



SUMMARY OF 2024 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



Regular Spring Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: Apr. 8 - May 9, 2024 (South); Apr. 15 - May 16, 2024 (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 three lotteries, with specific permit quotas set for each county/special hunt area. Resident hunters could apply for their first permit in the first lottery; all hunters could apply for one permit in the second lottery, but hunters who had not already been awarded a permit received preference.; all hunters could apply for up to three permits in the third lottery, however no one could exceed the maximum number of three permits in total. 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.

Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

Harvest Total: 15,198 (17,208 including Youth Season; New Record Total)

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

Permit Success Rate: 23.13% (Excludes Landowner Permits)

Harvest Age Structure: 79% adult; 21% juvenile

Harvest Sex Ratio: 98.7% male; 1.3% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Permit: 2.0 (Excludes Landowner Permits)

Public Land Harvest: 1,495 (9.9%)

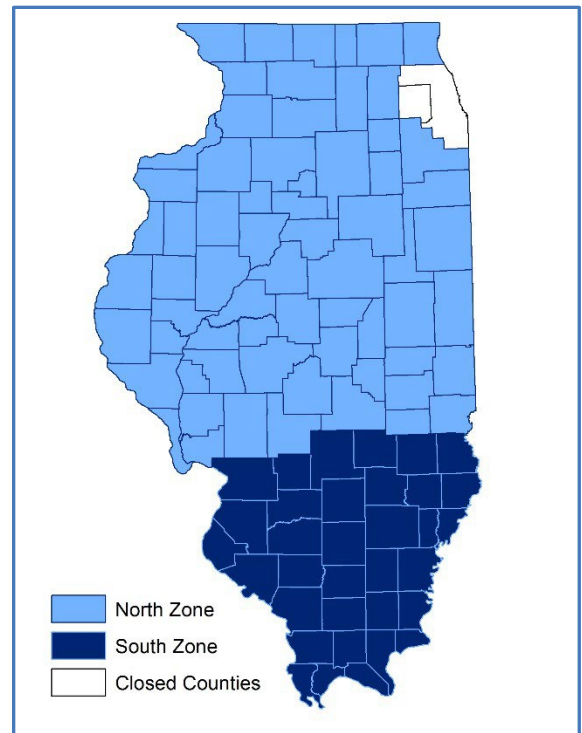
Top 5 Counties: Jo Daviess (625), Jefferson (408), Pope (370), Marion (367), Wayne (329)

Statewide General Weather Conditions:

March: Temperature above normal; precipitation slightly above normal.

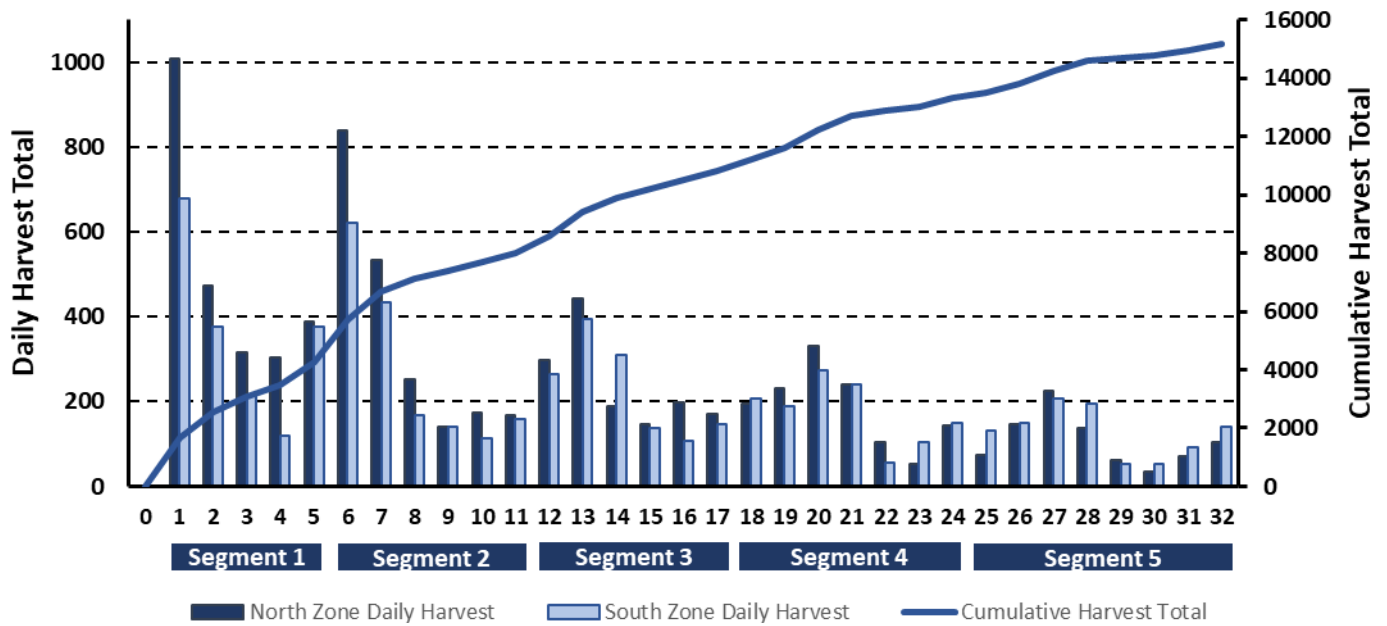
April: Temperature near normal; precipitation slightly above normal.

