

2016 Turkey Hunter Comments (from hunter harvest cards)

117 Cooperators commented (24% of 484 total cooperators)

COMMENTS:

- 52 Turkey population is down in my area, saw few birds, way down, drastically down, population is declining, no birds, population is not huntable
- 5 Lots of birds, population stable
- 9 Seen few or no hens
- 1 Many hens
- 4 Saw few jakes, none
- 4 Saw lots of jakes
- 3 no poults

- 49 Worst ever, bad, tough, hard, most difficult, strange, terrible, horrible, no joy, alarmed
- 5 Great, good
- 29 Quiet season, few gobbling, no gobbling, no gobbling until very end weird
- 2 Lots of gobbling

- 4 Bad Weather
- 1 Good weather
- 16 Coyotes, bobcats, foxes, hogs, predation is the issue
- 1 Chicken litter is the issue
- 1 deer baiting is affecting turkeys
- 4 Deforestation is the issue, clearcut is a problem, habitat is an issue
- 2 too many hunters
- 2 Keep child hunt

- 4 we have backed off hunting our turkeys
- 11 lower bag limit to 2 or to 1
- 3 open season earlier
- 5 Reduce season length, end season sooner, end 1st week in May, change season to 4 weeks with a 1 bird bag limit