



Maine's 2009 Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

The spring wild turkey hunting season opened with the Saturday youth day on May 2. The regular spring season started on May 4 and closed on June 6. Hunters were allowed to take one bearded turkey. This marked the first year that the entire season was open to all licensed turkey hunters. Prior to 2009 the spring season was divided into two periods based on birth year (odd or even). The total spring harvest of 6,043 was slightly below the 2008 harvest of 6,348. This was partly attributable to the decrease in spring turkey hunting permits purchased and partly to two cold and snowy winters. Hunter success remains above 30%.

Geographic Distribution of the Harvest

WMD	Total
7	41
10	5
11	35
12	221
13	116
14	45
15	584
16	513
17	719
18	114
20	545
21	694
22	601
23	616
24	289
25	516
26	389
Grand Total	6043

Sex and Age Distribution of the Harvest

Tom turkeys made up 78% (4,709) of the harvest and Jakes made up 20% (1,199). The remaining harvest consisted of 14 bearded Hens, 1 bearded Jenny and 120 unidentified turkeys.