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