GENERAL INFORMATION

- **In addition to a permit, a valid Kansas hunting license is required of all residents age 16 through 74 and all nonresidents, except persons hunting on their own land.**
- **Beginning in 2013, resident hunters age 65-74 are no longer exempt from hunting license requirements. Resident hunters 65 and older qualify for a lifetime Hunting/Fishing Combination Senior Pass for $42.50, or they may purchase an annual hunting license at half the regular price ($11.50). Residents 75 and older are still exempt.**
- Dogs may NOT be used while hunting turkeys during the spring turkey season.
- Turkey permits are not transferable.
- Turkeys may be shot only while they are on the ground or in flight; it is illegal to shoot turkeys roosting in trees.
- Permits, game tags, and duplicates are not valid until the next calendar day after purchase.
- Turkey permits and game tags are valid only in unit numbers printed on those permits or tags. (See map showing unit boundaries.)
- Individuals who possess a spring turkey permit and a turkey game tag may harvest both turkeys the same day.
- It is illegal to use drugs, chemicals, or any chemical compound as part of or in conjunction with broadhead arrows to take game.
- It is illegal to shoot at, kill, or pursue turkeys from any water, air, or land vehicle.
- It is illegal to use two-way radios in any manner for the purpose of pursuing, chasing, or hunting turkeys, or to give information concerning the location of turkeys by radio or mechanical means.
- It is illegal to use live decoys and electronic calls when hunting turkeys.

REFUNDS

Permit refunds can be issued for the following reasons: (1) death of the applicant prior to the season of use; (2) unknowing duplication of specific issue (does not include duplication contrary to law or regulation); (3) permit issued in error by the department; (4) armed forces personnel experiencing a change of duty station prior to the first day of season, preventing use of the permit; and (5) by direction of a court order or at the direction of a prosecuting attorney.

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, and military or veteran status. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, 1020 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1327. 01/12

TAGGING INFORMATION

1. Turkey permit is not valid until signed.

2. After harvesting turkey, sign, date, and affix carcass tag to leg in a visible manner. Carcass tag must be attached before moving carcass from harvest site and must remain attached or in possession (if electronically registered) until the animal is consumed, given to another, or transported to commercial processor.

The beard of the wild turkey must remain naturally attached to the breast while in transit from the site of the kill to the permittee's residence or to a place of processing or preservation unless the permittee has obtained a transportation confirmation number through electronic registration on the department's website (www.ksoutdoors.com), or the permittee retains photographs necessary for electronic registration until registration occurs. "Electronically registering" shall mean submitting required information and digital photographs of the turkey breast and completed carcass tag showing signature on a completed carcass tag.

To voluntarily register your turkey electronically view the QR-code to the right

Hunters should report all harvested birds that are banded or fitted with transmitters. Contact the nearest KDWPT office to arrange for transmitter pickup.

TROPHY TURKEY AWARD

Hunters who kill turkeys that score 65 or higher on the following scoring system are eligible to receive a Trophy Turkey Award certificate issued by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. To score a gobbler, weigh it on accurate scales, then measure the beard and spurs to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. Each beard is measured at the point of protrusion from the skin to the opposite end of the longest bristle. Each spur is measured from a point where the hard spur protrudes from the leg to the tip of the spur.

Separate records are kept on typical and non-typical gobblers with multiple beards or spurs. Only Kansas turkeys harvested during the current year may be entered.

To score your bird add its weight to the total beard length multiplied times 2, then add the sum of spur lengths multiplied times 10. Applications are available from KDWPT offices or can be downloaded from KDWPT's website.

Example: 20-pound bird, 10-inch beard and 1 2/8-inch spurs = 20 + 20 (10-inch beard x 2) + 25 (2 4/8 x 10) = 65.

SPRING TURKEY SEASONS

Archery-only
April 1-9

Youth & Disability
April 1-9

Regular
April 10 - May 31

SHOOTING HOURS
1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

BAG LIMIT
One bearded turkey per permit and one bearded turkey per game tag

SPRING TURKEY FEES

Units 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Resident General Permit	$22.50
Resident Combo Permit/Game Tag	$27.50
Resident Youth Permit	$12.50
Resident Youth Combo Permit/Game Tag	$17.50
Resident Game Tag	$12.50
Landowner/Tenant Permit	$12.50
Landowner/Tenant Combo Permit/Game Tag	$17.50
Nonresident General Permit	$32.50
Nonresident Combo Permit/Game Tag	$47.50
Nonresident Game Tag	$22.50

Permit/Game Tag combos are available through March 31 only.

