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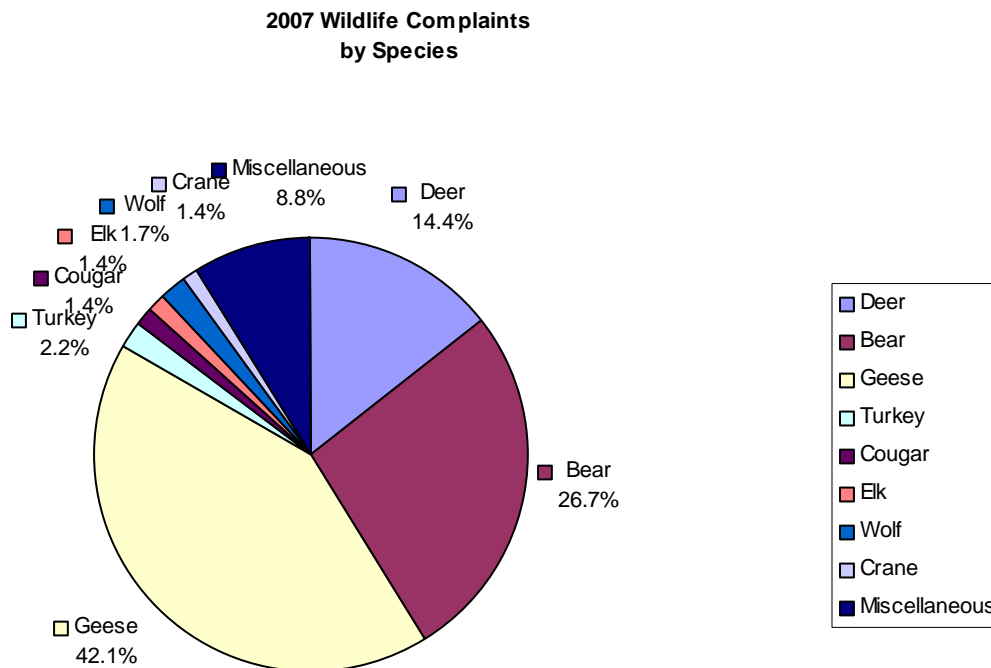


Figure 1. Wildlife complaints by species for the year 2007, in Minnesota.

Wildlife managers recorded a total of 651 wildlife complaints in 2007, down 28% when compared to the 2006 total of 907 complaints. Three species; black bear, white-tailed deer, and Canada geese account for 542, (83%) of the complaints received (Figure1). Five other species of special interest for wildlife damage; cougar, elk, turkey, sandhill crane, and wolf comprise an additional 52, (8 %) of the recorded complaints. Twenty species are represented in 57 (9 %) of the miscellaneous complaints received.

During calendar year 2007 materials assistance for permanent deer exclusion fences was provided to 24 growers and livestock producers (TB management); seven vegetable, three orchards, one flower, one vineyard, one tree nursery and 11 hay yards. Exclusion techniques included the installation of 18 woven-wire and six energized deer exclusion fences.

