

CHAPTER 6236
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
TURKEYS

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6236.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subps 1 to 6, see MR]

Subp 7. **Wild turkey permit area.** "Wild turkey permit area" means an area of the state comprised of partial, single, or grouped registration blocks where taking wild turkeys is authorized by permit.

Statutory Authority: 97B 711, 97B 723

History: 30 SR 613

6236.0300 TURKEY HUNT DRAWING.

Subpart 1. **License application drawings.** Applications for all hunts must be made according to this part and according to application instructions provided by the commissioner. Each person must apply at an electronic license system agent or the Department of Natural Resources License Center 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, except as provided in subpart 6.

Subp. 2 **Participation in application drawings.** Applicants may complete an application for either the spring or fall turkey hunt or both. A person may not apply more than once for a hunt, whether as an individual or as a member of a group. Qualifying individuals may apply for the resident landowner-tenant turkey drawing. All of the information in items A to G must be supplied on the application forms.

[For text of items A to C, see MR]

D. An applicant must select a first choice of wild turkey permit area and time period and may select a second choice of wild turkey permit area in specified time periods as authorized by the commissioner.

E. Up to four persons desiring to hunt together as a group may apply as a group. Group applications shall either all be selected or none selected. All group members must apply for the same wild turkey permit areas and time periods. The preference rating of applicants who apply as a group shall be determined by the individual in the group with the lowest preference. Group applications may be made up of all general or all landowner-tenant applications, but not both.

F. A person 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 last Friday in July.

Subp 3. **Landowner-tenant drawing.** A landowner-tenant license application drawing will be held subject to the restrictions in items A to F.

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. Family members include those related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

C. For each wild turkey permit area 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 wild turkey permit area 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 make descriptions of these lands available to licensed turkey hunters.

[For text of subp 4, see MR]

Subp 5. **Drawing application fee.** An applicant must pay a fee as provided by statute at the time of application at the electronic license system-point of sale (ELS-POS) agent. 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 wild turkey permit areas.** In permit areas and time periods with fewer applicants than available licenses, the remaining available licenses may be first offered to unsuccessful applicants for other permit areas or time periods on a first-come, first-served basis. An eligible person must apply individually and in person at an ELS-POS (point-of-sale) agent location or individually through the ELS-Internet or ELS-Telephone system to obtain a remaining available license. Any remaining available licenses not purchased by unsuccessful applicants may then be issued to any eligible person on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who purchase these remaining available licenses retain their accumulated preference.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 435, 97B 711, 97B 723*

History: *30 SR 613*

6236.0600 SPRING TURKEY SEASON.

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

Subp 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for turkeys during the spring season are from one-half hour before sunrise to 5.00 p.m.

[For text of subp 3, see MR]

Subp 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the spring turkey season as prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in the wild turkey permit area specified on the license, except for archery-only licenses issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A 435, subdivision 5, paragraph (a).

Subp 5. **Registration.** Turkeys must be registered within 24 hours after being taken during the spring turkey season.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 435, 97B 711*

History: *30 SR 613*

6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.

[For text of subps 1 to 3, see MR]

Subp 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season as prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in the wild turkey permit area specified on the license.

[For text of subp 5, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711*

History: *30 SR 613*

6236.0810 WILD TURKEY PERMIT AREA DESCRIPTIONS.

Wild turkey permit areas are comprised of registration blocks with the same numbers, as established in part 6232.4700

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711*

History: *30 SR 613*

6236.0900 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TAKING TURKEYS.

[For text of subpart 1, see MR]

Subp. 2 **Electronic devices.** Turkeys may not be taken with the aid of any electronic device, except that a hearing aid or other device designed to enhance hearing may be used and except that electronic sights that self-illuminate but that do not cast rays of light may be used.

[For text of subp 3, see MR]

Subp. 4 **Game refuges open to taking turkeys.** The Lost Lake Refuge in Fillmore County, the Whitewater State Game Refuge in Winona County, the Albert Lea and Moscow State Game Refuges in Freeborn County, the Linn Lake State Game Refuge in Chisago County, the Rochester State Game Refuge in Olmsted County, the Stearns County State Game Refuge in Stearns County, the Claremont State Game Refuge in Dodge County, the Nerstrand State Game Refuge in Dodge County, and the St Croix River and Stillwater Game Refuges in Washington County are open for the taking of turkeys during open wild turkey seasons in the zones in which they are located

[For text of subp 5, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711*

History: *30 SR 613*

6236.1070 YOUTH WILD TURKEY SPECIAL HUNTS.

Subpart 1. **Requirements.** Persons participating in youth wild turkey hunts must be at least 12 years of age and under 18 years of age by the beginning hunt date. A valid wild turkey license and firearms safety certificate must be obtained prior to being issued a permit. All participants must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who is at least 18 years of age. The accompanying parent or guardian may not hunt, but may assist during the hunt. All participants and their accompanying parent or guardian must attend a prehunt orientation offered by the hunt sponsors. Participating youth hunters must be sponsored and selected by a sponsoring nonprofit or selected by lottery.

Subp 2 **Open areas.** Youth hunt permittees may hunt in open areas and special seasons as designated by the commissioner

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 112, 97B 711*

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