

Spring Turkey Hunting Questionnaire 2021

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Abstract

Spring turkey hunting was an ideal way for many to be outside and be socially distant during the continuing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Seventy-three percent (72.9%) of all spring turkey hunters that received at least one harvest permit hunted turkeys during the 2021 spring turkey season and the overall success rate for active hunters was 33.5%. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst, hunters rated their overall satisfaction with spring turkey hunting in Wisconsin as a '6.6'.

Methods

A sample of hunter names and addresses were randomly drawn from the current spring turkey hunter permit file. A survey was mailed to 10,000 spring turkey hunters after the completion of the spring turkey season. The questionnaire was mailed in proportion to the number of permits distributed in each zone. The questionnaire asked each hunter specific questions about their spring turkey hunting experience (Figure 1). A second mailing was sent to all non-respondents. Data from all returned questionnaires were summarized using the Statistical Analysis System (SAS).

Results

A total of 3,751 spring turkey hunter surveys were returned. After duplicates were removed, the resulting response rate was 37.4%. Statewide, 7.0% of survey respondents participated in the youth turkey hunt as a youth or chaperone; of those, 17.9% reported a turkey being harvested (Table 1, Question 1).

Statewide, 72.9% of the respondents hunted turkeys this spring, down from 79.5% in 2020. Of those who did not hunt, 54.9% bought a 2021 wild turkey stamp (Table 1, Question 2). The success rate for active hunters who received a harvest permit was 33.5% (Table 1, Question 9). This success rate may be high because of response and prestige biases of a mail survey. The spring turkey harvest registration data success rate (16.9%) is uncorrected for nonhunters and is probably a low estimate.

Many spring turkey hunters stay close to home to hunt, only traveling on average 60 miles from their residence to their hunting location (Table 1, Question 3). Thirty-nine (38.6%) percent of hunters stayed overnight at their hunting location (Table 1, Question 4).

Surveyed hunters were asked how difficult it was to find a place to hunt in the spring of 2021, and 77.8% of the respondents said it was 'Very Easy' or 'Somewhat Easy' (Table 1, Question 5). Spring turkey hunters were also asked to report the days on which they hunted. Hunting pressure was relatively constant Wednesday through Sunday, with the most pressure on Saturday. Monday and Tuesday had the least hunting pressure (Table 1, Question 6). Hunters averaged 3.8 days a field pursuing turkeys.

Statewide, the mean “# of Gobblers/Jakes seen” by hunters was 3.3; the “mean # of Gobblers/Jakes heard” by hunters was 4.0; the mean “# of Hens seen” was 5.2, and the mean “# of Hens heard” was 2.8 (Table 1, Question 7). Fifty-four percent (54.1%) of respondents did not shoot at the first legal turkey they had in range of the weapon they were using; 84.1% reported waiting for a better shot, or for an adult gobbler (Table 1, Question 8).

Of the respondents that harvested a turkey, 25.7% with one tag harvested one turkey; 29.7% with two tags harvested one turkey, and 10.4% harvested two turkeys; 28.3% with three or more tags harvested one turkey, 16.3% harvested two turkeys, and 10.2% harvested three or more turkeys (Table 1, Question 9a). Surveyed hunters were asked if they hit any turkeys that they were unable to retrieve; 4.3% were unable to find their bird, 66 hunters reported hitting one turkey, and 4 hunters reported hitting 2 turkeys (Table 1, Question 10). Ninety-five percent (94.9%) of turkey hunters used a gun ‘most’ while hunting, while a gun was used 96.7% of the time to kill a turkey (Table 1, Question 11 and 9b).

The percent of time turkey hunters spent on private land varied by TMZ from 63.3% in TMZ 7 to 87.9% in TMZ 1 (Table 1, Question 12). Of the hunters on private land, 36.0% owned the land and 58.0% hunted land owned by a friend or relative (Table 1, Question 13). Only 4.6% of hunters on private land hunted land open via the Turkey Hunter Access Program (THAP) (Table 1, Question 13a). Seventy-seven percent (77.3%) of those that hunted land open to public access saw turkeys and 14.3% harvested a turkey (Table 1, Question 13b).

Fourteen percent (13.8%) of hunters responded to ‘Other hunters kept me from hunting where I wanted to’ with ‘Definitely Yes’, or ‘Somewhat’. Twelve percent (12.2%) of respondents answered, ‘There was too much competition from other hunters where I hunted’ with ‘Definitely Yes’, or ‘Somewhat’. Only 9.6% of the respondents indicated that other hunters interfered with their chance to bag a bird (Table 1, Question 14).

