

## **2006 Spring Turkey Harvest Report**

The post-season spring turkey harvest survey was conducted by phone and email. In 2006, a total of 11,193 OTC and 732 limited permits were available. Fifteen percent (1,649) hunters with OTC licenses were randomly selected to participate in the spring survey, and 100% of limited license holders were selected to receive surveys. Hunters with either license that provided email addresses to Coris were given the opportunity to respond via an email survey.

### **Over-the-Counter Licenses**

Within the OTC sample, 827 hunters were contacted (50% response rate). Of these, 87% had hunted during the 2006 spring turkey season, while 13% had not. Of those who had hunted, 25% reported harvesting a bird. Eighty percent of birds harvested were mature birds and hunters reported low levels of wounding loss (<3%). Thirty-three percent of respondents hunted on both weekdays and weekends, whereas 13% hunted on weekdays only and 54% hunted on the weekends only. Respondents were largely satisfied with their turkey hunting experience (71%) and the survey indicates that 64% felt there was not a crowding problem.

For the OTC sample, days hunted and harvest results are reported on a county basis. Estimates are not reported at the Game Management Unit level for OTC licenses. The **statewide harvest estimate is 2,867 ± 318 (2,549 – 3,185) for Unlimited OTC areas**. Responses from hunters indicate that OTC hunters hunted **43,532 ± 2,851 days** during the 2006 spring season.

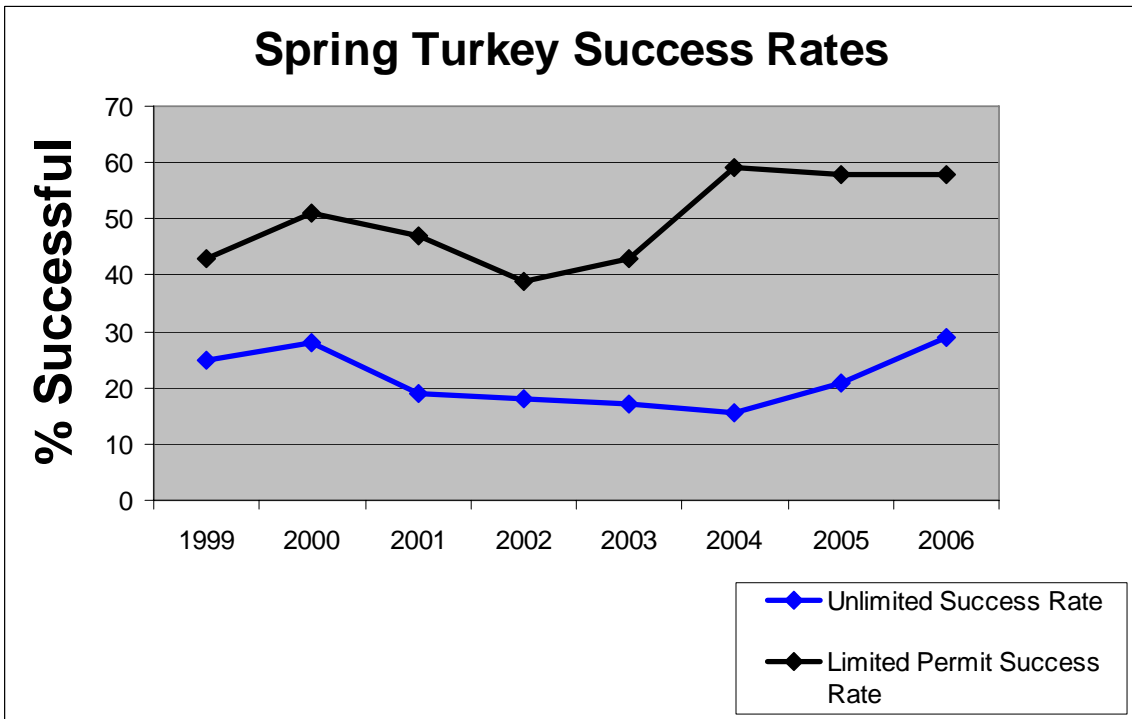
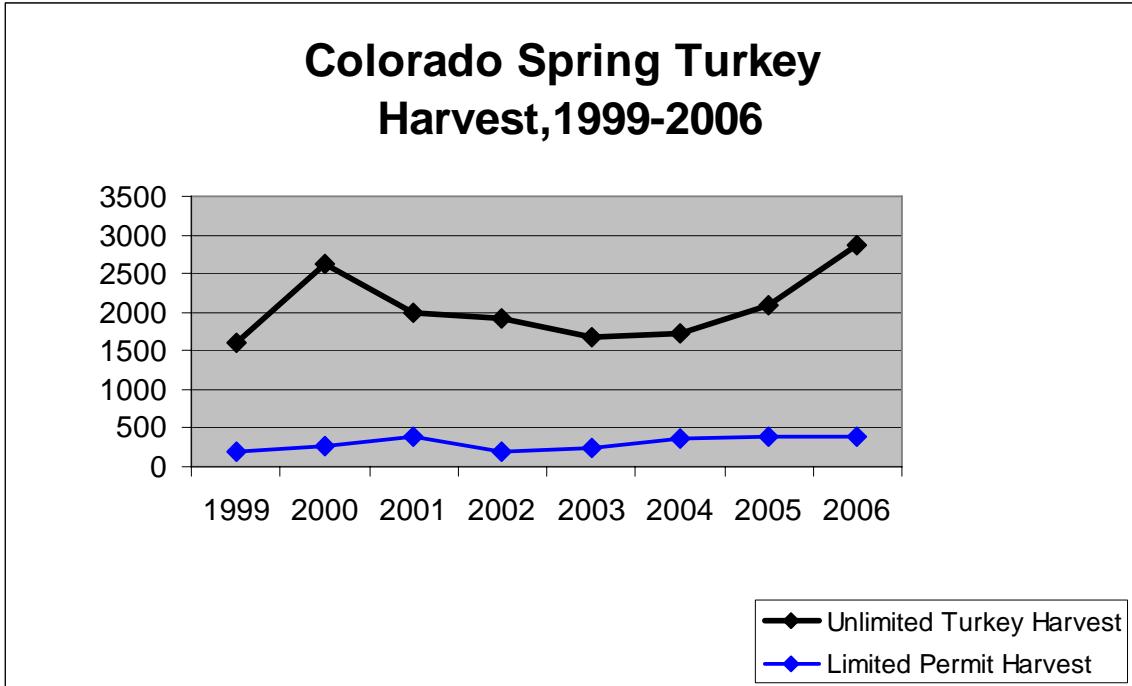
### **Limited Licenses**

