

## NDG&F August 29<sup>th</sup> Newsletter

### Fall Turkey Season Set

North Dakota's fall turkey season is set with 3,510 licenses available to hunters, 145 fewer than last year.

Prospective hunters, including gratis applicants, [can apply online](#), or [print out an application](#) to mail, at the State Game and Fish Department website, [gf.nd.gov](#). Paper applications will be available at vendors Aug. 31. The deadline for applying is Sept. 7.

In addition, applicants can apply by calling the department's toll-free licensing line, 800-406-6409. A service fee is added for license applications made over the phone.

Only North Dakota residents are eligible to apply in the first lottery. Nonresidents can apply for fall turkey licenses that are still available following the first lottery.

Hunting units 21 (Hettinger and Adams counties) and 53 (Divide and Williams counties) will remain closed to fall turkey hunting in 2016 because of low turkey numbers.

The fall wild turkey season extends from Oct. 8 through Jan. 8, 2017.

### Hunters Asked to Submit Wing Envelopes

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is once again asking grouse hunters for help with future bird management by simply collecting some feathers from harvested birds and sending in wing envelopes this fall.

Wing data allows biologists to monitor production, reconcile bird counts and get a better understanding of the harvest ratio of males to females, and juveniles to adults.

Instructions for submitting wing data are printed on the envelope.

Hunters interested in [receiving wing envelopes](#) should visit the Game and Fish website ([gf.nd.gov](#)) to order a supply of wing envelopes, or contact the department's main office in Bismarck by phone (701-328-6300) or email ([ndgf@nd.gov](mailto:ndgf@nd.gov)).

In addition, Game and Fish district offices have a supply of wing envelopes for distribution. District offices are located at Devils Lake, Jamestown, Riverdale, Dickinson, Williston and Lonetree Wildlife Management Area near Harvey.

### PLOTS Guide Available Online

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's [Private Land Open To Sportsmen Guide](#) for 2016 is now available online at the Department's website, [gf.nd.gov](#). In addition, PLOTS Guides will be available at most vendors throughout the state in early September.

The guide will feature about 730,000 PLOTS acres. Because the guide is printed in mid-August, some PLOTS tracts highlighted in the guide may have been removed from the program since the time of printing. There will also be some PLOTS tracts where the habitat and condition of the tract will have changed significantly. Conversely, Game and Fish may have added new tracts to the program after the guide went to press.

To minimize possible confusion, Game and Fish will update PLOTS map sheets weekly on its website.

The PLOTS Guide features maps highlighting these walk-in areas, identified in the field by inverted triangular yellow signs, as well as other public lands.

The guides are free, and will be available at license vendors in the state; by walk-in at the Game and Fish Department's Bismarck office; and at district offices in Riverdale, Harvey (Lonetree), Williston, Dickinson, Jamestown and Devils Lake.

The guides are not available to mail, so hunters will have to pick one up at a local vendor, or print individual maps from the website