

WILDLIFE DAMAGE COMPLAINTS

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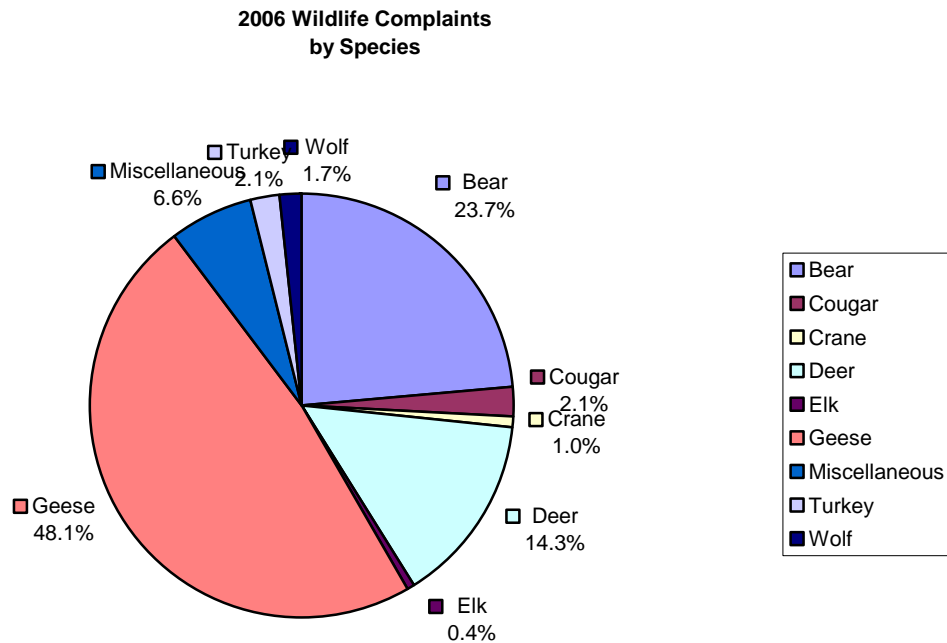


Figure 1. Wildlife complaints by species for the year 2006, in Minnesota.

Wildlife managers recorded a total of 907 wildlife complaints in 2006, up 39.8% when compared to the 2005 total of 649 complaints. Three species; black bear, white-tailed deer, and Canada geese account for 777, (85.7%) of the complaints received (Figure1). Five other species of special interest for wildlife damage; cougar, elk, turkey, sandhill crane, and wolf comprise an additional 66, (7.3 %) of the recorded complaints. Fourteen species are represented in 60 (6.6 %) of the miscellaneous complaints received.

The expenditure for depredation materials during FY06 was \$75,333 (5% bear, 83% deer, 12% goose). The average expenditure for the previous six-year period, 2000-2005, was \$79,660. During calendar year 2006 materials assistance for permanent deer exclusion fences was provided to fourteen growers; seven vegetable, one orchard, one strawberry, three grape, two tree nursery. Exclusion techniques included the installation of 11 woven-wire and three energized permanent deer fences.

