

## 2012 SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES



**New this year: It is not necessary to enter into the lottery for time periods E through H. The E through H time periods will be available to anyone. The E through H time period licenses will be sold as a surplus license at ELS agent locations in mid March.**



**All youth age 17 and younger by April 18, 2012 can purchase a youth turkey license over the counter to hunt any single time period A-H beginning March 1, 2012. Youth must select a time period and permit area. Any youth 17 and younger by April 18, 2012 need not apply for the lottery and will be rejected from the lottery.**



**Wild Turkey Permits areas have been consolidated to 12 areas for 2012.**



**Archery only licenses for 2012 are valid for the last four time periods, May 8-31. Winners in the lottery are not eligible to purchase archery only permits.**

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Applicants 18 and older by April 18 must apply for seasons A-D. Anyone born on or after December 31, 1979, must have a firearms safety certificate, or other evidence of successfully completing a hunter safety course to obtain a license to hunt or trap in Minnesota. To qualify for a resident license, a person must be a legal resident of Minnesota for at least sixty (60) days and have a valid Minnesota driver's license or public safety ID card immediately prior to April 18, 2012.

### **WHEN AND WHERE TO APPLY**

**All spring turkey hunters 18 and older by April 18, 2012 must apply by Friday, January 13, 2012**, at any of the 1,600 ELS-POS agents throughout the state. A \$3.00 application fee will be charged. This fee must be paid at the time of application at the ELS-POS vendor and is non-refundable. Applicants may also apply through the Instant Licenses System (1-888-665-4236) or over the Internet ([www.mndnr.gov](http://www.mndnr.gov)). An additional convenience fee will be charged for applications made through the Instant License System or over the Internet.

To apply, hunters will need one of the following: A valid Minnesota driver's license; state of Minnesota ID card (issued by the Department of Public Safety), a firearms safety certificate number if under 21. It is important that your ID card reflect your current mailing address; this is where your winning notification will be sent if you are successful in the computer preference drawing. Nonresident must provide their state ID or DNR number from the last time they applied.

A Minnesota resident who is currently serving, or has served at any time during the past 24 months, in active service as a member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard or other military reserves will be given first preference to qualified service members or veterans. Applicants must complete and submit a Preference to Service Members application after they apply for lottery and before the drawing. An application is available at all ELS agents or DNR's web site ([www.mndnr.gov](http://www.mndnr.gov)). **It will cost \$3.00 to apply for a spring wild turkey license.** This fee must be paid at the time of application at the ELS-POS agent and is non-refundable

### **GENERAL DRAWING**

Licenses are made available by a drawing based on a system of preference. A hunter's preference level is determined by the number of years s/he has submitted valid but unsuccessful applications since last receiving a license. **Preference will only be given if the same MDNR# is used from the 2011 Spring Turkey lottery or the last time you applied.**

### **GROUP APPLICATION**

You may apply individually or with **one (1) to three (3)** other hunter's in your **group**. The **group** accommodates those who do not want to hunt unless they can hunt with one or more hunting partners. When applying as a group, all valid group members will receive a license. All group members (maximum of four [4] people), must apply for the same wild turkey permit area and hunt time. The first applicant of each group will receive a **group ID** number, which is printed on your receipt. **The remaining group members will need to use this ID number when applying to be included in the group.** The member who has the lowest preference level will determine the preference rating of a group. Group applications can be made of **all general** or **all landowner/tenant**, but not both. **Do not mix general and landowner/tenant applications, they will be rejected without notice.**



**The second choice option has been eliminated. All surplus licenses will be sold over the counter in mid-March.**

### **LANDOWNER/TENANT SPECIAL DRAWING**

Up to 20 percent of the permits for each wild turkey permit area and time period will be issued by computer selection to applicants who **live** as landowners or tenants **on** 40 acres or more of land within the wild turkey permit area for which they have applied. The qualifying land may be non-contiguous. Members of the immediate landowner or tenant family, and **living on** the qualifying property are also eligible for this drawing.

Landowners/tenants who qualify for the landowner special drawing will need to provide the following information when applying at the ELS-POS agent to be eligible--the qualifying land is located in: county number (see map), township number, range number, section number, number of acres, and your day-time telephone number. Invalid applications will be rejected without notice.

**Qualified landowners or tenants who are successful in this special drawing must allow turkey hunting on their land during the entire turkey-hunting season. Information on the location of such land will be available to other turkey hunters at the DNR website after the drawing.**

### **NOTIFICATION**

-----> Only winners are notified. <-----

**Successful applicants** in the drawing will be mailed a **2012 Spring Wild Turkey postcard** as their **winning notification by February 15, 2012**. Starting on March 1, you will be able to go to one of the 1,600 ELS-POS agents to purchase your license. **The \$5.00 turkey stamp fee is included in the fee for the license.** An additional \$2.00 will be charged if you want the pictorial stamp sent to you by mail. Stamp validations printed on the license are valid for hunting. License and stamp fees must be paid at the time of purchase. **By law, licenses may not be altered, transferred, or refunded after issue.**

### **Under-subscribed Wild Turkey Permit Areas and Time Periods**

Permits from under-subscribed wild turkey permit areas will first be offered to unsuccessful applicants on a first come, first served basis beginning in mid-March. The following day, any remaining available licenses not purchased by unsuccessful applicants will be offered to any eligible person on a first come, first serve basis. Watch for DNR announcements in the media or check the DNR Web Page at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) for exact dates.

- **Dates:** April 18-22, April 23-27, April 28-May 2, May 3-7, May 8-12, May 13-17, May 18-24, May 25-31.
- **Limit:** One (1) bearded turkey per season.
- **License:** \$23.00 resident turkey hunting license; or \$83.00 nonresident turkey hunting license 18 and over. Resident and nonresident youth under 18 by April 18, 2012, \$12.00.
- **Wild Turkey Stamp:** The \$5.00 turkey stamp fee is included in the fee for the license, if you want a pictorial stamp mailed, an additional \$2.00 fee will be charged.
- **Methods of Take:** Shotguns 20 gauge or larger, # 4 or smaller diameter fine shot, or legal bow and arrow.
- **Shooting Hours:** One half hour before sunrise to sunset.

**APPLICANTS: You MUST double-check your receipt at the time of application to ensure information has been properly entered into the computer. Retain your receipt as proof of application!**

# 2012 Spring Wild Turkey Permit Areas

## Time Periods

A = April 18-22, B = April 23-27, C = April 28 - May 2, D = May 3-7,  
E = May 8-12, F = May 13-17, G = May 18-24, H = May 25-31

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## Number of Permits

Permit Area	Number of Permits	Permit Area	Number of Permits	Permit Area	Number of Permits
501	1835	505	500	509	40
502	125	506	240	510	485
503	625	507	1205	511	20
504	145	508	480	512	5

