



# SUMMARY OF 2016 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



## Regular Shotgun/Archery Spring Turkey Season

### General Information

**Season Dates:** Apr. 4 - May 5, 2016 (South); Apr. 11 - May 12, 2016 (North)

**Season Structure:** 5 consecutive individual seasons comprising a total of 32 days per zone; the length of individual season segments was 5, 6, 6, 7, and 8 days, respectively. Regular paid permits were valid for only a single season segment, 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 4 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 could apply for a first or second permit in the third lottery; and anyone could apply in the fourth lottery for 1, 2, or 3 permits up to their individual limit of 3.

**Harvest Reporting:** Mandatory harvest reporting via telephone or internet by 3:00 p.m. on the day of harvest.

**Significant Changes:** The previously-existing "random daily drawing period" was replaced with a fourth lottery drawing, which was open to any resident or non-resident with fewer than three permits

### Spring Turkey Hunting Zones

### Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

**Harvest Total:** 14,436 (15,490 including Youth Season)

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

**Permit Success Rate:** 25.8% (Excludes Landowner Permit)

**Harvest Age Structure:** 76.4% adult; 23.9% juvenile

**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 98.4% male; 1.6% female

**Average Number of Days Hunted per Successful Permit (Excludes Landowner Permits):** 2.1

**Public Land Harvest:** 1,428 (9.9%)

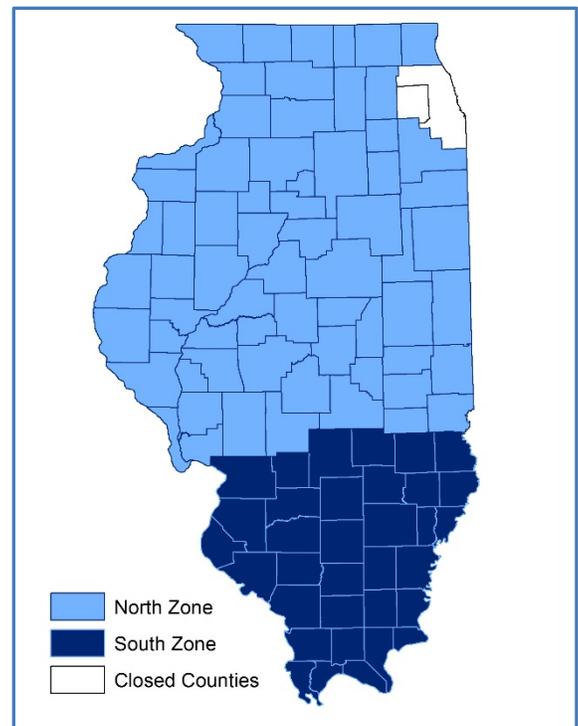
**Top 5 Counties:** JoDaviess (540), Fulton (415), Jefferson (381), Adams (363), Marion (354)