**Wildlife Complaints 1993-2007**

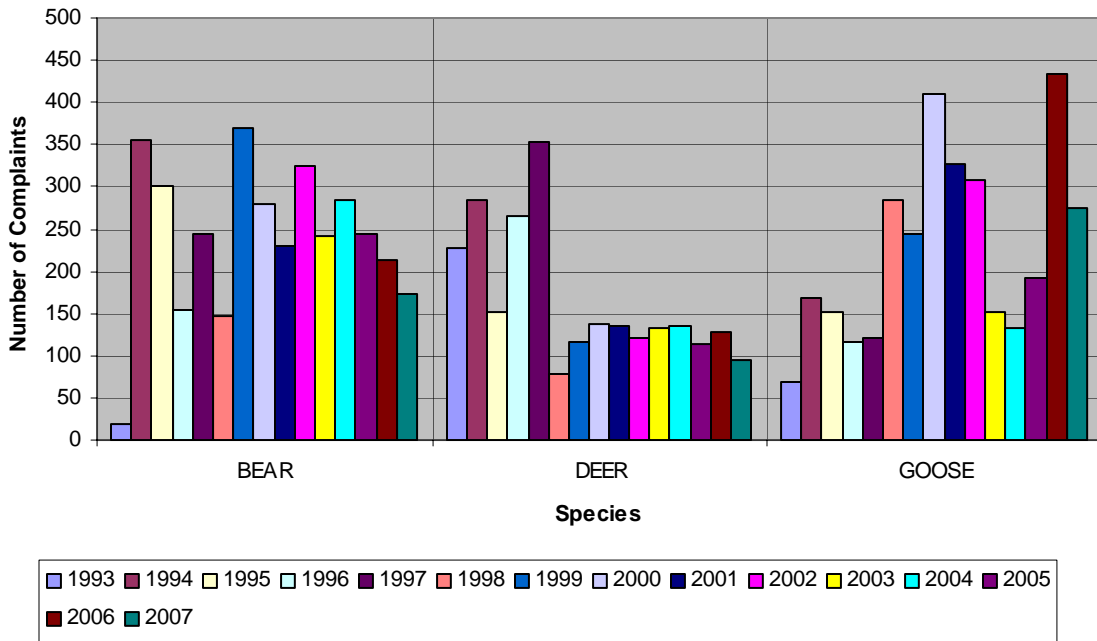


Figure 2. Number of wildlife complaints recorded by bear, deer & geese from 1993-2006, in Minnesota.

**Deer Complaints 1993-2007**

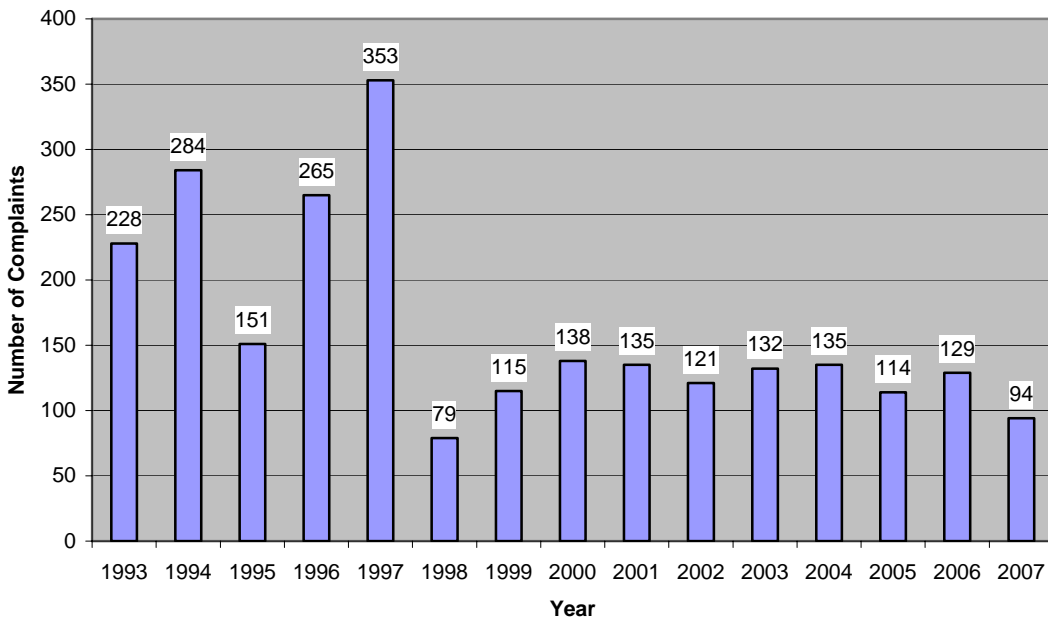


Figure 3. Number of deer complaints from 1993-2007, in Minnesota.