May: Temperature above normal; precipitation above normal.



Spring Turkey Hunting Zones

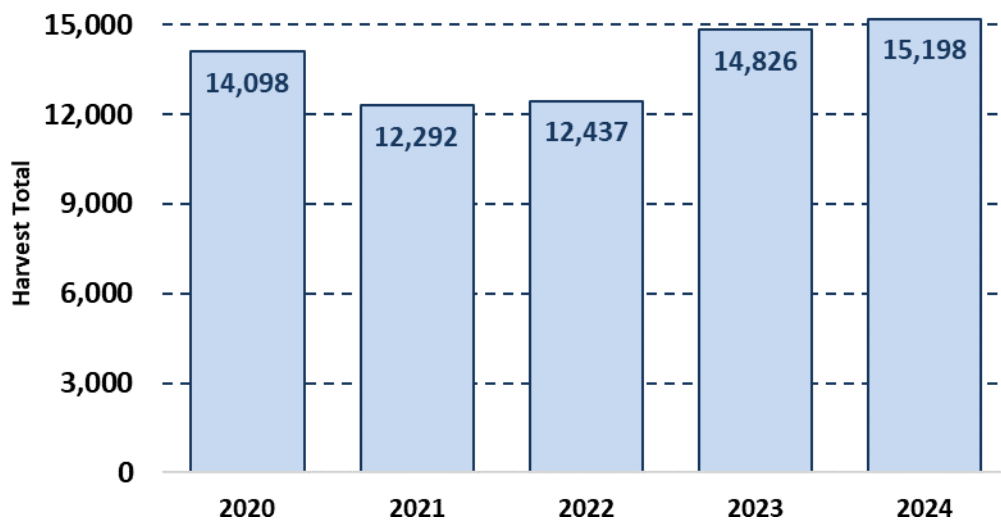
Spring 2024 daily harvest by zone and cumulative harvest



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

Permit Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Landowner Permits (free for residents)	23,829	24,772	24,335	22,500	24,894
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	230	2,429	2,515	2,612	2,601
County-specific Permits	49,788	51,160	49,843	50,247	50,247
TOTAL	73,847	78,361	76,693	75,359	77,742

Recent trend in regular season spring harvest



2024 Youth Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: March 30 – 31 & Apr. 6 - 7, 2024 (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: 2,010 (Record total)

Previous Record: 1,733 (2020)