### **Weather Conditions:**

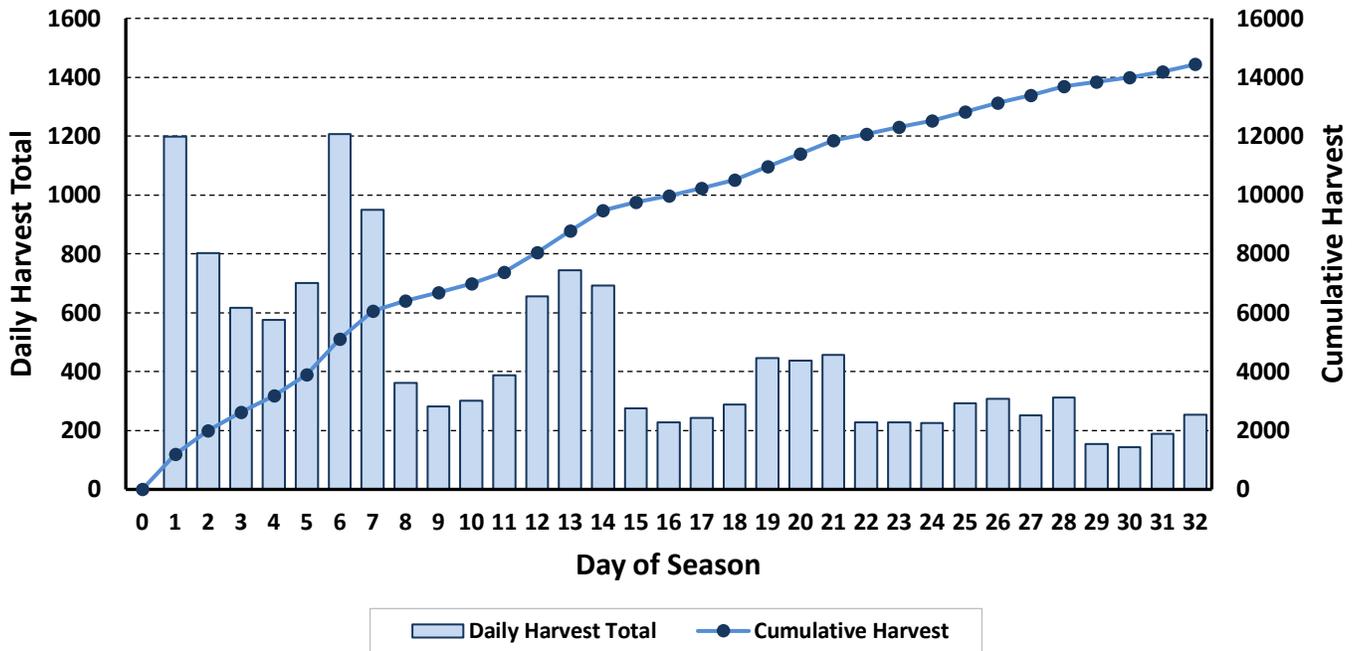
March: Warmer than average; precipitation slightly below average.

April: Temperatures below average for the first half, above average the second half; precipitation slightly below average.

May: Considerably cooler than average and warming to above average for last week; precipitation above average.



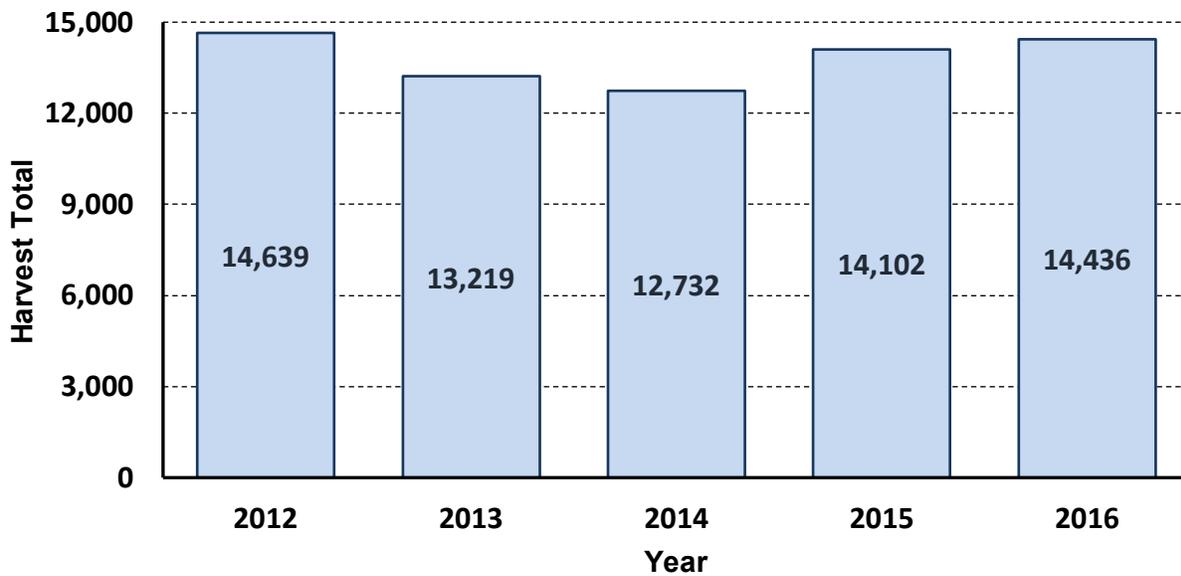
**Daily harvest total and cumulative harvest during the 2016 regular spring turkey season**