Within the limited sample, 481 hunters were contacted (66% response rate). Of these, 89% had hunted during the 2006 spring turkey season, while 11% had not. Of those who had hunted, 58% reported harvesting a bird. Eighty-four percent of birds harvested were mature birds and hunters reported low levels of wounding loss (<3%). Thirty-five percent of respondents hunted on both weekdays and weekends, whereas 16% hunted on weekdays only and 48% hunted on the weekends only. Respondents were largely satisfied with their turkey hunting experience (80%) and the survey indicates that 71% felt there was not a crowding problem.

Within the limited subset, estimates for hunter numbers, days, and harvest are provided by Hunt Code. Limited license estimates are not provided on a county basis. The **statewide harvest estimate is 379 ± 20 (359 – 399) for limited permits**. Limited permit holders hunted **2,252 ± 118 days** during the 2006 spring season.

### Statewide (all licenses)

For limited and OTC licenses combined, the 2006 statewide harvest estimate is **3,248 ± 321 (2926 - 3570)**. Hunters spend nearly **46,000** days in the field during the spring turkey season.



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<b>County</b>	<b>Licenses Surveyed</b>	<b>Licenses Sold</b>	<b>SE Days</b>	<b>LCL Days</b>	<b>UCL Days</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>SE Harvest</b>	<b>LCL Harvest</b>	<b>UCL Harvest</b>	
<b>Las Animas</b>	1649	11193	1042	358	542	2005	365	67	256	521
<b>La Plata</b>	1649	11193	1272	328	773	2093	244	55	158	376
<b>Archuleta</b>	1649	11193	1245	390	683	2270	230	53	147	360
<b>Delta</b>	1649	11193	744	250	392	1412	189	48	116	310
<b>Mesa</b>	1649	11193	812	336	372	1771	176	47	106	293
<b>Pueblo</b>	1649	11193	920	328	468	1812	149	43	86	259
<b>Fremont</b>	1649	11193	582	248	262	1294	135	41	76	242
<b>Montrose</b>	1649	11193	609	221	306	1212	122	39	66	224
<b>Huerfano</b>	1649	11193	352	141	165	750	108	37	57	207
<b>El Paso</b>	1649	11193	325	147	139	757	95	34	48	189
<b>Montezuma</b>	1649	11193	379	156	175	822	95	34	48	189
<b>Weld</b>	1649	11193	406	183	175	943	68	29	30	152
<b>Custer</b>	1649	11193	257	128	102	647	54	26	22	132
<b>Garfield</b>	1649	11193	149	75	59	377	54	26	22	132
<b>Larimer</b>	1649	11193	162	101	53	497	54	26	22	132
<b>Dolores</b>	1649	11193	257	167	80	823	41	23	15	112
<b>San Miguel</b>	1649	11193	176	133	47	659	41	23	15	112
<b>Teller</b>	1649	11193	95	60	31	294	41	23	15	112
<b>Baca</b>	1649	11193	122	95	32	469	27	18	8	91
<b>Boulder</b>	1649	11193	108	82	29	407	27	18	8	91
<b>Douglas</b>	1649	11193	257	177	76	872	27	18	8	91
<b>Ouray</b>	1649	11193	162	133	40	660	27	18	8	91
<b>Bent</b>	1649	11193	14	13	3	66	14	13	3	66
<b>Chaffee</b>	1649	11193	176	169	36	860	14	13	3	66
<b>Clear Creek</b>	1649	11193	14	13	3	66	14	13	3	66
<b>Jefferson</b>	1649	11193	13	13	3	66	14	13	3	66
<b>Otero</b>	1649	11193	14	13	3	66	14	13	3	66
<b>Park</b>	1649	11193	41	39	8	198	14	13	3	66
<b>Unknown</b>	1649	11193	1421	316	923	2187	230	53	147	360
<b>State Total</b>	1649	11193	43532	1455	40681	46383	2867	162	2549	3185

