

6236.0900 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TAKING TURKEYS.

Subpart 1. **Using dogs.** A person may not be accompanied by a dog or dogs while taking turkeys.

Subp. 2. **Electronic devices.** Turkeys may not be taken with the aid of any electronic device, except that a hearing aid or other device designed to enhance hearing may be used and except that electronic sights that self-illuminate but that do not cast rays of light may be used.

Subp. 3. **Live decoys.** The use of live decoys is prohibited while taking turkeys.

Subp. 4. **Game refuges open to taking turkeys.** The Lost Lake Refuge in Fillmore County, the Whitewater State Game Refuge in Winona County, the Albert Lea and Moscow State Game Refuges in Freeborn County, the Linn Lake State Game Refuge in Chisago County, the Rochester State Game Refuge in Olmsted County, the Stearns County State Game Refuge in Stearns County, the Claremont State Game Refuge in Dodge County, the Nerstrand State Game Refuge in Dodge County, and the St. Croix River and Stillwater Game Refuges in Washington County are open for the taking of turkeys during open wild turkey seasons in the zones in which they are located.

Subp. 5. **Wildlife management areas open to taking turkeys.** Those portions of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area posted with "Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not Trespass" signs that lie within an open turkey zone are open for the taking of turkeys during the spring turkey season.

Subp. 6. **Hunting with aid of bait or feed prohibited.**

A. A person may not hunt turkey:

- (1) with the aid or use of bait or feed; or
- (2) in the vicinity of bait or feed if the person knows or has reason to know that bait or feed is present.

B. An area is considered baited for ten days after the complete removal of all bait or feed.

C. For purposes of this subpart, "bait or feed" includes grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, or other food that is capable of attracting or enticing turkey and that has been placed by a person. Food that has not been placed by a person and resulting from normal or accepted farming, forest management, wildlife food plantings, orchard management, or other similar land management activities is not bait or feed.

D. A person otherwise in compliance with this subpart who is hunting on private or public property that is adjacent to property where bait or feed is present is not in violation of this subpart if the person has not participated in, been involved with, or agreed to baiting or feeding wildlife on the adjacent property.

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