**Trends in the number of spring turkey season permits issued statewide**

Permit Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<i>Number of Open Counties</i>	96	100	100	100	100
Landowner Permits	20,040	19,238	18,443	17,324	17,697
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,350	2,391	2,408	2,367	2,463
County-specific Permits	48,990	48,500	45,557	45,147	43,806
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,380</b>	<b>70,129</b>	<b>66,408</b>	<b>64,838</b>	<b>63,966</b>

**Recent trend in regular spring turkey harvest**



# 2016 Youth Turkey Season

## General Information

**Season Dates:** March 26 - 27, 2016 (South); Apr. 2 - 3, 2016 (North)

**Season Length:** 2 days per zone

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

**Bag Limit:** One turkey per legal 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 16, 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:** 1,054

**Record Harvest:** 1,300 (2012)

**Hunter Success Rate:** 22.1%

**Harvest Age Structure:** 70.4% adult: 29.6% juvenile

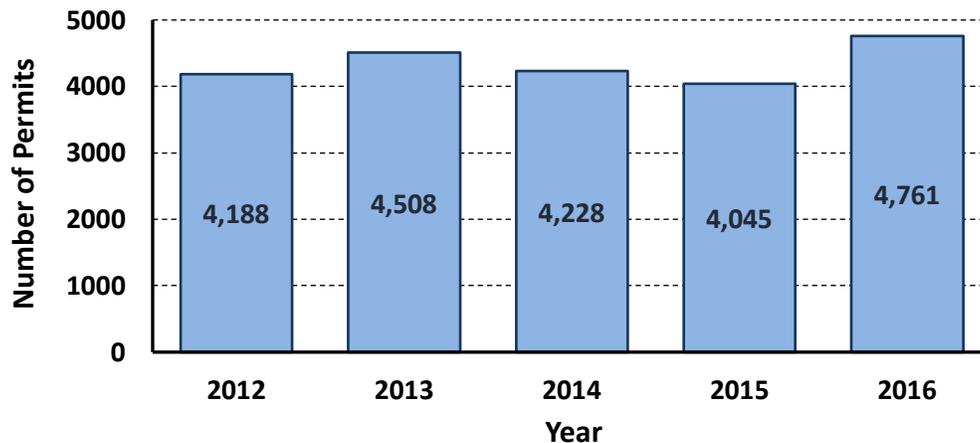
**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 98.1% male: 1.9% female

**Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter:** 1.4

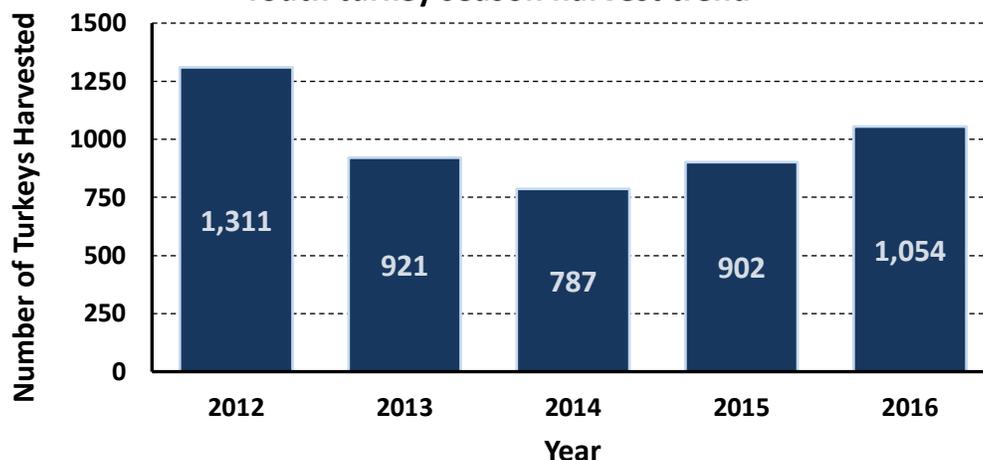
**Public Land Harvest:** 82 (7.8%)

