

NORTHERN BOBWHITE

The 2008 northern bobwhite season covered 18 October 2008 through 4 January 2009 statewide. Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. The daily limit was 5 birds, possession 15. To hunt bobwhites, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult or junior combination, or youth small game licenses; nonresidents were required to obtain the nonresident small game the nonresident youth small game, or nonresident shooting preserve license. None of the shooting preserve license holders were surveyed, and their harvest is not included in any data in this report.

In 2008, there were 95,003 resident and 104,899 nonresident licenses issued that allowed holders to hunt quail. Approximately 8% of residents and nonresidents were surveyed for the upland bird seasons. Survey response rates were 68.6% for residents and 71.1% for nonresidents.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting bobwhites, there were a projected 480 resident and 520 nonresident quail hunters.

An estimated 1,775 quail were harvested (792 by residents, 983 by nonresidents) during the 2008 season. When asked their satisfaction with their hunting, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), resident upland bird hunters reported an average satisfaction rating of 5.31 while nonresidents reported a satisfaction rating of 5.86.

Comparison of the 2000 - 2008 northern bobwhite harvests

Year	Resident Hunters				Nonresident Hunters			
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag
2000	157	283	3.60	1.80	172	86	10.83	0.50
2001	456	351	4.90	0.77	99	66	7.33	0.67
2002	441	653	5.26	1.48	469	202	5.21	0.43
2003	650	865	4.51	1.33	339	302	4.22	0.89
2004	376	737	5.32	1.96	377	980	4.60	2.60
2005	338	845	7.30	2.50	688	688	2.81	1.00
2006	364	586	5.61	1.61	554	1,224	3.62	2.21
2007	780	476	1.12	0.61	449	489	4.91	1.09
2008	480	792	4.54	1.65	520	983	4.14	1.89

<u>NORTHERN BOBWHITE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2008</u>									
<i>Revised: 27 April 09</i>									
	RESIDENT TOTALS BY LICENSE TYPE					NONRESIDENT TOTALS			
	Small Game	Combo	Junior Combo	Youth SmGm	Sum Estimates	Nonres Sm Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates	
Licenses Sold	35,754	44,077	7,878	7,294	95,003	101,510	3,389	104,899	
Projected ACTIVE UPLAND BIRD HUNTERS	30,720	33,871	5,275	6,450	76,118	97,292	3,204	100,496	
Number Sampled by Survey	2,682	3,542	633	605	7,462	7,471	242	7,713	
Number Responded to Survey	1,726	2,656	345	389	5,116	5,329	153	5,482	
Responded and Participated in Season	1,483	2,041	231	344	4,099	5,236	147	5,383	
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	243	615	114	45	1,017	93	6	99	
Survey Response Rate	64.4%	75.0%	54.5%	64.3%	68.6%	71.3%	63.2%	71.1%	
No. Hunters Reporting Bobwhite Days	6	15	3	2	26	28	0	28	
Sum Bobwhite Days	32	49	34	3	118	116	0	116	
Average Days Hunting Bobwhites	5.33	3.27	11.33	1.50	4.54	4.14	0.00	4.14	
Sum Bobwhites Bagged	6	24	12	1	43	53	0	53	
Average Season Bobwhite Bag	1.00	1.60	4.00	0.50	1.65	1.89	0.00	1.89	
Projected Days Bobwhite Hunting	661	814	782	57	2,179	2,153	0	2,153	
Projected No. Bobwhite Hunters	124	249	69	38	480	520	0	520	
Projected Bobwhite Bag	124	398	276	19	792	983	0	983	
	TOTAL QUAIL HARVEST =					1,775			
Upland Bird Hunters Mean Satisfaction Score *	5.25	5.35	5.31	5.31	5.31	5.86	5.87	5.86	

* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1="very dissatisfied" and 7="very satisfied"

STATEWIDE BOBWHITE HARVEST, 1962-2008

