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Spring 2003 Rains – Will We Have Any Turkeys?

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Rain, rain, and more rain. After several years of severe drought in the Southeast, the abundance of rainfall is a welcome relief. However, with this year's abundant precipitation, many landowners have raised concerns over the success of wild turkey hens producing an abundant crop of young turkey poults this spring.

An old wife's tale holds that turkeys are so stupid that they will look up during a rainstorm and drown. All of us have heard this old rumor, and many believe it. Well, like many old wife's tales, it holds some truth and,



Will this past year's rains hurt future turkey populations?

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