

# TURKEY HARVEST REPORT



2016-2017

## **Eglin AFB**

Natural Resources Office

Wildlife Section

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A total of 47 turkeys (*Meleagris gallopav*) were harvested during Eglin's 37 day Spring Turkey Season.

### 2017 Harvest Averages

- Average weight - 16.35 lbs.
- Average beard length – 9.29 inches
- Average right spur length – 0.89 inches
- Average left spur length – 0.89 inches

### 2017 Harvest Records

- The top management unit was Jackson South with a harvest of 21 turkeys.
- The largest turkey harvested weighted 20.8 lbs. Taken from the Closed Area Hunt
- The longest beard length was 11.5 inches. Taken from the Jackson South MU
- The longest right spur length was 1.5 inches. Taken from the Jackson South MU)The longest left spur length was 1.5 inches. Taken from the Jackson South MU)

### 2017 Harvest Compared to 2016 Harvest

- This year's harvest of 51 turkeys (47 adult and 4 sub-adult) represents a 41.67% increase from last season's harvest total of 36 turkeys.
- This year's average weight of 16.35 represents a 0.18% decrease from last year's average weight of 16.38.
- This year's average beard length of 9.53 inches represents a 14.69% increase from last season's average beard length of 8.10 inches.
- This year's average right spur length 0.90 inches represents a 2.3% increase from last season's right spur length of 0.87 inches.
- This year's average left spur length of 0.86 inches represents a 4.7% increase from last season's average spur length of 0.85 inches.

### Past Three Years Harvest Average Comparison

|  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Total Turkeys Harvested</b>         | 21    | 36    | 51    |
| <b>Average Weight (lbs.)</b>           | 11.43 | 16.38 | 16.35 |
| <b>Average Beard Length (in.)</b>      | 8.03  | 8.10  | 9.29  |
| <b>Average Right Spur Length (in.)</b> | 0.97  | 0.87  | 0.89  |
| <b>Average Left Spur Length (in.)</b>  | 1.0   | 0.85  | 0.89  |

