	2	10	3	7	6	3	29	24.6%
LOGAN	1	7	7	4	4	3	2	20	11.4%
MACON	7	2	2	3	3	8	1	17	13.6%
MACOUPIN	32	27	56	29	36	26	21	168	13.1%
MADISON	30	18	40	34	30	25	15	144	14.8%
MARION	41	71	70	57	29	37	33	226	25.2%
MARSHALL/PUTNAM	10	17	21	20	12	13	11	77	18.3%
MASON	12	15	30	27	18	17	15	107	16.4%
MASSAC	4	13	20	16	14	15	15	80	26.2%
MCDONOUGH	9	23	33	24	14	13	7	91	21.2%
MCHENRY	11	3	17	22	17	14	14	84	25.8%
MCLEAN	8	3	10	15	10	9	9	53	21.6%
MENARD	9	13	15	11	11	13	4	54	17.5%
MERCER	20	14	41	34	27	26	26	154	28.0%
MONROE	16	25	22	26	12	15	27	102	18.0%
MONTGOMERY	14	25	32	21	16	21	23	113	21.5%
MORGAN	9	8	32	28	17	15	17	109	16.3%
MOULTRIE	1	1	7	4	1	3	4	19	12.7%
OGLE	6	8	28	30	32	27	24	141	21.5%
PEORIA	10	8	34	24	16	12	9	95	15.0%
PERRY	21	47	47	32	26	29	31	165	25.0%
PIATT	0	0	1	2	2	1	3	9	9.5%
PIKE	38	46	93	54	43	56	29	275	19.2%
POPE	20	17	92	42	35	41	33	243	14.1%
PULASKI	8	20	24	17	19	12	12	84	29.4%
RANDOLPH	31	64	53	42	27	29	46	197	19.2%
RICHLAND	12	19	14	11	14	19	22	80	24.6%
ROCK ISLAND	7	14	37	24	25	29	21	136	21.6%
SALINE	15	19	26	13	15	12	13	79	19.1%

SANGAMON	11	11	18	20	14	15	14	81	19.9%
SCHUYLER	15	38	46	32	20	22	12	132	11.6%
SCOTT	10	10	14	17	12	8	0	51	13.7%
SHELBY	16	29	16	21	15	12	23	87	20.8%
ST CLAIR	16	16	19	23	12	23	18	95	19.0%
STARK	1	2	3	5	2	1	2	13	15.9%
STEPHENSON	11	15	26	30	17	31	24	128	22.8%
TAZEWELL	7	12	15	12	7	10	7	51	18.5%
UNION	23	32	71	48	40	30	18	207	21.6%
VERMILION	6	12	31	20	21	19	22	113	19.0%
WABASH	2	8	6	11	3	3	8	31	17.2%
WARREN	3	7	11	7	6	9	6	39	22.3%
WASHINGTON	19	34	23	17	14	17	10	81	16.0%
WAYNE	34	39	47	49	39	46	45	226	29.9%
WHITE	24	22	33	30	25	29	19	136	38.7%
WHITESIDE	14	13	17	19	12	16	17	81	14.4%
WILL	4	1	14	15	23	9	8	69	20.8%
WILLIAMSON	31	36	58	43	35	47	39	222	24.2%
WINNEBAGO	9	11	29	24	25	24	22	124	23.4%
WOODFORD	5	12	12	12	7	8	9	48	17.5%
UNKNOWN	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
TOTAL**	1319	2044	2884	2224	1756	1830	1553	10247	19.2%

*Property Only Hunting Permits (POH; Landowner Tags) and Youth Permits not included

