

CHAPTER 6236
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
TURKEY HUNTING

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6236.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Agricultural land or grazing land.** "Agricultural land" or "grazing land" has the meaning given "agricultural land" under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.001.

Subp. 3. **Bearded turkey.** "Bearded turkey" means a turkey with a visible beard. A beard is a feathered appendage protruding from the breast and generally found only on males.

Subp. 4. **Landowner or tenant.** "Landowner" or "tenant" means a person who is an owner or tenant of and who lives on at least 40 acres of agricultural or grazing land within the zone being applied for.

Subp. 5. **Legal bow and arrow.** "Legal bow and arrow" means a bow that has a pull of no less than 40 pounds, at or before full draw, and that is not drawn, held, or released by a mechanical device. Arrowheads must be of a blunt head design or:

A. sharp and have a minimum of two metal cutting edges;

B. of a barbless broadhead design and function, as follows:

(1) nonretractable arrowheads are barbless if the trailing edge of each blade creates a 90 degree or greater angle with the shaft of the arrow; and

(2) retractable arrowheads are a barbless design if the trailing edge of each blade creates a 90 degree or greater angle with the shaft when the blades are fully retracted. Retractable arrowheads

function in a barbless manner if, when withdrawn from a wild turkey, the blades retract so that the trailing edge of each blade is at a 90 degree or greater angle to the arrow shaft; and

C. of a diameter of at least seven-eighths of an inch at or after impact with a wild turkey.

Subp. 6. **Legal firearms.** "Legal firearms" means shotguns or muzzleloading shotguns 20 gauge or larger, using fine shot size No. 4 or smaller diameter shot.

Subp. 7. **Wild turkey permit area.** "Wild turkey permit area" means an area of the state comprised of partial, single, or grouped registration blocks where taking wild turkeys is authorized by permit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711; 97B.723; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287; 30 SR 613; 36 SR 1155*

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6236.0200 TURKEY LICENSE ELIGIBILITY.

To be eligible for a turkey license, a person must not have any small game hunting privileges revoked within one year prior to purchasing a turkey license.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.435*

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6236.0300 TURKEY HUNT DRAWING.

Subpart 1. Spring license application drawings.

A. Applications for spring hunts must be made according to this part and according to application instructions provided by the commissioner. Each person must apply through the electronic license system, the Department of Natural Resources License Center, or other authorized agents. Drawings will be conducted to determine persons who will be eligible to purchase licenses for each season. The drawings will be subject to the quotas established by the commissioner. Preference in the respective drawings is given to applicants based upon the number of times they have correctly applied for a license for that hunt but have been unsuccessful. A person selected by the drawings is eligible to purchase a license to hunt turkey. Upon issuance of a turkey license for the spring season, all accumulated preference for that season is lost, except as provided in subpart 6.

B. No application is needed to purchase a fall turkey license.

Subp. 2. **Participation in application drawings.** A person may not apply more than once for a hunt, whether as an individual or as a member of a group. Qualifying individuals may apply for the resident landowner-tenant turkey drawing. All of the information in items A to G must be supplied on the application forms.

A. A resident applicant 18 years or older must provide the applicant's individual Minnesota driver's license number of 13 characters, a 13-character firearms safety number, or an official state of Minnesota identification number of 13 characters issued by the Department of Public Safety.

B. A nonresident 18 years or older must provide a driver's license number or other identification number.

C. Up to four persons desiring to hunt together as a group may apply as a group. Group applications shall either all be selected or none selected. All group members must apply for the same wild turkey permit areas and time periods. The preference rating of applicants who apply as a group shall be determined by the individual in the group with the lowest preference. Group applications may be made up of all general or all landowner-tenant applications, but not both.

D. A person who applies as a landowner or tenant but does not meet the definition as provided by this part will be ineligible for that season's drawings.

E. The application deadline for the spring season is the second Friday in January.

F. Youth age 17 and younger may purchase a wild turkey hunting license to hunt all eight spring turkey time periods. A wild turkey hunting license under this item is separate from the normal lottery process and is valid for hunting in any wild turkey permit area.

