

Turkey

19.31.16 NMAC

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New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

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Hunting Results (Harvest Estimates)

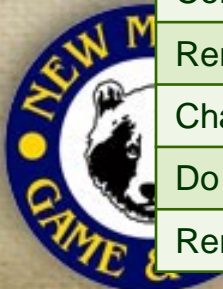
Year	Total Spring Harvest	Spring Harvest Success	Spring First Turkey	Spring Second Turkey	Total Fall Harvest	Fall Harvest Success	Hens Harvest
2014	2,395	26.3%	1,977	398	675	26.3%	420
2015	2,607	25.8%	2,117	490	680	23.9%	424
2016	3,036	29.0%	2,431	605	536	19.3%	263
2017	3,281	29.9%	2,590	691	1,030	29.7%	624
2018	4,007	28.2%	3,149	858	508	16.1%	252
2019	2,960	26.4%	2,352	608	824	26.3%	571
2020	2,600	20.9%	2,147	453	837	19.7%	476
2021	3,201	23.8%	2,553	648	661	17.7%	409



Public Comment

- **Hosted 2 Hybrid in-person/virtual public meetings**
 - **Albuquerque (July 12) - 4 in person, 4 virtually**
 - **Las Cruces (July 13) - 3 in person, 3 virtually**
- **25 comments received as of October 13, 2022:**

Subject	Number of Comments
Overall support for proposed rule changes	13
Change spring bag limit to 1	7
Support adding a limited number of Gould's permits	6
Reduce fall season length/make male only	5
Prohibit Roost Shooting	3
Do not lengthen spring season	2
Do not prohibit roost shooting	1
Consider changing legal shooting hours	1
Remove Youth Season	1
Change Non-Resident Tags to Draw Only	1
Do not open GMU 43 for Fall Hunting	1
Remove Huey Hunt	1



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Proposed Changes

- Increase Spring Season and Draw Entry hunts to close on May 15
- Adjust hunts based on calendar dates
- Open GMUs 20 and 43 for fall turkey hunting based on population status
- Change Washington Ranch Hunt TBD (dates and tags) to defined hunt periods and permit numbers



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Proposed Changes

- Include Black River Management Area (BLM) in Washington Ranch Youth Hunt Area
- Remove W.S. Huey Youth from Entry Permit hunt
- Add GMU 26 and 27 to the Entry Permit hunt
- Add Lbar acquisition to Marquez WMA entry hunt
- Prohibit shooting turkeys on the roost



Add a Once in a Lifetime Draw hunt for GMU 26 & 27

Area	Open	Close	Permits	Bag Limit
GMU 26 & 27	May 1	May 30	Up to 5	1 Bearded Turkey