**Top 5 Counties:** Pike (37), Adams (32), Fulton (31), Jefferson (31), Macoupin (31)

**Youth turkey season trend in permits issued**



**Youth turkey season harvest trend**



## 2016 County Harvest Totals by Season

County	Youth	Regular Season Results*					Total	Regular Season Success
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
ADAMS	32	80	85	55	33	12	265	25.5%
ALEXANDER	7	42	24	26	15	3	110	28.3%
BOND	18	26	18	16	18	17	95	23.8%
BOONE	7	17	15	13	12	11	68	38.9%
BROWN	24	76	55	47	36	14	228	35.5%
BUREAU	8	29	29	19	16	20	113	23.7%
CALHOUN	20	62	39	29	12	5	147	22.6%
CARROLL	5	30	53	41	17	12	153	22.2%
CASS	17	43	43	31	6	2	125	25.4%
CHAMPAIGN	1	8	4	1	3	5	21	24.7%
CHRISTIAN	1	9	9	5	2	4	29	13.7%
CLARK	12	32	27	22	22	20	123	25.9%
CLAY	15	33	26	24	24	30	137	23.8%
CLINTON	7	19	12	7	8	10	56	18.4%
COLES	4	9	7	4	4	1	25	13.7%
CRAWFORD	6	35	21	21	20	26	123	27.0%
CUMBERLAND	5	14	8	8	4	3	37	18.0%
DEKALB	0	3	7	3	3	1	17	19.8%
DEWITT	5	6	6	5	2	2	21	14.7%
DOUGLAS	0	2	1	2	0	0	5	19.2%
EDGAR	7	16	13	9	14	14	66	24.3%
EDWARDS	5	17	16	11	14	12	70	31.1%
EFFINGHAM	6	19	15	9	10	12	65	20.0%
FAYETTE	29	39	30	27	21	19	136	28.6%
FORD	1	0	3	2	3	0	8	16.0%
FRANKLIN	13	25	17	23	22	15	102	29.1%
FULTON	31	86	79	71	49	32	317	26.4%
GALLATIN	16	77	33	48	43	25	226	24.9%
GREENE	19	26	31	23	13	3	96	20.5%
GRUNDY	3	12	8	8	7	11	46	26.3%
HAMILTON	22	31	28	22	23	29	133	33.3%
HANCOCK	9	81	70	61	34	4	250	33.2%
HENDERSON	5	29	39	23	11	6	108	24.3%
HENRY	4	13	8	11	16	9	57	32.6%
IROQUOIS	1	12	8	11	5	10	46	26.3%