Unit 4 (draw only, online application deadline Feb.8)

Prices include a nonrefundable application fee

Resident General Permit	$27.50
Resident Landowner/Tenant Permit	$17.50
Resident Combo Permit/Game Tag	$32.50
Landowner/Tenant Combo Permit/Game Tag	$22.50
Preference Point	$6.50

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REPORT ALL WILDLIFE AND PARKS VIOLATIONS!
CALL OPERATION GAME THIEF
1-877-426-3843

This publication is a summary of turkey hunting regulations. The complete laws and regulations are available online (kdwpt.state.ks.us/regulations).

2013 Kansas Spring Turkey Regulation Summary

Kansas
Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

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Website: ksoutdoors.com

REQUIREMENTS

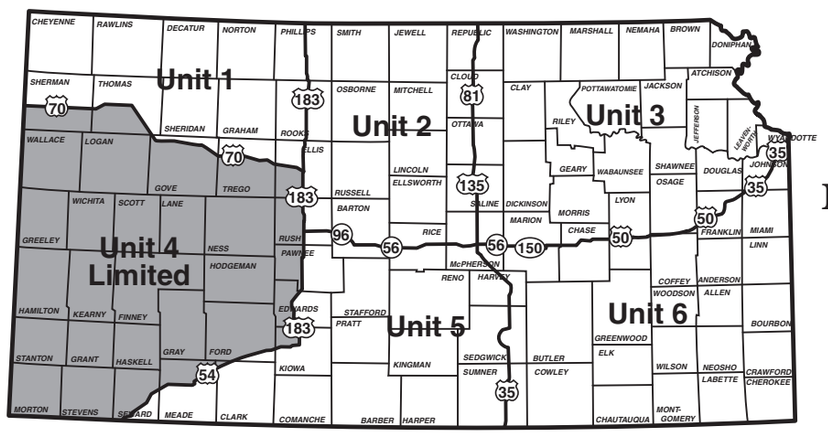
AGE/HUNTER EDUCATION

There is no minimum age to hunt turkeys. Anyone born on or after July 1, 1957, must be certified by an approved course in hunter education before they can hunt in Kansas EXCEPT that anyone 15 and younger may hunt without hunter education certification provided they are under the direct supervision of an adult 18 or older. Direct supervision means immediate audible and visual control. Persons 16 and older who have not completed a hunter education course are eligible for one-time purchase of an "apprentice hunting license," which allows them to hunt while accompanied by a licensed adult 18 or older. The apprentice license is valid through the end of the calendar year in which it is purchased. In addition to the license, a permit or game tag is also required to hunt turkeys.

Hunters who have completed an approved hunter education course must carry their certificate, or card, while hunting until age 27. Only persons hunting on their own land are exempt from this requirement. During the regular season only, hunters age 12 and older may hunt without adult supervision, provided they possess a valid hunter education certificate and a valid turkey permit.

RESIDENCY

A resident is defined as any person who has continuously lived in Kansas for 60 days immediately preceding the person's application for a hunting license or permit. Members of the armed services on active duty who were Kansas residents at the time of entering the service and immediate family members living with them are considered residents. Members of the armed services on active duty and officially stationed in Kansas may purchase resident licenses and permits, except for lifetime licenses. Any holder of a Kansas lifetime hunting license who has moved from the state may apply for permits as a resident. Any person who is a registered full-time student in residence at a public or private secondary, post secondary, or vocational school located in Kansas may purchase resident licenses and permits, except lifetime licenses. While hunting, the student must carry evidence of being a full-time student residing in Kansas.



SPRING TURKEY MANAGEMENT UNITS

LEGAL EQUIPMENT

Longbows, recurve bows, or compound bows that are hand-drawn, that have no mechanical device to lock the bow at full or partial draw, and that are designed to shoot only one arrow at a time. (Only disabled hunters may use a bow with a draw-lock device.) No electronic or chemical devices can be attached to the bow, except for lighted sight pins, dots, or holographic sights. Lighted nocks may be used on arrows. Arrows must be equipped with broadhead points that cannot pass through a ring 3/4 of an inch in diameter when fully expanded.

Crossbows having draw weights of at least 125 pounds, using bolts at least 16 inches long tipped with legal broadheads. No electronic or chemical devices can be attached to the crossbow, except for lighted sight pins, dots, or holographic sights. Lighted nocks may be used on arrows. **Crossbows may be used during the archery/youth/disabled season by those with youth turkey permits and hunters 55 and older.**

Shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, using only size 2 shot through size 9 shot.

Range-finding devices and optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible or infrared light may be used.