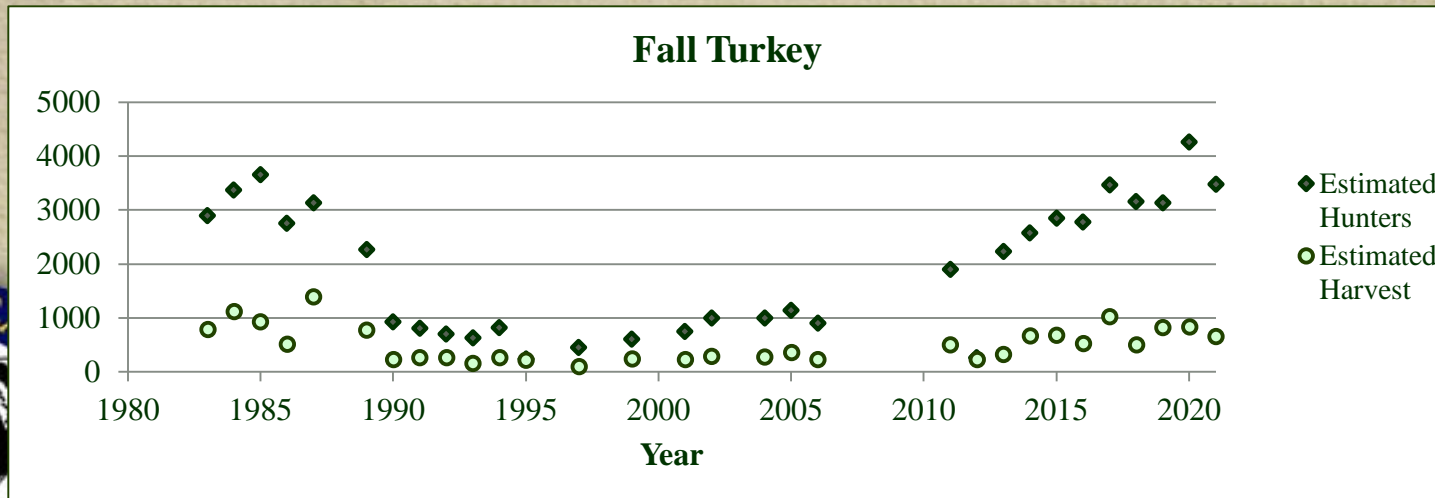
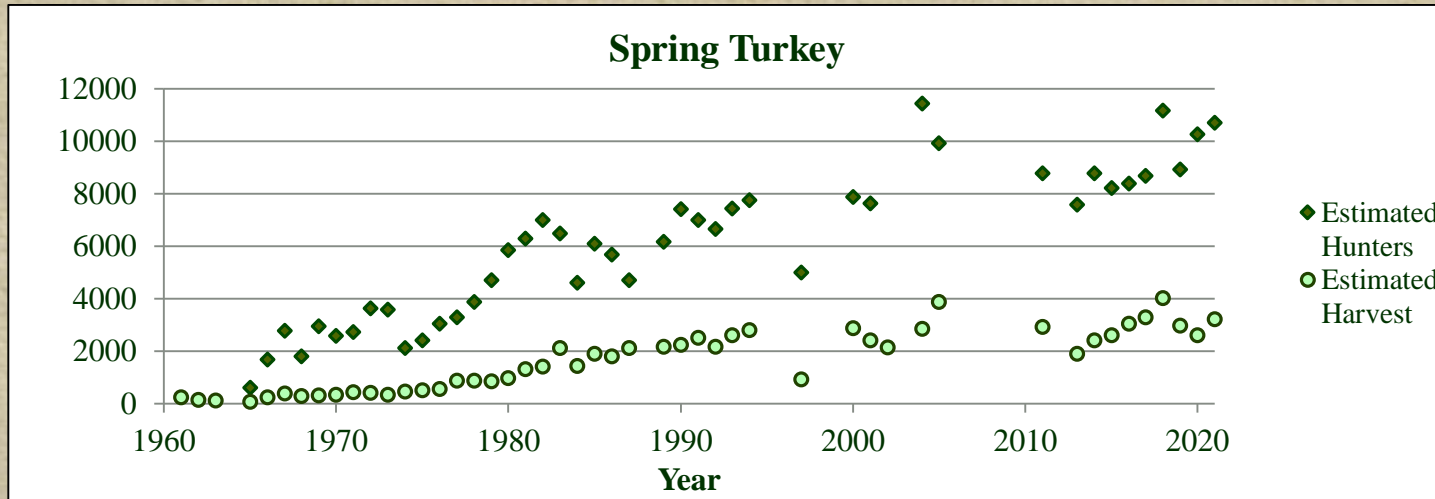


Questions?



