

2015 Turkey Hunter Comments (from hunter harvest cards)

125 Cooperators commented (24% of 523 total cooperators)

COMMENTS:

- 52 Turkey population is down in my area, saw few birds
- 4 Population getting better, plenty of birds
- 3 Hens getting bred late
- 8 Seen few or no hens
- 10 Saw few jakes, none
- 5 Saw lots of jakes
- 1 concerned about poults
- 3 hoping for good hatch or next year will be worse
- 1 may have killed off all my gobblers
- 7 hunted less because of less gobbling, birds, etc. (trading in my gun and getting a boat, going fishing)

- 52 Worst, very bad, toughest, hard, unexciting, frustrating, slow, disheartening, discouraged, worse than I thought it would be
- 13 Very good, great, good, best, decent, fair year and better than I thought it would be
- 34 Quiet season, few gobbling, not as good, less, none, least, gobbling stopped
- 4 Good gobbling, hot gobbling last season, consistent gobbling

- 17 Bad Weather
- 18 Coyotes are bad, hogs, fire ants, too many predators, chicken litter
- 3 deer baiting is affecting turkeys
- 1 diseases
- 1 Habitat Loss
- 1 heavy turkey trapping in 80s hurt population
- 1 clearcutting on WMAs needs to stop

- 1 Close season for 2 years
- 6 shorten season
- 6 lower bag limit
- 1 DO NOT need a fall season
- 1 need a 2 week fall season
- 2 use better data system, tag, register
- 2 we only take one gobbler and see and hear gobbling the whole season