

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Rulemaking related to wild turkey hunting

The Natural Resource Commission (Commission) hereby amends Chapter 98, “Wild Turkey Hunting,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, 483A.1, 483A.7 and 483A.24.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, 483A.1, 483A.7 and 483A.24 and 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 148.

Purpose and Summary

Chapter 98 governs spring and fall wild turkey hunting by residents and nonresidents. Four amendments are adopted to implement 2025 Iowa Acts, Senate File 148, which removed the requirement that a landowner or tenant, as defined by Iowa Code chapter 483A, select a method of take and instead makes resident turkey hunting licenses valid until filled during the applicable time of year.

Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 7, 2026, as **ARC 9888C**. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- January 28, 2026

No one attended the public hearing. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rulemaking

This rulemaking was adopted by the Commission on April 9, 2026.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

This rulemaking is subject to the waiver provisions of 571—Chapter 11. Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rulemaking will become effective on June 17, 2026.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **98.1(1)“d”** as follows:

d. Number of fall licenses. No one may apply for or obtain more than two wild turkey fall hunting licenses. ~~A hunter may obtain no more than two combination shotgun or archery licenses, or two archery-only licenses, or one of each. One license of either type may be free to eligible landowners or tenants.~~

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 98.2(4) as follows:

98.2(4) Archery-only licenses. The total number of available fall archery-only licenses shall not be limited by zones or quotas.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 98.2(5) as follows:

98.2(5) Landowner/tenant licenses. The total number of available fall landowner/tenant licenses shall not be limited by zones or quotas.

ITEM 4. Amend subrule 98.3(2) as follows:

98.3(2) Landowner/tenant licenses. An eligible resident landowner or tenant may obtain a ~~combination shotgun or archery license or a~~ one free archery-only spring turkey license or one free fall turkey license that is valid until filled using an appropriate method of take as defined for the season and only on the farm unit of the landowner or tenant. One combination shotgun or archery license or one archery-only license may be obtained in addition to the free spring or fall license. Nonresident landowners are not eligible for resident or landowner turkey hunting licenses.

~~*a.—Spring combination shotgun or archery licenses.* A spring combination shotgun or archery license will be issued by season and will be valid only on the farm unit of the landowner or tenant.~~

~~*b.—Spring archery-only licenses.* A spring archery-only license will be valid for all seasons but only on the farm unit of the landowner or tenant.~~

~~*c.—Number of spring licenses.* One combination shotgun or archery license or one archery-only license may be obtained in addition to the free shotgun or archery license or the free archery-only license. If an archery-only license and a combination shotgun or archery license are obtained, the shotgun or archery license must be for season 4. If a free shotgun or archery license and a paid shotgun or archery license are obtained, one of the licenses must be for season 4.~~

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