

SPRING TURKEY HARVEST REPORT

May 2018



(Meleagris gallopavo)

Eglin AFB
Natural Resources Section



Wildlife Element

The data contained within this report represents the turkeys harvested and checked out through the Jackson or Brier Creek game check stations. These two MU's represents 32.62% of the available acreage available to turkey hunting on the Eglin reservation.

Eglin set aside 39 days for the wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) harvest on the Eglin reservation. During Eglin spring turkey season's 38 turkeys were harvested and checked through the Jackson or Brier Creek game check stations.

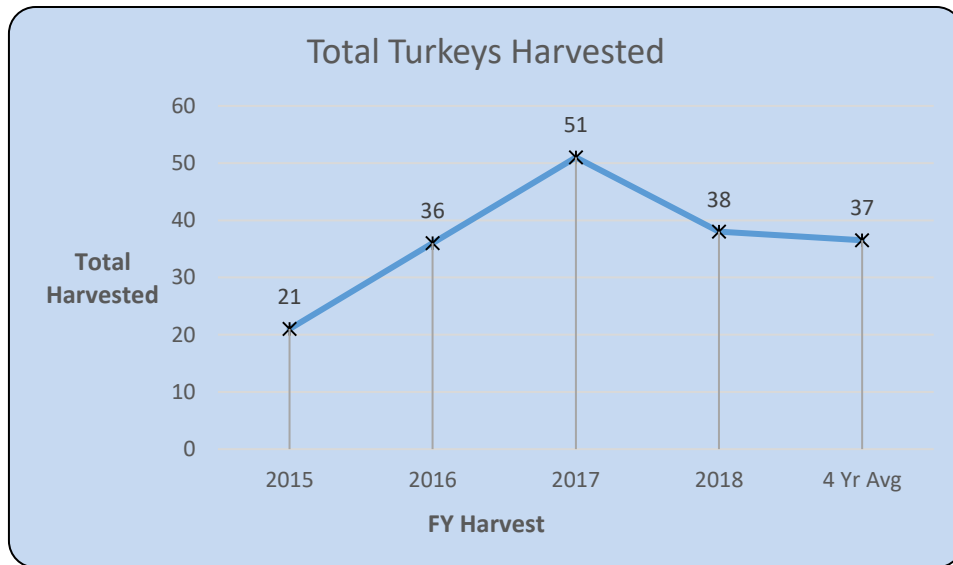
2018 Eglin Turkey Season's Dates

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Youth Spring Turkey Season's | 10 – 11 March |
| Spring Turkey Season's | 17 March – 22 April |
| Special Opportunity Hunts | 31 April – 01 April 14 - 15 April |