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Long-term Turkey Harvest Information



Washington Ranch/Black River Management Area Hunts

Washington Ranch & BLM Black River Management Area Youth Hunt- 3 Permits each hunt

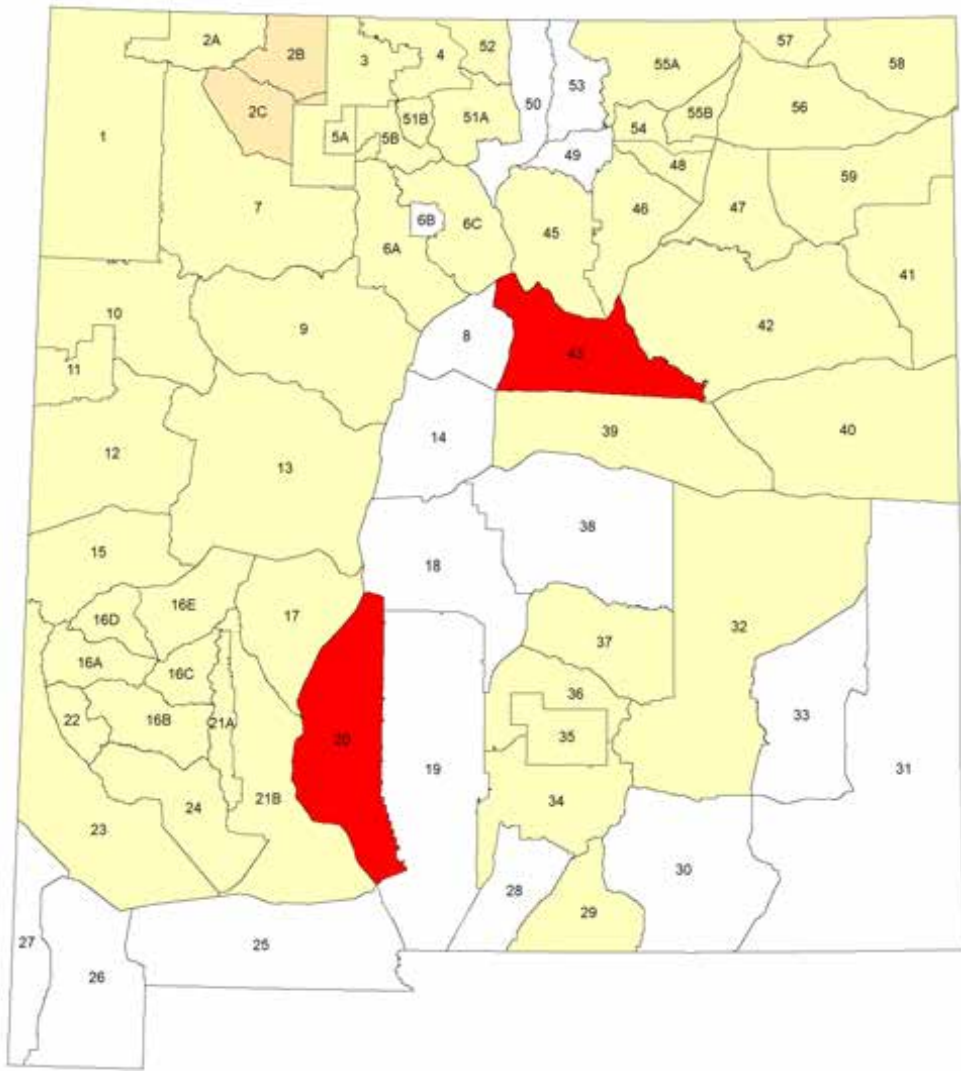
Year	First Hunt	Second Hunt
2023	April 28-30	May 5-7
2024	April 26-28	May 3-5
2025	April 25-27	May 2-4
2026	April 24-26	May 1-3



Adjust hunts by Calendar

Youth Seasons	
Year	Dates
2023	April 7-9
2024	April 12-14
2025	April 11-13
2026	April 10-12





Evaluate Closed GMU list

Proposed Changes

Fall: Open 20, 43

Turkey Biology

- Populations vary with environmental conditions
- Spring hunting harvest is primarily males and one male can breed many hens
- Fall hunting has the potential for additive mortality on hens