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JACKSON	21	60	42	42	40	41	225	22.8%	
JASPER	8	26	20	15	17	9	87	23.4%	
JEFFERSON	31	82	68	47	60	61	318	31.7%	
JERSEY	15	52	38	31	13	3	137	21.4%	
JODAVIESS	30	135	145	104	64	20	468	23.3%	
JOHNSON	12	52	42	38	37	44	213	25.8%	
KANE	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	11.1%	
KANKAKEE	1	4	8	6	4	5	27	18.1%	
KENDALL	0	3	2	5	3	1	14	14.7%	
KNOX	19	40	52	38	36	25	191	25.4%	
LAKE	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.5%	
LASALLE	1	28	27	24	20	17	116	25.2%	
LAWRENCE	5	23	21	18	16	7	85	27.8%	
LEE	6	13	19	17	17	9	75	25.6%	
LIVINGSTON	0	3	3	5	4	2	17	22.7%	
LOGAN	1	4	12	4	9	1	30	22.4%	
MACON	1	6	3	3	7	3	22	17.6%	
MACOUPIN	31	72	59	53	25	9	218	22.1%	
MADISON	22	49	47	48	36	20	200	24.6%	
MARION	27	71	49	43	53	41	257	31.5%	
MARSHALL	8	19	20	21	14	10	84	22.4%	
MASON	12	30	30	24	4	3	91	24.5%	
MASSAC	9	12	18	20	15	8	73	29.1%	
MCDONOUGH	8	34	26	17	15	6	98	26.1%	
MCHENRY	4	11	12	17	7	7	54	30.9%	
MCLEAN	4	12	9	10	8	10	49	32.7%	
MENARD	7	18	23	17	15	0	73	29.3%	
MERCER	12	42	31	30	25	28	156	32.7%	
MONROE	9	45	31	24	24	12	136	25.8%	
MONTGOMERY	19	27	27	23	18	27	122	25.7%	
MORGAN	12	41	40	26	9	5	121	21.9%	
MOULTRIE	2	1	2	0	1	1	5	7.5%	
OGLE	23	33	33	25	22	22	135	30.0%	
PEORIA	8	33	33	29	15	9	119	20.4%	
PERRY	10	37	32	33	28	28	158	27.5%	

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PIATT		1	4	2		1	8	17.8%
PIKE	37	98	83	46	21	18	266	25.5%
POPE	6	87	67	57	82	29	322	21.2%
PULASKI	7	19	15	15	12	13	74	29.1%
RANDOLPH	23	74	53	42	52	41	262	28.3%
RICHLAND	10	24	16	13	17	14	84	27.4%
ROCK ISLAND	7	35	45	28	31	29	168	28.0%
SALINE	12	24	11	16	14	14	79	21.2%
SANGAMON	11	15	25	12	18	12	82	20.4%
SCHUYLER	18	83	74	42	44	13	256	29.9%
SCOTT	7	12	24	18	4	1	59	23.9%
SHELBY	8	12	8	17	11	13	61	27.1%
ST CLAIR	11	31	30	21	19	17	118	24.3%
STARK	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	18.2%
STEPHENSON	10	45	40	38	39	31	193	35.9%
TAZEWELL	11	11	11	13	10	1	46	23.0%
UNION	25	76	46	58	55	50	285	30.3%
VERMILION	7	22	27	19	25	6	99	22.3%
WABASH	1	7	13	9	8	7	44	27.3%
WARREN	4	13	13	11	14	7	58	33.9%
WASHINGTON	8	25	29	24	14	14	106	24.0%
WAYNE	16	56	45	41	33	45	220	32.6%
WHITE	11	26	26	22	29	24	127	42.3%
WHITESIDE	12	21	22	25	23	19	110	24.4%
WILL	1	9	8	8	4	4	33	22.0%
WILLIAMSON	26	43	38	35	28	41	185	27.4%
WINNEBAGO	11	38	31	30	29	26	154	34.7%
WOODFORD	11	12	19	15	15	15	76	27.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>11,380</b>	<b>26.0%</b>

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

\*\*Does not include harvest records for which the county is unknown due to reporting error