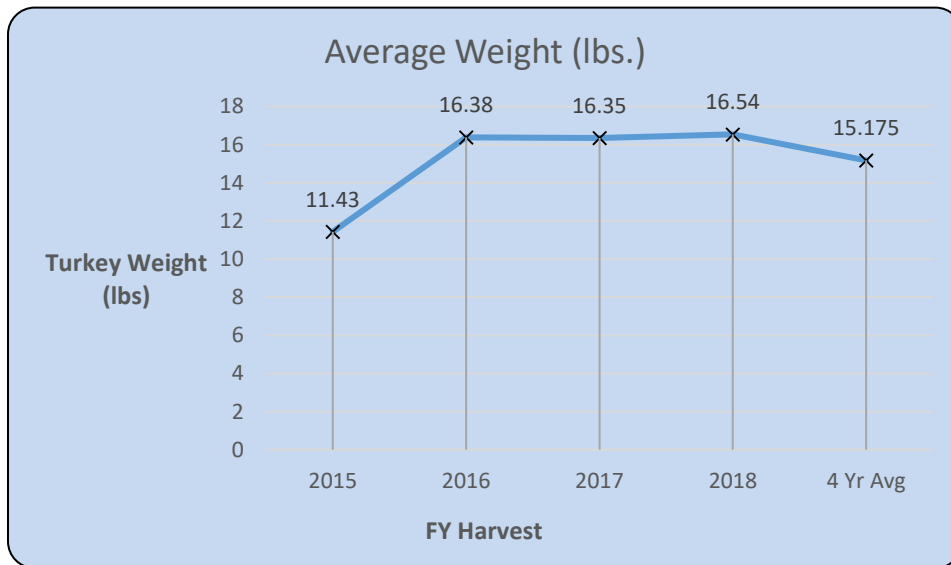
2018 Harvest Records

- The top management unit was Jackson South with a harvest of 22 turkeys.
- The largest turkey harvested weighted 21.2 lbs. Taken from the Brier Creek West MU
- The longest beard length was 11.125 inches. Taken from the Closed Area East Complex
- The longest right spur length was 1.5 inches. Taken from the Jackson South MU
- The longest left spur length was 1.25 inches. Three were taken from the Jackson South MU and one from the Brier Creek West MU
- 4 Eglin hunters were able to harvest their two bird limit during the Eglin turkey seasons.

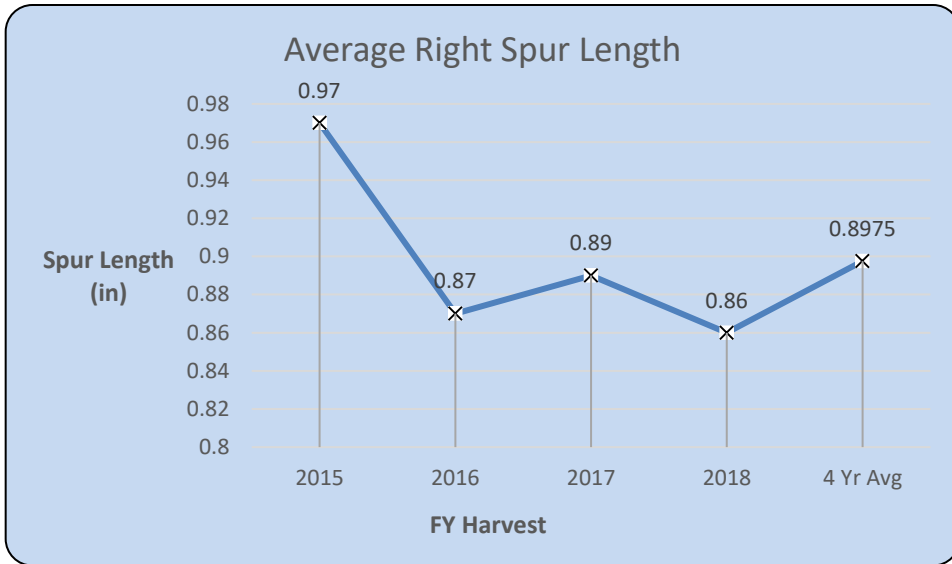
| | <i>2015</i> | <i>2016</i> | <i>2017</i> | <i>2018</i> | <i>4 Year Avg.</i> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Total Turkeys Harvested | <i>21</i> | <i>36</i> | <i>51</i> | <i>38</i> | <i>36.5</i> |
| Average Weight (lbs.) | <i>11.43</i> | <i>16.38</i> | <i>16.35</i> | <i>16.54</i> | <i>15.18</i> |
| Average Beard Length (in.) | <i>8.03</i> | <i>8.10</i> | <i>9.29</i> | <i>9.32</i> | <i>8.69</i> |
| Average Right Spur Length (in.) | <i>0.97</i> | <i>0.87</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.86</i> | <i>0.90</i> |
| Average Left Spur Length (in.) | <i>1.0</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>0.89</i> | <i>0.90</i> | <i>0.91</i> |