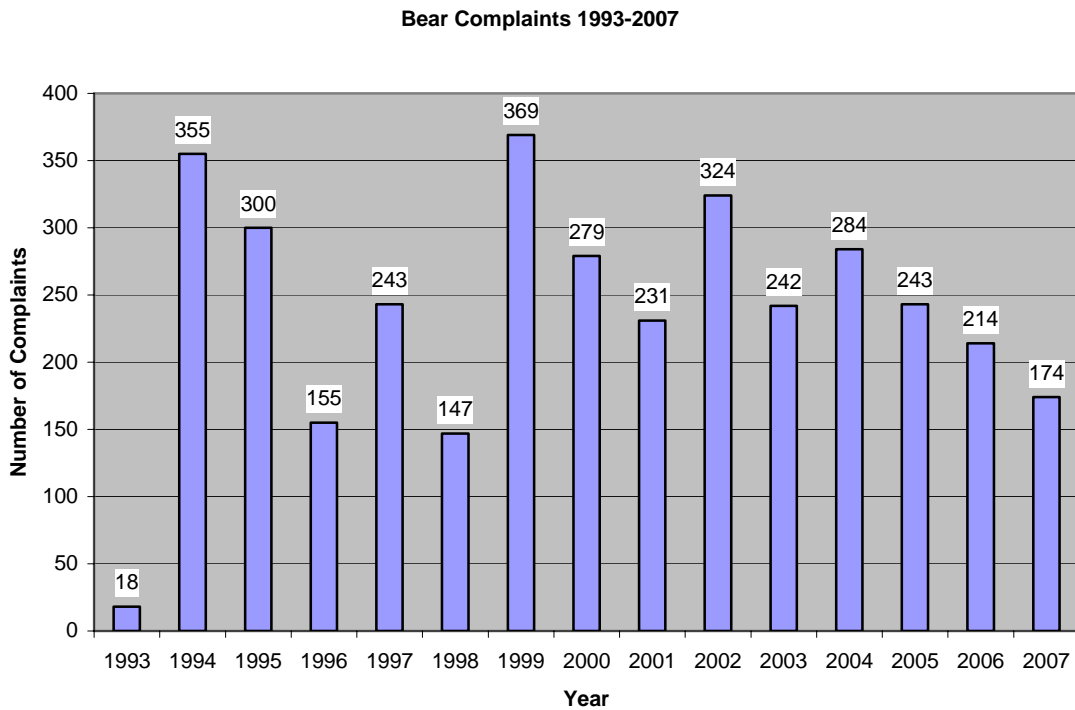


Figure 4. Number of bear complaints from 1993-2007 in Minnesota.

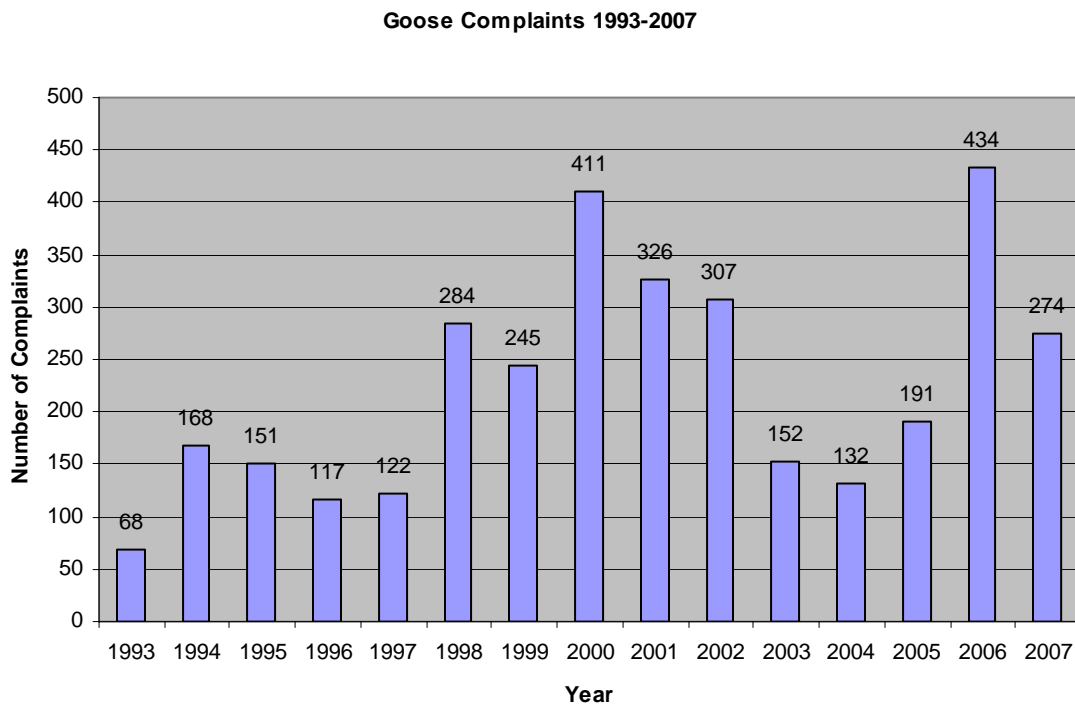


Figure 5. Number of goose complaints from 1993-2007, in Minnesota.

