

# 2012 Code of Hunting Ethics

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## USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory

The North Dakota Governor has proclaimed an Experimental Wild Turkey Hunting Season on lands owned and/or managed by the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory (NGPRL) to reduce and manage population numbers. These licenses are for USDA-ARS NGPRL owned and managed lands only.

According to the proclamation: ***“A concurrent experimental turkey season is proclaimed for the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Lab in Mandan, North Dakota. A maximum of 30 licenses will be available. Applicants for these licenses must first obtain a permit from USDA-ARS. Licenses will be available at the NDGFD headquarters in Bismarck.”***

This hunt will conform to the stipulations of the North Dakota 2012 Wild Turkey Hunting Proclamation (<http://gf.nd.gov/sites/default/files/regulations/fallturkey/pdf/proc-fall-turkey-2012.pdf>). Hunters should refer to the 2012 Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Guide (<http://gf.nd.gov/sites/default/files/regulations/fallturkey/pdf/guide-fall-turkey.pdf>) for more details. Any authorized hunting weapon may be used.

Thirty (30) hunters, selected by random lottery, will be permitted to hunt Wild Turkeys on property owned and/or controlled by USDA-ARS. Ten (10) hunters will be allowed on only one of three weekends (October 19-21, November 2-4, and November 16-18, 2012).

Successful applicants must sign acceptance of this ‘2012 Code of Hunting Ethics’ and purchase a special license from the North Dakota Game & Fish Headquarters (100 North Expressway, Bismarck ND 58504).

This license may be received in addition to the North Dakota general Wild Turkey hunting license. Each selected hunter will be allowed to hunt only non-federal work days. This includes weekend hunting from 5 PM Friday to ½ hour past sundown on Sunday. Hunting is prohibited during federal work hours. Please be aware that research activity may possibly occur in late afternoon and/or evenings.

Application Deadline is 5 PM CDT, Friday, September 21, 2012. Only hunters selected in a random lottery from names submitted on the NGPRL website (<http://www.mandan.ars.usda.gov>) will be approved for hunting access to USDA-ARS owned and/or managed lands during the dates and times specified.

USDA-ARS Wild Turkey Hunting Licenses not purchased by October 12, 2012 will be void. Unsuccessful lottery applicants will have first option for unclaimed licenses. Remaining licenses may be offered to participating hunters.

Scouting for game is permitted after 4:30 PM on weekdays and all day on weekends, and federal holidays. No weapons are permitted during scouting. USDA-ARS authorized hunters are prohibited on weekends set aside for Wild Turkey hunters.

Special arrangements may be made available for handicapped hunter access. Please contact the USDA-ARS Technical Information Specialist @ 701.667.3018 (O) - 701.527.3795 (C) - 701.223.9169 (H) if required.

Hunters are personally responsible for security and safety of all personal possessions and shall hold the U.S. Government, its agencies, partners, and employees harmless in the event of personal injury, and/or property loss or damage. Hunters will bear liability for harm to public buildings or property and may result in immediate and permanent termination of hunting privileges.

Applicants will receive vehicle parking permits and federal access guidelines upon completing forms at the North Dakota Game & Fish Department Headquarters. A ‘USDA-ARS Parking Permit’ shall be prominently exhibited in the vehicle front window while on campus. Vehicles on the USDA-ARS campus not exhibiting a valid permit may be towed at the owner’s expense. Hunters must park in established parking areas. Please do not block gates or vehicle access routes when parking.

Each hunter will annotate their onsite or offsite situation on their ‘Hunter Sign In’ status sheet which is to remain in the ‘Hunter Sign In’ mail box located to the west of Building 1 (main building). One sheet per weekend is acceptable. Photocopies are acceptable. Please also annotate the ‘Hunter Sign In’ when and where game is harvested.

Walk-in hunting only. All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) are not permitted.

Under no circumstances will hunting be permitted within 440 yards of buildings without notification and permission of the occupants prior to hunting each time.

Baiting of game, use of alcohol, open fires, or smoking are not permitted on USDA owned and/or controlled property. It is illegal to hunt in unharvested crops, including alfalfa, clover and other grasses grown for seed. Emerged winter wheat is an unharvested crop.

**Dates to remember:**

July 25	License lottery application available on NGPRL web site	October 12 @ 5 PM	Licenses not purchased are void, next unsuccessful applicants notified of opportunity
September 21 @ 5 PM	License lottery deadline	<i>October 19-21</i>	<i>Turkey Hunting (1<sup>st</sup> 10 hunters)</i>
September 26	Lottery applicants notified of results	<i>November 2-4</i>	<i>Turkey Hunting (2<sup>nd</sup> 10 hunters)</i>
		<i>November 16-18</i>	<i>Turkey Hunting (3<sup>rd</sup> 10 hunters)</i>

This hunt is justified for the reduction of animal population numbers and destructive behavior by USDA-ARS Bulletin 05-151 dated 3/9/2009. Questions or comments may be directed to the USDA-ARS Technical Information Specialist @ 701.667.3018 (O), 701.527.3795 (C), or 701.223.9169 (H). Although there are currently significant populations of Wild Turkeys on USDA-ARS properties, no guarantee is made of game availability in-season. USDA-ARS retains all rights to modify or terminate this activity at any time.

I accept the 2012 Code of Hunting Ethics. I agree to abide by all hunter safety guidelines and ensure safety during this activity.

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Name

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Date

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