Thirty-three percent (32.5%) of respondents rated the quality of their spring turkey hunting as ‘Very High’ or ‘Fairly High’, similarly 34.5% rated their hunt as ‘Fairly Low’ or ‘Very Low’ (Table 1, Question 15). The most important factor that influenced respondents’ perceptions of a quality hunt was ‘seeing turkeys/calling birds in/hearing gobbling’. The least important factors were ‘Weather’ and ‘Not seeing other hunters’ (Table 1, Question 16).

Only eight percent (7.8%) of respondents felt that turkey numbers in the zones they hunted in the spring increased relative to the year before (Table 1, Question 17). Most hunters (73.0%) would like to see the number of permits available for the zone(s) they hunted stay the same as opposed to increase or decrease (Table 1, Question 18).

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst, hunters rated their overall satisfaction with spring turkey hunting in Wisconsin as a ‘6.6’ (Table 1, Question 19).

Table 1. Responses to the 2021 Spring Turkey Hunting Questionnaire.

1. Did you or a youth you chaperoned participate in the Youth Turkey Hunt April 17th and 18th? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	7.5	6.8	7.0	8.0	4.9	5.7	4.9	7.0
No	92.5	93.2	93.0	92.0	95.1	94.3	95.2	93.0

- If yes, was a turkey harvested during the Youth Turkey Hunt? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	14.8	13.4	27.2	20.6	21.1	7.7	12.5	17.9
No	85.2	86.6	72.8	79.5	79.0	92.3	87.5	82.1

2. Did you hunt turkeys this spring? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	76.3	73.1	73.7	71.7	63.4	69.8	61.0	72.9
No	23.7	26.9	26.3	28.3	36.6	30.2	39.1	27.1

- If no, did you buy a 2021 wild turkey stamp? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	53.5	61.4	53.2	48.9	63.1	40.6	56.3	54.9
No	46.5	38.6	46.8	51.1	36.9	59.4	43.8	45.1

3. In 2021, how far from your residence did you travel to hunt turkeys? (Mean)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Miles	80.3	26.0	57.7	58.6	84.1	71.1	94.2	59.8

4. Did you stay overnight at your hunting location? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	50.8	19.3	38.0	32.7	61.7	49.4	50.0	38.6
No	49.2	80.7	62.0	67.3	38.4	50.6	50.0	61.4

5. How difficult was it for you to find a place to hunt in the spring of 2021? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Very easy	61.8	55.5	61.0	57.7	63.4	67.8	56.3	59.7
Somewhat easy	16.8	18.7	18.0	19.6	18.7	14.9	23.4	18.1
Neither easy or difficult	13.6	15.1	13.8	15.3	13.4	13.8	15.6	14.3
Somewhat difficult	5.7	9.3	7.0	6.1	3.0	3.5	4.7	6.6
Very difficult	2.1	1.5	0.2	1.3	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.3

6. Please check all the days that you hunted for turkeys this spring. (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Wednesday	16.6	18.4	19.8	18.0	15.6	16.9	16.8	17.9
Thursday	16.8	16.5	18.0	16.7	16.8	18.2	15.8	17.0
Friday	18.6	17.7	18.4	18.6	18.9	18.9	19.6	18.4
Saturday	20.2	17.2	18.3	18.6	19.5	19.9	18.2	18.8
Sunday	14.2	13.3	12.6	13.5	16.4	12.1	15.8	13.6
Monday	7.7	9.4	7.5	8.2	7.5	8.5	8.1	8.1
Tuesday	6.0	7.5	5.5	6.5	5.3	5.5	5.7	6.2

Mean Days Spent Hunting

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Days	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.8

7. Please fill in the **number** of turkeys you saw or heard while actively hunting. (Mean)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Gobblers/Jakes heard	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.3	3.8	3.3	4.2	4.0
Gobblers/Jakes seen	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.4	3.7	3.3
Hens Heard	2.6	3.5	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.0	1.6	2.8
Hens Seen	4.6	6.0	5.7	5.1	5.0	4.6	3.6	5.2

8. Did you shoot at the first legal turkey you had in range of the weapon you were using? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	42.9	47.9	45.2	49.4	44.2	50.0	42.9	46.0
No	57.1	52.1	54.8	50.6	55.8	50.0	57.1	54.1