## 2016 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinois Public Land

Site Name*	Location County/Counties	Harvest Total**	Success Rate***
Apple River Canyon SP	JODAVIESS	4	11.4%
Argyle Lake SP	MCDONOUGH	3	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	2	20.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	11	31.4%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	10	33.3%
Burning Star SFWA	JACKSON	5	21.7%
Butterfield Trail SRA	IROQUOIS	1	16.7%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/ MASSAC	17	
Campbell Pond SHA	JACKSON/PERRY	2	
Carlyle Lake SFWA	CLINTON	5	
Carlyle Lake SFWA-East Fork Unit	CLINTON	5	50.0%
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	1	3.3%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	16	21.6%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	7	23.3%
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	56	46.3%
Crab Orchard NWR-Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/ WILLIAMSON	35	
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	2	20.0%
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/ PULASKI/UNION	13	
Cypress Pond SNA	UNION	1	
Deer Pond SNA	JOHNSON	2	
Devil's Island WMA	ALEXANDER/UNION	5	
Dixon Springs SP	POPE	3	100.0%
Eagle Creek SP	SHELBY	2	50.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP	CLINTON	1	8.3%
Ferne Clyffe SP	JOHNSON	2	16.7%
Ferne Clyffe SP-including Cedar/Draper Bluff	JOHNSON	6	
Fort de Chartes SHS	RANDOLPH	1	
Fort Massac SP	MASSAC	1	100.0%
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	6	40.0%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	4	10.8%
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	19	
Great River NWR	ADAMS	2	
Green River SWA	LEE	12	24.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	12	40.0%
Hanover Bluff SNA	JODAVIESS	2	13.3%

<b>Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA</b>	VERMILION	2	9.5%
<b>Hidden Springs SF</b>	SHELBY	6	23.1%
<b>Horseshoe Lake CA</b>	ALEXANDER	3	
<b>Horseshoe Lake SP</b>	MADISON	7	46.7%
<b>Horseshoe Lake SP- Chouteau, Gabaret, and Mosenthein Islands</b>	MADISON	11	
<b>Iroquois County SWA</b>	IROQUOIS	2	9.1%
<b>Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA</b>	CASS	56	23.2%
<b>JohnsonSauk Trail SP</b>	HENRY	5	25.0%
<b>Joliet Army Training Area</b>	WILL	5	10.0%
<b>Kankakee River SP</b>	KANKAKEE/WILL	3	13.0%
<b>Kaskaskia River SFWA</b>	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ST CLAIR	44	
<b>Kickapoo SP</b>	VERMILION	7	17.1%
<b>Kinkaid Lake SFWA</b>	JACKSON	19	
<b>Kishwaukee River SFWA</b>	DEKALB	4	16.0%
<b>Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie</b>	MOULTRIE	17	34.0%
<b>Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby</b>	SHELBY	14	23.3%
<b>Lowden Miller SF</b>	OGLE	11	11.0%
<b>Mackinaw River FWA</b>	TAZEWELL	3	12.0%
<b>Mark Twain NWR-Wilkerson Island</b>	JACKSON	1	
<b>Marseilles FWA</b>	LASALLE	8	19.0%
<b>Mautino SFWA</b>	BUREAU	2	20.0%
<b>Meeker SHA</b>	JASPER	2	40.0%
<b>Mermet Lake SFWA</b>	MASSAC	6	60.0%
<b>Mermet Lake SFWA – Disabled</b>	MASSAC	1	50.0%
<b>Middlefork FWMA</b>	VERMILION	6	20.0%
<b>Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie</b>	WILL	5	12.5%
<b>Mississippi Palisades SP</b>	CARROLL	13	29.5%
<b>Mississippi River Pool 13</b>	CARROLL	2	
<b>Mississippi River Pool 17</b>	MERCER	1	
<b>Mississippi River Pool 21</b>	ADAMS	8	
<b>Mississippi River Pool 22</b>	ADAMS	3	
<b>Mississippi River SFWA</b>	CALHOUN/JERSEY	13	
<b>Momence Wetlands</b>	KANKAKEE	2	16.7%
<b>Moraine View SP</b>	MCLEAN	5	25.0%
<b>Morrison Rockwood SP</b>	WHITESIDE	1	2.1%
<b>Mt. Vernon GPC</b>	JEFFERSON	5	50.0%
<b>Newton Lake FWA</b>	JASPER	13	32.5%
<b>Oakwood Bottoms</b>	JACKSON	10	
<b>Peabody River King SFWA</b>	ST CLAIR	1	
<b>Pere Marquette SP</b>	JERSEY	15	25.0%

