SUMMARY OF 2025 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Regular Spring Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: Apr. 7 - May 8, 2025 (South); Apr. 14 - May 15, 2025 (North)

Season Structure: 5 consecutive individual season segments comprising a total of 32 days per zone; the lengths of individual segments were 5, 6, 6, 7, and 8 days, respectively. Regular paid permits were valid for the appropriate season segment only, while landowner permits were valid throughout the entire 32 days.

Number of Counties Open: 100 (closed in Cook and DuPage)

Bag Limit: One gobbler (male) or bearded hen per permit

Number of Permits Allowed: 3 (subject to availability)

Permit Availability: County-specific (or special hunt area-specific) permits issued via a series of three lotteries, with specific permit quotas set for each county/special hunt area. Resident hunters could apply for their first permit in the first lottery; all hunters could apply for one permit in the second lottery, but hunters who had not already been awarded a permit received preference.; all hunters could apply for up to three permits in the third lottery, however no one could exceed the maximum number of three permits in total. The remainder of permits were available over-the-counter (OTC) and anyone could purchase their first, second, or third permit during that time.

Harvest Reporting: Mandatory harvest reporting via telephone or internet by 10:00 p.m. on the day of harvest.

Significant Changes: .410 and 28 gauge shotguns now legal method of take

Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

Harvest Total: 16,090 (18,189 including Youth Season; New Record Total

Previous Record Harvest: 16,057 (2006; 16,569 including Youth Season)

Permit Success Rate: 24.51% (Excludes Landowner Permits)

Harvest Age Structure: 78% adult; 22% juvenile

Harvest Sex Ratio: 98.4% male; 1.6% female

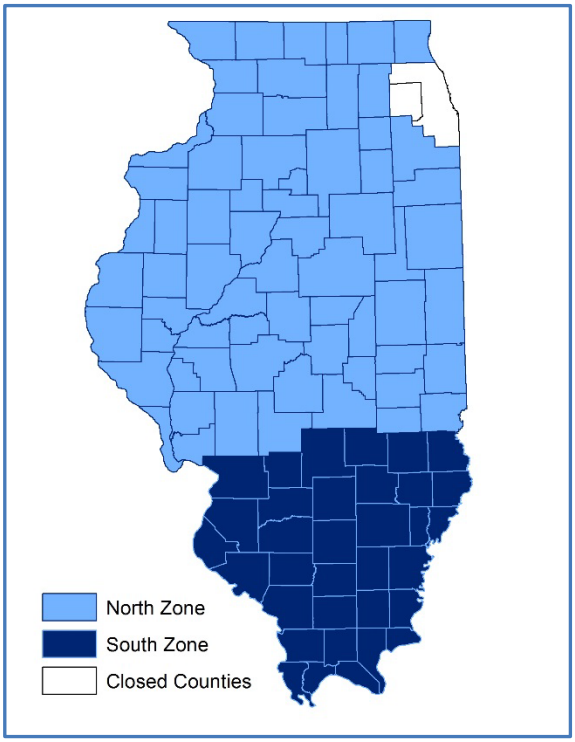
Average # Days Hunted per Successful Permit: 2.5 (Excludes Landowner Permits)

Public Land Harvest: 1,723 (11.6%; excludes Landowner Permits)