**Turkey Complaints 1993-2007**

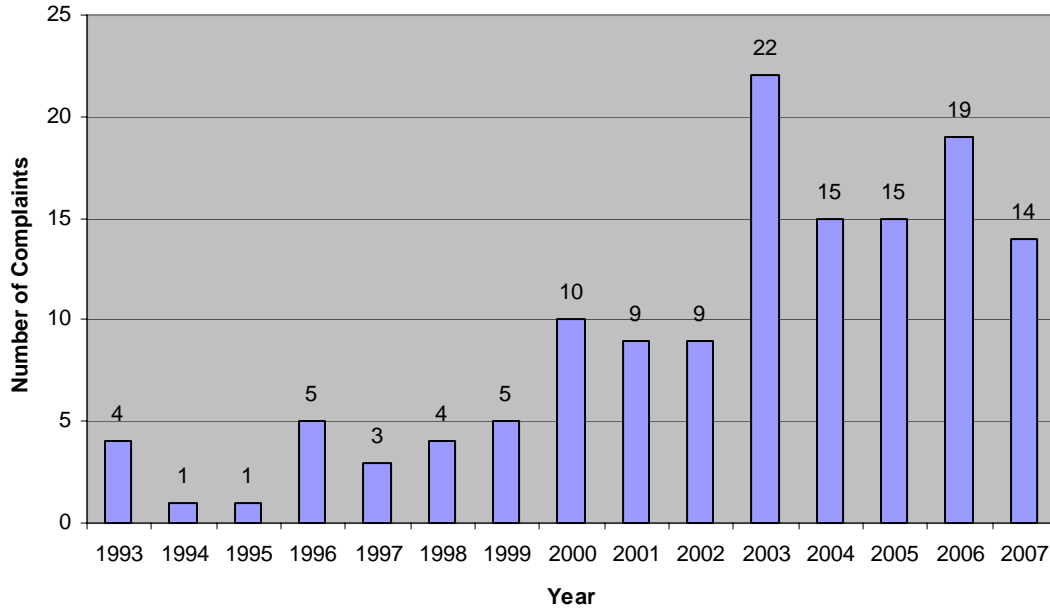


Figure 6. Number of turkey complaints from 1993-2007, in Minnesota.

**Shooting Permits Issued for Nuisance Wildlife 2007**

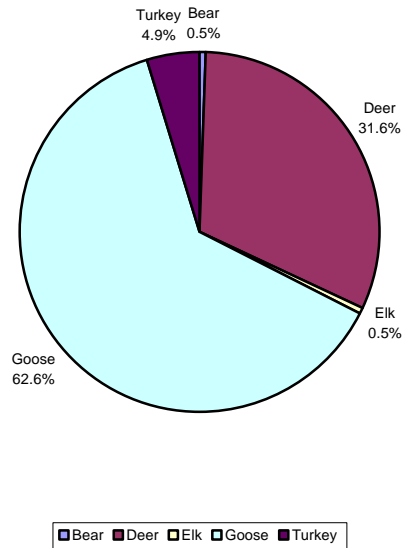


Figure 7. Shooting permits issued for nuisance wildlife control in Minnesota for 2007.

### Shooting Permits Issued 2004-2007

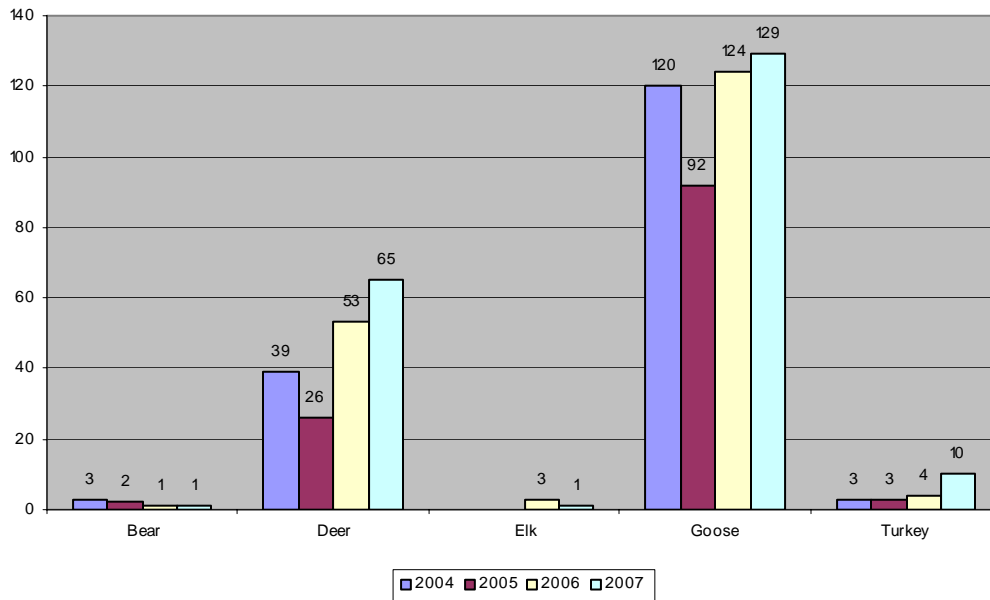


Figure 8. Shooting permits issued for nuisance wildlife control in Minnesota for 2004-2007.

