

2026 Spring Gobbler Summary

Marine Corps Base Quantico



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Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to summarize results from the 2026 Spring Gobbler hunting season (youth hunt April 4th and 5th, April 11th - May 16th). Hunters harvested 50 turkeys this season, and none of them were females. The 2026 harvest surpassed the 2025 total, yet overall harvest numbers have continued to decline across the past decade.

Summaries include a breakdown of turkeys harvested by age class (Table 1), turkeys harvested by training area (Table 2), effort by training area (Figure 1), harvest totals over the last 12 years (Figure 2), and the harvest distribution across Marine Corps Base Quantico (Figure 3).

Age	Amount
Adult	43
Juvenile	7
Total	50

Table 1: Summary of Age Classes of Turkey Harvested.

Area	Turkey
Upshur 3B	1
OCS 3	1
5A	2
6B	2
7A	2
7B	3
9B	1
9D	2
10A	2
10B	1
10C	2
12B	2
13	3
14A	1
14B	1

14C	1
15A	1
15B	2
16A	3
16B	1
16C	3
16G	2
17A	2
17B	5
TDSA	4
Totals	50

Table 2. Turkeys Harvested by Training Areas. No female Turkeys were harvested.

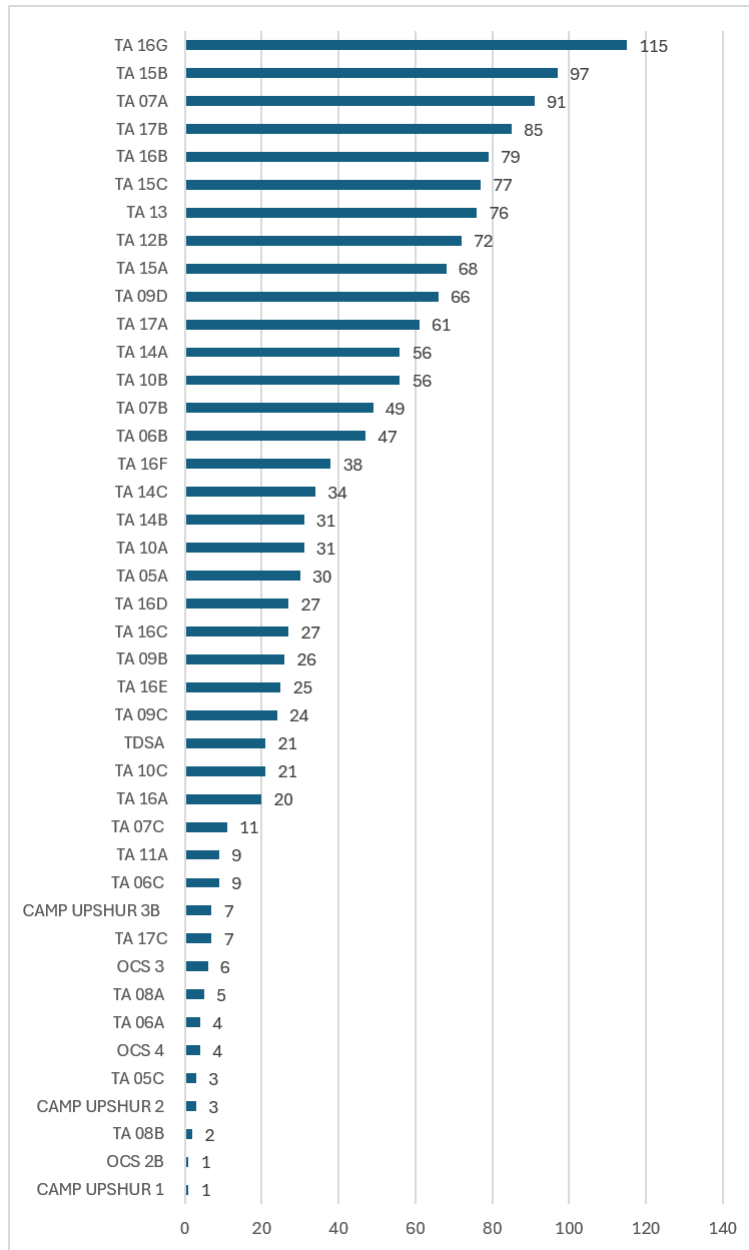


Figure 1. Effort by Training Area (TA). Effort is defined as the number of times a hunter has checked in and out of a specific area. Multiple check-ins and checkouts are allowed in one day. There were 1,465 total visits.