SEASONS

ARCHERY-ONLY (April 1–9, 2013)

Anyone having a spring turkey permit may hunt during this season using legal archery equipment and hunters 55 and older may hunt using crossbows.

YOUTH AND DISABILITY (April 1–9, 2013)

Youth 16 and younger who possess a valid turkey permit or game tag (residents 16 years old and all nonresident youth must also have a hunting license) may hunt with **any legal equipment** during this special turkey season while under the immediate supervision of an adult 18 or older. Any person who possesses a valid turkey permit or game tag and hunting license and has a permit to hunt from a vehicle pursuant to KAR 115-18-4 or a disability assistance permit issued pursuant to KAR 115-18-15 may also hunt with any legal equipment during this season. All resident and nonresident permits and game tags are valid.

Any person with a permanent physical or visual disability that prevents the person from hunting safely, as certified by a physician, may be eligible to obtain a permit to designate someone else to take a legal limit of game for the permit holder. A permit holder who is, because of disability, unable to pursue a wounded game animal may designate any individual to assist in pursuing and dispatching an animal wounded by the disabled permit holder. For more information, or for a disabled assistance application, contact the KDWPT Pratt Operations Office, (620) 672-5911, and ask for Law Enforcement.

REGULAR (April 10 – May 31, 2013)

All resident and nonresident permits and game tags not filled during the early seasons may be used during the regular season using any legal equipment.

PERMITS and GAME TAGS

All individuals, regardless of land ownership and age, must have in possession a valid spring turkey permit or game tag to hunt turkeys. **In addition, a valid Kansas hunting license is required of all residents age 16 through 74 and all nonresidents, except persons hunting on their own land.**

No person shall apply for or purchase more than one spring turkey permit and one game tag or one combo. Permits and tags obtained through false representation, misrepresentation, or in excess of the number authorized shall be invalid.

Spring turkey permits and game tags valid in units 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 and all youth issues may be purchased over-the-counter from all license agents or online at ksoutdoors.com.

GENERAL PERMIT

Any resident or nonresident may purchase a turkey permit valid in units 1,2, 3, 5 and 6. A turkey permit is valid for one bearded turkey.

COMBO PERMIT/GAME TAG

Any resident or nonresident may purchase a Spring Turkey Permit/Game Tag Combo and save. The combo includes a permit and game tag valid in Units 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. The combo must be purchased by March 31 and will save hunters $7.50. A general resident combo is $27.50 – the price for both permits after March 31 is $35. The price for a Youth Combo or a Landowner/Tenant Combo is $17.50 (price after March 31 – $25). The nonresident combo purchased by March 31 is $47.50 (price for permit and game tag after March 31 - $55).

GAME TAG

Any individual with a spring turkey permit may purchase one game tag valid in units 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

YOUTH PERMIT

Resident hunters 15 and younger may purchase a youth permit for use with any legal equipment during the Youth and Disability season. Unfilled permits may also be used during the regular season. **Youth Permits are valid statewide, including Unit 4.**

LANDOWNER/TENANT PERMIT

To qualify for a landowner/tenant permit, you must be a resident and own or operate 80 acres or more of Kansas farm or ranch land located in the unit where you intend to hunt, or be a resident or tenant actively engaged in the agricultural operation of 80 acres or more of Kansas farm or ranch land for the purpose of producing agricultural commodities or livestock and must (1) have a substantial financial investment in the production of agricultural commodities or livestock on such farm or ranch land and the potential to realize substantial financial benefit from such production or, (2) be a bona fide manager having an overall responsibility to direct, supervise, and conduct such agricultural operation and have the potential to realize substantial benefit from such production in the form of salary, shares of such production, or some other economic incentive based upon such production.

Members of the immediate family who live with a resident landowner or tenant may apply for a resident spring turkey permit as a landowner or as a tenant, but at least 80 acres must be owned by such landowner or operated by such tenant for each permit sought.

UNIT 4 PERMITS (BY DRAW ONLY)

Spring turkey permits for Unit 4 must be obtained through a preseason drawing. A total of 500 permits will be issued valid in Unit 4, **as well as adjacent units 1, 2 and 5**. Fifty percent of these permits are reserved for applicants who qualify as landowner/tenants in that unit. Applications for Unit 4 permits must be received online or by phone at (620) 672-0728 no later than Feb. 8, 2013.

DUPLICATE PERMITS

In the event of loss or theft, duplicate spring turkey permits or game tags may be obtained from any KDWPT office, license agent, or online for $12.50. Duplicate permits or tags will not be issued if a harvested bird is deemed inedible. Duplicates are not valid until the next calendar day after purchase.