### GOOSE SHOOTING PERMIT SUMMARY

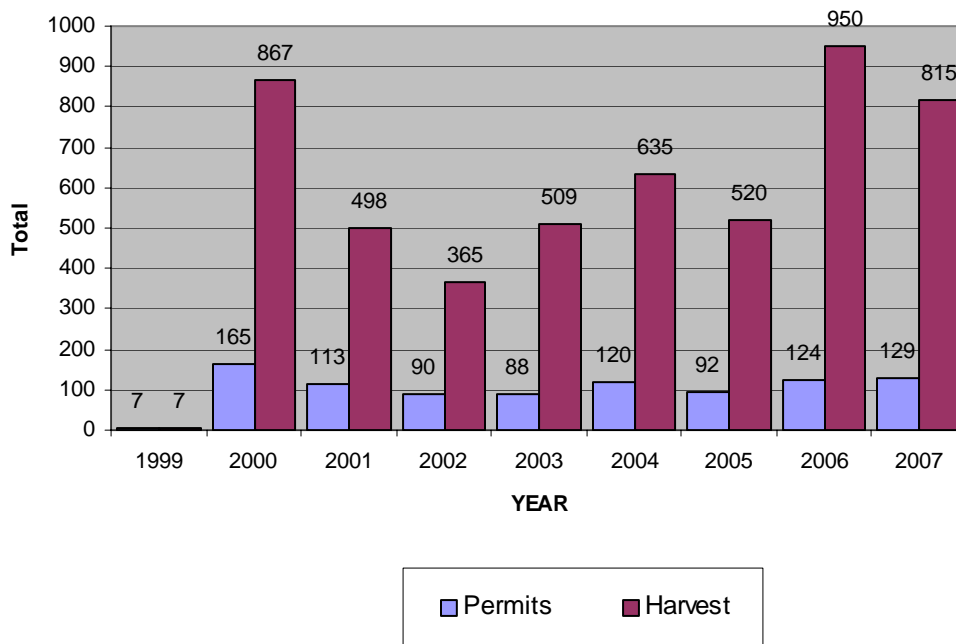


Figure 9. Comparison of nuisance goose shooting permits and harvest in Minnesota 1999-2007.