Permit Success Rate: 30.7%

Harvest Age Structure: 72.2% adult: 27.8% juvenile

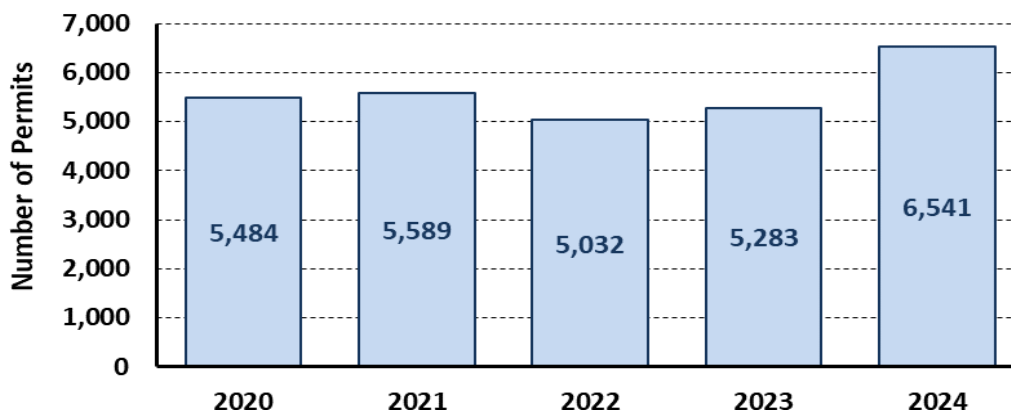
Harvest Sex Ratio: 97.4% male: 2.6% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter: 2.9

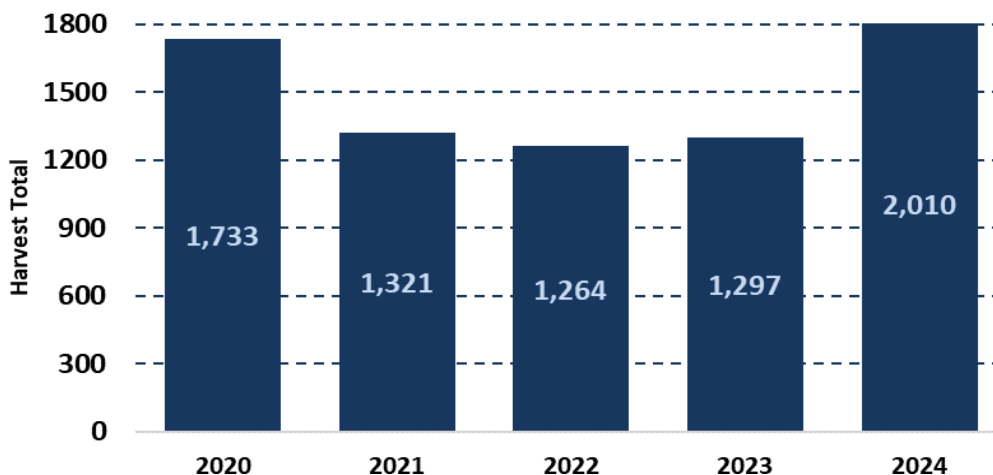
Public Land Harvest: 161 (8.0%)

Top 5 Counties: Fayette (70), Randolph (70), Jefferson (64), Marion (60), Pike (55)

Youth turkey season trend in permits issued



Recent trend in youth harvest



2024 County Harvest Totals by Season Segment

County	Youth	POH	Regular Season Results*						Regular Season Success
			1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total**	
ADAMS	49	44	90	65	38	28	10	231	19.9%
ALEXANDER	24	24	43	25	29	30	14	141	28.2%
BOND	18	22	31	27	12	21	14	105	23.4%
BOONE	4	3	24	20	13	20	10	87	34.9%
BROWN	35	37	70	29	20	19	12	150	19.4%
BUREAU	14	20	47	40	25	30	19	161	25.0%
CALHOUN	24	41	66	49	33	18	12	178	19.9%
CARROLL	8	34	74	40	36	40	17	207	27.3%
CASS	19	20	48	40	30	15	11	144	21.2%
CHAMPAIGN	3	6	5	6	5	8	4	28	19.2%
CHRISTIAN	6	13	9	4	5	11	4	33	14.8%
CLARK	32	45	46	50	39	25	30	190	33.0%
CLAY	49	61	46	43	30	34	32	185	29.6%
CLINTON	30	28	14	15	18	16	12	75	23.1%
COLES	7	12	9	4	4	10	11	38	19.0%
CRAWFORD	31	42	43	30	39	37	18	167	35.2%
CUMBERLAND	15	16	15	7	6	10	9	47	20.9%
DEKALB	1	0	3	3	3	2	1	12	12.1%
DEWITT	1	11	20	12	7	2	3	44	25.1%
DOUGLAS	2	0	2	3	2	2	1	10	13.3%
EDGAR	8	20	25	31	9	19	13	97	29.8%
EDWARDS	15	21	17	9	12	9	11	58	25.8%
EFFINGHAM	35	47	26	20	15	17	11	89	22.3%
FAYETTE	70	90	51	43	39	30	26	189	25.2%
FORD	2	6	1	2	4	2	1	10	14.3%
FRANKLIN	36	32	45	43	39	28	30	185	29.6%
FULTON	24	58	59	64	29	28	25	205	15.7%
GALLATIN/HARDIN	44	34	46	35	38	34	26	179	21.7%
GREENE	29	31	36	31	17	16	5	105	17.2%
GRUNDY	6	4	17	11	8	9	8	53	23.8%
HAMILTON	46	53	53	49	48	38	49	237	43.2%
HANCOCK	28	54	75	45	40	30	18	208	21.5%
HENDERSON	13	8	36	29	28	27	12	132	23.8%
HENRY	10	12	31	29	25	18	6	109	33.5%
IROQUOIS	4	15	17	11	16	8	13	65	28.9%

