



# SUMMARY OF 2015 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, 2015 (South); Apr. 13 - May 14, 2015 (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 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 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. Permits remaining after the 3 lotteries are allocated via a random-daily-drawing.

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

### Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season unless otherwise noted)

**Harvest Total:** 14,102 (15,004 including Youth Season)

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

**Permit Success Rate:** 24.5% Excludes Landowner Permits

**Harvest Age Structure:** 66.5% adult; 33.5% juvenile

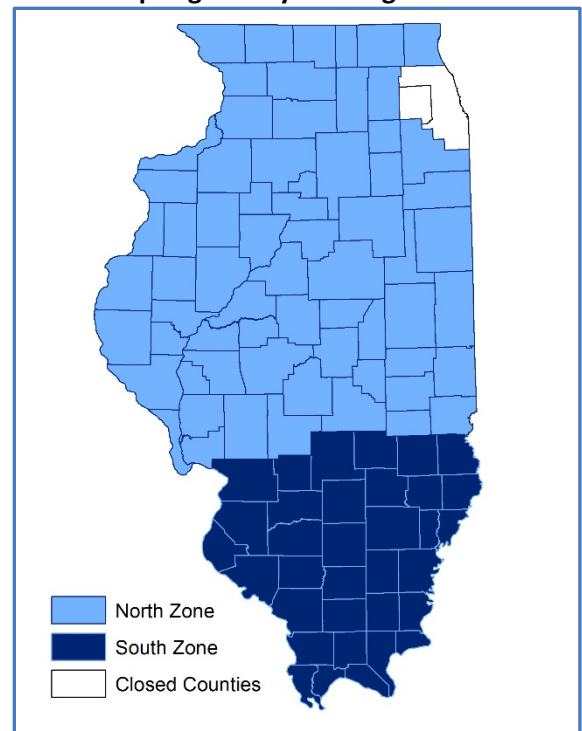
**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 98.2% male; 1.8% female

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

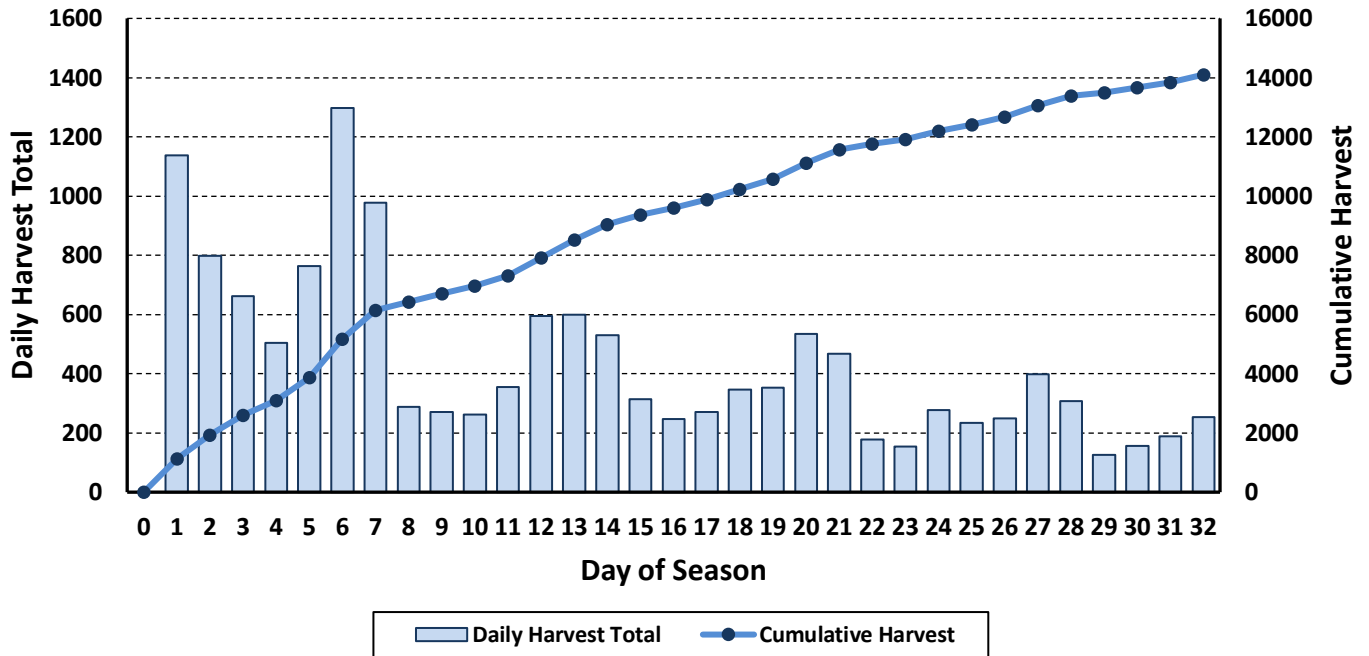
**Public Land Harvest:** 1,530 (10.8%)