Wildlife Complaints 1993-2006

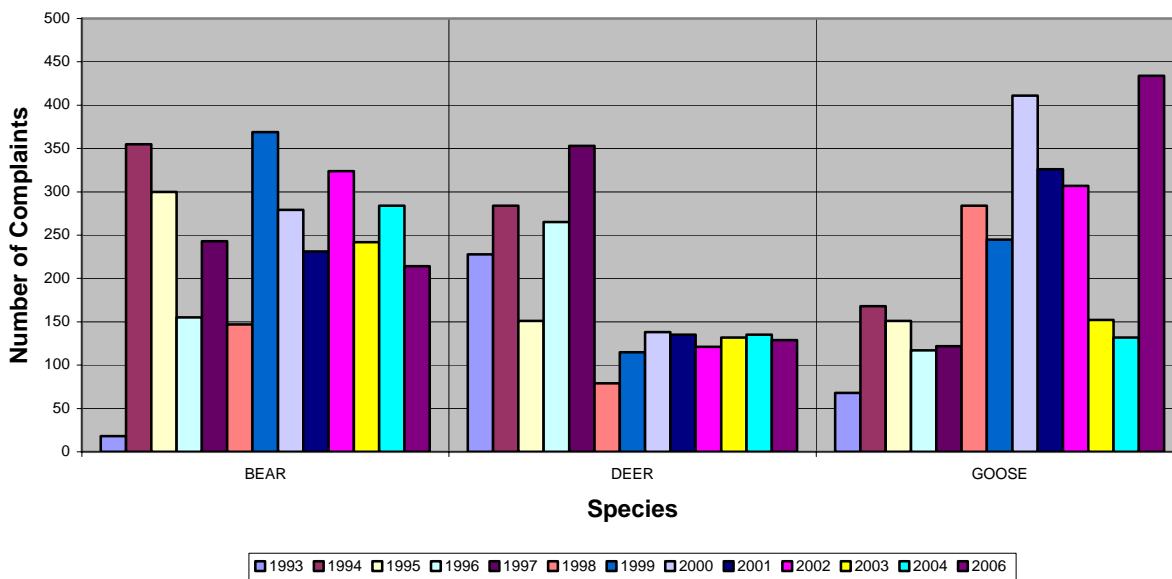


Figure 2. Number of wildlife complaints recorded by bear, deer & geese from 1993-2006, in Minnesota.

Deer Complaints 1993-2006

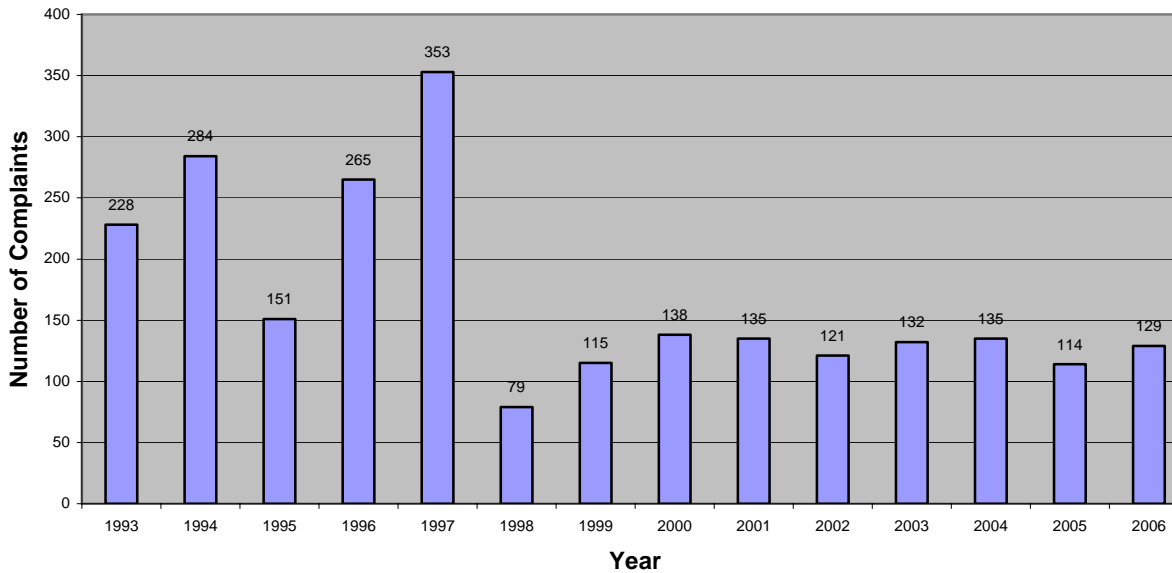


Figure 3. Number of deer complaints from 1993-2006, in Minnesota.

