

Attachment A

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Lymphoproliferative Disease Virus (LPDV) Project

- Collected samples (legs) from 760 hunter-killed turkeys during 2015 spring season
- Lab results and report expected by fall of 2015
- This project will determine:
 - The distribution and prevalence of LPDV across North Carolina
 - Compare results with 227 samples that were tested in 2013
- Hopefully, this project will confirm that LPDV is not a major issue for wild turkey populations. If not, it will give us solid information from which to base future management and research.

Wild Turkey Summer Observation Survey

- Survey period is July 1st through August 31st
- Survey postcards will be mailed in late June
- Previous reports and on-line application at:
<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/Species/Birds/WildTurkey.aspx>
- In last year's survey 2,175 people reported information about more than 50,000 turkeys!

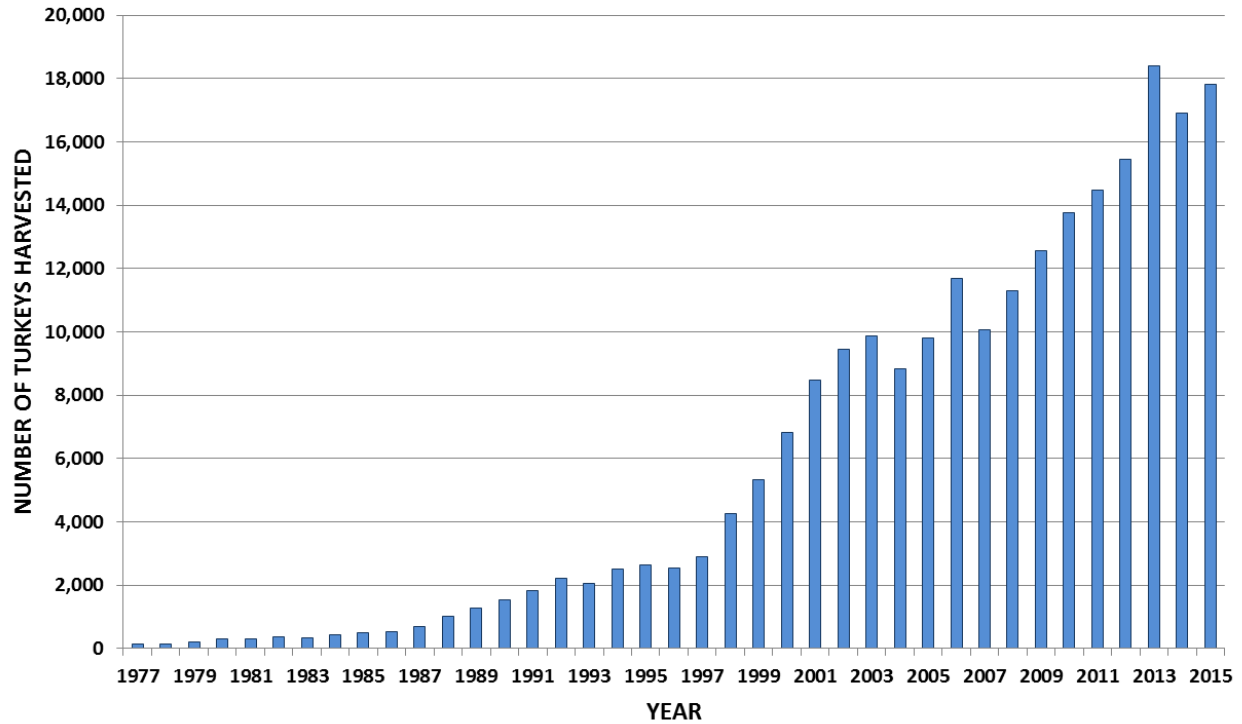
2015 Reported Spring Wild Turkey Harvest

- Including a record 1,386 birds harvested during the Youth Season, the 2015 reported spring turkey harvest was 17,828 birds.
- This year's total statewide harvest increased approximately 5% from last year's harvest of 16,912 birds.
- This year's spring turkey harvest represents an 81% increase over the harvest 10 years ago (in 2005 spring harvest was 9,824 birds).
- As compared to the 2014 harvest, the 2015 harvest:
 - Increased by at least 10% in 42 counties, with 3 of those counties (Durham, New Hanover, Stokes) increasing by more than 50%.
 - Decreased by at least 10% in 15 counties
- This year's harvest is the second highest ever recorded and only slightly below the record harvest of 18,409 that occurred in 2013.
- The spring turkey harvest increased this year despite the fact that overall productivity (as estimated by the ratio of poults/hen in summer observation survey) has been relatively low during the previous two years. As such, the increased harvest is likely due to the continued expansion of North Carolina's turkey population into new areas.