G. A person who has not applied for a wild turkey license through the lottery or who applied for a license and was unsuccessful in the lottery may purchase a wild turkey hunting license to hunt the spring turkey season during the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth time period. A wild turkey hunting license under this item is separate from the normal lottery process. Firearms hunters who purchase a license under this item must choose and hunt in one time period. Archery hunters who purchase a license under this item may hunt throughout the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth time periods.

(1) Turkey lottery preference points shall not be reduced for a person purchasing a license under this item.

(2) A person may take only one bearded turkey during the entire spring turkey season regardless of whether the hunter purchased a license through the lottery system or as provided in this item.

Subp. 3. **Landowner-tenant drawing.** A landowner-tenant license application drawing will be held subject to the restrictions in items A to F.

A. An applicant must meet all eligibility requirements and must provide a complete and accurate description of the qualifying land.

B. An applicant must be a landowner, tenant, or a member of the landowner's or tenant's immediate family. Family members include those related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

C. For each wild turkey permit area and time period, no more than 20 percent of the successful participants will be drawn from the special landowner-tenant applications.

D. An individual participant in the landowner-tenant drawing may submit only one application and only for the turkey wild turkey permit area in which the participant resides.

E. Applicants unsuccessful in the landowner-tenant drawing will be included in the general drawing.

F. Landowner-tenant licensees must allow turkey hunting as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.435, and the commissioner will make descriptions of these lands available to licensed turkey hunters.

Subp. 4. **Modifying quota numbers for group applications.** The quota of licenses or permits for a drawing may be increased to accommodate group members if the last applicant to be selected is a member of a group.

Subp. 5. **Drawing application fee.** An applicant must pay a fee as provided by statute at the time of application. Any check that is returned to the department for nonpayment will invalidate the application and the check will be destroyed. Refunds of application fees will not be made for any reason.

Subp. 6. **Undersubscribed wild turkey permit areas.** In permit areas and time periods with fewer applicants than available licenses, the remaining available licenses may be first offered to unsuccessful applicants for other permit areas or time periods on a first-come, first-served basis. An eligible person must apply individually through the electronic license system, the Department of Natural Resources License Center, or other authorized agents to obtain a remaining available license. Any remaining available licenses not purchased by unsuccessful applicants may then be issued to any eligible person on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who purchase these remaining available licenses retain their accumulated preference.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.027; 97A.435; 97A.485; 97B.711; 97B.723*

History: *18 SR 83; 20 SR 2287; 30 SR 613; 35 SR 2014; 39 SR 1006; 49 SR 1416*

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6236.0400 OBTAINING LICENSE.

The following provisions apply to persons who have applied for a turkey license:

A. Only successful applicants will be notified.

B. Successful applicants will receive a license application with instructions for obtaining their licenses. Persons who do not return the license application and the fee according to the provisions specified on the license application or who do not provide all the requested information will be disqualified.

C. A person may purchase a fall turkey license without an application. A turkey permit area must be selected.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.435; 97B.711; 97B.723*

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6236.0500 TURKEY HUNT LICENSE RESTRICTIONS.

Turkey hunters licensed for the same wild turkey permit area and time period may assist other licensed turkey hunters but each hunter may not shoot, validate, or register a turkey for another hunter.

Statutory Authority: MS s 84.027; 97A.485; 97B.711; 97B.723

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6236.0550 FIREARM AND BOW AND ARROW RESTRICTIONS.

While afield hunting turkeys, licensees may not have in possession or control any firearm or bow and arrow except those defined as legal as provided by part 6236.0100.

Statutory Authority: MS s 97B.711; and others at 19 SR 6

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6236.0600 SPRING TURKEY SEASON.

Subpart 1. **Open dates.** The spring turkey season opens the Wednesday nearest April 15 and consists of six consecutive five-day periods followed by two consecutive seven-day periods.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for turkeys during the spring season are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Subp. 3. **Bag limit.** The bag limit for the spring season is one bearded turkey.

Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the spring turkey season as prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in the wild turkey permit area specified on the license, except for archery-only licenses issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.435, subdivision 5, paragraph (a).

Subp. 5. **Registration.** Turkeys must be registered within 24 hours after being taken during the spring turkey season.

Statutory Authority: MS s 14.388; 97A.435; 97B.711; 97B.721; and others at 19 SR 6

History: 18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 20 SR 2287; 30 SR 613; 31 SR 745

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6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.

Subpart 1. **Open dates.** The fall turkey season consists of one 30-day period beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for turkeys during the fall season are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Subp. 3. **Bag limit.** The bag limit for the fall season is one turkey of either sex or any age.

Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season as prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in the wild turkey permit area specified on the license.

Subp. 5. **Registration.** Turkeys must be registered within 24 hours after being taken during the fall turkey season.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711; 97B.721; and others at 19 SR 6*

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6236.0810 WILD TURKEY PERMIT AREA DESCRIPTIONS.

Subpart 1. **Designation.** Wild turkey permit areas are designated and described by the permit area numbers and boundary descriptions in this part.

Subp. 2. **Permit area 501.** Permit area 501 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of the southern and eastern boundaries of the state; thence along the southern boundary to U.S. Highway 63, Fillmore County; thence along U.S. Highway 63 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 30, Olmsted County; thence along STH 30 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 13, Olmsted County; thence along CSAH 13 to STH 57, Dodge County; thence along STH 57 to U.S. Highway 52; thence along U.S. Highway 52 to STH 19; thence along STH 19 to the west bank of the Little Cannon River; thence along the west bank of the Little Cannon River to the north bank of the Cannon River; thence along the north bank of the Cannon River to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 63; thence along U.S. Highway 63 to the eastern boundary of the state; thence along the eastern boundary of the state to the point of beginning.

Subp. 3. **Permit area 502.** Permit area 502 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 42 and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 4, Wabasha County; thence along CSAH 4 to CSAH 10, Olmsted County; thence along CSAH 10 to CSAH 9, Olmsted County; thence along CSAH 9 to CSAH 22, Winona County; thence along CSAH 22 to STH 74; thence along STH 74 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to CSAH 33, Winona County; thence along CSAH 33 to STH 248; thence along STH 248 to CSAH 31, Winona County; thence along CSAH 31 to CSAH 28, Winona County; thence along CSAH 28 to CSAH 25, Winona County; thence along CSAH 25 to U.S.

Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to CSAH 14, Wabasha County; thence along CSAH 14 to STH 42; thence along STH 42 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 4. **Permit area 503.** Permit area 503 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of the southern boundary of the state and U.S. Highway 63, Fillmore County; thence along the southern boundary of the state to State Trunk Highway (STH) 22, Faribault County; thence along STH 22 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 29, Faribault County; thence along CSAH 29 to CSAH 3, Waseca County; thence along CSAH 3 to STH 30; thence along STH 30 to STH 22, Blue Earth County; thence along STH 22 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to STH 60, Blue Earth County; thence along STH 60 to CSAH 26, Blue Earth County; thence along CSAH 26 to CSAH 15, Le Sueur County; thence along CSAH 15 to STH 99, Le Sueur County; thence along STH 99 to CSAH 11, Le Sueur County; thence along CSAH 11 to CSAH 26, Le Sueur County; thence along CSAH 26 to CSAH 11, Le Sueur County; thence along CSAH 11 to STH 19, Le Sueur County; thence along STH 19 to Interstate Highway 35; thence along Interstate Highway 35 to CSAH 70, Scott County; thence along CSAH 70 to CSAH 23, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 23 to STH 50, Dakota County; thence along STH 50 to STH 3, Dakota County; thence along STH 3 to CSAH 66, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 66 to U.S. Highway 52; thence along U.S. Highway 52 to CSAH 46, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 46 to CSAH 47, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 47 to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state; thence along the east boundary of the state to Lock and Dam 3 and CSAH 18, Goodhue County; thence along CSAH 18 to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to the Cannon River; thence along the north bank of the Cannon River to its confluence with the Little Cannon River; thence along the west bank of the Little Cannon River to STH 19, Goodhue County; thence along STH 19 to U.S. Highway 52; thence along U.S. Highway 52 to STH 57; thence along STH 57 to CSAH 13, Dodge County; thence along CSAH 13 to STH 30, Dodge County; thence along STH 30 to U.S. Highway 63, Olmsted County; thence along U.S. Highway 63 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 5. **Permit area 504.** Permit area 504 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of the southern boundary of the state and State Trunk Highway (STH) 22; thence along the southern boundary of the state to the western boundary of the state; thence along the western boundary of the state to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 24, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 24 to U.S. Highway 75, Lac qui Parle County; thence along U.S. Highway 75 to CSAH 28, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 28 to STH 119; thence along STH 119 to CSAH 20, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 20 to CSAH 31, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 31 to U.S. Highway 212, Lac qui Parle County; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to CSAH 19, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 19 to CSAH 8, Yellow Medicine County; thence along CSAH 8 to STH 67, Yellow Medicine County; thence along STH 67 to CSAH 43, Yellow Medicine County; thence along CSAH 43 to STH 23, Yellow Medicine County; thence along STH 23 to CSAH 2, Yellow Medicine County; thence along CSAH 2 to STH 67, Yellow Medicine County; thence along