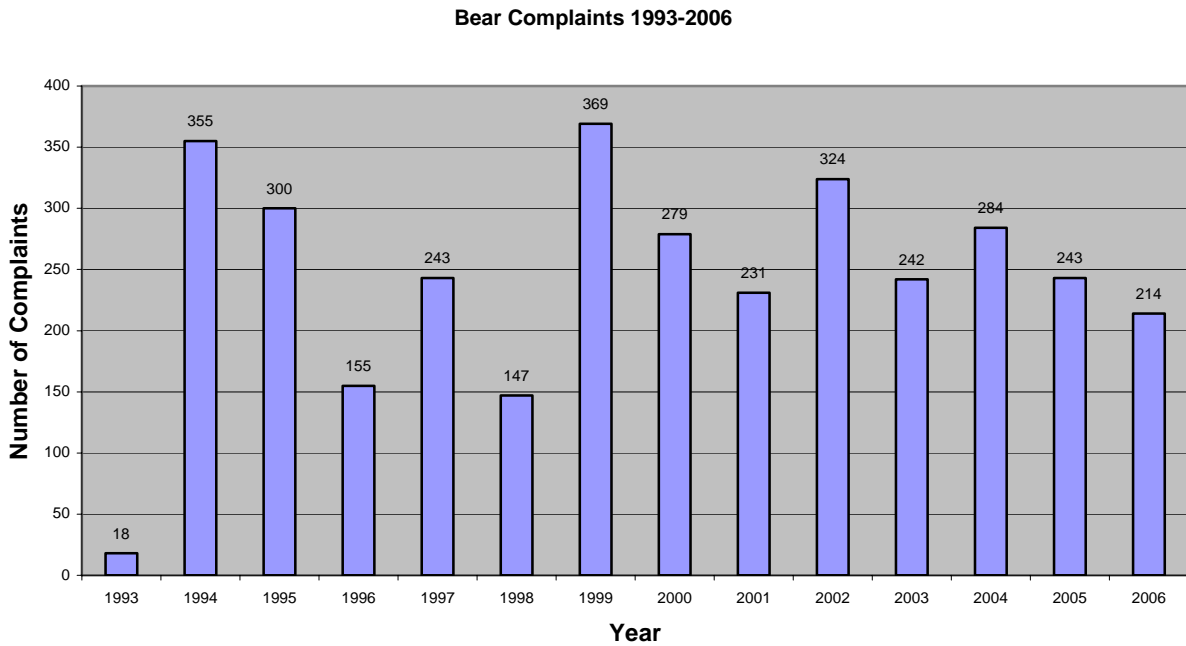


Figure 4. Number of bear complaints from 1993-2006 in Minnesota.

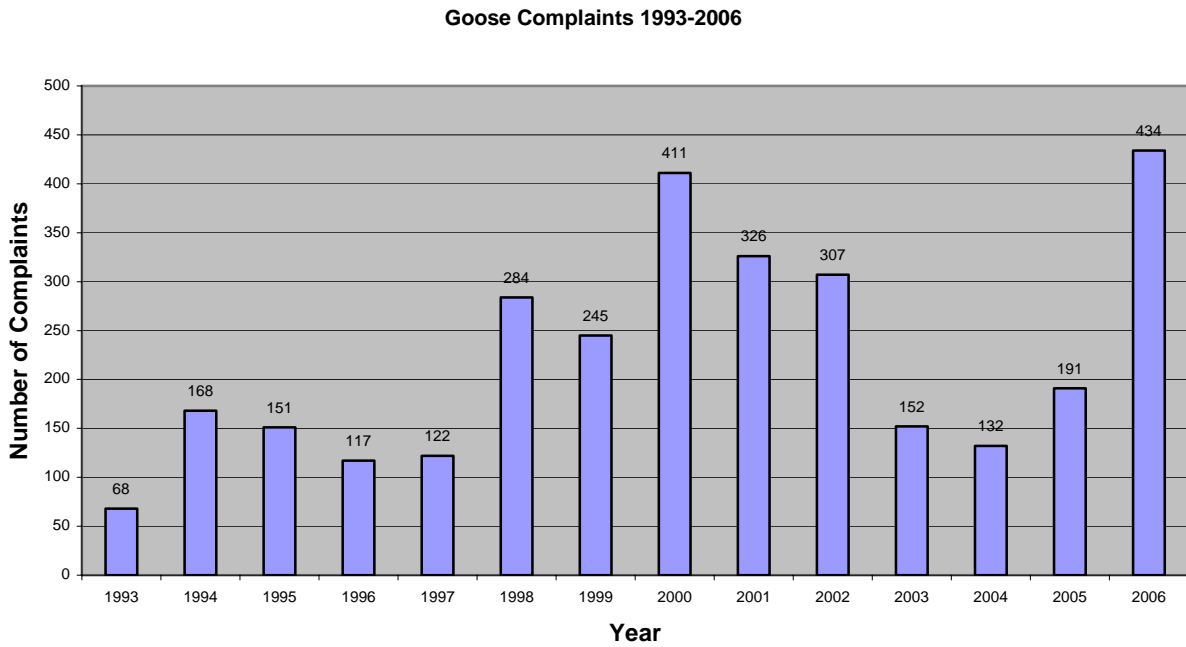


Figure 5. Number of goose complaints from 1993-2006, in Minnesota.

