



SUMMARY OF 2022 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



Regular Spring Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: Apr. 4 - May 5, 2022 (South); Apr. 11 - May 12, 2022 (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.

Recent Regulation Changes: none

Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

Harvest Total: 12,437 (13,701 including Youth Season)

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

Permit Success Rate: 19.8% (Excludes Landowner Permits)

Harvest Age Structure: 73.1% adult; 26.9% juvenile

Harvest Sex Ratio: 98.25% male; 1.75% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Permit: 2.1 (Excludes Landowner Permits)

Public Land Harvest: 1,171 (9.4%)

Top 5 Counties: Jefferson (422), Jo Daviess (410), Pike (368), Randolph (315), Pope (312)

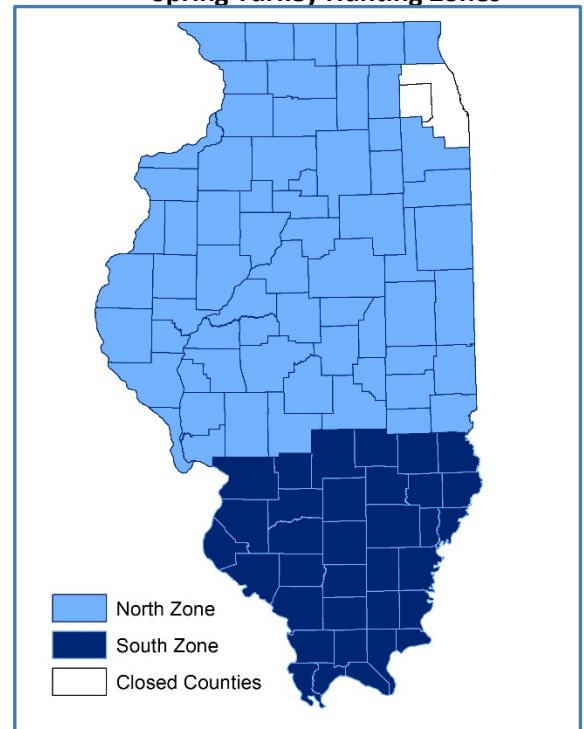
Statewide General Weather Conditions:

March: Temperature above average; precipitation above average.

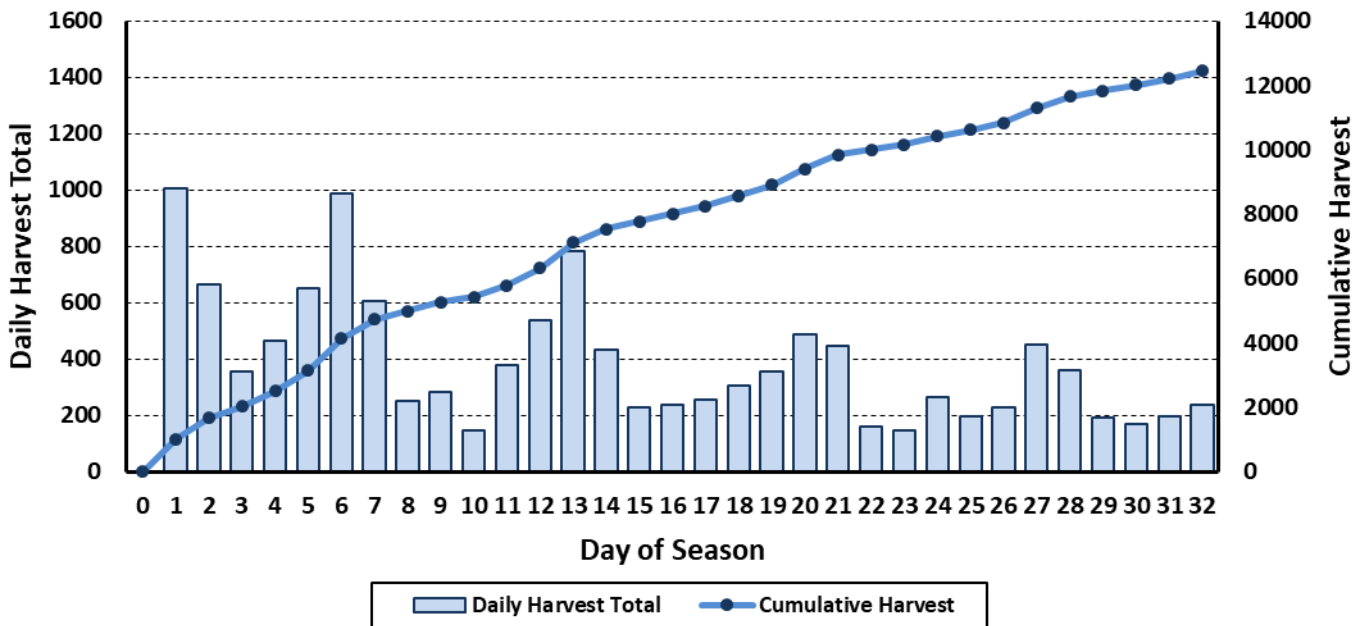
April: Temperature below average; precipitation slightly above average.