STH 67 to CSAH 1, Yellow Medicine County; thence along CSAH 1 to CSAH 9, Redwood County; thence along CSAH 9 to STH 273, Redwood County; thence along STH 273 to STH 19, Redwood County; thence along STH 19 to STH 67, Redwood County; thence along STH 67 to STH 68; thence along STH 68 to STH 4; thence along STH 4 to CSAH 24, Brown County; thence along CSAH 24 to CSAH 11, Brown County; thence along CSAH 11 to CSAH 20, Brown County; thence along CSAH 20 to STH 257; thence along STH 257 to STH 15; thence along STH 15 to CSAH 19, Brown County; thence along CSAH 19 to CSAH 22, Blue Earth County; thence along CSAH 22 to CSAH 6, Blue Earth County; thence along CSAH 6 to STH 60; thence along STH 60 to STH 22; thence along STH 22 to STH 30; thence along STH 30 to CSAH 3, Waseca County; thence along CSAH 3 to CSAH 29, Faribault County; thence along CSAH 29 to STH 22; thence along STH 22 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 6. **Permit area 505.** Permit area 505 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of the western boundary of the state and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 24, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 24 to U.S. Highway 75, Lac qui Parle County; thence along U.S. Highway 75 to CSAH 28, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 28 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 119; thence along STH 119 to CSAH 20, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 20 to CSAH 31, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 31 to U.S. Highway 212; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to CSAH 19, Lac qui Parle County; thence along CSAH 19 to CSAH 8, Yellow Medicine County; thence along CSAH 8 to STH 67, Yellow Medicine County; thence along STH 67 to CSAH 43, Yellow Medicine County; thence along CSAH 43 to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to CSAH 2, Yellow Medicine County; thence along CSAH 2 to STH 67; thence along STH 67 to CSAH 1, Yellow Medicine County; thence along CSAH 1 to CSAH 9, Redwood County; thence along CSAH 9 to STH 273; thence along STH 273 to STH 19, Redwood County; thence along STH 19 to STH 67, Redwood County; thence along STH 67 to STH 68, Redwood County; thence along STH 68 to STH 4, Brown County; thence along STH 4 to CSAH 24, Brown County; thence along CSAH 24 to CSAH 11, Brown County; thence along CSAH 11 to CSAH 20, Brown County; thence along CSAH 20 to STH 257, Brown County; thence along STH 257 to STH 15, Brown County; thence along STH 15 to CSAH 19, Brown County; thence along CSAH 19 to CSAH 22, Blue Earth County; thence along CSAH 22 to CSAH 6, Blue Earth County; thence along CSAH 6 to STH 60, Blue Earth County; thence along STH 60 to CSAH 26, Blue Earth County; thence along CSAH 26 to CSAH 15, Le Sueur County; thence along CSAH 15 to STH 99, Le Sueur County; thence along STH 99 to CSAH 11, Le Sueur County; thence along CSAH 11 to CSAH 26, Le Sueur County; thence along CSAH 26 to CSAH 11, Le Sueur County; thence along CSAH 11 to STH 19, Le Sueur County; thence along STH 19 to Interstate Highway 35; thence along Interstate Highway 35 to CSAH 70, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 70 to CSAH 8, Scott County; thence along CSAH 8 to STH 13, Scott County; thence along STH 13 to STH 282; thence along STH 282 to CSAH 9, Scott County; thence along CSAH 9 to Valley View Drive, Scott County; thence along Valley View Drive to 195th Street, Scott County; thence along 195th Street to the east boundary of the Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area; thence along the east and north boundary of said recreation area to the east bank of the Minnesota River; thence along the east bank of the Minnesota River to CSAH 45, Carver County; thence along CSAH 45 to CSAH