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JACKSON	41	47	74	56	42	43	31	246	22.9%
JASPER	42	24	35	25	29	23	22	134	26.8%
JEFFERSON	64	76	74	67	67	66	58	332	30.9%
JERSEY	26	24	53	32	18	17	10	130	15.9%
JO DAVIESS	27	62	138	163	119	100	43	563	29.0%
JOHNSON	27	35	48	50	38	33	29	198	24.0%
KANE	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	4	8.2%
KANKAKEE	4	5	10	13	5	12	11	51	25.6%
KENDALL	0	1	4	3	7	2	1	17	17.0%
KNOX	14	41	48	47	32	26	26	179	21.7%
LAKE	0	0	5	5	3	3	4	17	22.7%
LASALLE	1	8	25	29	18	18	12	102	20.4%
LAWRENCE	9	20	38	38	29	28	20	153	32.1%
LEE	9	10	26	23	16	15	13	93	27.0%
LIVINGSTON	3	10	6	11	4	7	5	33	28.7%
LOGAN	4	7	8	9	4	2	1	24	13.7%
MACON	7	5	6	4	4	2	2	18	14.2%
MACOUPIN	46	34	67	59	39	31	7	203	16.4%
MADISON	35	25	55	56	41	37	25	214	23.1%
MARION	60	75	73	66	44	61	48	292	31.6%
MARSHALL/PUTNAM	11	16	24	20	13	18	12	87	21.9%
MASON	15	21	42	35	20	22	12	131	24.8%
MASSAC	21	14	30	25	24	17	16	112	29.9%
MCDONOUGH	3	16	29	27	7	2	9	74	17.3%
MCHENRY	11	6	28	32	24	26	15	125	29.6%
MCLEAN	5	9	9	21	16	14	7	67	26.8%
MENARD	14	17	23	11	8	12	5	59	20.7%
MERCER	13	26	43	46	40	46	23	198	31.7%
MONROE	26	32	32	29	31	13	21	126	22.4%
MONTGOMERY	25	35	43	31	17	25	19	135	24.5%
MORGAN	7	14	48	32	20	12	3	115	18.8%
MOULTRIE	5	4	8	7	3	6	5	29	28.7%
OGLE	18	9	52	43	42	34	25	196	34.1%
PEORIA	12	20	32	27	17	19	11	106	16.9%
PERRY	44	52	50	42	48	40	25	205	31.6%

