



TWRA NEWS

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The drawings have been completed for the wildlife management area quota hunts and permits will be mailed soon to successful applicants, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).

This is the second year that the WMA quota application process has been handled solely through the electronic system of on-line and through the R.E.A.L system at license agents. This allowed the drawing to be done much sooner than under the paper application system, when applications had to be entered into the computer after being mailed to TWRA. The drawing was completed approximately three weeks earlier than in past years.

There were 22,624 applicants this year, which was up 2,251 over last year. Of these, 18,169 were successful in the drawing process. After the regular draw, there were 5,759 permits left over. These permits were issued through the vacancy drawing. This means that 5,759 applicants applied for and received permits from two drawings. Some 85% of the applicants were Sportsman License holders.

This year, there were four drawings held. The 2 priority point drawing had 200 successful applicants, the 1 priority point drawing had 1,344 successful applicants, the regular drawing had 16,625 successful, and the vacancy drawing took up the rest of the permits with 5,759 successful for a second permit. There were no permits left after all the drawings were completed. After the drawing was completed, there were 654 that will have 3 priority points for next year.

Many hunters are taking advantage of the opportunity of staying at home and applying for hunts over the Internet. This year, there were 11,312, or ½ of the applicants, that filed their application on-line.

To check your application on-line, go to www.tnwildlife.org and click on **Check Your Quota Hunt Application Status & Permit Availability** (located down the right side of the page).

HUNTERS NOW ABLE TO CLICK FOR DOVE FIELDS

With Tennessee's 2007 dove season beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, September 1, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) has made looking for a dove field in Tennessee a little easier. Hunters can just click on www.tnwildlife.org and find a list of public fields on TWRA's Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), plus dove fields that TWRA has leased. The web page will include maps of each region with the dove fields identified, along with additional information about each field.

In Region I (West Tennessee), TWRA has the following dove fields available:

Leased Fields (Appropriate hunting license required.)

- Fayette County: 40 acre improved corn silage; Sept. 1, 3, 8. From Hwy 196 junction of Raleigh-Lagrange Rd., go west on Raleigh-Lagrange turn south on Kirk Rd. Field is at the end of Kirk Rd.
- Madison County: 25 Acres of Sunflowers. Sept. 1, 3, 8. Field is adjacent to Hwy 70 on NW side one mile north of Spring Creek .
- Madison County: 40+ Acres corn silage. Sept. 1, 3, and 8. From junction of Mifflin Rd. and Beech Bluff Rd. go 4 miles south on Mifflin Rd. Field is 1 mile north of Mifflin Rd. follow signs to field. N 35.5842 W 88.7116.
- Madison County: 40+ Acres corn silage. Sept. 1,3, and 8. From junction of Mifflin Rd. and Beech Bluff Rd. go 2.8 miles south on Mifflin Rd. Field is on north side of Mifflin Rd. Follow signs. N 35.5879 W 88.7317

Wildlife Management Areas (Appropriate hunting license and WMA small game permit required. Unless otherwise listed, dove hunting open with statewide seasons and bag limits.)

- Wolf River WMA- 30 acres sunflowers The two fields are located off of Beasley Rd south of LaGrange follow signs.
- White Oak WMA- 20 acres sunflowers Fields located off of McCollough Rd. on the Southwest portion of the WMA, and Crooked Creek Ln. off of Marshall Dr. WMA is located southeast of Milledgeville off of Hwy 69.
- Camden WMA- 15 acres sunflowers -Take Hwy 70 E from Camden approx. 3 miles, turn right (south) on Camden Landing Rd, go approx. 2 miles to fork in road, take right fork and follow signs to field.
- Harmon's Creek WMA- 5 acres sunflowers- From court square in Camden go east on Eva Rd. approx. 7-8 miles. Turn left on Eva Flatwood