50, Carver County; thence along CSAH 50 to CSAH 43, Carver County; thence along CSAH 43 to CSAH 11, Carver County; thence along CSAH 11 to STH 5; thence along STH 5 to CSAH 30, Carver County; thence along CSAH 30 to CSAH 92, Hennepin County; thence along CSAH 92 to CSAH 6, Hennepin County; thence along CSAH 6 to CSAH 20, Carver County; thence along CSAH 20 to the east bank of the south fork of the Crow River; thence along the east bank of the south fork of the Crow River to STH 25; thence along STH 25 to STH 5; thence along STH 5 to U.S. Highway 212; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to STH 5; thence along STH 5 to CSAH 9, Sibley County; thence along CSAH 9 to CSAH 3, Nicollet County; thence along CSAH 3 to STH 22; thence along STH 22 to CSAH 1, Nicollet County; thence along CSAH 1 to STH 15; thence along STH 15 to STH 19; thence along STH 19 to STH 4; thence along STH 4 to CSAH 4, Renville County; thence along CSAH 4 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to U.S. Highway 212; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to CSAH 4, Chippewa County; thence along CSAH 4 to STH 7; thence along STH 7 to STH 29; thence along STH 29 to STH 40; thence along STH 40 to STH 7; thence along STH 7 to CSAH 25, Big Stone County; thence along CSAH 25 to CSAH 10, Big Stone County; thence along CSAH 10 to CSAH 21, Big Stone County; thence along CSAH 21 to STH 28; thence along STH 28 to the western boundary of the state; thence along the western boundary of the state to the point of beginning.

Subp. 7. **Permit area 506.** Permit area 506 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 28 and the western boundary of the state; thence along the western boundary of the state to U.S. Highway 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to STH 9; thence along STH 9 to Interstate Highway 94; thence along Interstate Highway 94 to STH 29; thence along STH 29 to STH 104; thence along STH 104 to U.S. Highway 12; thence along U.S. Highway 12 to the east bank of the south fork of the Crow River; thence along the east bank of the south fork of the Crow River to STH 25; thence along STH 25 to STH 5; thence along STH 5 to U.S. Highway 212; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to STH 5; thence along STH 5 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 9, Sibley County; thence along CSAH 9 to CSAH 3, Nicollet County; thence along CSAH 3 to STH 22; thence along STH 22 to CSAH 1, Nicollet County; thence along CSAH 1 to STH 15; thence along STH 15 to STH 19; thence along STH 19 to STH 4; thence along STH 4 to CSAH 4, Renville County; thence along CSAH 4 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to U.S. Highway 212; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to CSAH 4, Chippewa County; thence along CSAH 4 to STH 7; thence along STH 7 to STH 29; thence along STH 29 to STH 40; thence along STH 40 to STH 7; thence along STH 7 to CSAH 25, Big Stone County; thence along CSAH 25 to CSAH 10, Big Stone County; thence along CSAH 10 to CSAH 21, Big Stone County; thence along CSAH 21 to STH 28; thence along STH 28 to the western boundary of the state; thence along the western boundary of the state to the point of beginning.