Turkey Complaints 1993-2006

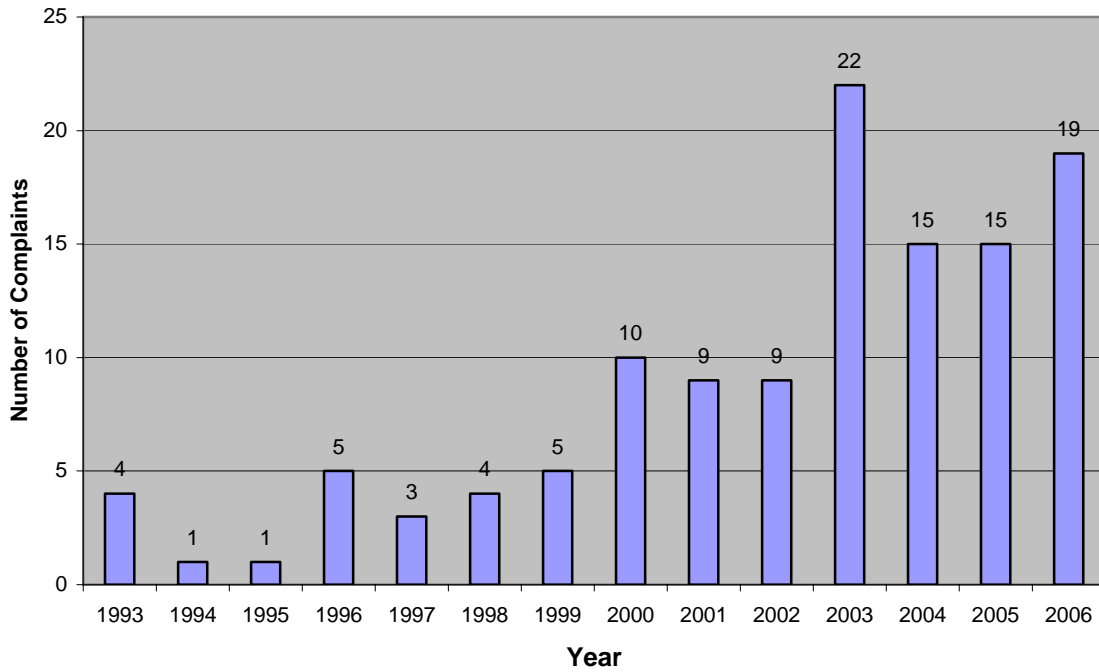


Figure 6. Number of turkey complaints from 1993-2006, in Minnesota.

Shooting Permits Issued for Nuisance Wildlife 2006

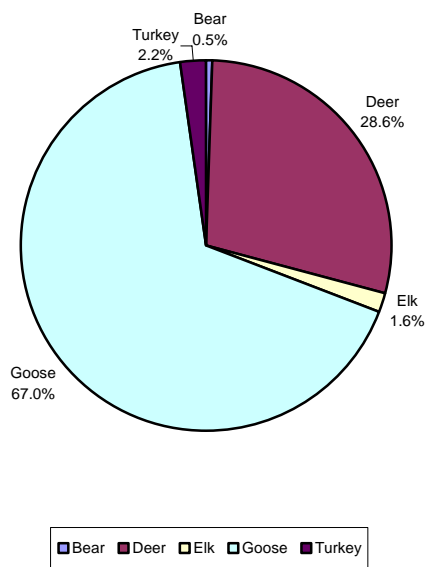


Figure 7. Shooting permits issued for nuisance wildlife control in Minnesota for 2006.