### Permit Summary by Area

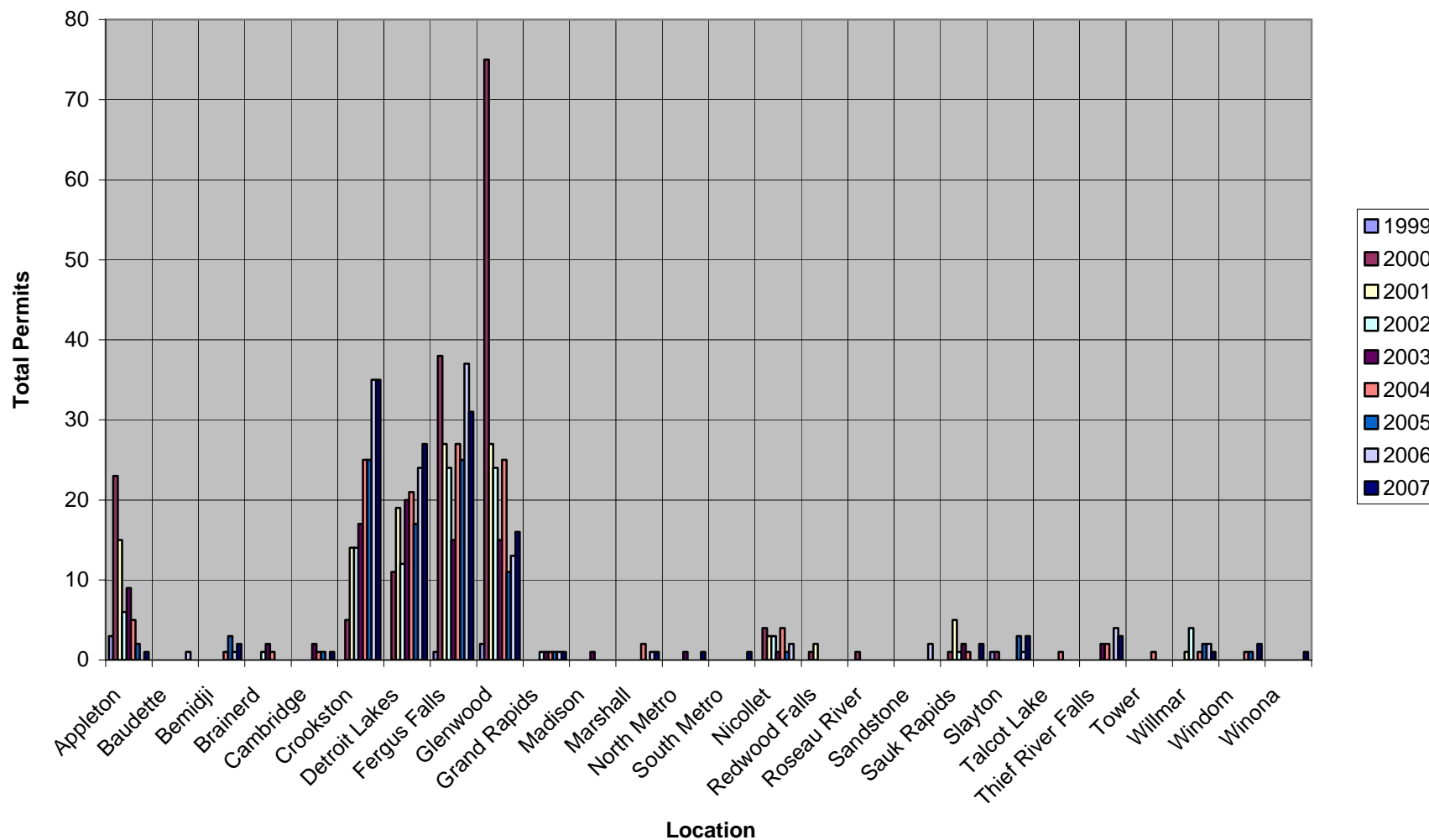


Figure 10. Nuisance goose permits issued by area wildlife offices in Minnesota 1999-2007.



