

2008 Spring Turkey Harvest Report

The post-season spring turkey harvest survey was conducted by phone and email. In 2008, a total of 12,862 OTC and 801 limited permits were available. Fifteen percent (1,881) 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, 889 hunters were contacted (47% response rate). Of these, 83% had hunted during the 2008 spring turkey season, while 17% had not. Of those who had hunted, 19% reported harvesting a bird. Eighty-one percent of birds harvested were mature birds and hunters reported low levels of wounding loss (1%). Thirty-five percent of respondents hunted on both weekdays and weekends, whereas 13% hunted on weekdays only and 52% hunted on the weekends only. Respondents were mixed on satisfaction with their turkey hunting experience (50% satisfied, 24% neutral) and the survey indicates that 62% 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 1,960 ± 288 (1,692 – 2,270) for Unlimited OTC areas. This is down from the 2007 estimate of 2,348 ± 304 (2,062 – 2673)** Responses from hunters indicate that OTC hunters hunted **47,457 ± 3,169 days** during the 2008 spring season.

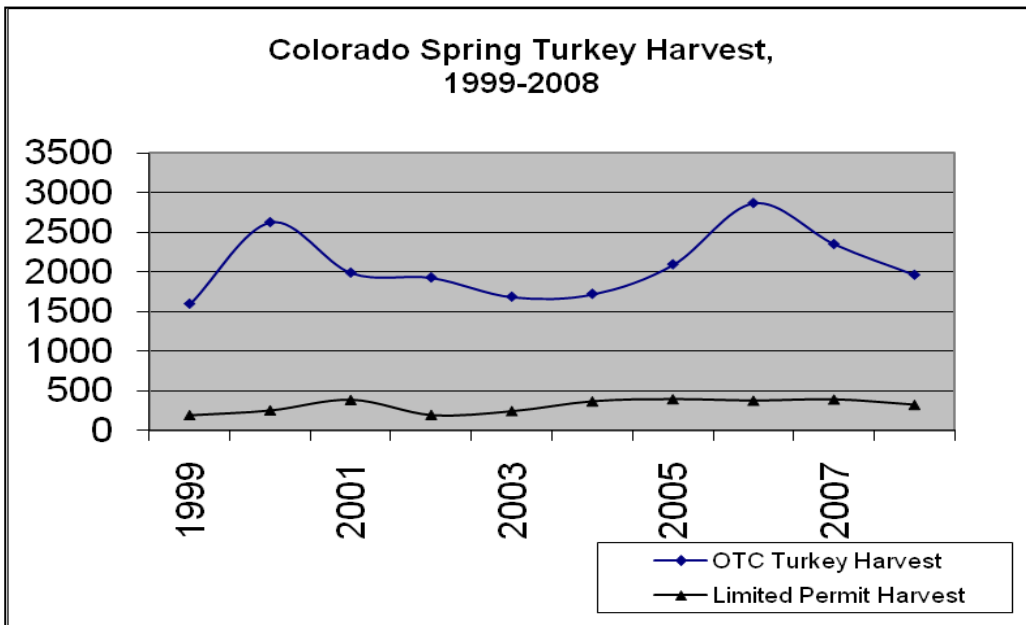
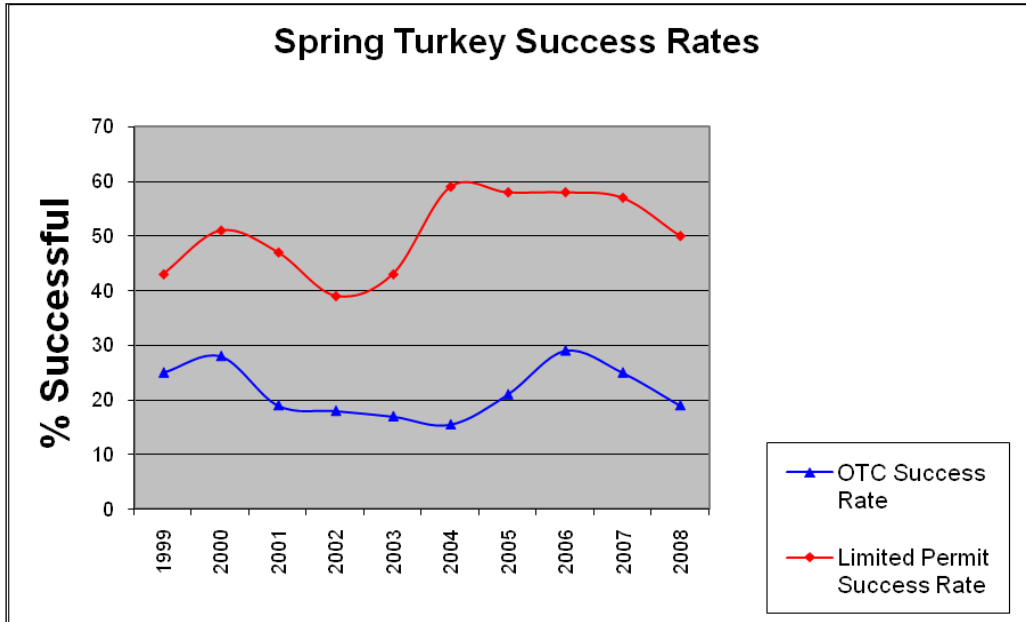
Limited Licenses

Within the limited sample, 435 hunters were contacted (54% response rate). Of these, 89% had hunted during the 2008 spring turkey season, while 11% had not. Of those who had hunted, 50% reported harvesting a bird. Eighty-three percent of birds harvested were mature birds and hunters reported low levels of wounding loss (<5%). Forty-eight percent of respondents hunted on both weekdays and weekends, whereas 19% hunted on weekdays only and 33% hunted on the weekends only. Respondents were largely satisfied with their turkey hunting experience (71%) and the survey indicates that 66% 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 327 ± 25 (302 – 352) for limited permits.** This is down from the 2007 estimate of **394 ± 22 (372 – 417)**. Limited permit holders hunted **2,327 ± 139 days** during the 2008 spring season.