Subp. 8. **Permit area 507.** Permit area 507 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 17, Clearwater County and U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 92; thence along STH 92 to CSAH 27, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 27 to the Mahnomen County line; thence along the Mahnomen County line to CSAH 3, Mahnomen County; thence along CSAH 3 to STH 113; thence along STH 113 to CSAH 13, Mahnomen County; thence along CSAH 13 to CSAH 21, Becker County; thence along CSAH 21 to CSAH 132, Becker County; thence along CSAH 132 to CSAH 26, Becker County; thence along CSAH 26 to U.S. Highway 59; thence along U.S. Highway 59 to U.S. Highway 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to STH 9; thence along STH 9 to Interstate Highway 94; thence along Interstate Highway 94 to STH 29; thence along STH 29 to STH 104; thence along STH 104 to U.S. Highway 12; thence along U.S. Highway 12 to the south fork of the Crow River; thence along the Crow River to its confluence with the Mississippi River; thence along the Mississippi River to U.S. Highway 169; thence along U.S. Highway 169 to STH 95; thence along STH 95 to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to the Mississippi River; thence along the east bank of the Mississippi River to the confluence with the Crow Wing River; thence along the north bank of the Crow Wing River to CSAH 36, Cass County; thence westerly and northerly along CSAH 36 to STH 210; thence along STH 210 to CSAH 18, Cass County; thence along CSAH 18 to CSAH 77, Cass County; thence along CSAH 77 to CSAH 15, Cass County; thence along CSAH 15 to County Road (CR) 107, Cass County; thence along CR 107 to the city limits of Lake Shore, Cass County; thence along the south, west, and north boundaries of the city limits of Lake Shore to CSAH 29, Cass County; thence along CSAH 29 to STH 371; thence along STH 371 to STH 200; thence along STH 200 to STH 371; thence along STH 371 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 9. **Permit area 508.** Permit area 508 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and State Trunk Highway (STH) 371; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to STH 6; thence along STH 6 to STH 200; thence along STH 200 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to the eastern boundary of the state; thence along the eastern boundary of the state to STH 95; thence along STH 95 to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to the Mississippi River; thence along the east bank of the Mississippi River to the confluence with the Crow Wing River; thence along the north bank of the Crow Wing River to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 36, Cass County; thence westerly and northerly along CSAH 36 to STH 210; thence along STH 210 to CSAH 18, Cass County; thence along CSAH 18 to CSAH 77, Cass County; thence along CSAH 77 to CSAH 15, Cass County; thence along CSAH 15 to County Road (CR) 107, Cass County; thence along CR 107 to the city limits of Lake Shore, Cass County; thence along the south, west, and north boundaries of the city limits of Lake Shore to CSAH 29, Cass County; thence along CSAH 29 to STH 371; thence along STH 371 to STH 200; thence along STH 200 to STH 371; thence along STH 371 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 10. **Permit area 509.** Permit area 509 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 10 and the western boundary of the state; thence along the western boundary of the state to the northern boundary of the state; thence along the northern boundary of the state to State Trunk Highway (STH) 310; thence along STH 310 to STH 89; thence along STH 89 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 54, Marshall County; thence along CSAH 54 to a point due west of the northwestern corner of the Red Lake Indian Reservation; thence east to said corner; thence along the west boundary of the Red Lake Indian Reservation to the west shore of the Sandy River, Clearwater County; thence along the west shore of the Sandy River to Township Road (TR) 279th Avenue or Bailey's Road; thence along TR 279th Avenue or Bailey's Road south to TR Clover Road; thence along TR Clover Road to CSAH 11, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 11 to CSAH 4, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 4 to CSAH 14, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 14 to CSAH 3, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 3 to CSAH 17, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 17 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to STH 92; thence along STH 92 to CSAH 27, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 27 to the Mahnomen County line; thence along the Mahnomen County line to CSAH 3, Mahnomen County; thence along CSAH 3 to STH 113; thence along STH 113 to CSAH 13, Mahnomen County; thence along CSAH 13 to CSAH 21, Becker County; thence along CSAH 21 to CSAH 132, Becker County; thence along CSAH 132 to CSAH 26, Becker County; thence along CSAH 26 to U.S. Highway 59; thence along U.S. Highway 59 to U.S. Highway 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 11. **Permit area 510.** Permit area 510 consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 10 and the eastern boundary of the state; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 47, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 47 to CSAH 46, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 46 to U.S. Highway 52; thence along U.S. Highway 52 to CSAH 66, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 66 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 3; thence along STH 3 to STH 50; thence along STH 50 to CSAH 23, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 23 to CSAH 70, Scott County; thence along CSAH 70 to CSAH 8, Scott County; thence along CSAH 8 to STH 13, Scott County; thence along STH 13 to STH 282; thence along STH 282 to CSAH 9, Scott County; thence along CSAH 9 to Valley View Drive, Scott County; thence along Valley View Drive to 195th Street, Scott County; thence along 195th Street to the east boundary of the Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area; thence along the east and north boundary of said recreation area to the east bank of the Minnesota River; thence along the east bank of the Minnesota River to CSAH 45, Carver County; thence along CSAH 45 to CSAH 50, Carver County; thence along CSAH 50 to CSAH 43, Carver County; thence along CSAH 43 to CSAH 11, Carver County; thence along CSAH 11 to STH 5; thence along STH 5 to CSAH 30, Carver County; thence along CSAH 30 to CSAH 92, Hennepin County; thence along CSAH 92 to CSAH 6, Hennepin County; thence along CSAH 6 to CSAH 20, Carver County; thence along CSAH 20 to the east bank of the south fork of the Crow River; thence along the east bank of the south fork of the Crow River to its confluence with the Mississippi River; thence along the Mississippi River to U.S. Highway 169; thence along U.S. Highway 169 to STH 95; thence along STH 95 to the eastern boundary of the state; thence along the eastern boundary of the state to the point of beginning.