- If no, please tell us which of the following was the reason. (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Waiting for a better shot	39.3	46.4	37.5	46.5	34.0	36.0	52.9	41.6
Waiting for an adult gobbler	47.3	37.6	45.4	36.1	42.0	56.0	29.4	42.5
Waiting for a larger bird	4.4	6.8	9.6	7.6	10.0	0.0	17.7	7.1
Wanted to hunt longer	4.7	6.0	3.3	4.9	14.0	8.0	0.0	5.2
Other	4.4	3.2	4.2	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7

9. Did you harvest a turkey? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	29.2	38.4	36.1	35.8	30.5	23.5	20.3	33.5
No	70.8	61.7	64.0	64.2	69.5	76.5	79.7	66.6

9a. If yes, how many? (Percent)

		Zone 1				Zone 2				
Tags	No Birds	1 Bird	2 Birds	3/+ Birds	Tags	No Birds	1 Bird	2 Birds	3/+ Birds	
1	78.9	21.1			1	68.2	31.8			
2	67.9	25.6	6.5		2	46.6	35.6	17.8		
>2	42.9	39.3	12.5	5.4	>2	54.3	22.9	8.6	14.3	
		Zone 3				Zone 4				
Tags	No Birds	1 Bird	2 Birds	3/+ Birds	Tags	No Birds	1 Bird	2 Birds	3/+ Birds	
1	73.5	26.5			1	72.9	27.1			
2	56.5	34.3	9.3		2	61.3	27.4	11.3		
>2	50.0	15.8	21.1	13.2	>2	29.6	33.3	29.6	7.4	
		Zone 5				Zone 6				
Tags	No Birds	1 Bird	2 Birds	3/+ Birds	Tags	No Birds	1 Bird	2 Birds	3/+ Birds	
1	77.1	22.9			1	79.0	21.0			
2	65.0	25.0	10.0		2	80.0	20.0	0.0		
>2	50.0	16.7	16.7	16.7	>2	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	
		Zone 7				Statewide				
Tags	No Birds	1 Bird	2 Birds	3/+ Birds	Tags	No Birds	1 Bird	2 Birds	3/+ Birds	
1	83.3	16.7			1	74.3	25.7			
2	50.0	0.0	50.0		2	60.0	29.7	10.4		
>2	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	>2	45.2	28.3	16.3	10.2	

9b. What type of weapon did you use to harvest a turkey this spring?
Check all that apply. (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Gun	99.1	94.1	95.8	96.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.7
Bow	0.5	2.3	2.1	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Crossbow	0.5	2.3	1.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Gun & Bow	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Gun & Crossbow	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3

10. Did you hit a turkey you were unable to retrieve? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	3.5	5.1	5.0	4.1	3.4	5.1	3.5	4.3
No	96.5	94.9	95.0	95.9	95.8	94.9	96.5	95.6

▪ If yes, how many? (Frequency)

Number of Turkeys	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
1	16	16	16	10	3	4	1	66
2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4

11. What type of weapon did you use **most** while hunting turkeys this spring?
(Check only ONE) (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Gun	95.6	92.9	94.8	95.4	96.2	98.9	95.3	94.9
Bow	3.3	3.9	3.2	3.6	2.3	0.0	1.6	3.2
Crossbow	1.1	3.2	2.0	1.0	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.9

12. What percentage of your time hunting did you spend on private vs. public land:
(Mean Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Private Land	87.9	86.1	84.6	86.2	78.8	66.8	63.3	84.8
Public Land	11.8	13.3	14.7	12.9	20.7	33.1	36.7	14.7

13. If you hunted private land how did you obtain access (Check only ONE): (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
I own the land	32.8	28.2	41.4	38.2	45.3	53.5	51.1	36.0
I hunted land owned by a friend or relative	62.1	65.5	54.1	52.9	47.9	39.4	42.2	58.0
I hunted land owned by a landowner I didn't know	3.4	4.5	2.9	5.3	4.3	1.4	2.2	3.8
I hunted unposted private land	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.5
I hunted private land open to hunting via a public access program (go to 13a and 13b)	1.1	1.4	1.3	3.3	1.7	5.6	4.4	1.8

13a. If you hunted on private land open to public access, which program was the land enrolled in? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Open Managed Forest Law (MFL)	33.3	62.5	85.7	58.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	65.9
Voluntary Public Access (VPA)	22.2	25.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.6
Turkey Hunter Access Program (THAP)	11.1	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6
Uncertain	33.3	0.0	14.3	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.9

13b. While hunting on private land open to public access, did you: (Percent)

See turkeys?	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	75.0	77.8	100.0	75.0	50.0	75.0	50.0	77.3
No	25.0	22.2	0.0	25.0	50.0	25.0	50.0	22.7

Harvest a turkey?	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Yes	28.6	22.2	28.6	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3
No	71.4	77.8	71.4	90.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.3

14. Other hunters may have affected your turkey hunt. For each statement below, please check the response which best reflects your 2021 spring hunt. (Percent)

- Other hunters sometimes kept me from hunting where I wanted to.

