

CHAPTER 6236
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
TURKEYS

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TURKEY HUNTING

6236.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Agricultural or grazing land.** "Agricultural land" or "grazing land" has the meaning given "agricultural land" under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.001.

Subp. 3. **Bearded turkey.** "Bearded turkey" means a turkey with a visible beard. A beard is a feathered appendage protruding from the breast and generally found only on males.

Subp. 4. **Landowner or tenant.** "Landowner" or "tenant" means a person who is an owner or tenant of and who lives on at least 40 acres of agricultural or grazing land within the zone being applied for.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711; 97B.723*

History: *18 SR 83*

6236.0200 TURKEY LICENSE ELIGIBILITY.

To be eligible for a turkey license, a person must not have any small game hunting privileges revoked within one year prior to purchasing a turkey license.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.435*

History: *18 SR 83*

6236.0300 TURKEY HUNT DRAWING.

Subpart 1. **License application drawings.** Drawings will be conducted by the department to determine persons who will be eligible to purchase licenses for each season. The drawings will be subject to the quotas established by the commissioner. Preference in the respective drawings is given to applicants based upon the number of times they have correctly applied for a license for that hunt but have been unsuccessful. A person selected by the drawings is eligible to purchase a license to hunt turkey. Upon issuance of a turkey license for the spring or fall season, all accumulated preference for that season is lost.

Subp. 2. **Participation in application drawings.** Applicants may complete an application form for either the spring or fall turkey hunt or both. Qualifying individuals may apply for the resident landowner-tenant turkey drawing. All of the following information must be supplied on the application forms:

A. A resident applicant 18 years or older must provide the applicant's individual Minnesota driver's license number of 13 characters, a 13-character firearms safety number, or an official state of Minnesota identification number of 13 characters issued by the Department of Public Safety.

B. A nonresident 18 years or older must provide a driver's license number or other identification number.

C. A resident or nonresident applicant age 12 to 15 by the opening day of the season may provide one of the above numbers or may participate in the drawing without a number by providing the applicant's full first, middle, and last name and date of birth. Youthful

applicants who do not provide a number will be placed into the drawing using a number generated by the department.

D. An applicant must choose one of the zones and one of the time periods.

E. Up to four persons desiring to hunt together as a group may apply by submitting their drawing applications in one envelope. Applications by a group must all be for the same zone and time period. The person within a group with the lowest preference rating will determine the preference rating of the group. Properly completed applications which are submitted in one envelope will either all be selected or none selected. Mixing landowner-tenant applications with general applications will not be permitted for purposes of applying as a group.

F. A person who makes a faulty application or who applies as a landowner or tenant but does not meet the definition as provided by this part will be ineligible for that season's drawings.

G. Application deadlines are as follows:

- (1) spring season: the first Friday in December; and
- (2) fall season: the Friday nearest June 29.

Subp. 3. **Landowner-tenant drawing.** A landowner-tenant license application drawing will be held subject to the following restrictions:

A. An applicant must meet all eligibility requirements and must provide a complete and accurate description of the qualifying land.

B. An applicant must be a landowner, tenant, or a member of the landowner's or tenant's immediate family.

C. For each zone and time period, no more than 20 percent of the successful participants will be drawn from the special landowner-tenant applications.

D. An individual participant in the landowner-tenant drawing may submit only one application and only for the turkey zone in which the participant resides.

E. Applicants unsuccessful in the landowner-tenant drawing will be included in the general drawing.

F. Landowner-tenant licensees must allow turkey hunting as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.435, and the commissioner will provide descriptions of these lands to licensed turkey hunters.

Subp. 4. **Modification of quota numbers for group applications.** The quota of licenses or permits for a drawing may be increased to accommodate group members if the last applicant to be selected is a member of a group.

Subp. 5. **Drawing application fee.** An applicant must submit, along with the application, a cashier's check, money order, or personal check payable to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Any check that is returned to the department for nonpayment will invalidate the application and the check will be destroyed. Refunds of application fees will not be made for any reason.