Shooting Permits Issued 2004-2006

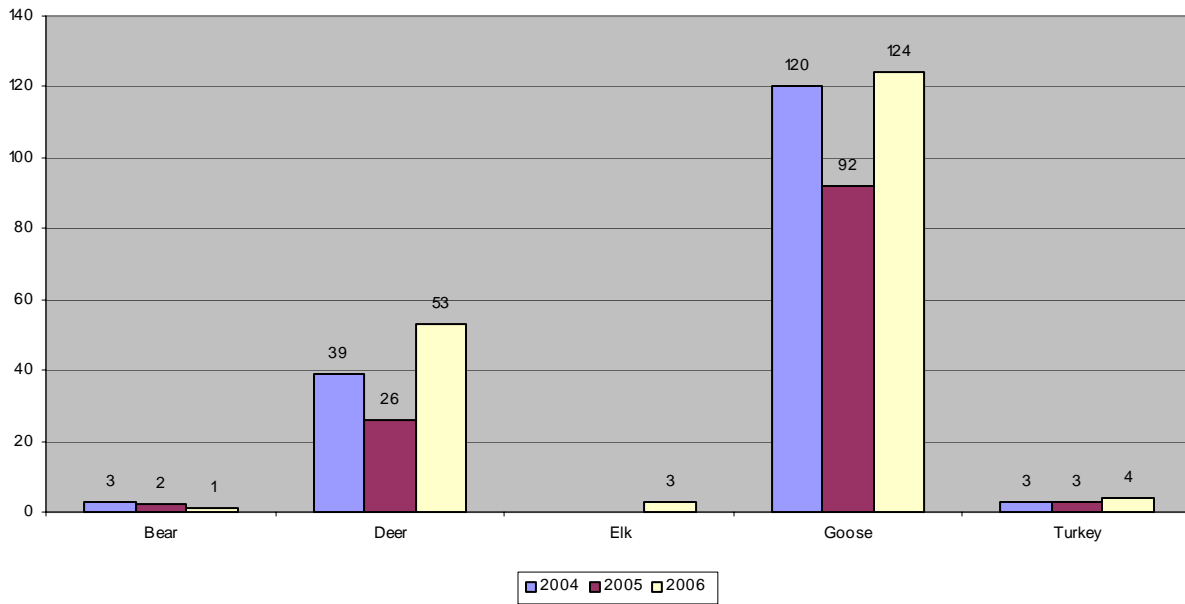


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Goose Shooting Permit Summary

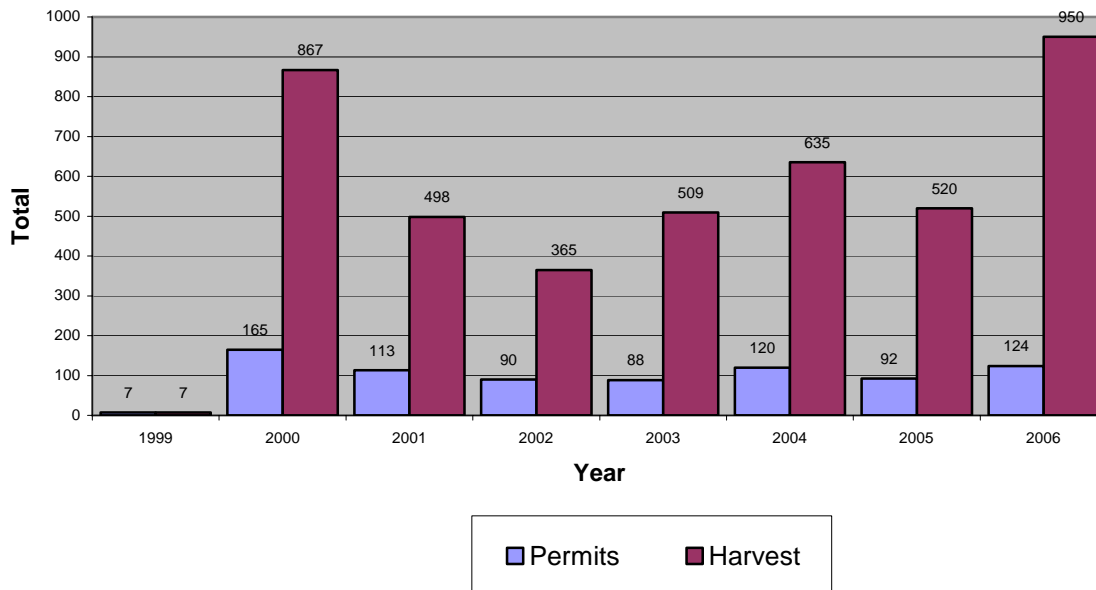


Figure 9. Comparison of nuisance goose shooting permits and harvest in Minnesota 1999-2006.

