

Wild Turkey Spring Harvest Rates and Annual Survival Rates

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Trapping of gobblers has ended in New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania but capture records are still being received and our entered into the project database. However, it is evident that trapping was very successful this year.

Table 1. Preliminary tallies of banded turkeys in Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania during winter 2008. These numbers are intended to provide an idea of capture success this winter and should not be considered free of errors or complete.

State	Adults		Juveniles		Total
	Reward	Nonreward	Reward	Nonreward	
Ohio		79		143	222
New York					350
Pennsylvania	68	81	75	108	332
TOTAL					910

As soon as all capture records are entered in the database we will be ready to receive hunter phone calls this spring. We plan on hiring an undergraduate student to assist Wendy Vreeland with contacting hunters that call to report the harvest of banded birds.

Preliminary results for this project were presented at the Technical Committee meeting at the NWTf conference in Atlanta. Also, a similar presentation was provided to NY DEC Bureau of Wildlife staff at their bureau-wide annual meeting.

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