Subp. 6. **Undersubscribed zones.** A second preference drawing may be held for undersubscribed time periods. All unsuccessful applicants for the zone that includes the undersubscribed time period will be eligible for the second drawing.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711; 97B.723*

History: *18 SR 83*

6236.0400 OBTAINING LICENSE.

The following provisions apply to persons who have applied for a turkey license:

A. Only successful applicants will be notified.

B. Successful applicants will receive a license application with instructions for obtaining their licenses. Persons who do not return the license application and the fee according to the provisions specified on the license application or who do not provide all the requested information will be disqualified.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711; 97B.723*

History: *18 SR 83*

6236.0500 TURKEY HUNT LICENSE RESTRICTIONS.

Turkey hunters licensed for the same zone and time period may assist other licensed turkey hunters but each hunter may not shoot or tag a turkey for another hunter.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711; 97B.723*

History: *18 SR 83*

6236.0600 SPRING TURKEY SEASON.

Subpart 1. **Open dates.** The spring turkey season opens the Wednesday nearest April 15 and consists of seven consecutive five-day periods.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for turkeys during the spring season are from one-half hour before sunrise to 12 noon.

Subp. 3. **Bag limit.** The bag limit for the spring season is one bearded turkey.

Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Eleven turkey zones, numbered between 1 and 21, are open during the spring turkey season.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711*

History: *18 SR 83*

6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.

Subpart 1. **Open dates.** The fall turkey season consists of two five-day periods, the first period beginning the Wednesday nearest October 15 and the second beginning the Wednesday nearest October 22.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for turkeys during the fall season are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Subp. 3. **Bag limit.** The bag limit for the fall season is one turkey of either sex or any age.

Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Turkey Zones 1 through 4 are open for the fall turkey season.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711*

History: *18 SR 83*

6236.0800 TURKEY ZONE DESCRIPTIONS.

Subpart 1. **Turkey Zone 1.** Turkey Zone 1 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 16 and the east boundary of the state; thence along STH 16 to STH 44; thence along STH 44 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 4, Houston County; thence along CSAH 4 to the south boundary of the state; thence along the south boundary of the state to the east boundary of the state; thence along the east boundary of the state to the point of beginning.

Subp. 2. **Turkey Zone 2.** Turkey Zone 2 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 16 and the east boundary of the state; thence along STH 16 to STH 44; thence along STH 44 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 4, Houston County; thence along CSAH 4 to the south boundary of the state; thence along the south boundary of the state to CSAH 28, Fillmore County; thence along CSAH 28 to STH 43; thence along STH 43 to Interstate (I) 90; thence along I 90 to CSAH 33, Winona County; thence along CSAH 33 to STH 248; thence along STH 248 to CSAH 31, Winona County; thence along CSAH 31 to CSAH 28, Winona County; thence along CSAH 28 to CSAH 25, Winona County; thence along CSAH 25 to the intersection of CSAH 25 and U.S. Highway 61; thence due east to the east boundary of the state; thence along the east boundary of the state to the point of beginning.

Subp. 3. **Turkey Zone 3.** Turkey Zone 3 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 52 and Interstate (I) 90; thence along I 90 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 43, Winona County; thence along STH

