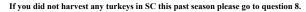
Figure 1. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources 2023 Turkey Hunter Survey.

2023 South Carolina Turkey Hunter Survey

1. Did you turkey hunt in SC this past season (2023)? If you answered \underline{No} to this question please go to question # 11 .	1. Yes	2. No	
2. Did you harvest any turkeys in SC this past season?	1. Yes	2. No	

3. Even if you did not harvest a turkey, please record the SC counties you turkey hunted and the number of days hunted in each county this past season (2023). If you harvested turkeys please record the number of adult gobblers and jakes taken in each county. A day of hunting is defined as any portion of the day spent afield. Please do not give ranges (i.e. 5-10), rather provide absolute numbers (i.e. 5). **Provide information only for yourself** - not friends, relatives, or other people you may have called or guided for or hunted with. (Jakes typically have beards less than 6", spurs less than 1/2" and longer feathers in the center of their tail fan.)

SC Counties You Turkey Hunted	# Days Hunted	Number Turkeys Harvested		
1		Adult gobblers Jakes		
2		Adult gobblers Jakes		
3		Adult gobblers Jakes		
4		Adult gobblers Jakes		



4. If you harvested turkeys in SC this past season, please indicate as best you can the number of turkeys killed by <u>County</u> and <u>10-day period</u> of the season.

Number of Turkeys Harvested by Time Period

County of Harvest	March 22-31	April 1-10	April 11-20	April 21-30	May 1-10	
1.						
2.						
3.						
5. How many turkeys	did you kill in	the morning		after 12:00 noo	n?	
6. How many turkeys	did you kill on	Private Land	and Pu	ıblic (WMA) L	and?	
7. Did you report your	harvest to SC	Game Check?	1. Yes 2. No			
8. How many turkeys	did you shoot b	out not kill or re	cover in SC thi	s past season?		
9. Compared to past y		d you describe	the number of t	urkeys in the ar	ea that you	
hunted most often t Circle one		2. Abou	2. About the same		3. Decreasing	
10. When turkey hunt Tungsten, Bismut			with "heavier t	han lead" pellet 2. No	s (ex. TSS,	
11. Are you a resident	t of SC?		2. No			
12. If yes, which cour	nty					

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Figure 1. Continued.

May, 2023

Dear SC Turkey Hunter:

Eastern wild turkeys are one of the most important game species in South Carolina. Therefore, it is important that this species be monitored for population status and harvesting activities. Wildlife resource managers require current and accurate information about wild turkey harvests to aid in successfully managing this important natural resource and to optimize future hunting potential. To obtain this needed data, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) is conducting a survey of hunters who received a set of turkey tags during spring 2023.

Although electronic reporting of harvested turkeys is now required, SCDNR will continue to survey hunters to maintain consistency, determine hunter effort, and measure other aspects of turkey hunting. You are one of a group of randomly selected hunters asked to participate in this survey. To draw accurate conclusions it is very important that you complete the survey and return it. Please take time to read each question. Even if you did not hunt or harvest wild turkeys this spring please indicate this by answering the appropriate questions and moving on to the next set of questions.

Please note that complete confidentiality will be given to you. Keep in mind that the purpose of the survey is to determine the wild turkey harvest in South Carolina and not to determine whether game laws are observed. By accurately answering the survey questions you will enable SCDNR biologists to better manage the Eastern wild turkey resource for you and other citizens of the state. Therefore, it is very important that you take a few minutes to complete this survey and mail it. Return postage is prepaid.

Results of this survey will be posted on the SCDNR web site once completed. The results from the 2022 survey can be found at: www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/2022TurkeyHarvest.html

Charles Ruth
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If you have questions regarding this survey, please call 803-734-3886

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