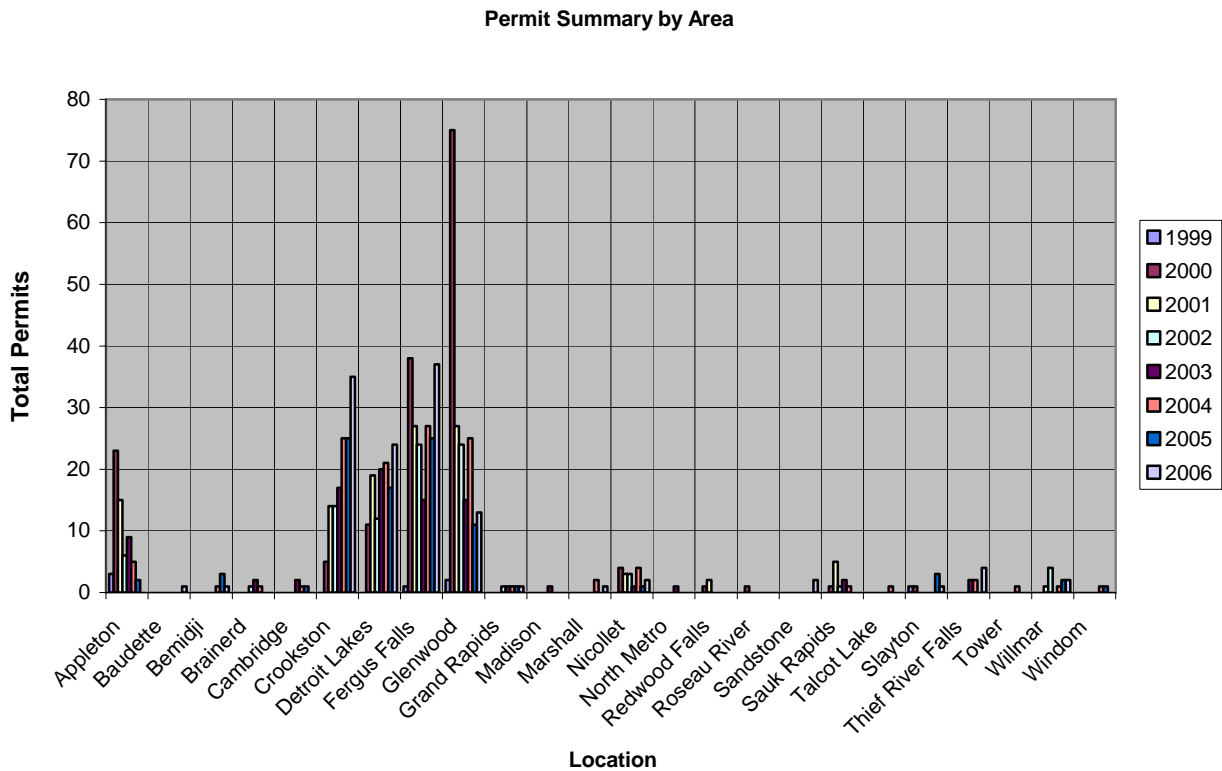


Figure 10. Nuisance goose permits issued by area wildlife offices in Minnesota 1999-2006.