43 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 28, Fillmore County; thence along CSAH 28 to the south boundary of the state to CSAH 12, Mower County; thence along STH 56 to CSAH 8; thence along CSAH 8 to I 90; thence along I 90 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 4. Turkey Zone 4. Turkey Zone 4 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of Interstate (I) 90 at County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 7, Olmsted County; thence along CSAH 7 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 42; thence along STH 42 to the intersection of STH 42 and U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to the Zumbro River; thence along the Zumbro River to the Mississippi River; thence due east to the east boundary of the state; thence along the east boundary of the state to a point lying directly east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 61 and CSAH 25, Winona County; thence due west to the intersection of CSAH 25 and U.S. Highway 61; thence along CSAH 25 to CSAH 28, Winona County; thence along CSAH 28 to CSAH 31, Winona County; thence along CSAH 31 to STH 248; thence along STH 248 to CSAH 33, Winona County; thence along CSAH 33 to I 90; thence along I 90 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 5. Turkey Zone 5. Turkey Zone 5 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 61 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 19, Goodhue County; thence along CSAH 19 to the intersection of U.S. Lock and Dam No. 3 access road located at the north quarter corner of Section 5, Township 113 North, Range 15 West, Goodhue County; thence due east to the east boundary of the state; thence along the east boundary of the state to a point due east of the intersection of the Zumbro River and the Mississippi River; thence due west to the Zumbro River; thence along the Zumbro River to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 42; thence along STH 42 to CSAH 7, thence along CSAH 7 to Interstate (I) 90; thence along I 90 to U.S. Highway 52; thence along U.S. Highway 52 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to STH 57; thence along STH 57 to CSAH 60 to Interstate (I) 35, Rice County; thence along I 35 to STH 19; thence along STH 19 to STH 20; thence along STH 20 to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 6. Turkey Zone 10. Turkey Zone 10 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 25 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 14, Sibley County; thence along CSAH 14 to CSAH 53, Carver County; thence along CSAH 53 to U.S. Highway 212; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to STH 101; thence along STH 101 to CSAH 17, Scott County; thence along CSAH 17 to STH 13; thence along STH 13 to STH 19; thence along STH 19 to CSAH 3, Scott County; thence along CSAH 3 to STH 25; thence along STH 25 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 7. Turkey Zone 11. Turkey Zone 11 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 8, Sibley County and the midpoint of the Minnesota River; thence along CSAH 8 to CSAH 9, Sibley County; thence along CSAH 9 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 5; thence along STH 5 to STH 25; thence along STH 25 to CSAH 3, Scott County; thence along CSAH 3 to STH 19; thence along STH 19 to U.S. Highway 169; thence along U.S. Highway 169 to the midpoint of the Minnesota River; thence along the midpoint of the Minnesota River to the point of beginning.

Subp. 8. Turkey Zone 12. Turkey Zone 12 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 169 and State Trunk Highway (STH) 68; thence along STH 68 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 45, Blue Earth County; thence along CSAH 45 to CSAH 24, Nicollet County; thence along

CSAH 24 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to CSAH 12, Nicollet County; thence along CSAH 12 to CSAH 5, Nicollet County; thence along CSAH 5 to CSAH 2, Nicollet County; thence along CSAH 2 to CSAH 3, Nicollet County; thence along CSAH 3 to CSAH 9, Sibley County; thence along CSAH 9 to CSAH 8, Sibley County; thence along CSAH 8 to the midpoint of the Minnesota River; thence along the midpoint of the Minnesota River to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to U.S. Highway 169; thence along U.S. Highway 169 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 9. **Turkey Zone 13.** Turkey Zone 13 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 30 and U.S. Highway 169; thence along STH 30 to STH 22; thence along STH 22 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to U.S. Highway 169; thence along U.S. Highway 169 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 10. **Turkey Zone 20.** Turkey Zone 20 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 98 and U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 30, Chisago County; thence along CSAH 30 to STH 95; thence along STH 95 to CSAH 9, Chisago County; thence along CSAH 9 to U.S. Highway 8; thence along U.S. Highway 8 to STH 98; thence along STH 98 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 11. **Turkey Zone 21.** Turkey Zone 21 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

All of Washington County.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711*

History: *18 SR 83*

6236.0900 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TAKING TURKEYS.

Subpart 1. **Use of dogs.** A person may not be accompanied by a dog or dogs while taking turkeys.

Subp. 2. **Electronic devices.** Turkeys may not be taken with the aid of any electronic device.

Subp. 3. **Live decoys.** The use of live decoys is prohibited while taking turkeys.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711*

History: *18 SR 83*

TURKEY HUNTING GUIDES

6236.1100 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GUIDES.

A person is qualified to obtain a turkey hunting guide license only in the zone and during the dates that their turkey hunting license is valid.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.725*

History: *18 SR 83*

6236.1300 GUIDE LICENSE PURCHASE DEADLINE.

A turkey hunting guide license must be obtained before the individual season for which the guide has a valid turkey hunting license.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.725*

History: *18 SR 83*