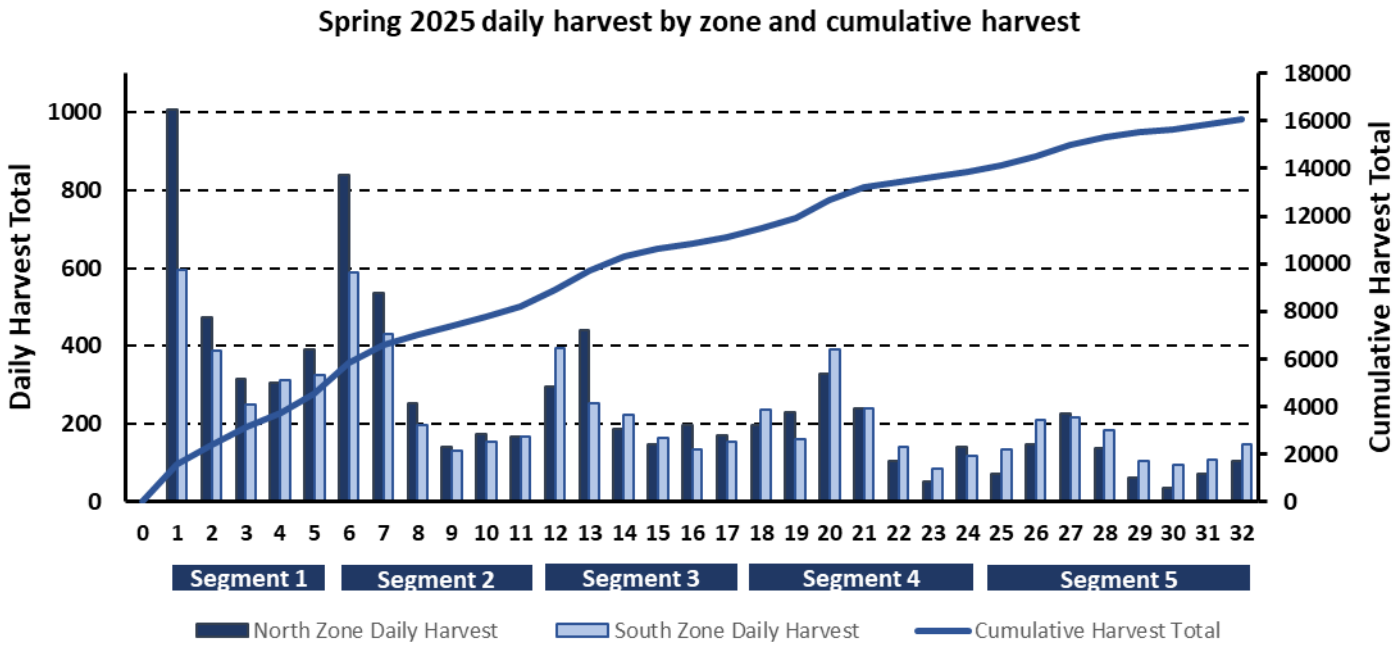
Top 5 Counties: Jo Daviess (581), Jefferson (446), Pike (398), Pope (398), Marion (376)

Statewide General Weather Conditions:

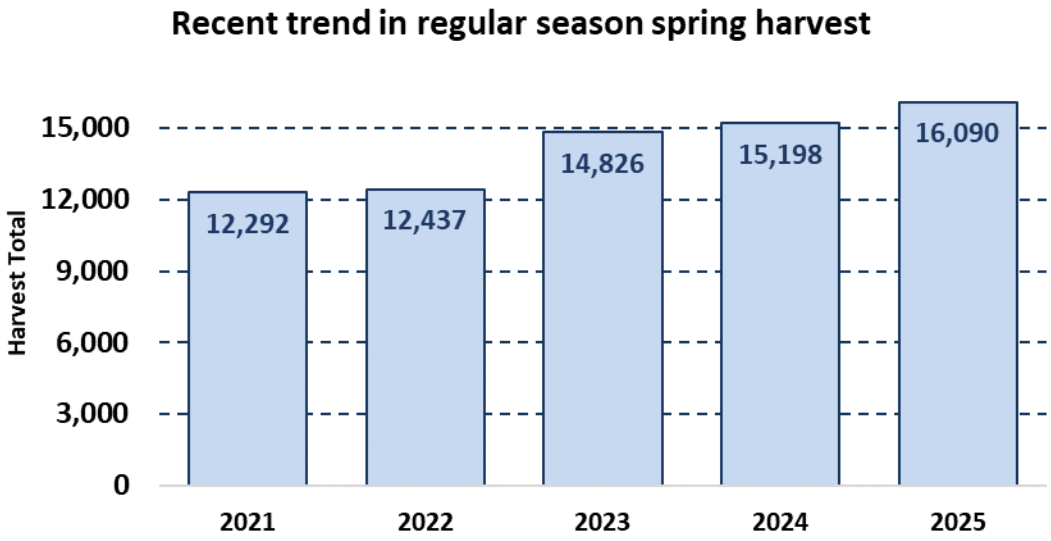
March: Temperature above normal; precipitation below normal.
April: Temperature near normal; precipitation near normal.
May: Temperature near normal; precipitation near normal.