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PIATT	1	0	0	2	2	3	2	9	14.3%
PIKE	55	51	105	69	47	42	12	275	19.4%
POPE	27	37	94	74	63	65	37	333	18.8%
PULASKI	23	26	23	30	22	18	11	104	32.0%
RANDOLPH	70	76	67	61	38	42	38	246	23.4%
RICHLAND	17	17	25	28	23	17	17	110	33.8%
ROCK ISLAND	9	18	48	51	32	21	17	169	25.0%
SALINE	26	16	26	25	23	20	22	116	27.2%
SANGAMON	13	14	23	18	16	10	4	71	15.8%
SCHUYLER	23	33	60	29	26	30	16	161	15.9%
SCOTT	8	11	21	15	10	4	1	51	13.8%
SHELBY	23	29	24	27	22	15	18	106	28.3%
ST CLAIR	38	20	23	27	29	19	11	109	20.8%
STARK	1	3	3	1	5	2	3	14	18.7%
STEPHENSON	18	27	45	46	34	38	29	192	33.4%
TAZEWELL	10	10	25	9	10	14	8	66	20.3%
UNION	33	48	57	57	42	47	33	236	23.6%
VERMILION	17	16	29	31	22	27	13	122	22.2%
WABASH	5	10	9	12	8	3	4	36	20.7%
WARREN	5	10	12	14	6	10	7	49	24.5%
WASHINGTON	20	29	40	34	30	20	17	141	26.9%
WAYNE	41	64	52	55	50	57	51	265	34.2%
WHITE	41	28	41	29	29	31	20	150	35.3%
WHITESIDE	15	16	33	32	29	29	13	136	27.2%
WILL	3	2	17	26	15	6	6	70	31.1%
WILLIAMSON	46	43	60	65	54	51	41	271	31.0%
WINNEBAGO	18	7	42	41	41	25	20	169	26.3%
WOODFORD	13	21	14	10	7	15	3	49	16.3%
TOTAL**	2010	2447	3545	3067	2386	2204	1549	12751	24.4%

*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

2024 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinois Public Land

Site Name*	Location County/Counties	Harvest Total**	Success Rate***
Apple River Canyon SP	JO DAVIESS	7	11.7%
Argyle Lake SP	MCDONOUGH	4	
Babe Woodyard SNA	VERMILION	1	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	1	10.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	9	25.7%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	13	37.1%
Burning Star SFWA	JACKSON	8	33.3%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/MASSAC	17	
Campbell Pond SHA	JACKSON/PERRY	1	
CAPE BEND SFWA	PULASKI	1	
Carlyle Lake SFWA	FAYETTE	4	
Carlyle Lake SFWA-East Fork Unit	CLINTON	1	10.0%
Carlyle Lake UACOE Lands	CLINTON	5	
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	5	18.5%
Cedar/Draper Bluff HA	JOHNSON	1	
Cedar Glen SNA	HANCOCK	1	
Centralia	MARION	1	
Chain O' Lakes SP	LAKE	10	20.0%
Chauncey Marsh NP	CRAWFORD/LAWRENCE	1	6.7%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	9	13.2%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	4	15.4%
Copperhead Hollow SFWA	JERSEY	6	
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	46	46.0%
Crab Orchard NWR - Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/WILLIAMSON	20	
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	3	30.0%
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/PULASKI/UNION	13	
Deer Pond SNA	JOHNSON	1	
Devil's Island WMA	ALEXANDER/UNION	4	
Eagle Creek SP	SHELBY	1	
Eldon Hazlet SP	CLINTON	5	29.4%
Embarras River Bottoms SHA	LAWRENCE	2	40.0%
Fort de Chartres SHS	RANDOLPH	1	
Fort Massac SP	MASSAC	5	50.0%
Fox Creek SFWA	RICHLAND	3	30.0%
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	3	20.0%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	6	17.1%
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	4	

Green River SWA	LEE	7	14.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	10	33.3%
Hanover Bluff SNA	JO DAVIESS	6	20.0%
Hidden Springs SF	SHELBY	4	16.0%
Horseshoe Lake CA	ALEXANDER	3	
Horseshoe Lake SP	MADISON	6	40.0%
Horseshoe Lake SP - Chouteau, Gabaret, or Mosenthein Islands	MADISON	25	
Iroquois County SWA	IROQUOIS	6	27.3%
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	CASS	45	18.8%
JohnsonSauk Trail SP	HENRY	3	15.0%
Joliet Army Training Area	WILL	14	25.9%
Jubilee College SP	PEORIA	2	6.7%
Kankakee River SP	KANKAKEE/WILL	11	55.0%
Kaskaskia River SFWA	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ST CLAIR	43	
Kickapoo SP	VERMILION	8	18.6%
Kinkaid Lake SFWA	JACKSON	12	
Kishwaukee River SFWA	DEKALB	4	16.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	MOULTRIE	16	32.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	SHELBY	14	23.3%
Lowden Miller SF	OGLE	21	21.0%
Mackinaw River FWA	TAZEWELL	5	20.0%
Mark Twain NWR Wilkerson Island	JACKSON	1	
Marseilles FWA	LASALLE	9	18.0%
Matthiessen SP	LASALLE	2	20.0%
Mautino SFWA	BUREAU	2	20.0%
Mermet Lake SFWA	MASSAC	6	40.0%
Middlefork FWMA	VERMILION	10	29.4%
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	WILL	9	22.5%
Mississippi Palisades SP	CARROLL	14	31.8%
Mississippi River Pool 13	CARROLL	1	
Mississippi River Pool 18	HENDERSON	3	
Mississippi River Pool 21	ADAMS	4	
Mississippi River Pool 22	ADAMS	1	
Mississippi River Pool 24	PIKE	2	
Mississippi River SFWA	CALHOUN/JERSEY	5	
Momence Wetlands	KANKAKEE	1	8.3%
Moraine View SP	MCLEAN	3	15.0%
Morrison Rockwood SP	WHITESIDE	3	7.0%
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	JEFFERSON	4	40.0%
Newton Lake FWA	JASPER	11	27.5%
Oakford CA	MENARD	1	