May: Temperature slightly below average early, above average late; precipitation near average

Spring Turkey Hunting Zones



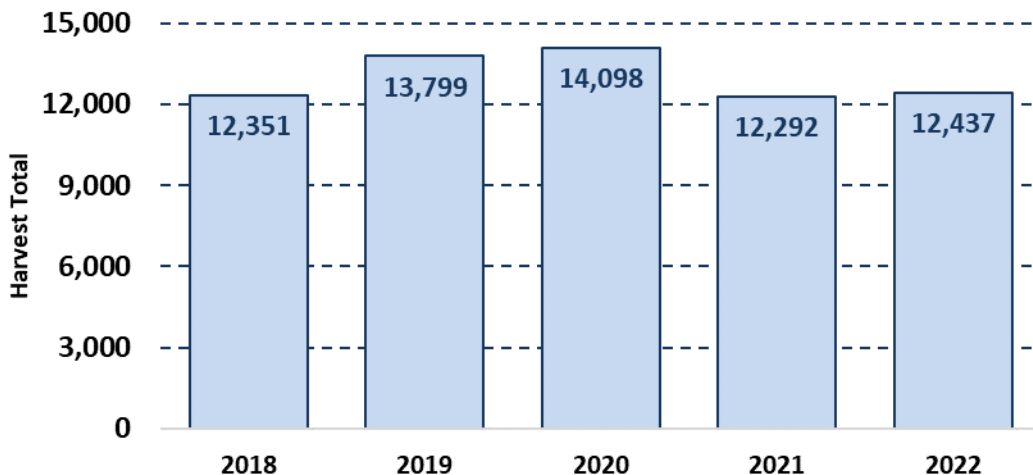
Daily harvest total and cumulative harvest during the 2022 regular spring turkey season



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

Permit Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Landowner Permits (free for residents)	14,563	21,889	23,829	24,772	24,335
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,381	2,374	230	2,429	2,515
County-specific Permits	48,568	49,047	49,788	51,160	49,843
TOTAL	65,512	73,310	73,847	78,361	76,693

Recent trend in regular spring harvest



2022 Youth Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: March 26 – 27 & Apr. 2 - 3, 2022 (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 youth hunters under the age of 18, 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 10:00 p.m. on day of harvest.

Season Results

Harvest Total: 1,264

Record Harvest: 1,733 (2020)

Permit Success Rate: 25.1%

Harvest Age Structure: 68.7% adult: 31.3% juvenile

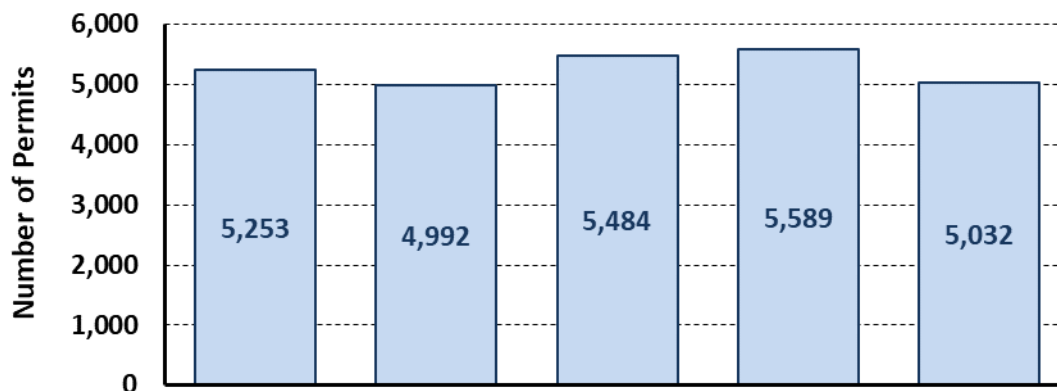
Harvest Sex Ratio: 99.1% male: 0.9% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter: 1.9