Spring Turkey Hunting Zones



Trends in the number of regular spring turkey season permits issued statewide (no youth)					
Permit Type	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Landowner Permits (free for residents)	24,772	24,335	22,500	24,894	26,828
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,429	2,515	2,612	2,655	2,744
County-specific Permits	51,160	49,843	50,247	52,485	53,470
TOTAL	78,361	76,693	75,359	80,034	83,042



2025 Youth Turkey Season

General Information

Season Dates: March 29 – 30 & Apr. 5 - 6, 2025 (Statewide)

Season Length: 4 days, total

Number of Counties Open: 100 (closed in Cook and DuPage)

Bag Limit: One gobbler (male) or bearded hen per permit

Number of Permits Allowed: 1 (counts towards maximum of 3 allowed in Regular Spring Season)

Special Regulations: Limited to youth hunters under the age of 18, accompanied by a responsible non-hunting supervising adult. One county-specific permit (available over-the-counter) or one special hunt area permit (issued via lottery) allowed per hunter. Mandatory harvest reporting by 10:00 p.m. on day of harvest.

Season Results

Harvest Total: 2,099 (Record total)

Previous Record: 2,010 (2024)

Permit Success Rate: 32.1%

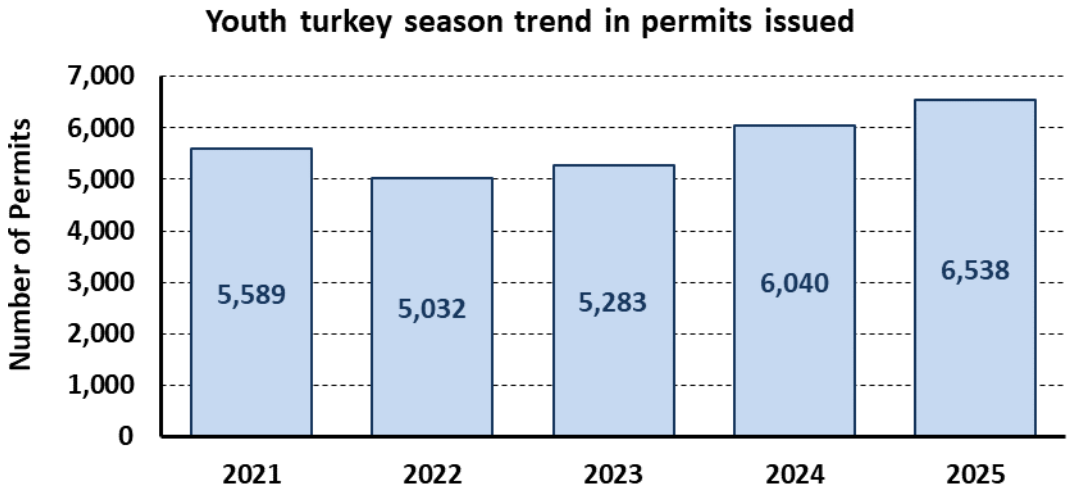
Harvest Age Structure: 69.5% adult: 30.5% juvenile

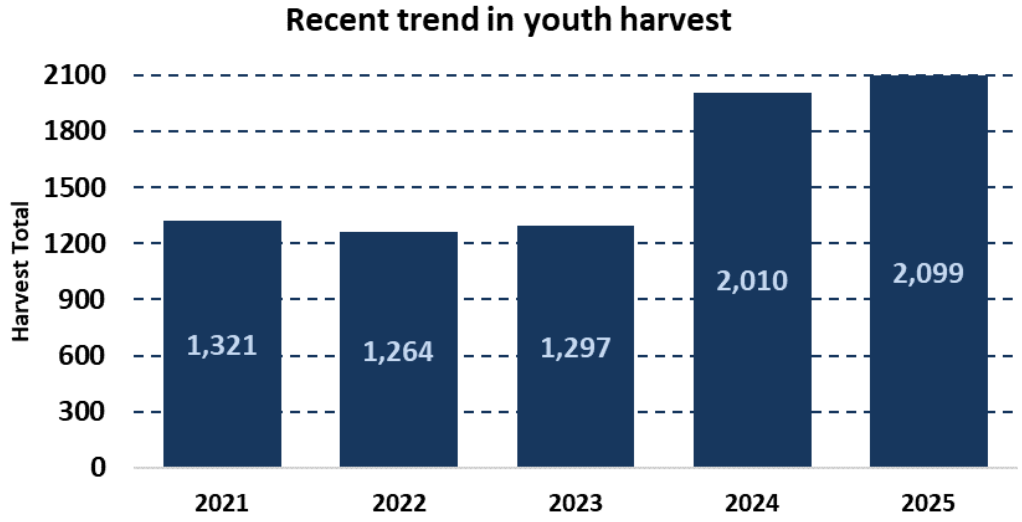
Harvest Sex Ratio: 98.4% male: 1.6% female

Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter: 1.7

Public Land Harvest: 155 (7.4%)

Top 5 Counties: Jefferson (72), Pike (71), Randolph (66), Fayette (63), Macoupin (60)





2025 County Harvest Totals by Season Segment

County	Youth	POH	Regular Season Results*						
			1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	Regular Season Success
ADAMS	50	54	86	43	57	41	25	252	19.2%
ALEXANDER	14	17	42	21	32	31	23	149	29.9%
BOND	20	24	31	31	21	29	20	132	29.3%
BOONE	4	0	23	13	15	13	6	70	28.1%
BROWN	38	47	71	40	40	27	11	189	24.5%
BUREAU	19	22	42	46	27	18	22	155	24.1%
CALHOUN	38	48	58	32	32	33	9	164	18.7%
CARROLL	9	29	60	42	44	25	13	184	24.9%
CASS	24	21	57	35	28	17	17	154	24.4%
CHAMPAIGN	6	3	9	4	9	5	5	32	18.3%
CHRISTIAN	8	20	12	9	8	6	7	42	18.7%
CLARK	28	38	48	46	45	19	25	183	31.9%
CLAY	50	72	40	38	23	33	36	170	27.2%
CLINTON	30	35	13	24	17	21	16	91	26.0%
COLES	7	11	6	13	7	8	7	41	18.2%
CRAWFORD	38	50	32	41	29	29	25	156	31.2%
CUMBERLAND	21	21	11	13	18	10	10	62	25.0%
DEKALB	0	0	4	3	7	1	3	18	18.4%
DEWITT	3	9	12	10	5	6	5	38	19.0%
DOUGLAS	2	1	2	4	2	1	1	10	14.1%
EDGAR	9	18	22	23	11	23	15	94	26.9%
EDWARDS	11	22	14	16	17	14	10	71	31.6%
EFFINGHAM	42	50	23	22	17	17	22	101	25.3%
FAYETTE	63	108	57	37	43	40	37	214	28.5%
FORD	1	6	2	7	3	7	2	21	28.0%
FRANKLIN	27	33	46	39	33	35	32	185	29.6%
FULTON	28	61	71	57	44	27	19	218	16.8%
GALLATIN-HARDIN	31	41	60	36	37	45	27	205	24.1%
GREENE	31	43	32	27	19	18	7	103	16.4%
GRUNDY	4	6	11	16	8	15	12	62	27.6%
HAMILTON	38	42	58	55	44	37	40	234	40.7%
HANCOCK	30	60	77	48	49	40	25	239	24.9%
HENDERSON	9	16	35	36	20	17	10	118	22.1%
HENRY	25	14	28	18	24	20	21	111	31.7%
IROQUOIS	7	16	22	17	15	8	9	71	31.6%

