



2025 Spring Gobbler Season Summary



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How Many Individual Turkey Hunters?

- ▶ 2025- 8,857 (down 163)
- ▶ 2024- 9,020
- ▶ 2023- 9,373

How Many Individual Permits Were Sold?

- ▶ 2025- 19,842 (down 362)
- ▶ 2024- 20,204
- ▶ 2023- 20,567



How Many Turkey Were Harvested?

- ▶ 2025- 2,468 (up 147)
- ▶ 2024- 2,321
- ▶ 2023- 2,545



How Many Hunters Harvested 3 or More Turkeys?

► 2025- 103

► 2024- 110

► 2023- 111





How Many Adults Vs. Juveniles Were Harvested?

- ▶ 2025
 - ▶ 1,876 Adults
 - ▶ 563 Juveniles
 - ▶ 29 Unknown
- ▶ Percentage of the Harvest
 - ▶ 78% of Harvest was Adults
 - ▶ 22% of Harvest was Juveniles



Public Vs. Private Harvest

- ▶ Private- 1,718
- ▶ Public- 750
- ▶ ~70% of our birds are harvested on private land



How Many Turkeys Harvested After Noon?

► 2025- 143

► 2024- 115

► 2023- 138

Resident Vs. Non-Resident Harvest

- ▶ Resident- 2,086 (85%)
- ▶ Non-Resident- 382 (15%)



Harvest By Turkey Hunting Area

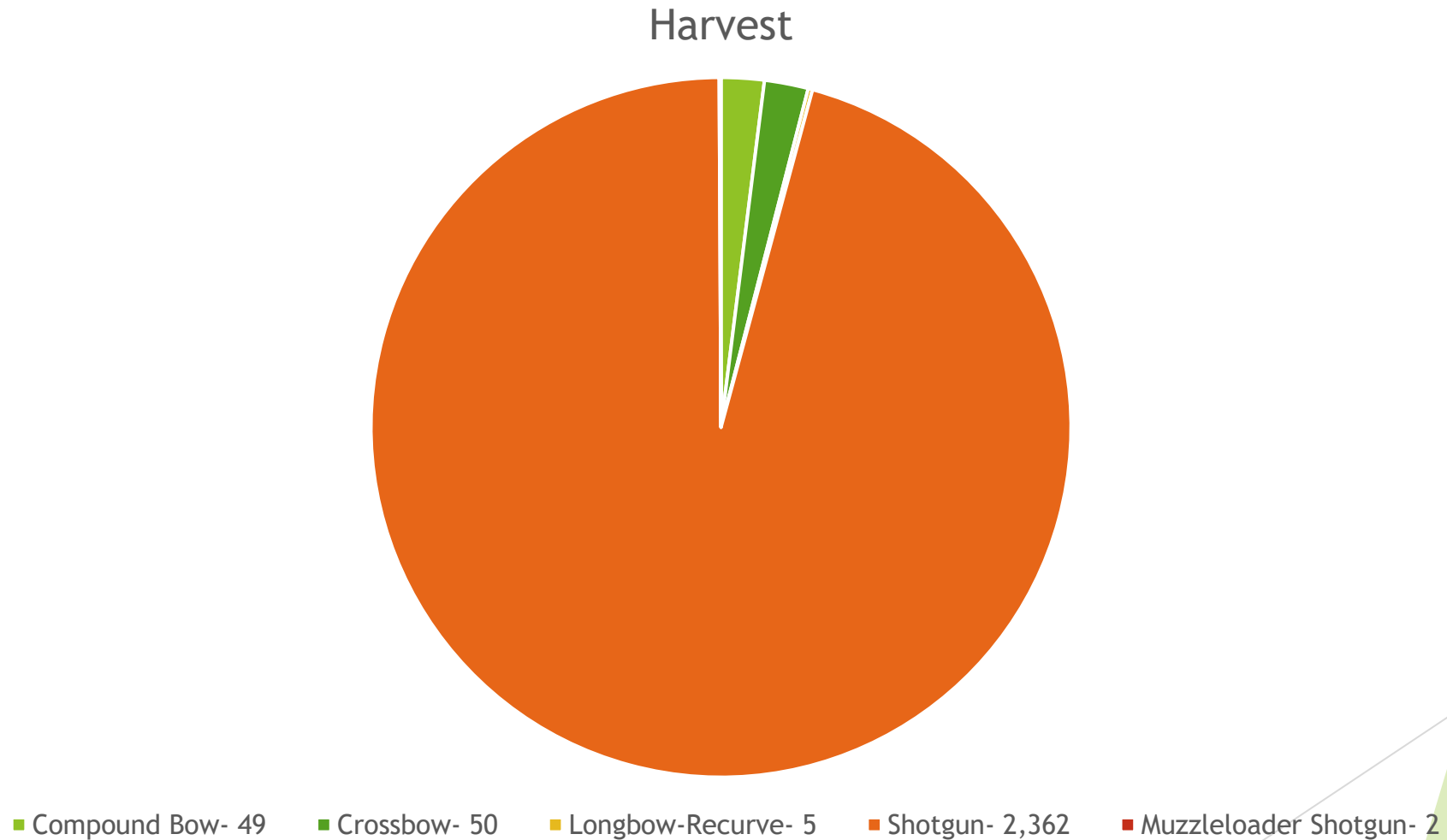
THA	2025	2024	Change
1	47	43	+4
2	71	50	+21
3	9	18	-9
4	61	70	-8
5	56	59	-3
6	64	68	-4
7	50	54	-4
8	113	105	+8
9	113	79	+34
10	27	42	-15
11	157	141	+16
12	126	118	+8
14	242	198	+44
15	36	41	-5
16	103	101	+2
20	624	607	+17
21	357	329	+28
22	212	198	+14
Total	2,468	2321	+148