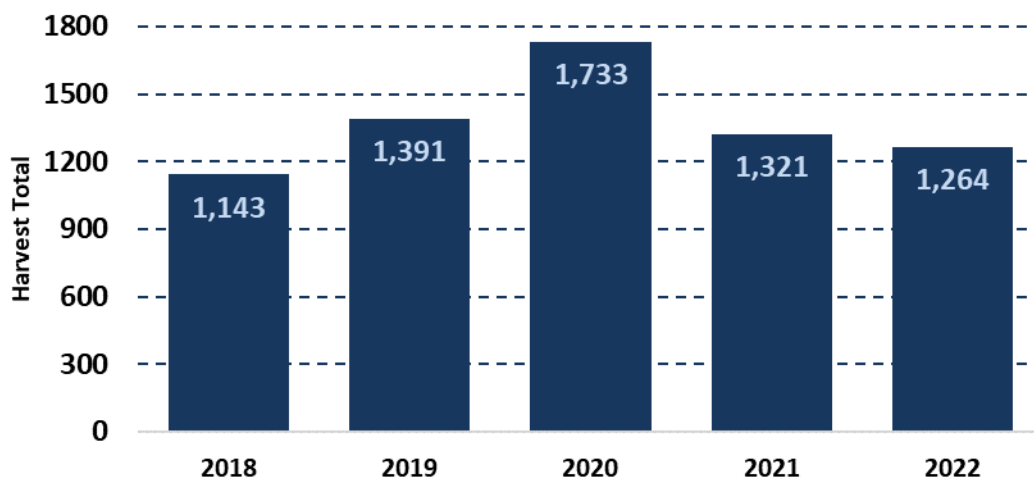
Public Land Harvest: 110 (8.7%)

Top 5 Counties: Jefferson (54), Randolph (45), Marion (41), Adams (36), Pope (29)

Youth turkey season trend in permits issued



Recent trend in youth harvest



2022 County Harvest Totals by Season Segment

County	Youth	POH	Regular Season Results*						Total**	Regular Season Success
			1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th			
ADAMS	36	35	79	51	46	31	19	226	17.3%	
ALEXANDER	8	23	25	18	23	22	22	110	22.1%	
BOND	13	23	14	19	18	17	22	90	20.2%	
BOONE	6	2	17	19	15	14	15	80	40.4%	
BROWN	10	43	59	25	26	23	12	145	19.2%	
BUREAU	16	20	35	25	27	27	20	134	20.6%	
CALHOUN	19	46	56	37	22	23	13	151	17.9%	
CARROLL	7	19	35	30	38	23	7	133	17.5%	
CASS	20	20	54	40	35	19	22	170	25.6%	
CHAMPAIGN	0	7	0	2	4	4	5	15	13.0%	
CHRISTIAN	3	6	14	3	6	6	5	34	15.5%	
CLARK	21	39	33	22	29	28	27	139	27.9%	
CLAY	27	50	29	28	24	25	31	137	22.2%	
CLINTON	19	19	11	11	11	15	15	63	19.6%	
COLES	4	1	11	0	7	6	1	25	12.6%	
CRAWFORD	15	38	32	25	27	32	20	136	29.2%	
CUMBERLAND	3	17	10	9	6	3	7	35	15.8%	
DEKALB	0	0	3	4	5	2	2	16	16.2%	
DEWITT	0	4	8	10	6	8	2	34	19.9%	
DOUGLAS	0	2	2	2	1	3	0	8	12.9%	
EDGAR	3	18	15	14	19	14	12	74	27.3%	
EDWARDS	13	14	14	16	11	14	11	66	30.0%	
EFFINGHAM	13	34	8	21	9	17	11	66	16.7%	
FAYETTE	21	51	43	30	26	20	22	141	21.0%	
FORD	0	1	1	2	2	3	2	10	16.7%	
FRANKLIN	25	33	35	29	33	28	29	154	31.0%	
FULTON	20	48	47	40	47	25	20	179	13.9%	
GALLATIN/HARDIN	26	35	41	27	24	36	16	144	17.5%	
GREENE	13	32	29	15	16	14	6	80	14.8%	
GRUNDY	2	2	14	12	13	10	7	56	25.1%	
HAMILTON	28	43	24	29	31	28	36	148	33.1%	
HANCOCK	29	42	67	43	39	32	20	201	21.5%	
HENDERSON	15	10	26	34	17	19	16	112	20.4%	
HENRY	12	13	15	16	18	17	12	78	31.3%	
IROQUOIS	8	12	14	14	18	6	11	63	28.0%	