Statewide (all licenses)

For limited and OTC licenses combined, the 2008 statewide harvest estimate is **2,287 ± 290 (1,998 – 2,576)**. This is down from the 2007 estimate of **2,742 ± 304 (2,438 – 3,046)**. Hunters spent nearly **50,000** days in the field during the spring turkey season.



**Unlimited Spring Turkey Harvest (↓)
2008**

County	Harvest	SE(Harvest)	LCL(Harvest)	UCL(Harvest)
Unknown	169	47	99	288
Garfield	155	45	89	270
La Plata	155	45	89	270
Mesa	155	45	89	270
Archuleta	141	43	79	252
Delta	141	43	79	252
Las Animas	127	41	69	234
Pueblo	127	41	69	234
Larimer	113	38	59	215
Huerfano	99	36	50	197
Montezuma	70	30	31	158
Dolores	56	27	23	138
Montrose	56	27	23	138
Fremont	42	24	15	117
Jefferson	42	24	15	117
Otero	42	24	15	117
Weld	42	24	15	117
Baca	28	19	8	95
El Paso	28	19	8	95
Lincoln	28	19	8	95
Park	28	19	8	95
Bent	14	14	3	69
Boulder	14	14	3	69
Chaffee	14	14	3	69
Custer	14	14	3	69
Gunnison	14	14	3	69
Kiowa	14	14	3	69
San Juan	14	14	3	69
Teller	14	14	3	69

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	10	2	6	15	4	1	3	5
T-M-015-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	22	3	17	28	0	0	0	0
T-M-023-O1-R	10	10	0	10	10	43	9	29	63	3	2	1	10
T-M-030-K1-R	5	0*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
T-M-031-O1-R	7	NR	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
T-M-031-W1-R	5	5	0	5	5	13	0	13	13	3	0	3	3
T-M-034-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	36	4	30	44	4	1	3	5
T-M-043-O1-R	30	24	2	20	29	78	11	59	104	14	3	9	21
T-M-044-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	19	0	19	19	2	0	2	2
T-M-059-O1-R	25	24	1	23	25	123	9	106	142	4	1	2	6
T-M-084-W1-R	10	9	1	8	10	26	3	22	32	1	1	1	3
T-M-085-W1-R	17	16	1	14	17	68	12	49	95	7	1	5	10
T-M-091-H1-R	4	4	0	4	4	9	2	6	13	1	1	1	3
T-M-091-O1-R	25	24	1	22	25	67	6	56	79	13	2	10	16
T-M-091-O2-R	25	22	1	20	24	64	5	55	75	11	2	8	15
T-M-091-S1-R	10	8	1	7	10	67	13	45	98	3	1	2	7
T-M-091-S2-R	10	9	1	7	10	19	3	14	25	4	1	3	7
T-M-092-O1-R	25	25	0	25	25	66	7	53	82	20	2	16	24
T-M-092-O2-R	25	22	1	20	24	96	7	83	111	10	2	7	13
T-M-092-S1-R	5	5	0	5	5	18	3	13	24	3	1	2	4
T-M-092-S2-R	5	3	1	2	5	15	5	8	28	0	0	0	0
T-M-096-O1-R	35	33	1	31	36	99	9	84	118	20	3	16	26
T-M-096-O2-R	35	27	2	23	32	101	19	70	146	19	3	14	26
T-M-096-S1-R	20	16	2	13	20	78	21	47	130	4	2	2	10
T-M-096-S2-R	20	15	1	14	17	65	6	54	77	5	1	3	7
T-M-101-O1-R	5	3	1	2	5	7	3	3	15	3	1	2	6
T-M-101-O2-R	5	5	0	5	5	6	1	5	7	5	0	5	5
T-M-102-O1-R	25	24	1	22	25	56	4	49	64	15	2	12	19
T-M-102-O2-R	25	21	2	17	25	67	19	38	117	15	3	10	21

T-M-103-O1-R	75	68	3	62	74	200	20	165	242	53	5	44	63
T-M-105-O1-R	40	38	1	36	40	158	21	123	204	12	3	8	18
T-M-108-K1-R	10	NR	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
T-M-124-O1-R	3	3	0	3	3	17	0	17	17	2	0	2	2
T-M-124-S1-R	7	5	1	4	8	14	5	7	27	4	1	2	7
T-M-125-K1-R	2	NR	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
T-M-126-O1-R	15	15	0	15	15	60	15	37	97	10	2	6	16
T-M-127-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	13	2	9	17	0	0	0	0
T-M-130-O1-R	2	NR	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
T-M-130-S1-R	5	0*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
T-M-136-M2-R	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T-M-136-W1-R	18	15	1	12	18	46	10	30	70	7	2	4	11
T-M-139-O1-R	5	5	0	5	5	11	0	11	11	5	0	5	5
T-M-140-O1-R	75	69	3	62	76	281	38	216	367	19	6	11	33
T-M-140-O2-R	20	12	2	9	16	40	11	24	67	3	1	1	7
T-M-444-O1-R	10	10	0	10	10	43	3	38	49	8	0	7	9
T-M-851-O1-R	25	24	1	22	25	106	13	83	133	11	2	8	15
Limited Total	753	643	7	628	658	2327	71	2188	2466	327	13	302	352

0* - Only 1 response for hunt code; respondent reported that they did not hunt

NR - No responses were obtained for this hunt code