Period	Harvest
A	906
B	442
C	232
D	290
E	415
Y	143
F	40

Harvest By Period

- * Youth Day 2025- 83
- * Youth Day 2024- 70

Harvest By Weapon Type





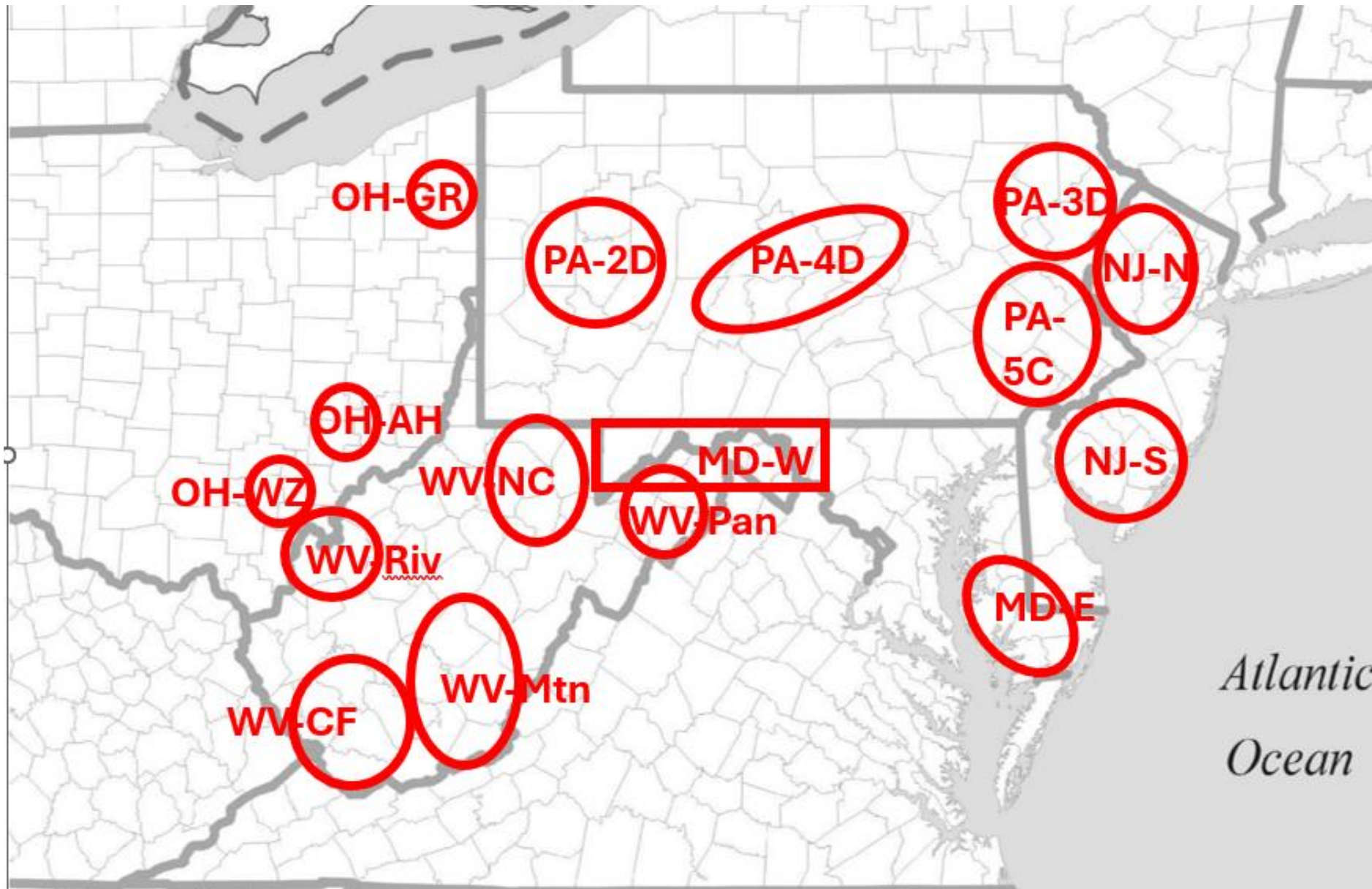
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