Oakwood Bottoms	JACKSON	5	
Paul C. Burrus SHA	COLES	3	30.0%
Peabody River King SFWA	ST. CLAIR	1	
Pere Marquette SP	JERSEY	5	
Pere Marquette SP – Piasa, Quotoga, Potawatomi Camp Areas	JERSEY	5	12.8%
Pyramid SP	PERRY	4	16.0%
Pyramid SP-Captain Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%
Pyramid SP-Denmark Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%
Pyramid SP-East-Conant Unit	PERRY	6	30.0%
Pyramid SP-Galum Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%
Rall Woods (Falling Down Prairie) SNA	JO DAVIESS	3	21.4%
Ramsey Lake SP	FAYETTE	7	21.9%
Randolph County CA	RANDOLPH	5	20.0%
Ray Norbut SFWA	PIKE	4	
Red Hills SP	LAWRENCE	1	10.0%
Rend Lake Corps of Engineers Lands	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	44	
Rend Lake SFWA	JEFFERSON	12	
Rockton Bog SNA	WINNEBAGO	2	40.0%
Sahara Woods SFWA	SALINE	7	22.6%
Saline County CA	SALINE/GALLATIN	1	
Sam Dale Lake SFWA	WAYNE	9	27.3%
Sam Parr SFWA	JASPER	3	30.0%
Sand Ridge SF	MASON	21	15.7%
Sandy Ford SNA	LASALLE	2	20.0%
Sanganois CA-Squirrel Timber Unit	MASON	1	20.0%
Shawnee National Forest	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/HARDIN/JACKSON/JOHNSON/MASSAC/POPE/SALINE/UNION/WILLIAMSON	435	
Shelbyville SFWA	MOULTRIE	1	
Sielbeck Forest SNA	MASSAC	1	
Siloam Springs SP	ADAMS/BROWN	19	38.0%
Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit	BROWN	4	8.0%
Skinner Farm SHA	JOHNSON	1	
Spoon River SF	KNOX	8	16.0%
Starved Rock SP	LASALLE	3	30.0%
Stephen A. Forbes SP	MARION	5	7.1%
Tapley Woods SNA	JO DAVIESS	1	6.7%
Ten Mile Creek FWA	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	19	38.0%
Trail of Tears SF	UNION	2	
Turkey Bluffs SFWA	RANDOLPH	3	
Union County CA	UNION	3	
Vesely LWR	WILL	6	60.0%

Washington County CA	WASHINGTON	4	18.2%
Wayne Fitzgerald SRA	FRANKLIN	10	33.3%
Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit	SCHUYLER	2	8.0%
Weinberg-King SP	SCHUYLER	1	
Weldon Springs SP-Piatt Unit	PIATT	1	5.0%
Wildcat Hollow SHA	EFFINGHAM	1	
Winston Tunnel SNA	JO DAVIESS	5	50.0%
Witkowski SFWA	JO DAVIESS	7	14.0%
Wolf Creek SP	SHELBY	1	25.0%
Zoeller SNA	ST. CLAIR	1	10.0%
Other Public Land Not Listed	Multiple	206	

*Sites with no harvest reported not included

**Totals Exclude Youth Harvest

***Success Rates only listed for SHAs with site-specific permits

