

NORTHERN BOBWHITE

The 2009 northern bobwhite season covered 19 October 2009 through 3 January 2010 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 2009, there were 92,465 resident and 101,922 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 71.4% for residents and 72.2% for nonresidents.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting bobwhites, there were a projected 276 resident and 555 nonresident quail hunters.

An estimated 1,160 quail were harvested (588 by residents, 572 by nonresidents) during the 2009 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 4.93 while nonresidents reported a satisfaction rating of 5.59.

Comparison of the 2000 - 2009 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
2009	276	588	3.38	2.13	555	572	4.58	1.03

NORTHERN BOBWHITE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2009								
	RESIDENT TOTALS BY LICENSE TYPE					NONRESIDENT TOTALS		
	Small Game	Combo	Junior Combo	Youth SmGm	Sum Estimates	Nonres Sm Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates
<i>Revised: 29 April 2010</i>								
Licenses Sold	34,411	43,675	7,856	6,523	92,465	98,615	3,307	101,922
Projected ACTIVE UPLAND BIRD HUNTERS	28,136	31,732	4,989	5,507	70,433	81,839	2,118	83,957
Number Sampled by Survey	2,838	3,630	630	552	7,650	7,464	273	7,737
Number Responded to Survey	1,996	2,739	359	366	5,460	5,420	169	5,589
Responded and Participated in Season	1,632	1,990	228	309	4,159	4,607	110	4,717
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	364	749	131	57	1,301	813	59	872
Survey Response Rate	70.3%	75.5%	57.0%	66.3%	71.4%	72.6%	61.9%	72.2%
No. Hunters Reporting Bobwhite Days	8	5	1	2	16	28	3	31
Sum Bobwhite Days	27	21	3	3	54	128	14	142
Average Days Hunting Bobwhites	3.38	4.20	3.00	1.50	3.38	4.57	4.67	4.58
Sum Bobwhites Bagged	28	5	0	1	34	30	2	32
Average Season Bobwhite Bag	3.50	1.00	0.00	0.50	2.13	1.07	0.67	1.03
Projected Days Bobwhite Hunting	466	336	66	54	933	2,271	271	2,542
Projected No. Bobwhite Hunters	138	80	22	36	276	497	58	555
Projected Bobwhite Bag	483	80	0	18	588	532	39	572
	TOTAL BOBWHITE HARVEST =					1,160		
Upland Bird Hunters Mean Satisfaction Score *	4.85	5.02	4.92	4.78	4.93	5.59	5.53	5.59

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

STATEWIDE BOBWHITE HARVEST, 1962-2009