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Definitely Yes	5.3	7.0	6.3	5.6	4.0	7.1	0.0	5.8
Somewhat	8.7	8.7	7.3	7.0	9.6	3.6	9.8	8.0
Not Much	11.2	11.6	12.2	12.3	10.4	8.3	4.9	11.4
No, Not At All	74.8	72.8	74.3	75.1	76.0	81.0	85.3	74.7

- There was too much competition from other hunters where I hunted.

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Definitely Yes	3.6	4.0	2.9	1.9	0.8	2.5	0.0	3.0
Somewhat	7.7	11.5	9.1	10.8	6.4	4.9	6.9	9.2
Not Much	16.0	15.5	15.7	15.8	16.7	16.1	5.2	15.6
No, Not At All	72.7	69.1	72.4	71.6	76.2	76.5	87.9	72.3

- Other hunters interfered with my chance to bag a bird.

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Definitely Yes	3.1	4.0	3.7	2.5	1.6	6.2	1.7	3.3
Somewhat	5.5	8.5	6.4	6.6	4.8	3.7	0.0	6.3
Not Much	12.8	11.3	10.8	13.2	11.2	6.2	1.7	11.5
No, Not At All	78.7	76.1	79.1	77.8	82.4	84.0	96.6	78.8

15. Overall, how would you rate the quality of your spring 2021 Wisconsin wild turkey hunt? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Very High	13.9	18.8	16.5	15.9	17.8	17.2	10.9	16.1
Fairly High	14.3	15.9	20.6	15.4	17.0	16.1	12.5	16.4
Average	31.0	33.8	33.9	35.4	32.6	27.6	35.9	33.0
Fairly Low	23.0	19.6	17.6	20.0	20.7	20.7	21.9	20.4
Very Low	17.7	11.9	11.3	13.3	11.9	18.4	18.8	14.1

16. Rate the factors that most influence your perception of a quality spring turkey hunt. Enter a value of 1 to 7 next to each statement, with "1" having the most effect and "7" having the least effect on your hunting experience. (Mean)

Factor	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
An opportunity to harvest a turkey	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.8
Seeing turkeys/Calling birds in/Hearing gobbling	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.0	2.4	2.4
Harvesting a turkey (Tom, Jake or Bearded hen)	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.3	3.8
Harvesting a mature Tom	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.3	3.7
Weather	4.3	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.2
Not seeing other hunters	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1
Spending time with friends and family	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.5

17. Do you feel that the turkey numbers have changed from last year in the zones(s) you hunted this spring? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Increased	6.0	8.6	7.8	9.1	9.0	12.8	6.2	7.8
Stay the same	34.3	42.1	45.8	38.0	36.8	45.7	46.2	40.0
Decreased	57.0	45.5	42.7	49.9	47.2	38.3	38.5	48.6
Did not hunt same zone	2.8	3.7	3.7	3.0	6.9	3.2	9.2	3.6

18. Would you like to see the number of authorizations (permits) available for the zone(s) you hunted changed? (Percent)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Increased	10.4	19.7	10.8	13.4	20.3	21.4	23.7	14.3
Stay the same	71.2	69.7	79.6	72.4	72.5	75.3	69.5	73.0
Decreased	18.3	10.6	9.6	14.2	7.3	3.4	6.8	12.7

19. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst, rate your overall satisfaction with spring turkey hunting in Wisconsin. (Mean)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Total
Satisfaction	6.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.1	6.6

Dear Turkey Hunter:

We are surveying a random sample of Wisconsin wild turkey hunters to obtain needed information for managing Wisconsin's wild turkey population and setting authorization levels. Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. Completion of this questionnaire is voluntary. Your participation will provide us with critical information needed to regulate the harvest of wild turkeys and to provide Wisconsin hunters with a high quality hunt.

Please complete this questionnaire **even if you did not hunt or harvest a turkey this year**. Information will remain confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

Alaina Gerrits

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Assistant Upland Wildlife Ecologist

<p>1. Did you or a youth you chaperoned participate in the Youth Turkey Hunt April 17th and 18th?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, was a turkey harvested during the Youth Turkey Hunt? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>2. Did you hunt turkeys this spring?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, did you buy a 2021 wild turkey stamp?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>																								
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