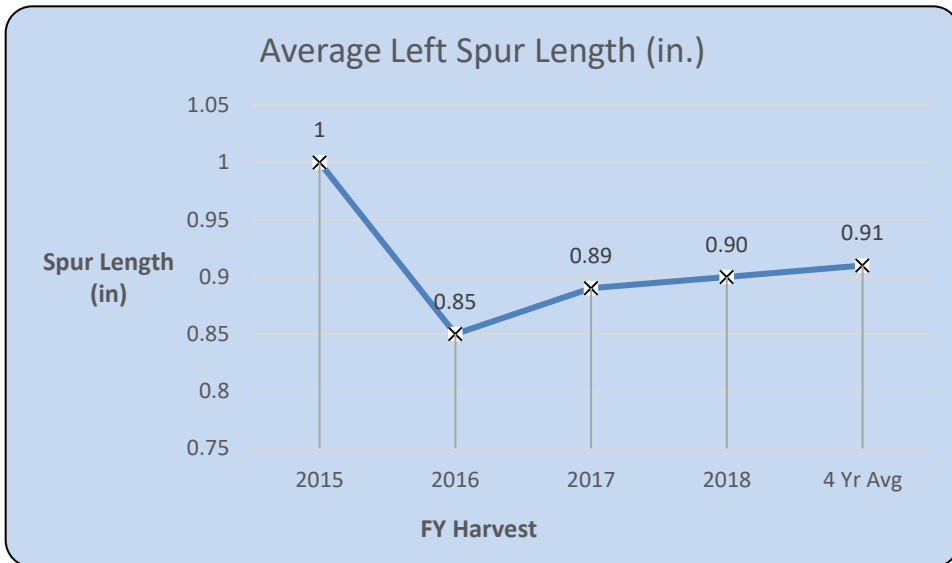
- This season’s harvest of 38 turkeys (33 adult and 5 sub-adult) represents a 25.49% decrease from last season’s harvest total of 51 turkeys and is 2.7% above the 4 year average of 37.



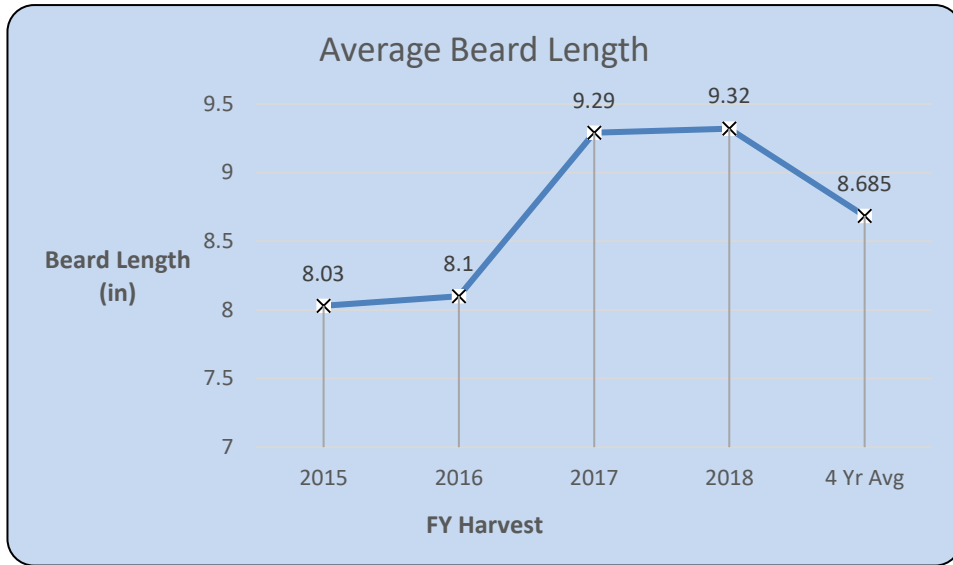
- This season’s average weight of 16.54 represents a 1.16% increase from last season’s average weight of 16.35 lbs. and is 4.18% above the 4 year average of 15.175 lbs.



- This season’s average right spur length 0.86 inches represents a 3.37 % decrease from last season’s right spur length of 0.89 inches and is 4.18% below the 4 year average of 0.8975 in.



- This season’s average left spur length of 0.90 inches represents a 1.12% increase from last season’s average spur length of 0.89 inches and is 1.1% below the 4 year average of 0.91 in.



- This season's average beard length of 9.32 inches represents a 0.32% increase from last season's average beard length of 9.29 inches and is 7.31% above the 4 year average of 8.685 in.
-