



“From Field to Table”

A team of Purdue University Extension Service Educators from LaPorte, Porter, Marshall and Lake Counties developed two “field to table” workshops on how turkey hunters could best utilize their harvested bird. Wild turkey hunting and the corresponding harvest of birds has grown

dramatically in the Hoosier state as evidenced by the 12,204 birds harvested during the spring turkey season of 2008. Hunter preparation to safely harvest a wild turkey and to properly utilize it is a responsible and ethical decision this group of educators provided knowledge for. Fifty four individuals attended the workshops and of the 49 completing the post program evaluation, 100% (all 49) cited improved knowledge of food safety practices, their ability to handle wild game including mounting, photography, and identification. A follow up post-post evaluation showed that those turkey hunters who actually harvested a wild turkey (6) in 2008 implemented the skills they learned earlier in the workshops.

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