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County	Youth	POH	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total	Regular Season Success
JACKSON	28	49	76	53	41	53	43	266	24.2%
JASPER	28	38	29	26	30	34	26	145	27.7%
JEFFERSON	72	80	81	84	56	90	55	366	33.3%
JERSEY	20	29	65	39	28	17	18	167	20.2%
JO DAVIESS	47	43	156	140	115	87	40	538	27.2%
JOHNSON	23	48	61	47	43	40	32	223	26.3%
KANE	0	0		2	0	0	1	3	6.0%
KANKAKEE	6	6	11	9	8	13	7	48	24.0%
KENDALL	2	2	3	5	2	3	1	14	14.0%
KNOX	15	32	54	33	29	16	16	148	19.2%
LAKE	7	10	23	21	16	24	10	94	94.9%
LA SALLE	0	0	4	4	5	2	1	16	2.9%
LAWRENCE	13	19	37	32	28	23	23	143	26.0%
LEE	14	10	18	30	19	13	10	90	26.0%
LIVINGSTON	3	8	6	3	9	8	5	31	24.8%
LOGAN	4	4	12	9	6	13	3	43	24.6%
MACON	1	2	7	6	3	8	0	24	19.2%
MACOUPIN	60	46	79	47	47	43	26	242	19.6%
MADISON	36	23	76	46	44	40	31	237	24.3%
MARION	48	77	81	61	55	50	52	299	31.4%
MARSHALL-PUTNAM	9	23	27	23	21	26	18	115	28.8%
MASON	22	16	46	32	25	27	11	141	27.4%
MASSAC	17	17	22	27	27	20	11	107	28.5%
MCDONOUGH	8	29	31	15	7	13	9	75	17.6%
MCHENRY	17	3	26	27	28	28	18	127	28.1%
MCLEAN	9	4	9	14	7	9	11	50	20.0%
MENARD	18	16	20	14	14	8	6	62	20.8%
MERCER	12	22	53	39	37	44	30	203	31.2%
MONROE	25	26	36	38	20	17	20	131	22.8%
MONTGOMERY	34	33	37	33	24	26	30	150	27.4%
MORGAN	11	10	47	29	17	11	10	114	17.6%
MOULTRIE	5	1	7	5	4	10	4	30	30.0%
OGLE	27	17	42	53	51	42	40	228	38.0%
PEORIA	11	21	41	27	26	33	16	143	23.0%
PERRY	34	52	54	52	46	41	33	226	34.8%

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PIATT	0	1	1	4	5	2	1	13	17.3%
PIKE	71	64	121	83	57	43	30	334	24.2%
POPE	30	35	102	75	73	58	55	363	20.1%
PULASKI	18	22	27	21	23	22	21	114	35.1%
RANDOLPH	66	70	66	60	25	49	30	230	21.9%
RICHLAND	17	22	26	25	24	25	22	122	34.9%
ROCK ISLAND	10	18	59	39	37	35	20	190	27.1%
SALINE	28	28	28	26	18	16	19	107	23.8%
SANGAMON	26	19	39	28	25	23	19	134	29.7%
SCHUYLER	20	12	20	21	13	14	22	90	9.1%
SCOTT	27	38	56	43	37	19	17	172	48.7%
SHELBY	3	12	22	20	7	9	2	60	15.0%
ST. CLAIR	31	25	34	30	16	15	24	119	22.7%
STARK	3	5	5	6	3	2	0	16	21.3%
STEPHENSON	18	23	46	41	36	40	26	189	32.9%
TAZEWELL	11	9	20	11	9	12	6	58	17.8%
UNION	21	42	76	52	43	40	32	243	23.2%
VERMILION	17	14	39	18	18	15	16	106	19.3%
WABASH	6	5	12	14	8	8	4	46	26.4%
WARREN	9	13	18	15	8	10	4	55	27.5%
WASHINGTON	27	41	43	41	14	26	27	151	28.7%
WAYNE	48	68	61	61	48	60	57	287	36.9%
WHITE	34	20	37	30	26	28	14	135	30.1%
WHITESIDE	27	13	39	43	33	33	23	171	32.6%
WILL	4	3	12	17	14	8	14	65	23.9%
WILLIAMSON	38	52	72	59	57	58	47	293	32.6%
WINNEBAGO	25	8	60	61	32	38	19	210	29.5%
WOODFORD	13	14	20	9	20	15	5	69	23.0%
TOTAL	**2099**	**2570**	**3755**	**3040**	**2517**	**2391**	**1817**	**13520**	**25.3%**

*Property Only Hunting Permits (POH; Landowner Tags) and Youth Permits not included