**Top 5 Counties:** Jo Daviess (584), Jefferson (405), Adams (369), Fulton (369), Pope (360)

**Spring Turkey Hunting Zones**



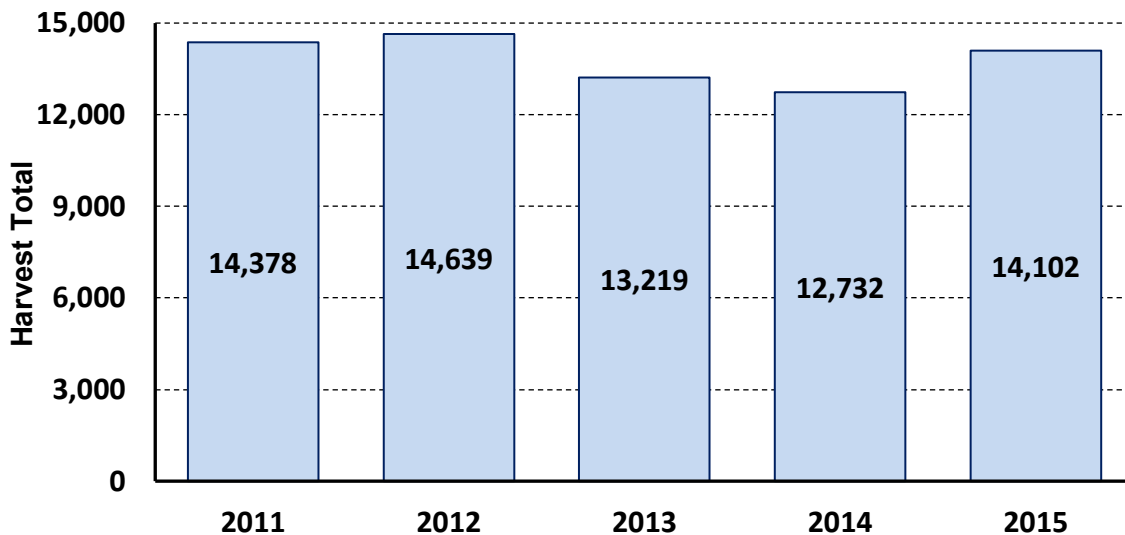
Daily harvest total and cumulative harvest during the 2015 regular spring turkey season



Trends in the number of spring turkey season permits issued statewide

Permit Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<i>Number of Open Counties</i>	96	96	100	100	100
Landowner Permits	19,849	20,040	19,238	18,443	17,324
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,302	2,350	2,391	2,408	2,367
County-specific Permits	49,111	48,990	48,500	45,557	45,147
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,262</b>	<b>71,380</b>	<b>70,129</b>	<b>66,408</b>	<b>64,838</b>

Recent trend in regular spring turkey harvest



# 2015 Youth Turkey Season

## General Information

**Season Dates:** March 26 - 27, 2015 (South); Apr. 2 - 3, 2015 (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 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:** 902