Subp. 12. **Permit area 511.** Permit area 511 is that portion of the state posted as the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area in Anoka and Chisago Counties.

Subp. 13. **Permit area 512.** Permit area 512 is that portion of the state posted as the Mille Lacs Wildlife Management Area in Mille Lacs and Kanabec Counties.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.605; 97B.711*

History: *20 SR 2287; 24 SR 644; 30 SR 613; 33 SR 215; 39 SR 1006*

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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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.091; 97B.711; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 24 SR 644; 30 SR 613; 34 SR 621*

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6236.0950 VALIDATING TURKEYS.

Immediately after taking a turkey, the hunter must validate the license. The license may be electronic or on paper and must remain with the turkey during transit. Validation consists of indicating electronically or on a paper license:

- A. the month the turkey was taken;
- B. the date the turkey was taken; and
- C. the time of day the turkey was taken.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.027; 97A.485; 97B.721; and others at 19 SR 6*

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6236.1000 TURKEY REGISTRATION.

A person taking a turkey must register the turkey at a designated registration station within the time specified for that season. The feathers, head, and feet must remain on the turkey until it is registered. An unregistered turkey may not be possessed outside the wild turkey permit area where taken unless it is being transported in a direct route to a registration station. Registration stations will be listed in materials provided to all licensees.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.721; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484; 20 SR 2287*

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6236.1070 YOUTH WILD TURKEY SPECIAL HUNTS.

Subpart 1. **Requirements.** Persons participating in youth wild turkey hunts must be at least 12 years of age and under 18 years of age by the beginning hunt date. A valid wild turkey license and firearms safety certificate must be obtained prior to being issued a permit. All participants must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who is at least 18 years of age. The accompanying parent or guardian may not hunt, but may assist during the hunt. All participants and their accompanying parent or guardian must attend a prehunt orientation offered by the hunt sponsors. Participating youth hunters must be sponsored and selected by a sponsoring nonprofit or selected by lottery.

Subp. 2. **Open areas.** Youth hunt permittees may hunt in open areas and special seasons as designated by the commissioner.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.112; 97B.711*

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