2025 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinois Public Land

Site Name*	Location County/Counties	Harvest Total	Success Rate**
Apple River Canyon SP	JO DAVIESS	8	13.3%
Argyle Lake SP	MCDONOUGH	6	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	2	20.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	14	40.0%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	11	31.4%
Burning Star SFWA	JACKSON	13	54.2%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/MASSAC	19	
Carlyle Lake SFWA	FAYETTE	8	
Carlyle Lake SFWA-East Fork Unit	CLINTON	2	20.0%
Carlyle Lake UACOE Lands	CLINTON	13	
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	6	21.4%
CEDAR GLEN SNA	HANCOCK	1	
CHAIN O LAKES SP	LAKE	5	10.0%
Chauncey Marsh	CRAWFORD/LAWRENCE	2	13.3%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	13	18.3%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	6	20.7%
COPPERHEAD HOLLOW SFWA	JERSEY	2	
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	52	34.7%
Crab Orchard NWR Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/WILLIAMSON	41	
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	2	20.0%
CRETACEOUS HILLS SNA		1	
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/PULASKI/UNION	20	
Cypress Pond SNA	JOHNSON/UNION	1	
Devil's Island	ALEXANDER/UNION	7	
Eagle Creek SP	SHELBY	3	75.0%
EDWARD MADIGAN SP - EMSP (James Helfrich Prop Center - designated areas only)	LOGAN	1	50.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP	CLINTON	1	5.6%
Embarras River Bottoms SHA	LAWRENCE	2	40.0%
Ferne Clyffe SP	JOHNSON	1	8.3%
CEDAR/DRAPER BLUFF HUNTING AREA	JOHNSON	3	
Fort de Chartes SHS	RANDOLPH	3	
Fort Massac SP (Formerly for youth only, was FMSPY)	MASSAC	3	30.0%
FOX CREEK SFWA	RICHLAND	3	30.0%
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	5	33.3%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	5	12.5%