### Harvest Summary by Area

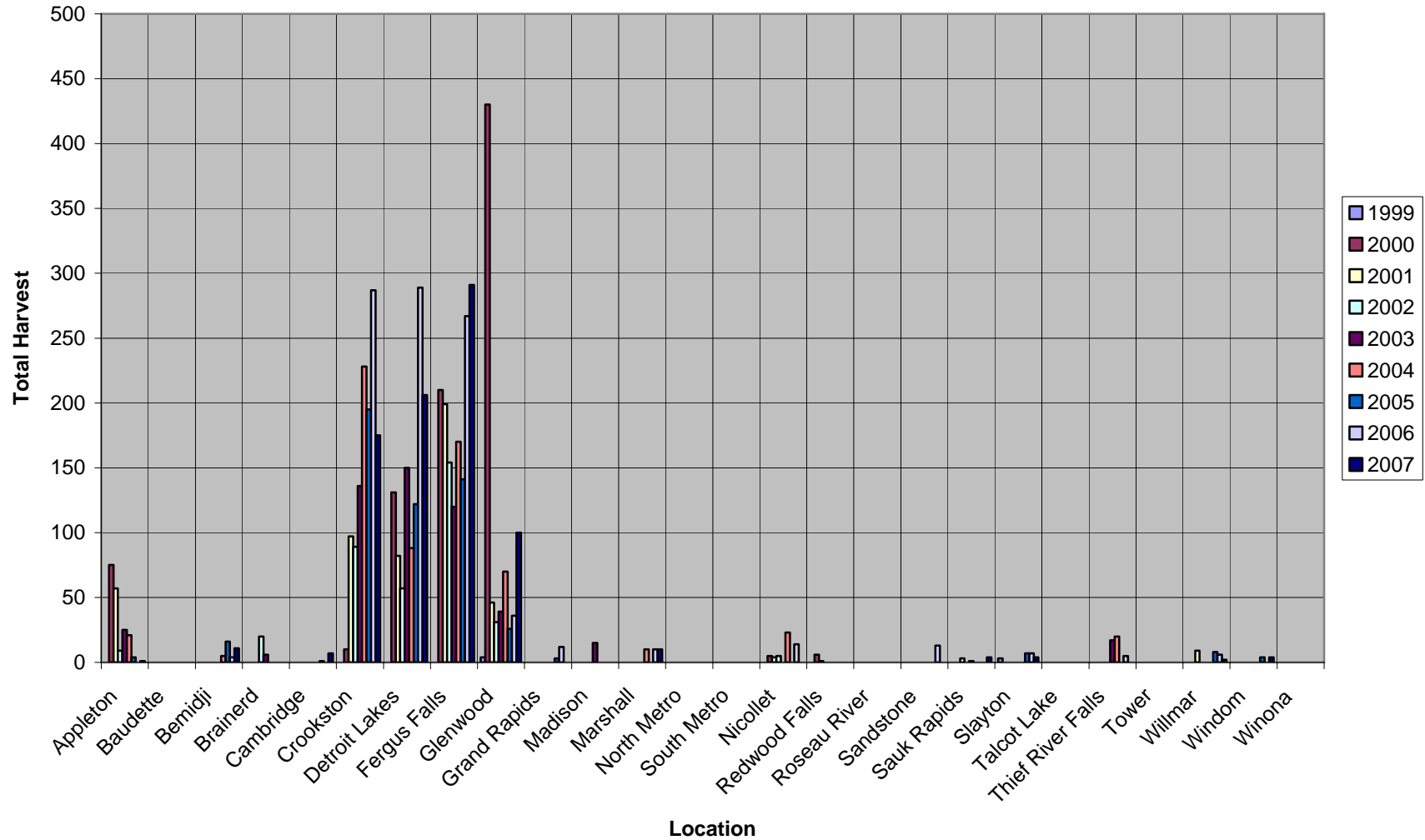


Figure 11. Nuisance goose harvest by area wildlife office in Minnesota 1999-2007.

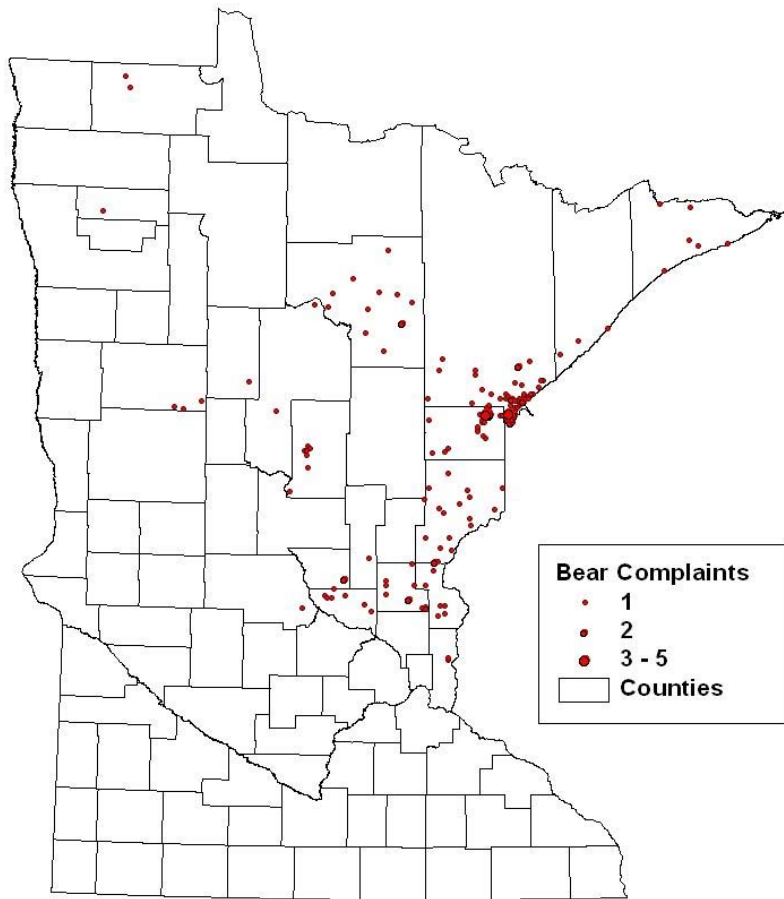


Figure 12. Location of bear damage complaints in 2007 (n=175).  
 Note: number of points mapped differs from the total number of complaints received due to insufficient location information provided in the complaint reports to accurately map.