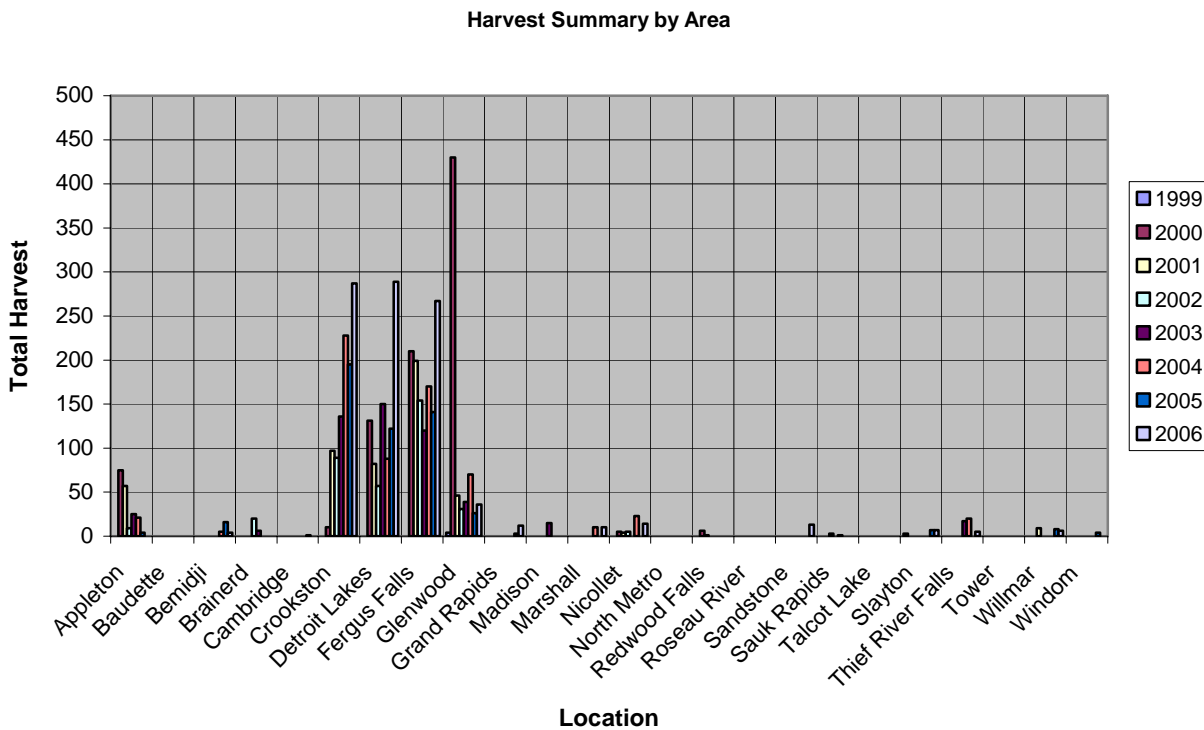
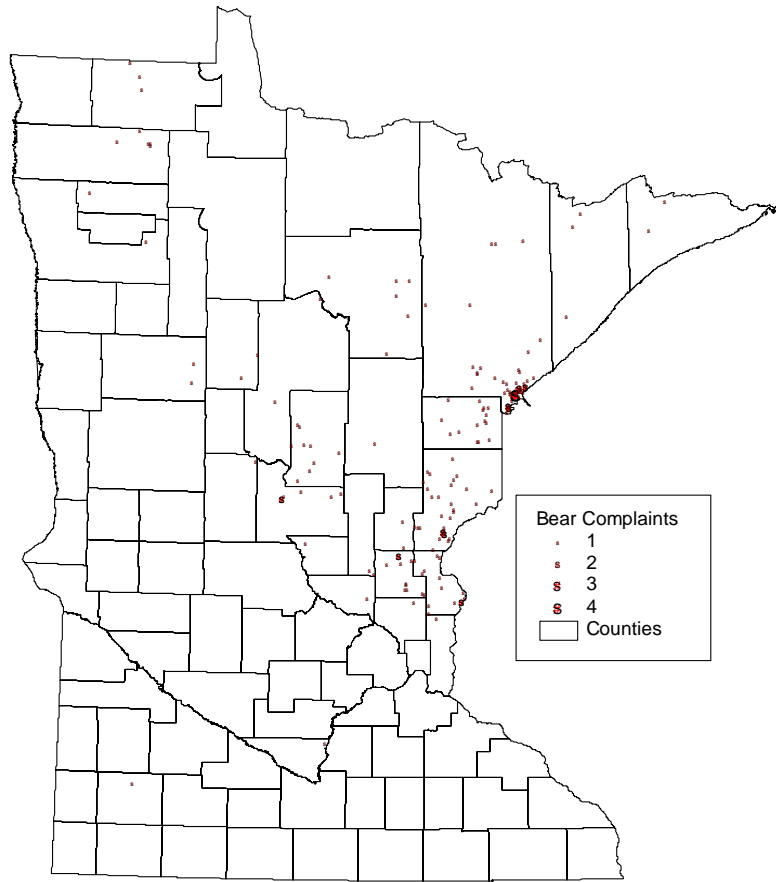
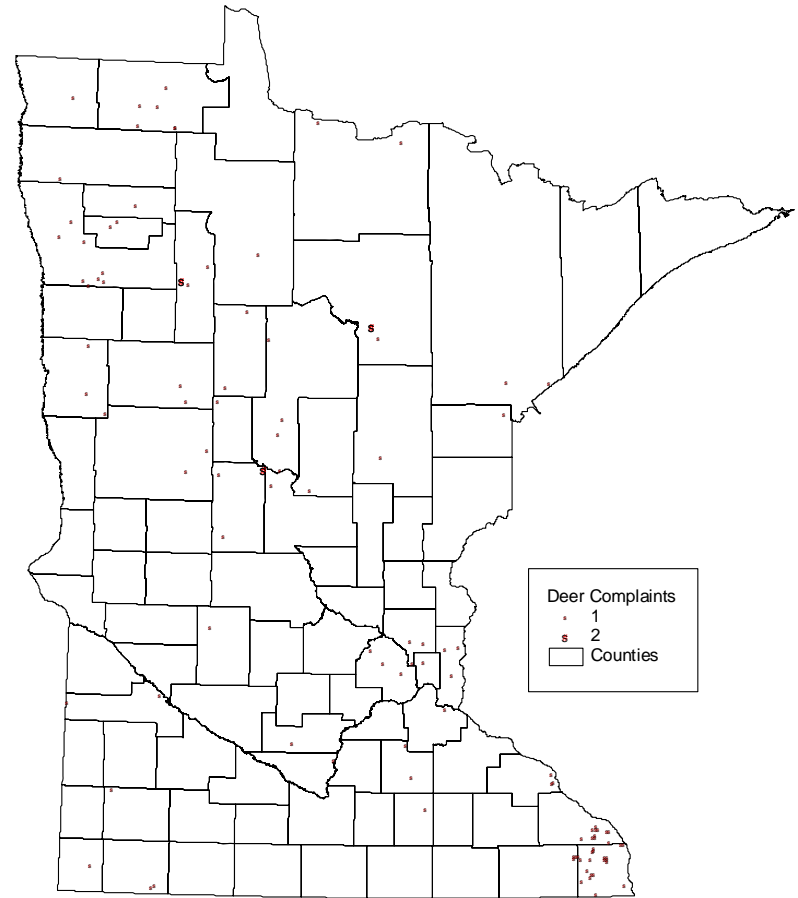