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Hunt Code	Licenses	Hunters	SE	LCL	UCL	Days	SE	LCL	UCL	Harvest	SE	LCL	UCL
			Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		Days	Days	Days		Harvest	Harvest	Harvest
T-M-002-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	8	2	5	12	5	0	5	5
T-M-015-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	14	0	14	14	5	0	5	5
T-M-023-O1-R	10	10	0	10	10	32	9	19	55	6	2	3	10
T-M-031-O1-R	75	66	2	62	71	223	22	184	270	41	4	34	49
T-M-031-W1-R	2	2	0	2	2	7	0	7	7	2	0	2	2
T-M-034-O1-R	5	4	0	3	5	14	3	9	21	3	1	2	4
T-M-043-O1-R	30	24	2	21	27	125	18	93	166	14	2	10	18
T-M-044-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	17	3	12	23	3	1	2	6
T-M-059-O1-R	25	22	1	19	25	77	13	56	106	12	2	8	17
T-M-085-W1-R	17	14	1	13	16	47	4	40	55	9	1	7	12
T-M-091-O1-R	24	24	0	24	24	85	11	66	109	14	2	11	19
T-M-091-O2-R	25	21	1	19	23	72	7	60	87	7	1	5	10
T-M-091-S1-R	10	10	0	10	10	65	4	57	74	10	0	10	10
T-M-091-S2-R	8	8	0	8	8	35	4	28	43	3	1	1	5
T-M-092-O1-R	25	25	0	25	25	97	11	78	122	18	2	15	21
T-M-092-O2-R	25	17	2	13	21	45	7	33	61	5	2	3	10
T-M-092-S1-R	5	5	0	5	5	17	1	15	19	5	0	5	5
T-M-092-S2-R	5	5	0	5	5	15	0	15	15	2	1	1	5
T-M-096-O1-R	34	31	1	29	33	88	9	72	107	23	2	19	28
T-M-096-O2-R	35	33	1	31	35	93	10	76	115	12	2	8	17
T-M-096-S1-R	20	20	0	20	20	71	10	54	92	8	2	5	12
T-M-096-S2-R	20	17	2	13	22	63	14	41	98	3	2	1	11
T-M-102-O1-R	25	25	0	25	25	46	6	36	59	22	1	21	24
T-M-102-O2-R	25	24	1	22	25	62	5	52	73	14	1	12	18
T-M-103-O1-R	69	59	2	55	63	237	16	208	271	33	3	28	39
T-M-105-O1-R	20	17	1	14	20	53	12	34	84	13	2	10	17
T-M-124-O1-R	3	3	0	3	3	6	2	3	10	3	0	3	3
T-M-124-S1-R	7	7	0	7	7	23	4	17	33	7	0	7	7
T-M-126-O1-R	15	15	0	15	15	97	21	63	148	13	1	11	16

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<b>T-M-127-O1-R</b>	5	3	1	1	7	3	2	1	10	0	0	0	0
<b>T-M-130-O1-R</b>	2	2	0	2	2	7	0	7	7	2	0	2	2
<b>T-M-130-S1-R</b>	3	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	4	2	1	1	4
<b>T-M-136-W1-R</b>	14	10	2	7	14	24	6	15	38	4	2	2	9
<b>T-M-140-O1-R</b>	75	67	2	63	70	231	13	206	258	28	3	23	34
<b>T-M-140-O2-R</b>	19	11	1	10	13	41	6	31	56	3	1	2	5
<b>T-M-444-O1-R</b>	10	10	0	10	10	28	6	18	41	10	0	10	10
<b>T-M-851-O1-R</b>	25	23	2	20	26	120	21	86	169	16	3	11	23
<b>Limited Total</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>2252</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2139</b>	<b>2372</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>399</b>