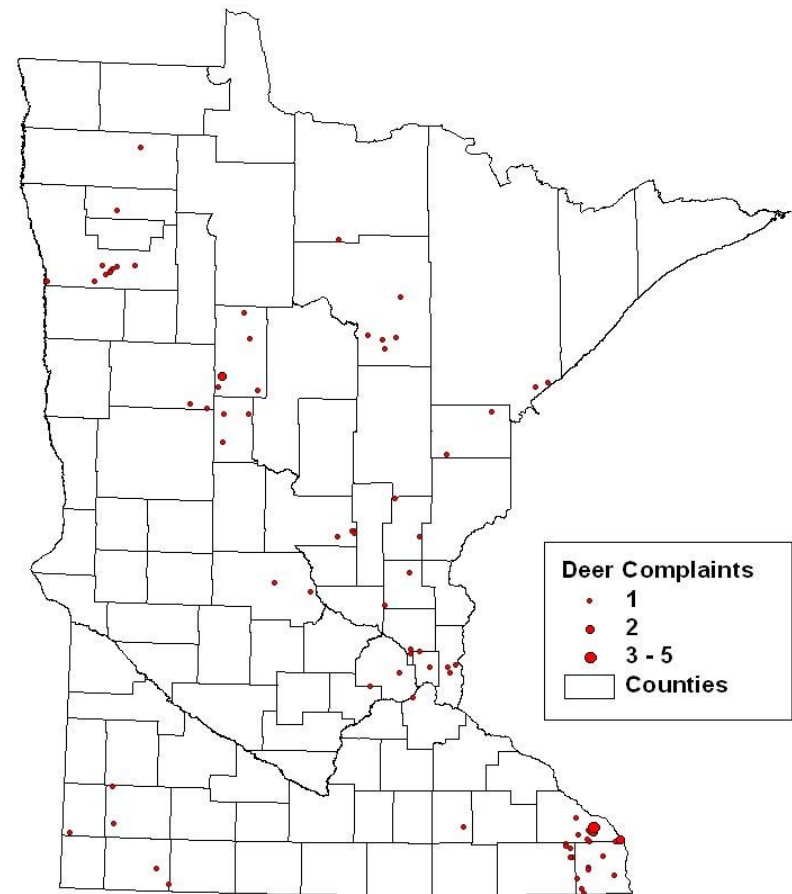


Figure 13. Location of deer damage complaints in 2007 (n= 94).  
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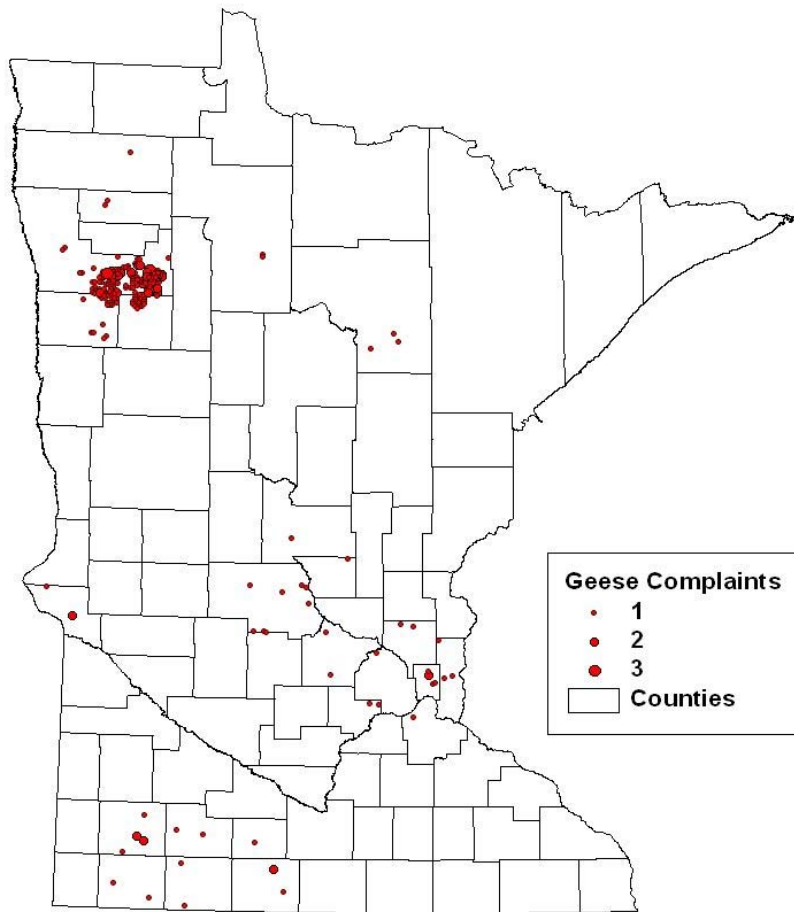


Figure 14. Location of goose damage complaints in 2007 (n=273).  
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