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JACKSON	27	41	50	40	35	42	47	214	21.7%	
JASPER	19	18	22	22	19	14	16	93	20.7%	
JEFFERSON	54	62	63	60	49	65	59	296	29.1%	
JERSEY	8	26	54	22	26	20	17	139	17.2%	
JO DAVIESS	24	42	89	92	95	53	21	350	17.7%	
JOHNSON	16	42	43	30	32	36	42	183	22.5%	
KANE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2.1%	
KANKAKEE	4	5	5	13	6	7	6	37	21.1%	
KENDALL	0	1	3	2	4	0	0	9	9.1%	
KNOX	8	43	36	31	34	28	21	150	18.6%	
LAKE	0	0	1	3	4	1	1	10	16.4%	
LASALLE	3	11	22	17	12	11	19	81	16.4%	
LAWRENCE	8	16	25	28	23	16	15	107	25.1%	
LEE	5	6	23	13	13	14	16	79	24.5%	
LIVINGSTON	6	5	5	2	4	6	2	19	16.5%	
LOGAN	4	9	6	5	5	5	1	22	12.9%	
MACON	4	1	7	2	4	2	1	16	12.8%	
MACOUPIN	28	25	62	46	45	31	24	208	17.5%	
MADISON	26	10	37	55	27	25	25	169	18.4%	
MARION	43	59	42	47	35	40	42	206	25.2%	
MARSHALL/PUTNAM	7	19	16	21	15	13	11	76	19.4%	
MASON	7	16	30	31	19	28	13	121	23.9%	
MASSAC	10	11	22	14	20	16	11	83	30.2%	
MCDONOUGH	4	31	21	16	20	17	10	84	20.1%	
MCHENRY	5	4	21	16	27	15	12	91	24.4%	
MCLEAN	5	7	14	10	9	3	13	49	21.8%	
MENARD	7	11	16	12	10	13	3	54	18.1%	
MERCER	15	16	42	37	26	31	16	152	27.9%	
MONROE	19	30	20	23	16	17	10	86	15.5%	
MONTGOMERY	19	28	25	19	18	21	15	98	19.8%	
MORGAN	5	6	38	17	14	16	4	89	14.9%	
MOULTRIE	1	1	4	5	7	4	8	28	28.0%	
OGLE	13	9	34	34	38	31	32	169	32.3%	
PEORIA	5	18	31	27	16	17	12	103	16.6%	
PERRY	27	41	32	34	37	23	25	151	25.5%	