**Record Harvest:** 1,307 (2012)

**Hunter Success Rate:** 22.1%

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

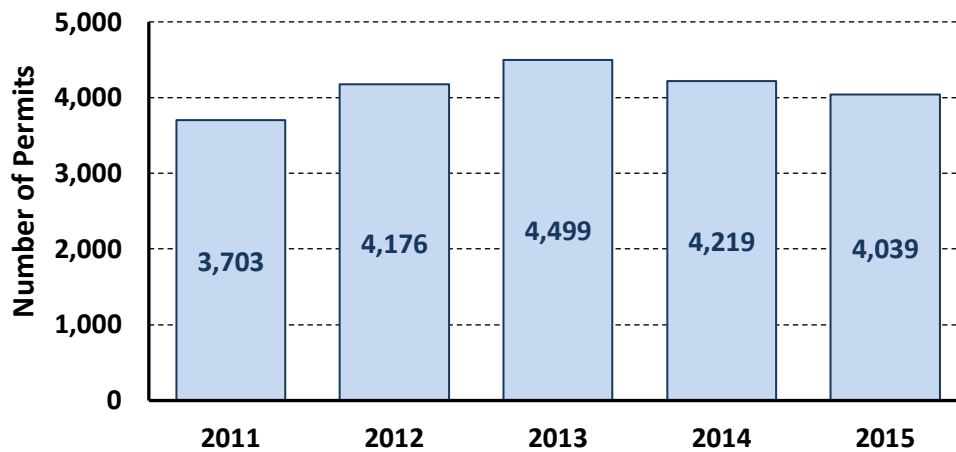
**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 98.1% male: 1.9% female

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

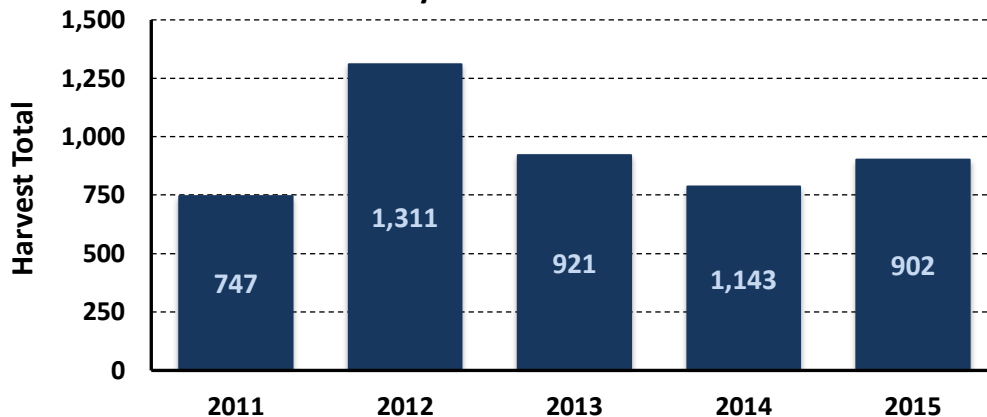
**Public Land Harvest:** 82 (7.8%)