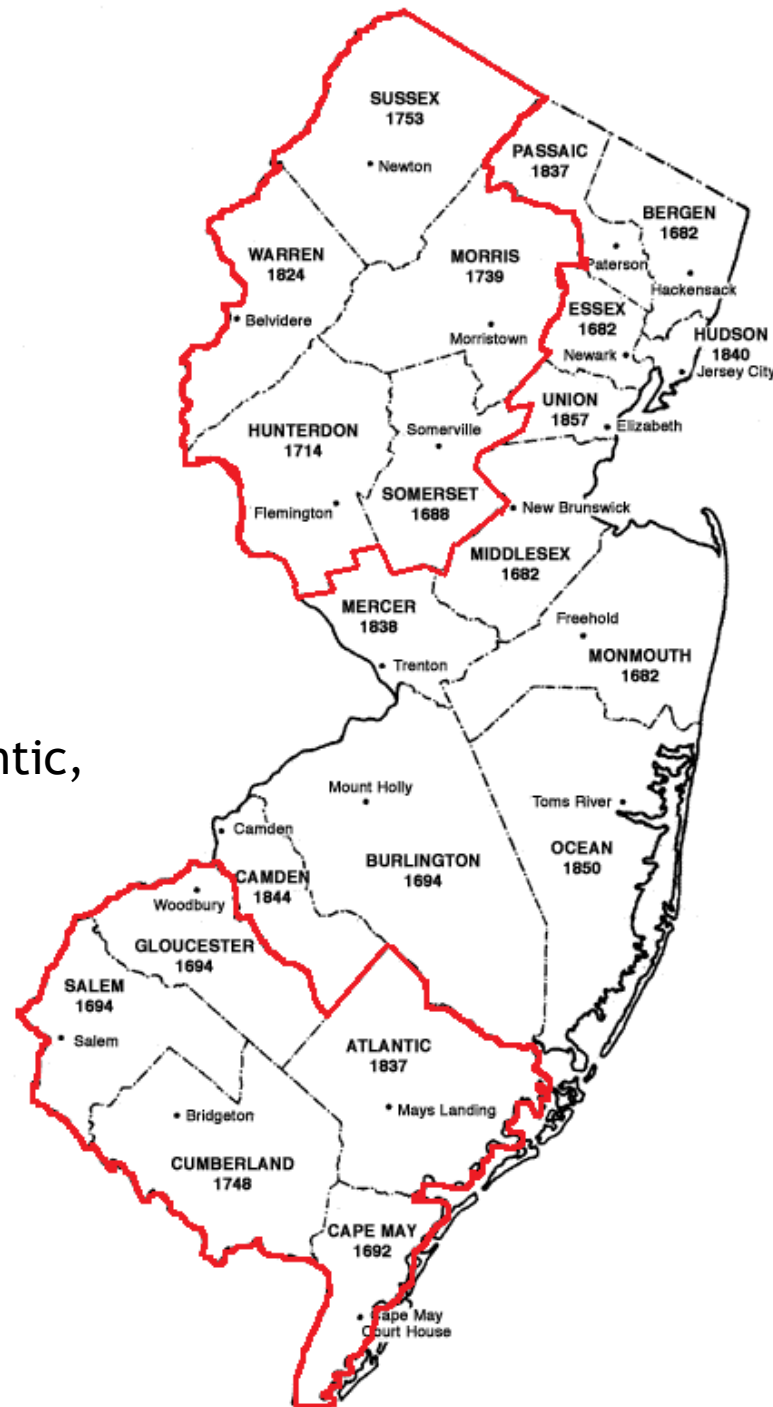
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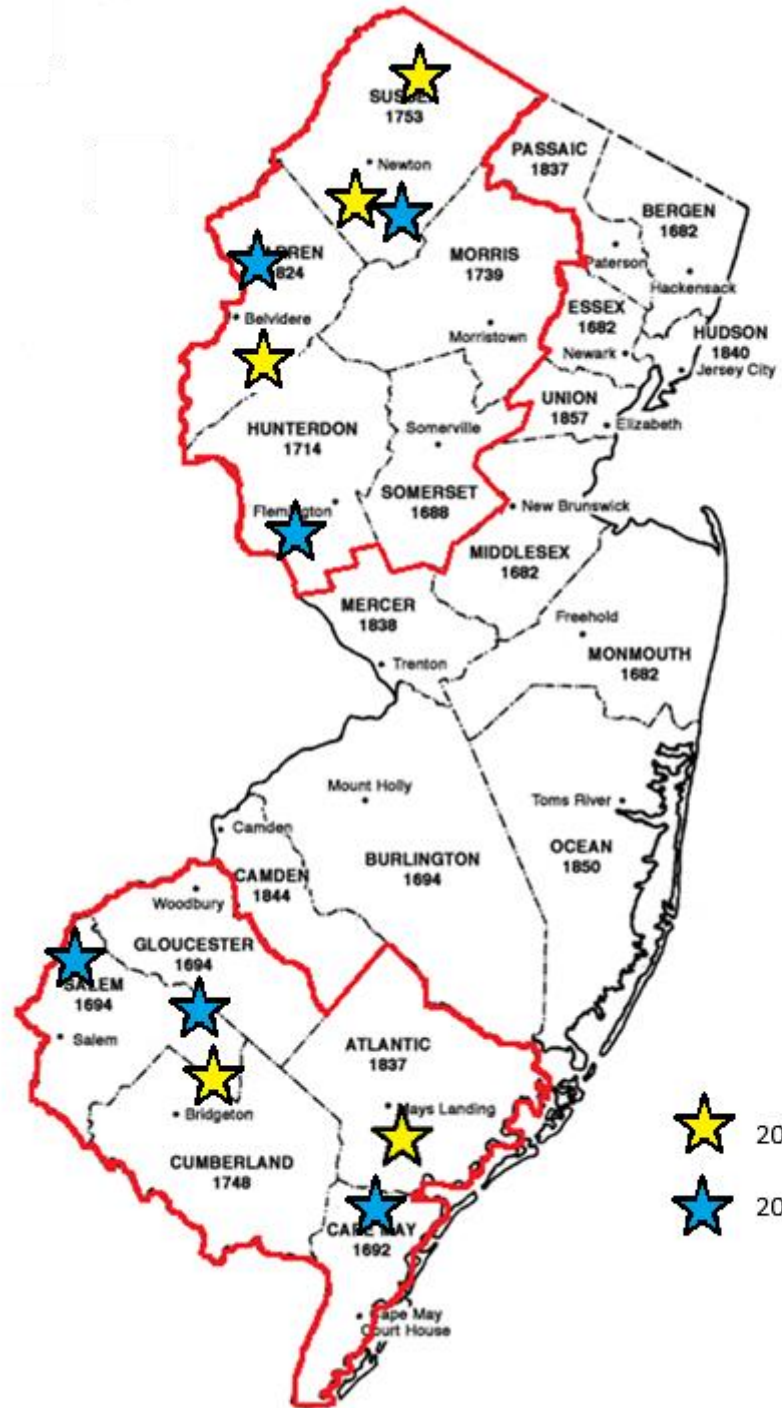