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PIATT	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	6.7%	
PIKE	25	73	96	53	51	40	29	269	20.8%	
POPE	29	18	66	42	52	56	48	264	12.8%	
PULASKI	10	14	15	13	17	16	15	76	29.0%	
RANDOLPH	45	62	52	47	35	42	31	207	23.9%	
RICHLAND	14	24	17	17	18	12	20	84	30.2%	
ROCK ISLAND	12	14	29	41	33	17	18	138	28.8%	
SALINE	8	17	22	21	21	13	16	93	16.6%	
SANGAMON	8	11	19	9	14	17	13	72	22.4%	
SCHUYLER	15	31	56	22	33	20	15	146	16.9%	
SCOTT	4	10	14	17	21	12	4	68	20.3%	
SHELBY	21	23	15	17	17	14	19	82	32.8%	
ST CLAIR	15	10	20	25	19	18	22	104	23.0%	
STARK	1	0	4	2	2	1	2	11	18.7%	
STEPHENSON	15	20	42	38	34	25	33	172	28.7%	
TAZEWELL	12	8	14	10	13	7	6	50	22.7%	
UNION	22	32	39	27	29	31	30	156	24.4%	
VERMILION	8	12	28	27	27	15	14	111	19.7%	
WABASH	3	7	3	10	6	8	3	30	24.6%	
WARREN	1	10	13	6	8	6	3	36	25.1%	
WASHINGTON	18	34	21	18	12	19	16	86	24.2%	
WAYNE	24	51	43	35	33	35	41	187	37.2%	
WHITE	14	18	23	26	16	21	25	111	38.6%	
WHITESIDE	4	12	23	19	23	23	27	115	19.4%	
WILL	0	1	10	14	9	12	15	60	14.8%	
WILLIAMSON	23	48	57	38	31	36	36	198	31.1%	
WINNEBAGO	9	7	32	26	27	23	24	132	29.2%	
WOODFORD	6	15	9	7	8	6	8	38	17.8%	
TOTAL **	1257	2054	2663	2167	2072	1840	1603	10375	20.8%	

*Property Only Hunting Permits (POH; Landowner Tags), SHA-specific Permits, and Youth Permits not included

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

2022 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinois Public Land

Site Name*	Location County/Countries	Harvest Total**	Success Rate***
Apple River Canyon SP	JO DAVIESS	8	20.0%
Argyle Lake SP	MCDONOUGH	7	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	4	40.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	8	22.9%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	10	33.3%
Burning Star SFWA	JACKSON	9	37.5%
Butterfield Trail SRA	IROQUOIS	2	40.0%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/MASSAC	18	
Carlyle Lake SFWA	FAYETTE	3	
Carlyle Lake SFWA – East Fork Unit	FAYETTE	3	30.0%
Carlyle Lake UACOE Lands	FAYETTE	5	
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	7	25.0%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	12	17.1%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	6	20.0%
Copperhead Hollow SFWA	Jersey	7	
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	39	39.4%
Crab Orchard NWR Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/WILLIAMSON	27	
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	3	30.0%
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/PULASKI/UNION	8	
Cypress Pond SNA	JOHNSON/UNION	1	
Deer Pond SNA	JOHNSON	1	
Dog Island	POPE	1	
Eagle Creek	SHELBY	2	50.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP	CLINTON	4	22.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP Disabled	CLINTON	1	50.0%
Embarras River Bottoms SHA	LAWRENCE	3	50.0%
Ferne Clyffe SP	JOHNSON	6	50.0%
Ferne Clyffe SP including Cedar/Draper Bluff	JOHNSON	3	
Fort Massac SP	MASSAC	3	30.0%
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	1	6.7%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	5	12.8%
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	4	
Great River NWR	ADAMS	2	
Green River SWA	LEE	12	24.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	10	33.3%
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA	VERMILION	3	15.0%
Hidden Springs SF	SHELBY	5	16.7%
Horseshoe Lake CA	ALEXANDER	9	

