

**Turkey Hunter Comments**

- These comments were made by Georgia turkey hunters on harvest cards for the Hunting Population Index Survey for 2017.
- 104 hunters out of 463 provided comments(22.5%):
  - 43 Season was Bad  
*(Slow season, never pulled the trigger, poor, bad, worst, worst than last year, worst ever, season to forget, worst public land season, tough, strange, hard, had to hunt harder, Sad, I Gave Up!, I Quit!)*
  - 41 Turkey Population is Down  
*(Can't find turkeys, least amount of turkeys ever, little turkey sign, no birds, turkeys nearly extinct, no turkeys as in the past, turkey population is down, few turkeys seen, declining turkey population, lowest population ever, no one wants to hunt because of low population, no huntable population, turkeys need help, population in real trouble, mature gobbler population is way down, what happened?, where are they? )*
  - 24 Gobbling was Bad  
*(No gobbling, little gobbling, lucky to hear one, stopped gobbling, only gobble on the roost, worst ever)*
  - 15 Coyotes are a problem
  - 11 Good Season  
*(Good, Great, Awesome, enjoyed)*
  - 8 Decrease Harvest  
*(lower bag limit to 2/year, reduce limit, shorten season, skip a year, one bird harvested/day max, only youth should kill jakes, close season for a few years)*
  - 6 Saw some Jakes
  - 4 Season/turkey numbers was better than last year
  - 3 Move season  
*(open in mid-March, Season too late, open and close earlier)*
  - 3 Corn/Aflatoxins are a problem
  - 3 Armadillos/Hogs are a problem
  - 2 Population looks good
  - 1 Could have harvested 3 birds but chose to only harvest 1
  - 1 Hope hatch and survival rates are high
  - 1 Decided not to shoot a gobbler
  - 1 May regret harvesting 3 because of population is down
  - 1 Hunters see 1 gobbler and will hunt until its dead and none left
  - 1 Hire a turkey biologist
  - 1 Chicken manure is a problem
  - 1 Georgia being deforested
  - 1 Finding destroyed nests