

Wild Turkey Population Restoration:



A Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Success Story in New York

Wild turkeys are native to New York, but by the 1840s they had disappeared from the state as well as much of their original range nationwide.

In the 1950s, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation began an ambitious recovery program, funded in large part by grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Thanks to this long-term partnership, turkeys are once again found throughout New York, and are back in the wild in many other states as well.

A species conservation investment, by the numbers

\$11.5 million spent to restore wild turkeys.

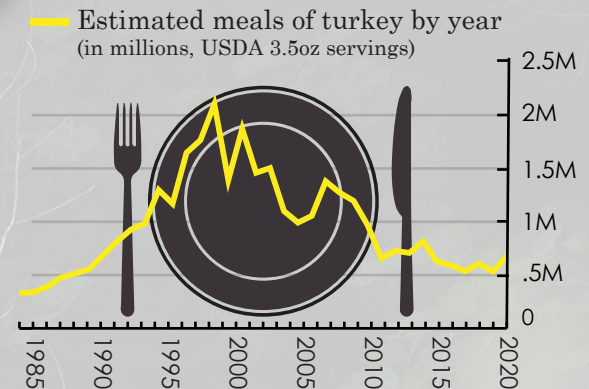
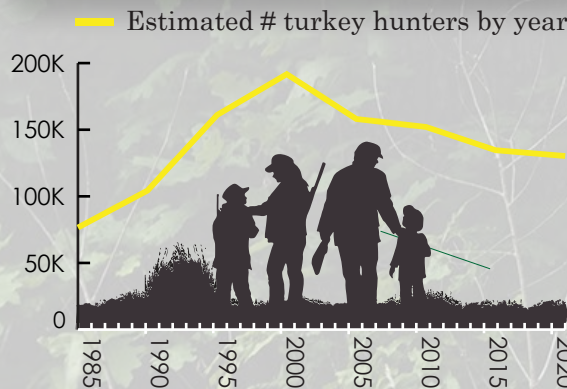
\$41 million spent by turkey hunters in New York in 2020.

\$4.6 billion in economic activity generated since 1985.

Hunters, birdwatchers, and many other people benefit from the return of this species:



Fresh food feeds families



Turkey hunters in New York spent a yearly average of

\$76.9 million

and generated a yearly average of

\$128.7 million

in total economic activity



1.2
million
turkeys
harvested
means

36 million
meals for people
in New York State
since 1985