Study Area's

North- Sussex, Warren, Morris, Hunterdon
and Somerset Counties

South- Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Atlantic,
and Cape May Counties





-  2024 Trapping Season
-  2025 Trapping Season

2025 Study Area-North

- ▶ White Township
 - ▶ Trapped 10 females and 9 male in 1 trapping attempts
- ▶ Sergeantsville
 - ▶ Trapped 10 females and 9 male in 2 trapping attempts
- ▶ Whittingham
 - ▶ Trapped 8 females and 6 males in 2 trapping attempts



Study Area- South



- ▶ Pedrickstown-
 - ▶ Trapped 16 females and 11 males in 3 trapping attempts
- ▶ Elmer-
 - ▶ Trapped 12 females and 0 males in 2 trapping attempts
- ▶ Woodbine
 - ▶ Trapped 12 Females and 6 Male in 2 trapping attempt









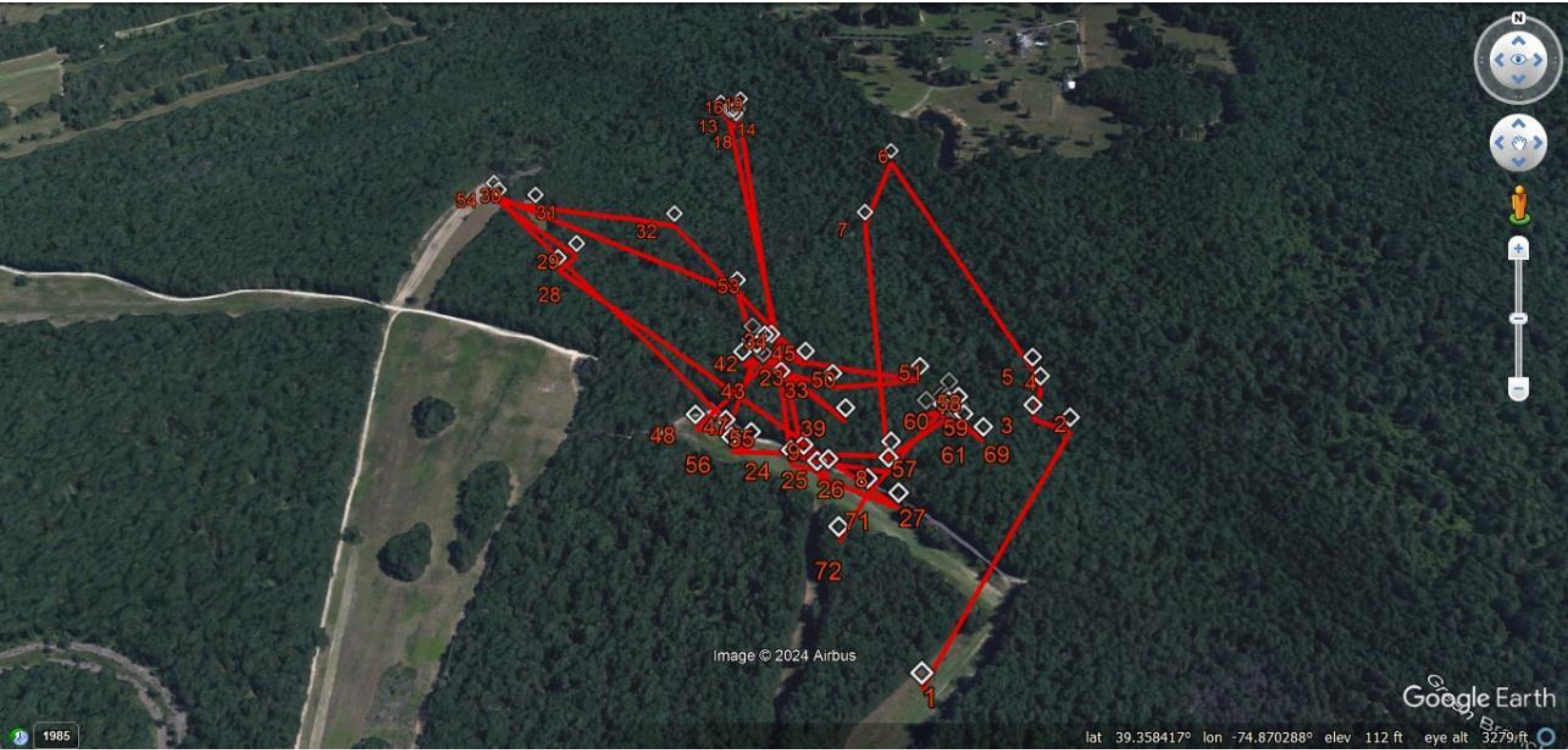


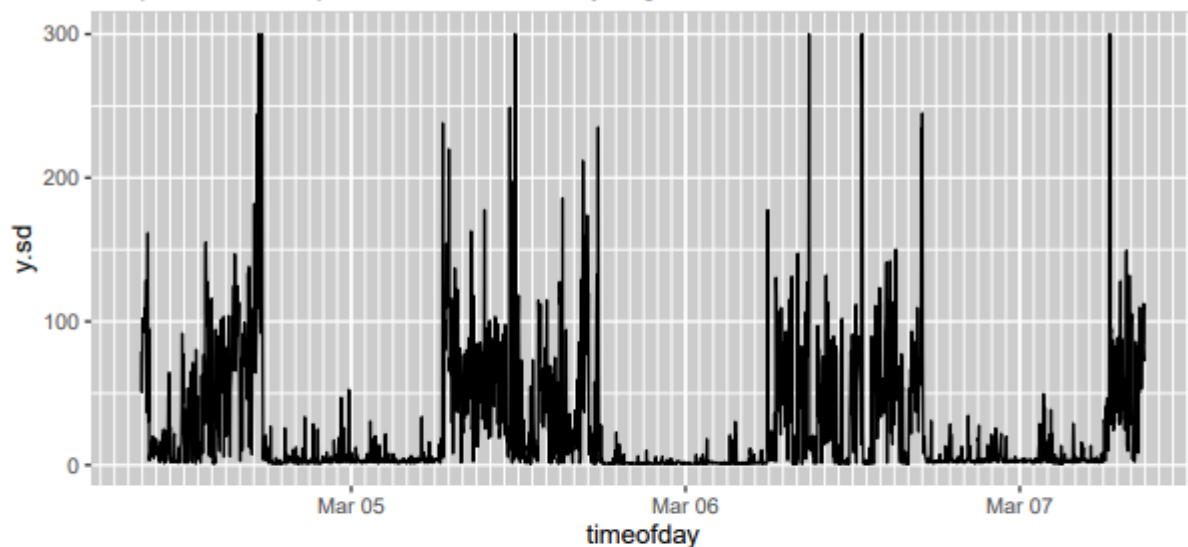
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Google Earth
Green Bridge

