

2015 Upland Game Bird Population Trends – Panhandle Region

2015 Conditions –Spring 2015 was dry and warm, resulting in excellent brood survival. On a regional basis production was above average. Grouse are abundant this year. We predict excellent grouse hunting this fall. Pheasants, gray partridge and quail are restricted to the southern portion of the region. Populations of those species appear stable to slightly increasing relative to previous years. The dry spring and summer resulted in extensive wild fires this summer and fall. Hunters are encouraged to check for closures on public as well as corporate timber land before hunting. Access is very limited in some areas.

Upland Game Bird	Trend from last year (2014)	10-Year Trend (2006-2015)	Comments
Pheasant	Stable	Down	Sparse populations in the southern portion of the region.
Gray Partridge (Hun)	Stable	Stable	Sparse populations in the southern portion of the region.
California Quail	Stable	Stable	Sparse populations in the southern portion of the region.
Forest Grouse (Dusky, Ruffed, Spruce)	Up	Stable	Overall brood production appears to be excellent this year and hunting should be quite good. Access is limited in some areas due to fire closures and hunters should check for closures before hunting.