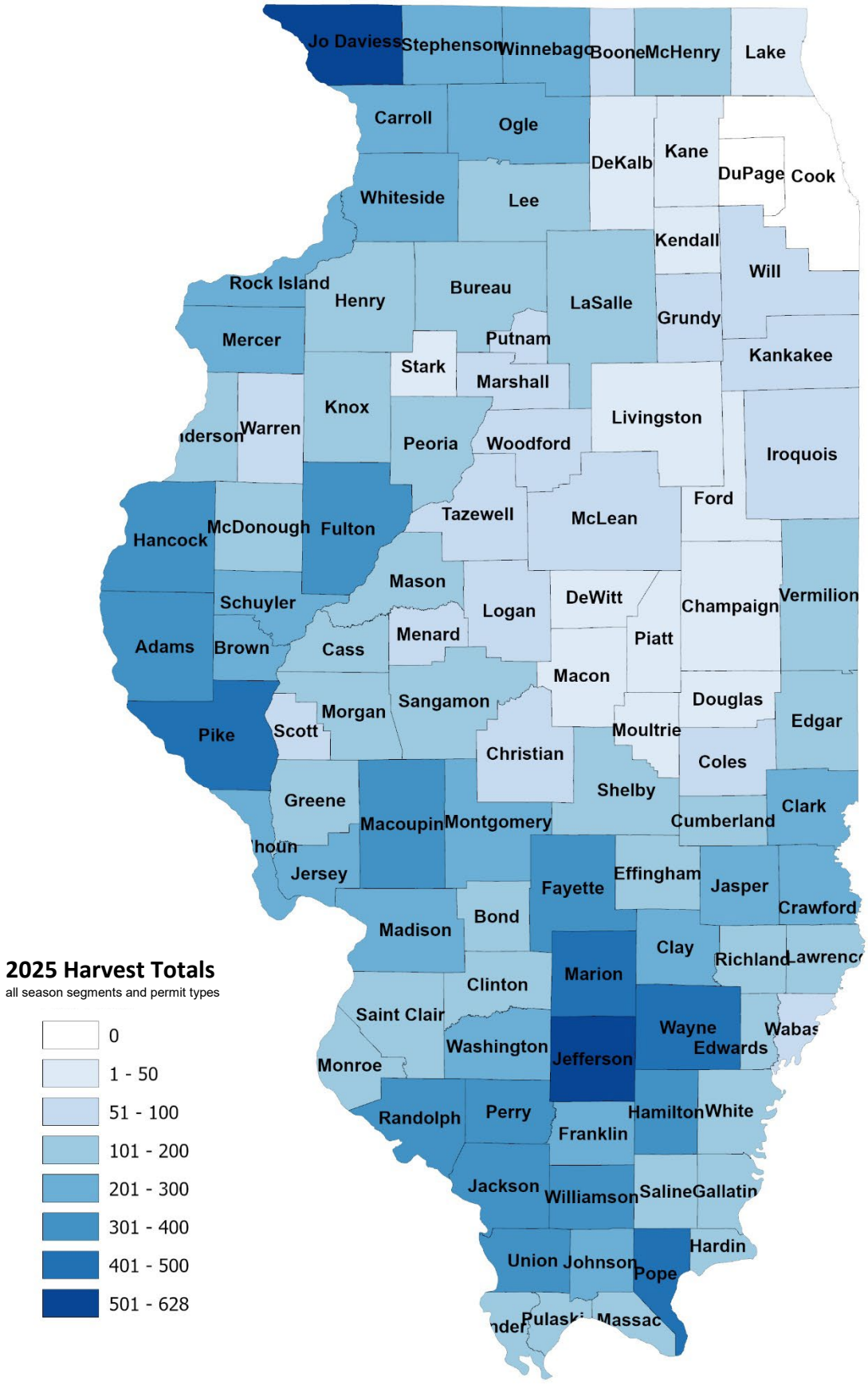
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	7	
Great River NWR	ADAMS	1	
Great River NWR – Long Island and Bear Creek	ADAMS	4	
Green River SWA	LEE	8	16.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	7	23.3%
Hanover Bluff SNA	JO DAVIESS	4	13.3%
Heidecke SFWA (Jugtown Unit)	GRUNDY	1	50.0%
Hidden Springs SF	SHELBY	3	11.1%
Horseshoe Lake CA	ALEXANDER	3	
Horseshoe Lake SP	MADISON	7	46.7%
Horseshoe Lake SP - Chouteau, Gabaret, or Mosenthein Islands	MADISON	28	
Iroquois County SWA	IROQUOIS	6	27.3%
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	CASS	37	15.4%
JohnsonSauk Trail SP	HENRY	2	10.0%
Joliet Army Training Area	WILL	15	28.8%
Jubilee College SP	PEORIA	13	43.3%
Kankakee River SP	KANKAKEE/WILL	3	13.0%
Kaskaskia River SFWA	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ST CLAIR	43	
Kickapoo SP	VERMILION	5	10.9%
Kinkaid Lake SFWA	JACKSON	7	
Kishwaukee River SFWA	DEKALB	2	8.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	MOULTRIE	13	26.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	SHELBY	17	28.3%
LARUE SWAMP FEDERAL LAND		1	
Lowden Miller SF	OGLE	17	17.0%
LOWDEN SP		3	
Mackinaw River FWA	TAZEWELL	1	4.0%
Marseilles FWA	LASALLE	5	10.0%
Marshall FWA	MARSHALL/PEORIA	3	15.0%
Matthiessen SP	LASALLE	2	20.0%
Mautino SFWA	BUREAU	3	30.0%
McHenry County Conservation District lands	MCHENRY	3	
Meeker SHA	JASPER	1	20.0%
Mermet Lake SFWA	MASSAC	5	33.3%
Mermet Lake SFWA Disabled	MASSAC		0.0%
Middlefork FWMA	VERMILION	6	17.6%
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	WILL	6	15.0%
Mississippi Palisades SP	CARROLL	13	29.5%
Mississippi River Pool 13	CARROLL	1	
Mississippi River Pool 18	HENDERSON	3	
Mississippi River Pool 21	ADAMS	9	