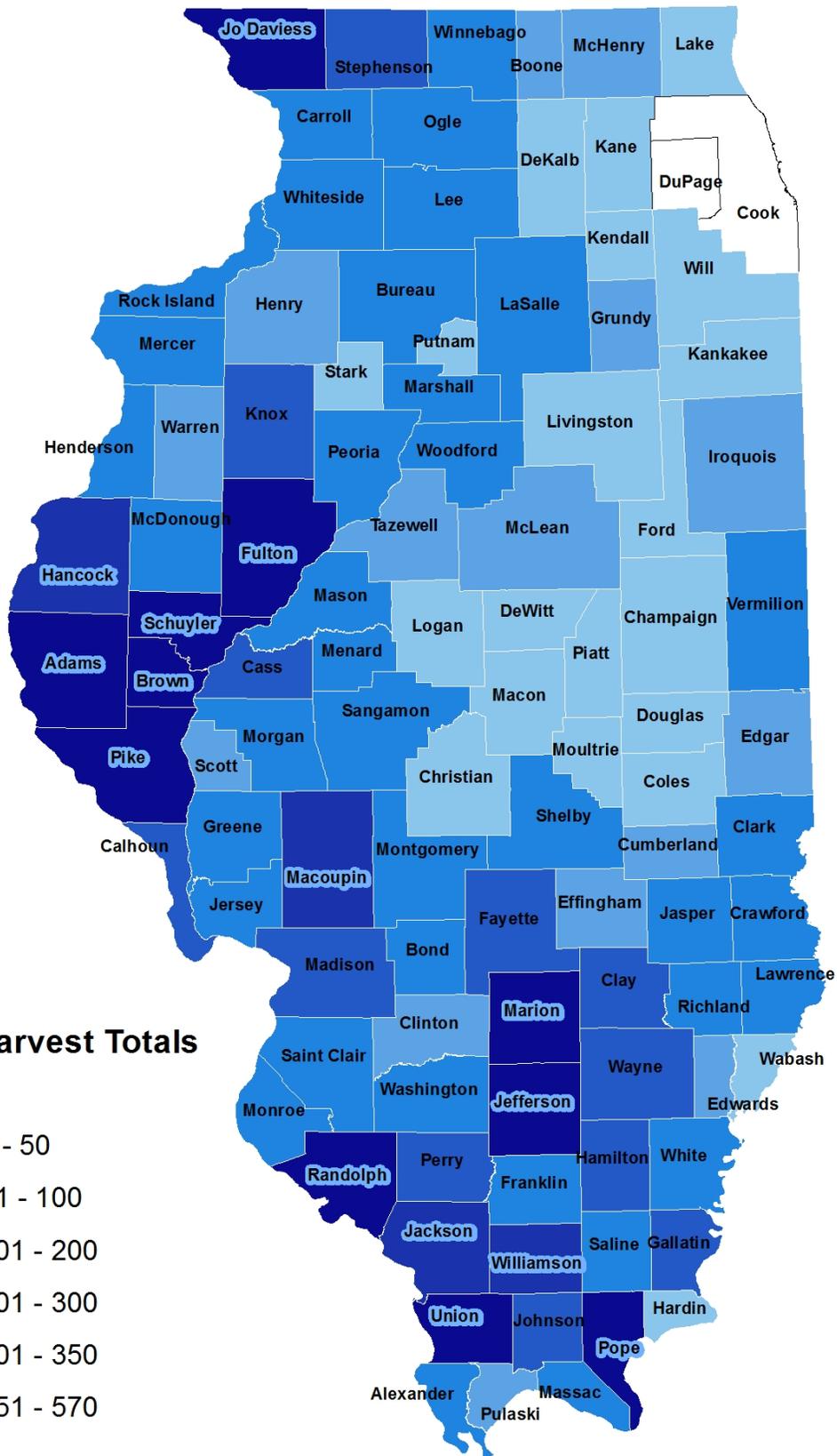
<b>Pere Marquette SP Open Hunting Area</b>	JERSEY	3	
<b>Pyramid SP</b>	PERRY	5	20.0%
<b>Pyramid SP East-Conant Unit</b>	PERRY	9	45.0%
<b>Pyramid SP-Captain Unit</b>	PERRY	1	50.0%
<b>Pyramid SP-Denmark Unit</b>	PERRY	4	80.0%
<b>Pyramid SP-Galum Unit</b>	PERRY	3	60.0%
<b>Ramsey Lake SP</b>	FAYETTE	6	20.0%
<b>Randolph County CA</b>	RANDOLPH	4	16.0%
<b>Ray Norbut SFWA</b>	PIKE	6	
<b>Ray Norbut SFWA-Dutch Creek Unit</b>	PIKE	2	33.3%
<b>Red Hills SP</b>	LAWRENCE	1	14.3%
<b>Red Hills SP-Chauncey Marsh</b>	CRAWFORD/LAWRENCE	1	33.3%
<b>Rend Lake (Corps of Engineers)</b>	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	45	
<b>Rend Lake SFWA</b>	JEFFERSON	10	
<b>Sahara Woods SFWA</b>	SALINE	13	34.2%
<b>Saline County CA</b>	SALINE/GALLATIN	5	
<b>Sam Dale Lake SFWA</b>	WAYNE	6	20.0%
<b>Sam Parr SFWA</b>	JASPER	1	10.0%
<b>Sand Ridge SF</b>	MASON	26	20.3%
<b>Sandy Ford SNA</b>	LASALLE	2	20.0%
<b>Sangamon County CA</b>	SANGAMON	2	40.0%
<b>Sanganois SWFA</b>	CASS/MASON	1	
<b>Sangchris Lake SP</b>	CHRISTIAN/SANGAMON	3	25.0%
<b>Shawnee National Forest</b>	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/ JACKSON/JOHNSON/MASSAC/ POPE/SALINE/UNION/ WILLIAMSON	507	
<b>Shelbyville SFWA</b>	MOULTRIE	1	
<b>Sielbeck Forest SNA</b>	MASSAC	1	
<b>Siloam Springs SP</b>	ADAMS/BROWN	13	26.0%