These 10 counties had the highest harvest in the 2015 spring season. Collectively, their harvest represents 23.9% of the total statewide harvest:

<u>County</u>	<u>2015 Spring Turkey Harvest</u>
1. Rockingham	536
2. Stokes	500
3. Halifax	462
4. Pender	445
5. Duplin	429
6. Bladen	420
7. Northampton	407
8. Caswell	378
9. Franklin	345
10. Onslow	345

Spring Turkey Season Harvest 1977 - 2015



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(Includes 1,386 birds harvested during the Youth Season)					
County	Adult Gobblers	Jakes	Total Turkeys	Game Lands	Other Lands
Alamance	129	18	147	0	147
Alexander	29	16	45	0	45
Alleghany	136	34	170	1	169
Anson	190	36	226	4	222
Ashe	166	44	210	4	206
Avery	81	22	103	19	84
Beaufort	195	34	229	5	224
Bertie	301	33	334	15	319
Bladen	369	51	420	26	394
Brunswick	187	27	214	13	201
Buncombe	203	60	263	27	236
Burke	208	51	259	52	207
Cabarrus	92	35	127	0	127
Caldwell	118	42	160	21	139
Camden	39	6	45	0	45

Carteret	82	13	95	25	70
Caswell	345	33	378	28	350
Catawba	114	39	153	3	150
Chatham	126	20	146	11	135
Cherokee	187	25	212	78	134
Chowan	111	17	128	2	126
Clay	38	6	44	16	28
Cleveland	173	66	239	4	235
Columbus	278	38	316	4	312
Craven	290	41	331	15	316
Cumberland	76	11	87	1	86
Currituck	50	9	59	5	54
Dare	0	0	0	0	0
Davidson	181	63	244	9	235
Davie	115	45	160	11	149
Duplin	366	63	429	1	428
Durham	56	14	70	13	57
Edgecombe	196	26	222	4	218
Forsyth	137	31	168	0	168
Franklin	315	30	345	3	342
Gaston	63	27	90	0	90
Gates	195	11	206	4	202
Graham	139	13	152	101	51
Granville	226	14	240	7	233
Greene	70	12	82	0	82
Guilford	181	25	206	0	206
Halifax	425	37	462	15	447
Harnett	115	29	144	0	144
Haywood	93	27	120	15	105
Henderson	82	18	100	21	79
Hertford	167	12	179	6	173
Hoke	47	3	50	1	49
Hyde	60	5	65	1	64
Iredell	110	50	160	0	160
Jackson	142	20	162	60	102
Johnston	27	7	34	0	34
Jones	201	19	220	11	209
Lee	42	7	49	0	49
Lenoir	85	18	103	0	103
Lincoln	102	46	148	0	148
Macon	146	19	165	81	84
Madison	244	63	307	32	275
Martin	136	22	158	23	135
McDowell	180	39	219	30	189
Mecklenburg	18	3	21	0	21

Mitchell	91	30	121	5	116
Montgomery	124	32	156	27	129
Moore	184	36	220	6	214
Nash	125	22	147	4	143
New Hanover	16	5	21	0	21
Northampton	378	29	407	10	397
Onslow	287	58	345	8	337
Orange	105	14	119	0	119
Pamlico	56	8	64	0	64
Pasquotank	41	5	46	0	46
Pender	373	72	445	17	428
Perquimans	108	14	122	0	122
Person	191	21	212	10	202
Pitt	192	20	212	0	212
Polk	101	27	128	15	113
Randolph	152	46	198	9	189
Richmond	112	13	125	13	112
Robeson	79	14	93	1	92
Rockingham	488	48	536	0	536
Rowan	213	91	304	16	288
Rutherford	285	46	331	22	309
Sampson	200	35	235	4	231
Scotland	42	9	51	11	40
Stanly	102	42	144	2	142
Stokes	469	31	500	0	500
Surry	218	22	240	5	235
Swain	67	10	77	30	47
Transylvania	72	14	86	38	48
Tyrrell	9	1	10	4	6
Union	60	23	83	0	83
Vance	161	7	168	0	168
Wake	61	10	71	6	65
Warren	233	14	247	24	223
Washington	50	9	59	6	53
Watauga	104	24	128	0	128
Wayne	32	7	39	0	39
Wilkes	218	71	289	5	284
Wilson	63	8	71	0	71
Yadkin	134	29	163	0	163
Yancey	152	43	195	15	180
Totals	15,123	2,705	17,828	1,141	16,687