Figure 11. Nuisance goose harvest by area wildlife office in Minnesota 1999-2006.



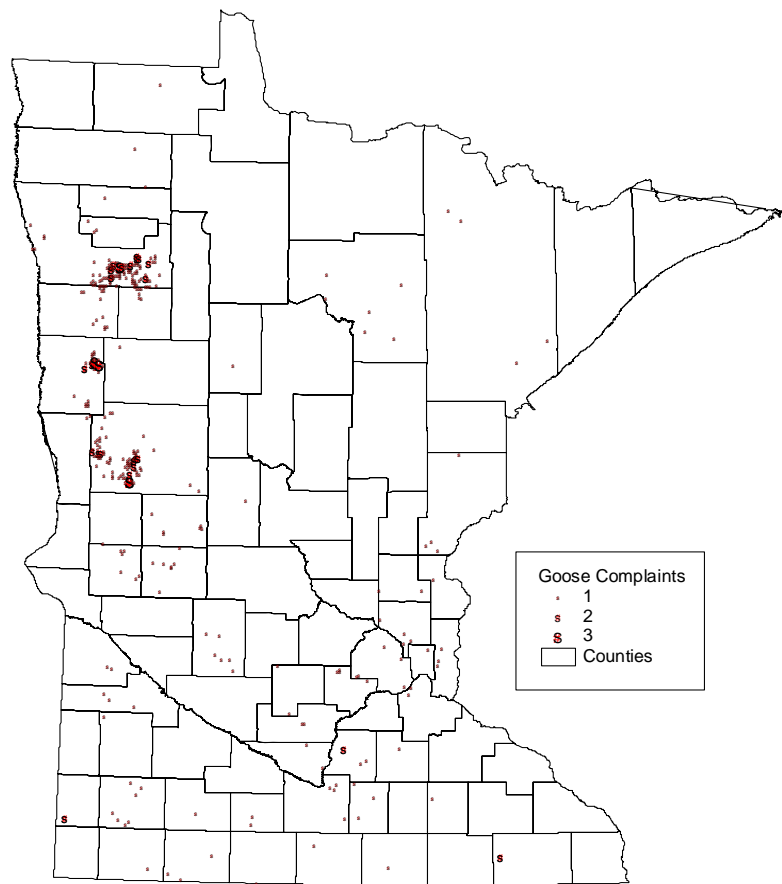
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Location of deer damage complaints recorded in 2006 (n = 113)

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Location of goose damage complaints recorded in 2006 (n = 394)

Figure 14. Location of goose damage complaints in 2006 (n=183) 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.