		Rd. for approx. 3 miles. Turn right on Harmon Creek Rd. and go approx. 4 miles. Turn right on Harmon Creek Church Rd. Follow signs to field. Due to deer damage to the sunflowers, hunting will be limited.
West Sandy WMA-	12 acres sunflowers-	From Paris take Hwy 69 east toward Big Sandy for approx. 3 miles. Turn left on Old Union Rd. past the J. C. Hill Grocery Store and go approx. 6 miles. Follow signs to field.
Big Sandy WMA-	15 acres sunflowers-	From Paris take 69A to Big Sandy. Turn left on Haggler Ridge Road. Go about two miles passing 2-90 degree turns and turn right on a gravel road in the third 90 degree turn. The field is at the end of the gravel road.
Cypress Pond Refuge-	25 acres corn	-Take Hwy 412 to Hwy 100, go south toward Decaturville. Follow signs to field.
Natchez Trace WMA-	6 ac. sunflowers	- Scarce Creek- from Parkers Crossroads turn right on Wildersville for approx. 2 miles. Turn right on Scarce Creek Rd. to the power lines, the dove fields are to the right.
	15 ac.sunflowers-	Thorn Trail-From Lexington take Hwy 114 N. turn left on Thorn Trail. Follow signs approx. 1 mile to the field. Millet is late this year.
Moss Island WMA	20 acres sunflower-	From Dyersburg, go west 14 miles on Hwy 104 to Hwy 181 (Great River Rd) go south on 181 for 8 miles to Moss Island Rd, turn left and go 1.5 miles to field.
Bogota WMA	30 acres sunflower/14 acres millet-	From Dyersburg go North on Hwy 78 to Hwy 103, turn West, go to Barbwire Rd. turn left. Follow signs to field. Opens at noon on Sat. Sept. 1 for youths 16 and under accompanied by a non-hunting adult, season open at noon Sept. 3 thereafter to coincide with statewide seasons.
Three Rivers WMA	50 acres sunflowers-	Located North of Kenton on Hwy 45W on the west side of 45W just north of the Obion River bridge. Follow Signs.
John Tully WMA (Fullen Tract)	80 acres Sunflower-	From junction of Hwy 51 and 87 in Henning go 7 miles west on Hwy 87. At Three Points turn right on Sunk Lake Rd., go 5 miles and follow Dove Field signs. There are 2-40 ac. fields One 40 acre field is Youth Only, the other is for Adults.
Holly Fork WMA*	9 acres sunflower	Directions from Paris 3 miles east of the junction of Hwy 79 and

Hwy 218, on the left side of Hwy 79.

*This hunt is open for wheel-chair bound hunters and special youth populations (juvenile court trustee programs, make-a-wish, terminally ill etc.) on September 8 & 15 from noon until sunset. There will be 31 staked positions which will accommodate 2 hunters and 1 non-hunting adult (21 or older) assistant. The special hunters should call the TWRA Region I office by September 5 to reserve a staked position. Positions not reserved will be filled with other youth hunters, ages 6-16, on a first-come-first-serve basis, beginning at 10:00 am the mornings of the hunts.

Wetland Areas and Refuges (no WMA permit required, dove hunting is open with statewide season and bag limits, unless otherwise listed)

Horns Bluff-	8 acres sunflower-	From Alamo take Hwy 54 N turn left on Gibson Wells Rd. Follow signs to field.
Chambers Creek	10 acres wheat-	From intersection of Hwy 142 and 57 (3 Way), go east 1 and 3/10 miles to Robinson Road, go south and follow signs to field. From 4-way stop at Pickwick go west on Hwy 57 4 1/10 miles to Robinson road, go south and follow signs.
Halls Valley	8 acres sunflower-	Take Harmon Creek Road to Harmon Creek boat dock road to Halls Valley. Follow signs, field is 1 mile past boat dock.
Parker Branch	14 acres sunflower-	Take Hwy 186 3.3 miles from Trenton toward Gibson.

The page will be updated as new information becomes available. Hunters who do not have access to TWRA's website, contact the TWRA Regional Office in your area for dove field information. In West Tennessee call 1-800-372-3928 or (731) 423-5725.