Horseshoe Lake SP	MADISON	4	26.7%
Horseshoe Lake SP - Chouteau, Gabaret, or Mosenthein Islands	MADISON	17	
Iroquois County SWA	IROQUOIS	4	19.0%
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA		50	21.0%
JohnsonSauk Trail SP	HENRY	8	42.1%
Joliet Army Training Area	WILL	18	34.6%
Jubilee College SP	PEORIA	7	23.3%
Kankakee River SP	KANKAKEE/WILL	5	22.7%
Kaskaskia River SFWA	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ST CLAIR	32	
Kickapoo SP	VERMILION	9	22.0%
Kinkaid Lake SFWA	JACKSON	11	
Kishwaukee River SFWA	DEKALB	5	20.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	MOULTRIE	11	22.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	SHELBY	14	23.3%
Lowden Miller SF	OGLE	18	18.0%
Mackinaw River FWA	TAZEWELL	4	16.0%
Mark Twain NWR Wilkerson Island	JACKSON	2	
Marseilles FWA	LASALLE	11	22.4%
Matthiessen SP	LASALLE	2	20.0%
Mautino SFWA	BUREAU	4	40.0%
Meeker SHA	JASPER	1	20.0%
Mermet Lake SFWA	MASSAC	4	26.7%
Mermet Lake SFWA Disabled	MASSAC	1	33.3%
Middlefork FWMA	VERMILION	3	9.7%
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	WILL	8	20.0%
Mississippi Palisades SP	CARROLL	9	20.5%
Mississippi Palisades SP - Disabled	CARROLL	1	9.7%
Mississippi River Pool 13	CARROLL	5	
Mississippi River Pool 21	ADAMS	7	
Mississippi River Pool 22	ADAMS	4	
Mississippi River SFWA	CALHOUN/JERSEY	7	
Momence Wetlands	KANKAKEE	2	20.0%
Moraine View SP	MCLEAN	4	20.0%
Morrison Rockwood SP	WHITESIDE	7	14.6%
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	JEFFERSON	8	80.0%
Newton Lake FWA	JASPER	10	25.0%
Oakwood Bottoms	JACKSON	3	
Paul C. Burrus SHA	COLES	2	20.0%
Pere Marquette SP	JERSEY	8	
Pere Marquette SP – Camp Areas	JERSEY	7	18.9%
Pyramid SP	PERRY	8	32.0%
Pyramid SP East-Conant Unit	PERRY	4	20.0%

Pyramid SP-Captain Unit	PERRY	4	80.0%
Pyramid SP-Denmark Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%
Pyramid SP-Galum Unit	PERRY	1	20.0%
Rall Woods SNA	JO DAVIESS	3	30.0%
Ramsey Lake SP	FAYETTE	6	19.4%
Randolph County CA	RANDOLPH	3	12.5%
Ray Norbut SFWA	PIKE	2	
Ray Norbut SFWA-Dutch Creek Unit	PIKE	2	20.0%
Red Hills SP	LAWRENCE	5	55.6%
Rend Lake Corps of Engineers lands	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	37	
Sahara Woods SFWA	SALINE	4	15.4.0%
Saline County CA	SALINE/GALLATIN	2	
Sam Dale Lake SFWA	WAYNE	8	25.8%
Sand Ridge SF	MASON	21	16.3%
Sandy Ford SNA	LASALLE	1	11.1%
Sanganois CA-Squirrel Timber Unit	MASON	1	20.0%
Sanganois SFWA	CASS/MASON	1	
Sangchris Lake SP	CHRISTIAN/SANGAMON	2	16.7%
Shawnee National Forest	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/HARDIN/JACKSON/JOHNSON/MASSAC/POPE/SALINE/UNION/WILLIAMSON	424	
Sielbeck Forest SNA	MASSAC	1	
Siloam Springs SP	ADAMS/BROWN	4	8.0%
Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit	BROWN	6	12.2%
Skinner Farm SHA	JOHNSON	1	
Spoon River SF	KNOX	14	28.0%
Starved Rock SP	LASALLE	1	10.0%
Stephen A. Forbes SP	MARION	9	10.7%
Tapley Woods SNA	JO DAVIESS	4	23.5%
Ten Mile Creek FWA	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	16	34.0%
Trail of Tears SF	UNION	3	
Turkey Bluffs SFWA	RANDOLPH	1	
Unidentified Public Land	Multiple	27	
Vesely Land and Water Reserve	WILL	2	20.0%
Washington County CA	WASHINGTON	5	22.7%
Wayne Fitzgerald SRA	FRANKLIN	9	30.0%
Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit	SCHUYLER	5	20.0%
Wildcat Hollow SHA	EFFINGHAM	1	
Witkowsky SFWA	JO DAVIESS	8	16.3%
Wolf Creek SP	SHELBY	1	25.0%
Zoeller SNA	ST. CLAIR	2	22.2%

*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

2022 Harvest Totals

all season segments and permit types