**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**



## 2015 County Harvest Totals by Season

County	Youth	Regular Season Results*					Total	Regular Season Success
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
ADAMS	22	86	85	55	51	14	291	25.8%
ALEXANDER	5	38	25	32	21	6	122	30.4%
BOND	8	24	31	26	23	16	120	30.0%
BOONE	7	13	18	9	16	10	66	37.7%
BROWN	12	77	52	50	33	21	233	35.6%
BUREAU	8	29	35	20	21	23	128	26.9%
CALHOUN	14	53	46	35	13	7	154	22.0%
CARROLL	6	50	44	22	24	12	152	19.4%
CASS	23	68	61	44	23	15	211	39.2%
CHAMPAIGN	3	6	6	3	3	3	21	24.7%
CHRISTIAN	5	13	7	6	5	4	35	16.9%
CLARK	14	34	30	30	24	17	135	27.0%
CLAY	14	28	33	21	18	21	121	21.0%
CLINTON	4	21	18	12	13	16	80	24.5%
COLES	0	12	2	3	2	2	21	11.7%
CRAWFORD	3	29	21	25	16	18	109	23.6%
CUMBERLAND	2	16	10	10	7	5	48	23.4%
DEKALB	2	3	3	4	1	0	11	13.4%
DEWITT	7	12	10	8	6	3	39	28.9%
DOUGLAS	0	2	1	0	1	1	5	15.6%
EDGAR	3	19	18	10	13	11	71	25.9%
EDWARDS	8	20	19	19	13	13	84	37.7%
EFFINGHAM	6	19	13	7	19	18	76	23.4%
FAYETTE	17	43	30	34	18	28	153	32.2%
FORD	1	1	3	3	2	3	12	23.5%
FRANKLIN	11	29	35	23	22	25	134	38.2%
FULTON	30	88	78	45	48	25	284	22.9%
GALLATIN	19	65	53	33	48	21	220	24.0%
GREENE	15	35	42	24	9	3	113	22.0%
GRUNDY	2	10	14	8	7	4	43	24.6%
HAMILTON	20	36	30	27	31	32	156	39.0%
HANCOCK	10	55	62	44	31	8	200	24.7%
HENDERSON	14	38	37	22	19	4	120	25.8%
HENRY	7	15	22	13	13	10	73	41.7%
IROQUOIS	5	11	11	5	11	10	48	27.6%

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JACKSON	11	59	41	44	44	43	231	23.1%
JASPER	6	29	24	19	21	13	106	29.9%
JEFFERSON	20	80	65	61	64	81	351	35.2%
JERSEY	15	55	44	24	11	9	143	22.6%
JODAVIESS	21	164	139	100	82	30	515	24.1%
JOHNSON	13	53	54	23	42	35	207	25.2%
KANE	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5.6%
KANKAKEE	4	9	5	5	6	8	33	22.0%
KENDALL	1	2	8	4	3	0	17	21.3%
KNOX	13	58	39	31	34	25	187	24.1%
LAKE	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	13.6%
LASALLE	3	32	14	21	19	17	103	21.3%
LAWRENCE	2	25	25	21	16	4	91	26.5%
LEE	3	24	22	18	11	13	88	29.3%
LIVINGSTON	1	4	1	4	4	3	16	21.3%
LOGAN	4	6	11	8	4	3	32	21.5%
MACON	2	6	2	4	4	1	17	13.7%
MACOUPIN	29	85	62	45	46	16	254	24.1%
MADISON	3	60	53	53	22	35	223	25.3%
MARION	19	71	52	42	39	40	244	29.9%
MARSHALL	4	29	17	15	19	16	96	25.6%
MASON	11	45	31	25	15	8	124	29.7%
MASSAC	2	17	23	20	15	7	82	33.2%
MCDONOUGH	12	31	22	18	16	6	93	24.7%
MCHENRY	3	14	7	14	16	12	63	36.0%
MCLEAN	6	8	9	3	9	10	39	26.0%
MENARD	10	25	15	15	17	4	76	28.8%
MERCER	19	40	30	22	28	18	138	29.1%
MONROE	15	40	25	21	21	19	126	22.5%
MONTGOMERY	14	34	29	31	24	20	138	29.1%
MORGAN	14	67	43	41	16	9	176	29.6%
MOULTRIE	2	6	6	1	4	2	19	33.9%
OGLE	15	33	34	30	31	36	164	36.4%
PEORIA	6	29	38	24	15	6	112	18.2%
PERRY	13	39	42	28	29	23	161	27.1%