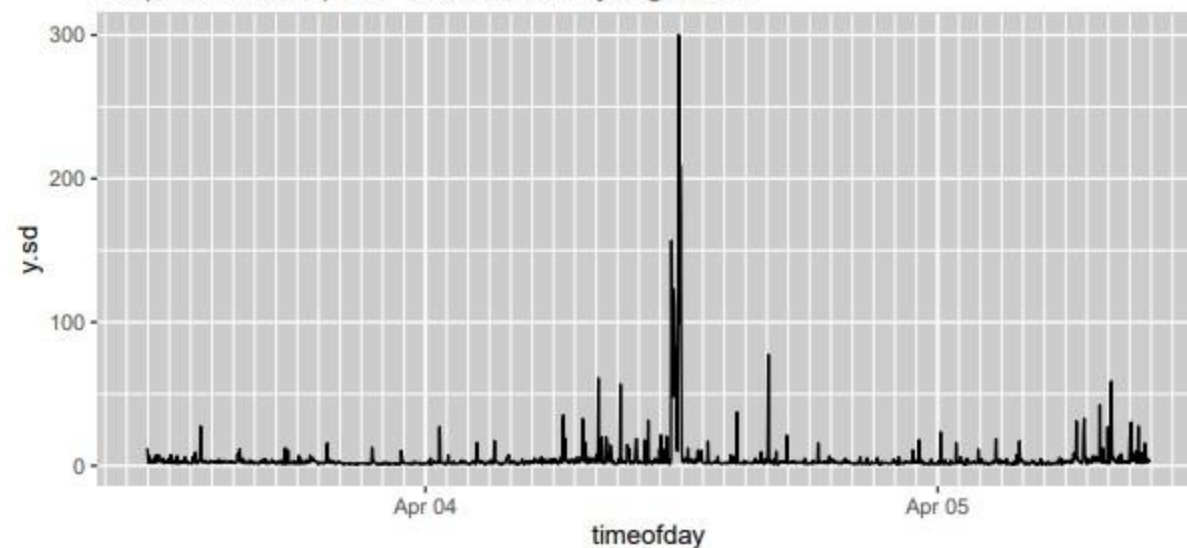
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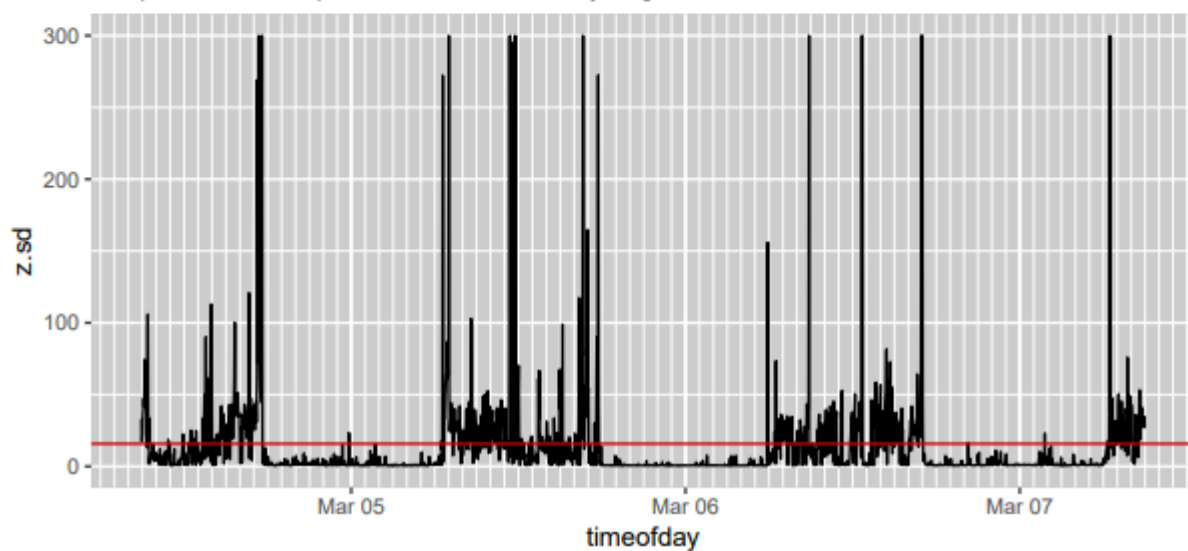
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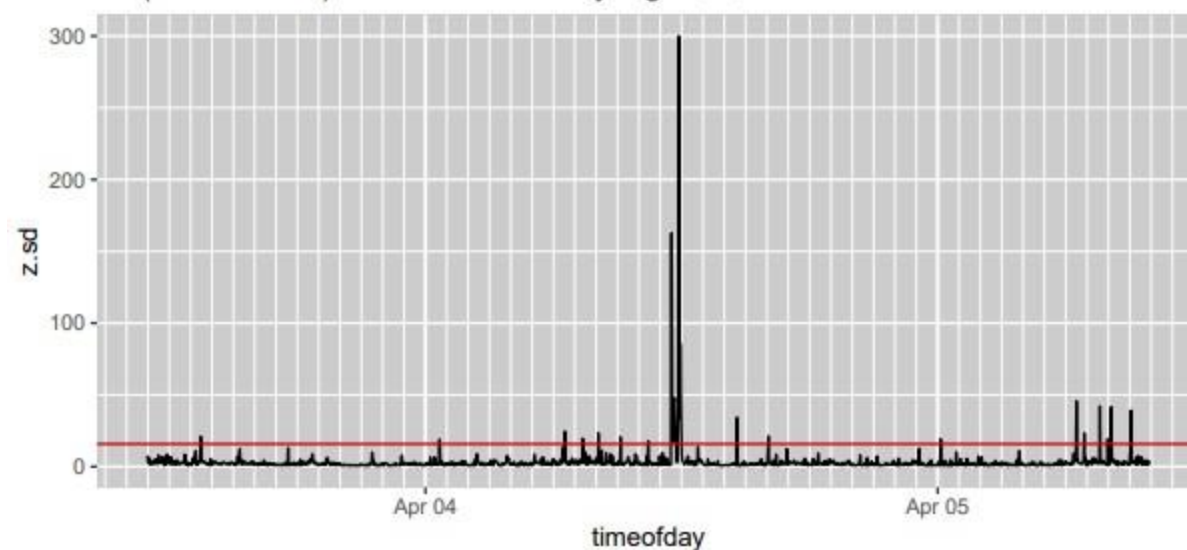
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SD(Acceleration) in Z-axis for Turkey tag12018



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All Years Combined	Pennsylvania	Maryland	Ohio	New Jersey	West Virginia
	4 Study Areas, 3 Years	2 Study Areas, 2 Years	2 Study Areas, 2 Years, 3rd SA, 1Yr	2 Study Areas, 1 Year	5 Study Areas, 1 Year
# Hens Tagged to Date	405	130	151	51	118
Mean Ann. Survival	53-57%	Ad: 37%, Juv: 61%	73-76%	56%	73%
Median incubation	2023: 5-May 2024: 30-Apr	30-Apr	3-May	28-Apr	4-May
# Nest Attempts	431	182	231	24	73
Nesting Rate ^a	98.0%	122.1%	96.5%	58.5%	84.9%
% Nests Succeeded	27.4%	26.4%	31.2%	45.8%	21.0%
% Hens w/ Broods @ 4wks	9.7%	15.4%	26.6%	17.1%	---
% Broods Surviving to 4wks	38.1%	47.9%	63.9%	63.6%	---

^a Nesting Rate = Total number of nests / total number of hens on air on April 1.