Mississippi River Pool 22	ADAMS	2	
Mississippi River Pool 24	PIKE	5	
Mississippi River SFWA	CALHOUN/JERSEY	10	
Momence Wetlands	KANKAKEE	3	25.0%
Moraine View SP	MCLEAN	7	33.3%
Morrison Rockwood SP	WHITESIDE	5	10.4%
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	JEFFERSON	5	50.0%
Newton Lake FWA	JASPER	15	37.5%
Oakwood Bottoms	JACKSON	9	
Paul C. Burrus SHA	COLES	2	20.0%
Peabody River King SFWA	ST. CLAIR	5	
Pere Marquette SP - Open Hunting Area	JERSEY	4	
Pere Marquette SP - Piasa, Quotoga, Potawatomi Camp Areas	JERSEY	5	13.9%
Pyramid SP	PERRY	9	36.0%
Pyramid SP-Captain Unit	PERRY	3	60.0%
Pyramid SP-Denmark Unit	PERRY	5	100.0%
Pyramid SP-East-Conant Unit	PERRY	6	30.0%
Pyramid SP-Galum Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%
Rall Woods (Falling Down Prairie) SNA	JO DAVIESS	3	20.0%
Ramsey Lake SP	FAYETTE	4	12.5%
Randolph County CA	RANDOLPH	6	24.0%
Ray Norbut SFWA	PIKE	7	
Red Hills SP	LAWRENCE	1	10.0%
Rend Lake Corps of Engineers lands	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	48	
Rend Lake SFWA	JEFFERSON	6	
Sahara Woods SFWA	SALINE	4	16.0%
Saline County CA	SALINE/GALLATIN	4	
Sam Dale Lake SFWA	WAYNE	13	40.6%
Sam Parr SFWA	JASPER	2	20.0%
Sand Ridge SF	MASON	30	21.7%
Sanganois SFWA	CASS/MASON	6	
Sangchris Lake SP	CHRISTIAN/SANGAMON	2	16.7%
Shawnee National Forest	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/HARDIN/JACKSON/JOHNSON/MASSAC/POPE/SALINE/UNION/WILLIAMSON	629	
Shelbyville SFWA	MOULTRIE	1	
Siloam Springs SP	ADAMS/BROWN	13	26.0%
Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit	BROWN	11	22.0%
Spoon River SF	KNOX	18	36.0%
Starved Rock SP	LASALLE	1	10.0%

Stephen A. Forbes SP	MARION	12	16.2%
Tapley Woods SNA	JO DAVIESS	3	20.0%
Ten Mile Creek FWA	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	34	48.6%
Trail of Tears SF	UNION	3	
Turkey Bluffs SFWA	RANDOLPH	4	
Union County CA	UNION	2	
Vesely Land and Water Reserve	WILL	1	10.0%
Washington County CA	WASHINGTON	7	31.8%
Wayne Fitzgerrell SRA	FRANKLIN	6	20.0%
Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit	SCHUYLER	2	10.0%
Weinberg-King SP	SCHUYLER	2	
Weinberg-King SP-Spunky Bottoms Unit	BROWN	1	
Weldon Springs SP-Piatt Unit	PIATT	3	15.0%
Witkowsky SFWA	JO DAVIESS	6	12.2%
Wolf Creek SP	SHELBY	1	25.0%
Other Public Land Not Listed	Multiple	122	

*Sites with no harvest reported not included

**Success Rates only listed for SHAs with site-specific permits


Jo Daviess
Stephenson
Winnebago
Boone
McHenry
Lake
Carroll
Ogle
DeKalb
Kane
DuPage
Cook
Whiteside
Lee
Kendall
Will
Rock Island
Henry
Bureau
LaSalle
Grundy
Mercer
Putnam
Kankakee
Stark
Marshall
Knox
Livingston
Warren
Peoria
Woodford
Iroquois
Tazewell
McLean
Ford
Hancock
McDonough
Fulton
Mason
Schuyler
Logan
DeWitt
Champaign
Vermilion
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Douglas
Morgan
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Edgar
Pike
Scott
Moultrie
Christian
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Shelby
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Macoupin
Montgomery
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Effingham
Fayette
Jasper
Crawford
Madison
Bond
Clay
Richland
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Clinton
Saint Clair
Wayne
Edwards
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2025 Harvest Totals
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51 - 100
101 - 200
201 - 300
301 - 400
401 - 500
501 - 628