<b>Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit</b>	BROWN	11	23.9%
<b>Skinner Farm SHA</b>	JOHNSON	1	
<b>Spoon River SF</b>	KNOX	8	16.0%
<b>Starved Rock SP</b>	LASALLE	2	20.0%
<b>Stephen A. Forbes SP</b>	MARION	12	15.8%
<b>Tapley Woods SNA</b>	JODAVIESS	3	20.0%
<b>Ten Mile Creek FWA</b>	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	20	40.0%
<b>Trail of Tears SF</b>	UNION	11	
<b>Turkey Bluffs SFWA</b>	RANDOLPH	11	
<b>Vesely Land and Water Reserve</b>	Unknown	4	40.0%
<b>Washington County CA</b>	WILL	4	18.2%

<b>Wayne Fitzgerald SRA</b>	WASHINGTON	7	24.1%
<b>Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit</b>	SCHUYLER	6	24.0%
<b>Weinberg-King SFWA</b>	SCHUYLER	1	
<b>Weinberg-King SP Spunky Bottoms Unit</b>	BROWN	3	
<b>Weldon Springs SP-Piatt Unit</b>	PIATT	2	9.5%
<b>Wildcat Hollow State Habitat Area</b>	EFFINGHAM	1	
<b>Witkowsky SFWA</b>	JODAVIESS	10	20.0%
<b>Wolf Creek SP</b>	SHELBY	3	75.0%
<b>Unidentified Public Land</b>	Multiple	99	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,515</b>	

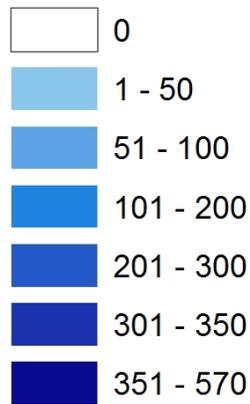
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\*\*Includes Youth Harvest

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



**2016 Harvest Totals**



Harvest Totals are across all seasons and permit types