**Does not include harvest records for which information is unknown due to reporting error

2020 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinois Public Land

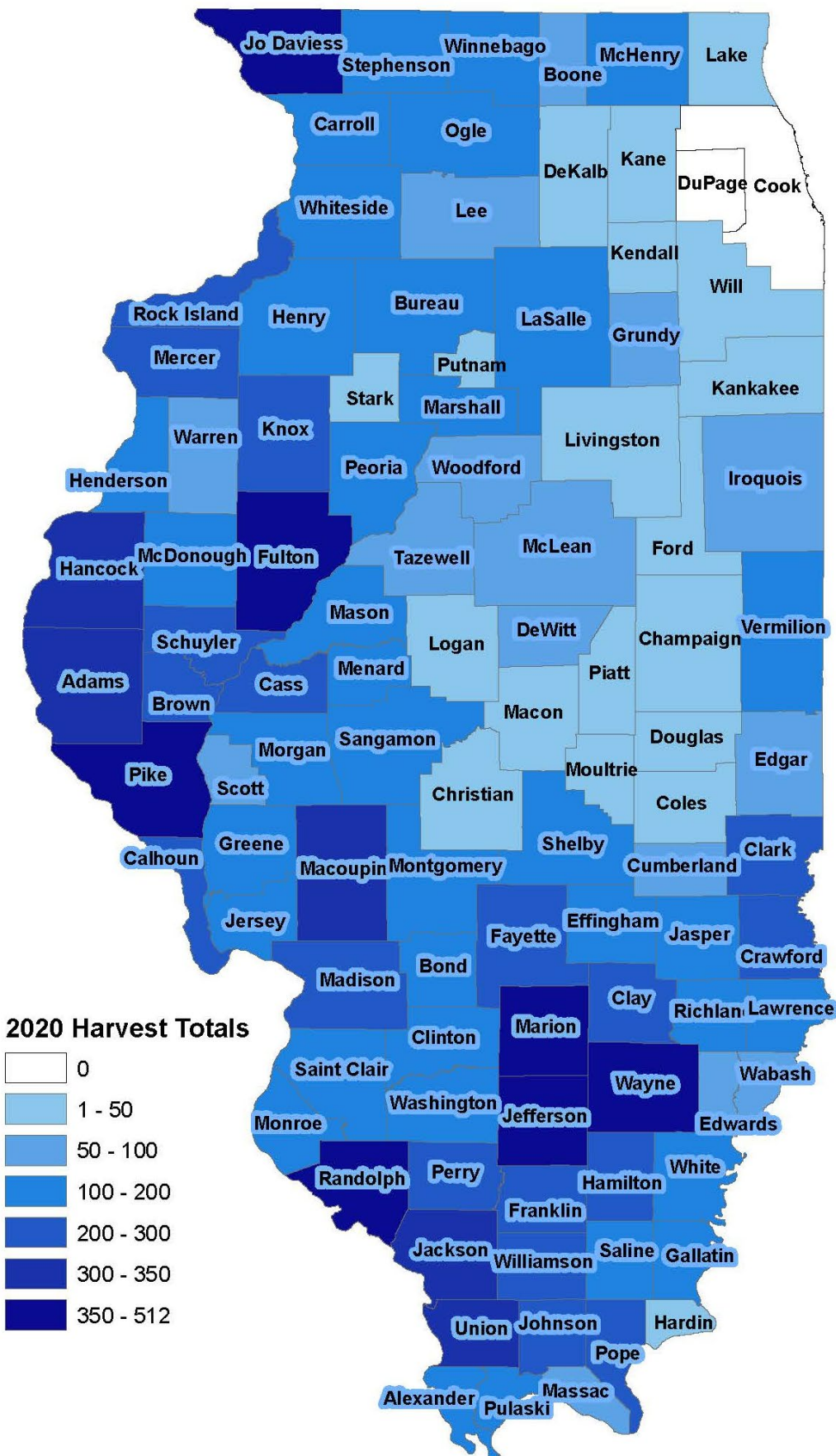
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all State-owned public land was closed to spring turkey hunting

Site Name*	Location County/Countries	Harvest Total**	Success Rate***
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	48	60.0%
Crab Orchard NWR Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/WILLIAMSON	32	
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/PULASKI/ UNION	10	
Great River NWR	Adams	3	
Chouteau, Gabaret, and Mosenthein Islands	MADISON	10	
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	MOULTRIE	16	32.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	SHELBY	14	23.3%
Mark Twain NWR Wilkinson Island	JACKSON	1	
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	WILL	6	15.0%
Mississippi River Pool 21	ADAMS	1	
Oakwood Bottoms	JACKSON	7	
Rend Lake (Corps of Engineers)	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	29	
Shawnee National Forest	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/JACKSON /JOHNSON/MASSAC/POPE/ SALINE/UNION	413	
Total**		590	

*Sites with no harvest reported not included

**Includes Youth Harvest

***Only listed for SHAs; success rate cannot be calculated on sites open to county tags



Harvest Totals across all season segments and permit types