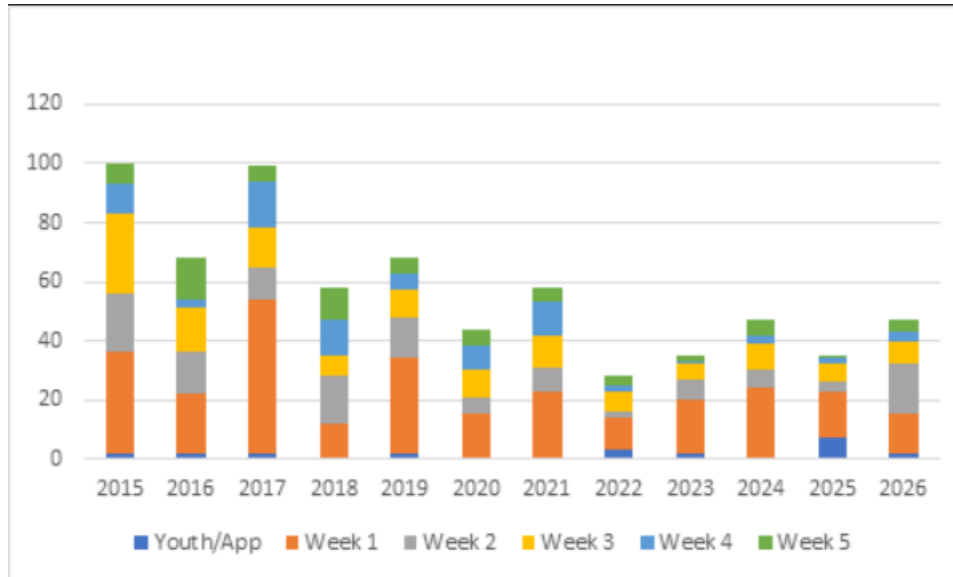


Figure 2. Spring Turkey Harvest Totals Compared to Previous Years (includes bearded hens)

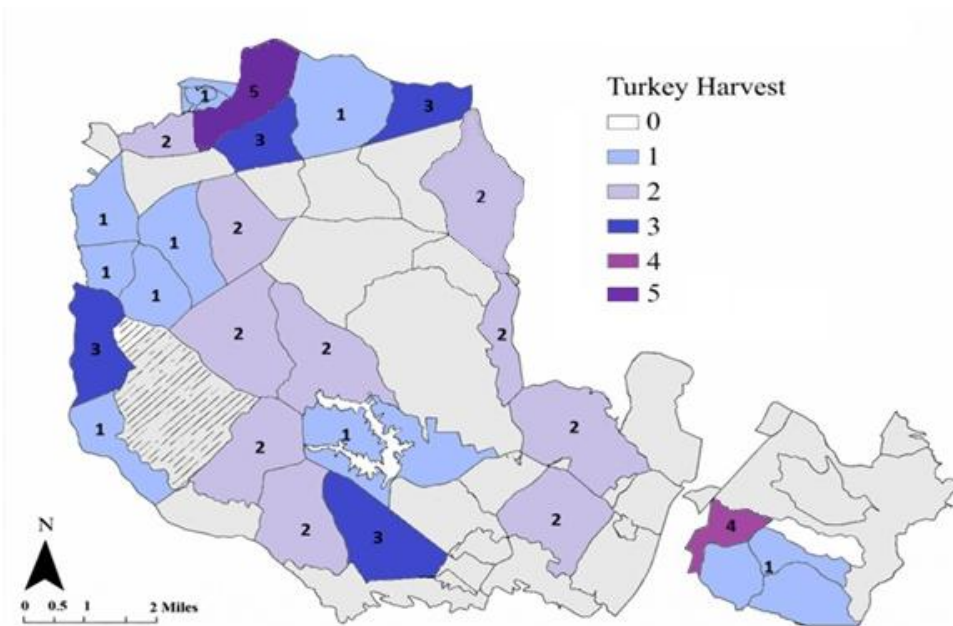


Figure 3. Spring Gobbler Harvest by Training Area