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PIATT	0	0	2	3	0	2	7	19.4%
PIKE	30	75	74	49	29	9	236	20.1%
POPE	7	101	62	66	58	43	330	20.1%
PULASKI	5	18	11	13	13	7	62	22.5%
RANDOLPH	21	48	45	36	41	37	207	22.4%
RICHLAND	7	22	17	14	15	23	91	28.5%
ROCK ISLAND	3	39	40	34	28	27	168	28.0%
SALINE	9	27	22	20	22	21	112	29.9%
SANGAMON	10	21	19	17	16	13	86	21.4%
SCHUYLER	16	68	76	48	32	11	235	26.9%
SCOTT	2	17	28	9	1	1	56	21.6%
SHELBY	6	22	12	10	12	12	68	30.2%
ST CLAIR	6	34	19	17	18	13	101	20.1%
STARK	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	10.5%
STEPHENSON	11	50	48	46	46	31	221	40.2%
TAZEWELL	4	13	14	15	9	6	57	28.5%
UNION	25	68	50	43	51	41	253	27.0%
VERMILION	6	32	19	21	18	13	103	22.7%
WABASH	3	6	6	7	19	4	42	25.6%
WARREN	3	13	14	10	12	5	54	30.9%
WASHINGTON	6	23	18	18	25	11	95	21.7%
WAYNE	9	56	41	35	50	28	210	31.2%
WHITE	10	21	18	22	15	14	90	30.1%
WHITESIDE	11	32	28	21	22	23	126	28.0%
WILL	1	12	11	10	9	6	48	32.0%
WILLIAMSON	27	52	49	35	35	44	215	31.9%
WINNEBAGO	10	34	40	25	20	26	145	34.2%
WOODFORD	11	13	11	10	12	11	57	20.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>11,835</b>	<b>26.2%</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

## 2015 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinois Public Land

Site Name*	Location County/Counties	Harvest Total**	Success Rate***
Apple River Canyon SP	JO DAVIESS	6	17.1%
Argyle Lake SP	MCDONOUGH	7	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	4	40.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	6	17.1%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	15	50.0%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/ MASSAC	8	
Campbell Pond SHA	JACKSON/PERRY	3	
Carlyle Lake SFWA-East Fork Unit	CLINTON	3	33.3%
Carlyle Lake SFWA	FAYETTE	1	
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	3	10.0%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	12	17.4%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	8	26.7%
Crab Orchard NWR Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/ WILLIAMSON	39	
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	31	38.8%
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	4	40.0%
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/ PULASKI/UNION	12	
Cypress Pond SNA	JOHNSON/UNION	1	
Deer Pond SNA	JOHNSON	1	
Devil's Island	ALEXANDER/UNION	8	
Dixon Springs SP	POPE	1	33.3%
Dog Island	POPE	3	
Eagle Creek SP	SHELBY	1	25.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP	CLINTON	6	33.3%
Ferne Clyffe SP	JOHNSON	3	25.0%
Ferne Clyffe SP including Cedar/Draper Bluff	JOHNSON	2	
Fort de Chartes SHS	RANDOLPH	1	
Fort Massac SP	MASSAC	1	25.0%
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	3	20.0%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	4	11.4%
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	14	
Great River NWR	ADAMS	9	
Green River SWA	LEE	12	24.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	11	36.7%
Hanover Bluff SNA	JO DAVIESS	2	13.3%
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA	VERMILION	2	9.1%

Hidden Springs SF	SHELBY	2	9.1%
Horseshoe Lake CA	ALEXANDER	2	
Horseshoe Lake SP	MADISON	12	80.0%
Horseshoe Lake SP - Chouteau, Gabaret, or Mosenthein Islands	MADISON	15	
Iroquois County SWA	IROQUOIS	7	31.8%
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA		59	24.6%
JohnsonSauk Trail SP	HENRY	6	31.6%
Joliet Army Training Area	WILL	12	24.5%
Jubilee College SP	PEORIA	2	
Kankakee River SP	KANKAKEE/WILL	3	13.0%
Kaskaskia River SFWA	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ ST CLAIR	36	
Kickapoo SP	VERMILION	4	9.5%
Kinkaid Lake SFWA	JACKSON	21	
Kishwaukee River SFWA	DEKALB	2	8.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	MOULTRIE	16	27.1%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	SHELBY	13	20.3%
Lowden Miller SF	OGLE	16	16.0%
Mackinaw River FWA	TAZEWELL	1	4.0%
Marseilles FWA	LASALLE	9	20.0%
Marshall FWA	MARSHALL/PEORIA	1	5.3%
Matthiessen SP	LASALLE	1	6.7%
Meeker SHA	JASPER	1	25.0%
Mermet Lake SFWA	MASSAC	8	72.7%
Middlefork FWMA	VERMILION	5	13.9%
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	WILL	8	20.0%
Mississippi Palisades SP	CARROLL	5	9.4%
Mississippi River Pool 12	JO DAVIESS	1	
Mississippi River Pool 16	ROCK ISLAND	1	
Mississippi River Pool 17	MERCER	1	
Mississippi River Pool 18	HENDERSON	2	
Mississippi River Pool 21	ADAMS	11	
Mississippi River Pool 22	ADAMS	1	
Mississippi River SFWA	CALHOUN/JERSEY	16	
Momence Wetlands	KANKAKEE	3	25.0%
Moraine View SP	MCLEAN	6	30.0%
Morrison Rockwood SP	WHITESIDE	6	12.5%
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	JEFFERSON	8	80.0%
Newton Lake FWA	JASPER	20	50.0%
Oakwood Bottoms	JACKSON	7	
Peabody River King SFWA	ST CLAIR	1	



