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 poult

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