

Black Vulture Depredation Sub-Permit Guidelines

1. The sub-permits are for Farm Bureau members who are experiencing black vulture attacks on their livestock.
2. Approved producers will be permitted to protect livestock against black vulture attacks with a specified number of “takes” on each issued sub-permit.
3. TFBF will manage the statewide depredation permit and sub-permit program.
- 4. Applications are available by emailing Debbie Briggs at dbriggs@tbf.com or calling Debbie at 931-388-7872 ext. 3020.**
5. Applications must be fully completed, signed and dated by the livestock producer and returned for approval.
6. Applicants must agree to the terms and conditions of the TFBF statewide depredation permit.
7. Applications will be scored based on past livestock losses, livestock numbers on the applicant’s farming operation, number of black vulture roosts and birds in the immediate vicinity and the county ranking of livestock within Tennessee.
8. A maximum of 3 “takes” may be issued to an approved applicant. The number of approved “takes” will be determined by the application score.
9. ALL approved applicants are required to report quarterly the date and number of birds harvested under an approved sub-permit.
10. Applicants are not allowed to harvest birds in excess of the number approved in the sub-permit.
11. Livestock producers may apply to amend their original sub-permit to include additional “takings” if needed. Official TFBF approval is required before taking additional black vultures.
12. The Migratory Bird Depredation Permit is a federal permit. All livestock producers applying for and receiving approval of a TFBF livestock protection depredation sub-permit will be required to follow ALL USFWS Migratory Bird Depredation Permit rules and regulations. Failure to do so could result in federal citations and fines.
13. Producers who have a depredation permit through USFWS should not apply for a TFBF depredation sub-permit and vice versa. Producers are only allowed one permit at a time.
14. Livestock producers experiencing severe depredation from black vultures are encouraged to apply for an individual migratory bird depredation permit from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or work with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services to address specific situation. If you need technical assistance dealing with black vultures, contact Brett Dunlap at 615-736-5506.
15. TFBF will assist livestock producers experiencing severe depredation in applying and receiving approval for a USFWS migratory bird depredation permit.
16. Shotguns used to take migratory birds can be no larger than 10-gauge and must be fired from the shoulder. You must use nontoxic shot listed in 50 CFR 20.21(i).

Fax your applications to Debbie Briggs at 931-388-5818 or submit to dbriggs@tbf.com or mail to:

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