<b>Pere Marquette SP</b>	JERSEY	18	29.5%
<b>Pyramid SP</b>	PERRY	6	24.0%
<b>Pyramid SP East-Conant Unit</b>	PERRY	10	50.0%
<b>Ramsey Lake SP</b>	FAYETTE	5	20.0%
<b>Randolph County CA</b>	RANDOLPH	3	12.5%
<b>Ray Norbut SFWA</b>	PIKE	6	
<b>Red Hills SP</b>	LAWRENCE	4	57.1%
<b>Red Hills SP-Chauncey Marsh</b>	CRAWFORD/LAWRENCE	2	100.0%
<b>Rend Lake Corps of Engineers lands</b>	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	45	
<b>Rend Lake SFWA</b>	JEFFERSON	16	
<b>Sahara Woods SFWA</b>	SALINE	14	36.8%
<b>Saline County CA</b>	SALINE/GALLATIN	5	
<b>Sam Dale Lake SFWA</b>	WAYNE	9	25.7%
<b>Sand Ridge SF</b>	MASON	24	18.8%
<b>Sandy Ford SNA</b>	LASALLE	1	10.0%
<b>Sangamon County CA</b>	SANGAMON	1	20.0%
<b>Sanganois SFWA</b>	CASS/MASON	7	
<b>Sangchris Lake SP</b>	CHRISTIAN/SANGAMON	4	33.3%
<b>Shawnee National Forest</b>	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/HARDIN/JACKSON/JOHNSON/MASSAC/POPE/SALINE/UNION/WILLIAMSON	582	
<b>Shelbyville SFWA</b>	MOULTRIE	1	
<b>Sielbeck Forest SNA</b>	MASSAC	1	
<b>Siloam Springs SP</b>	ADAMS/BROWN	11	22.4%
<b>Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit</b>	BROWN	16	34.0%
<b>Skinner Farm SHA</b>	JOHNSON	1	
<b>Spoon River SF</b>	KNOX	17	34.0%
<b>Stephen A. Forbes SP</b>	MARION	12	16.2%
<b>Tapley Woods SNA</b>	JO DAVIESS	1	6.7%
<b>Ten Mile Creek FWA</b>	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	26	52.0%
<b>Trail of Tears State Forest</b>	UNION	13	
<b>Turkey Bluffs SFWA</b>	RANDOLPH	11	
<b>Washington County CA</b>	WASHINGTON	3	13.6%
<b>Wayne Fitzgerald SRA</b>	FRANKLIN	9	30.0%
<b>Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit</b>	SCHUYLER	10	47.6%
<b>Weinberg King SP-Spunky Bottoms Unit</b>	BROWN	1	
<b>Weldon Springs SP-Piatt Unit</b>	PIATT	1	5.0%
<b>Winston Tunnel SNA</b>	JO DAVIESS	2	20.0%
<b>Witkowsky SFWA</b>	JO DAVIESS	6	12.0%
<b>Wolf Creek SP</b>	SHELBY	1	25.0%

<b>Unidentified Public Land</b>	Multiple	110
	<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,515</i></b>

\*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

