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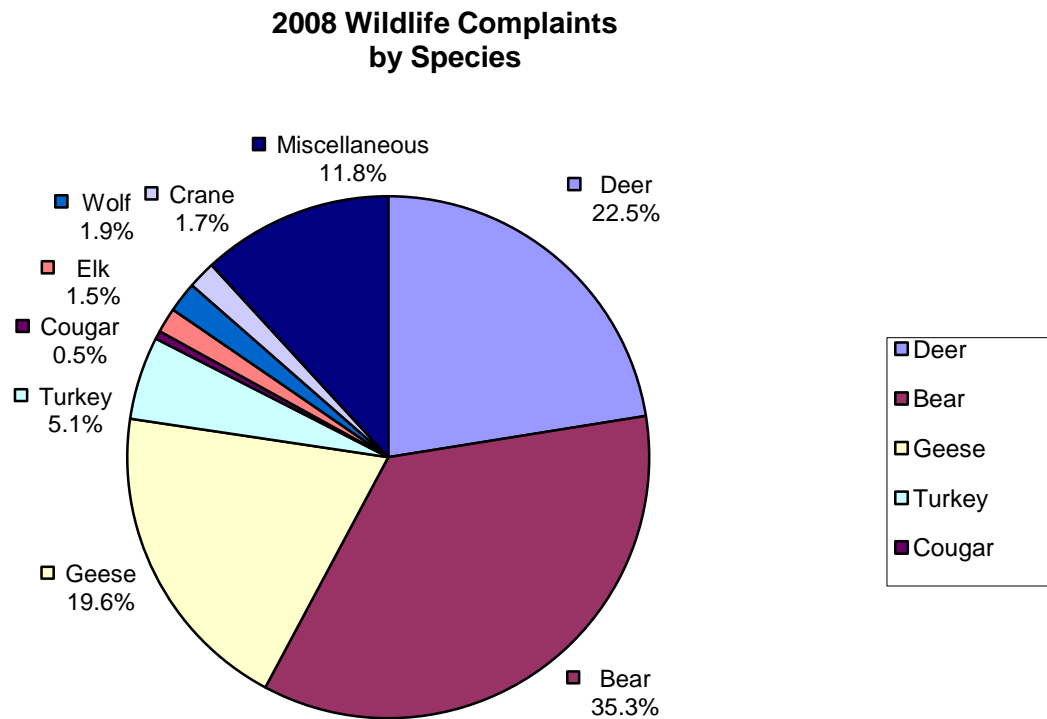


Figure 1. Wildlife complaints by species for the year 2008, in Minnesota.

Wildlife managers recorded a total of 583 wildlife complaints in 2008, down 10% when compared to the 2007 total of 651 complaints. Three species; black bear, white-tailed deer, and Canada geese account for 451, (77%) of the complaints received (Figure1). Five other species of special interest for wildlife damage; cougar, elk, turkey, sandhill crane, and wolf comprise an additional 63, (11 %) of the recorded complaints. Twenty species are represented in 69 (12%) of the miscellaneous complaints received.

During calendar year 2008 materials and assistance were provided for permanent deer exclusion fences to 17 specialty crop growers and one livestock producer for tb management. Crops protected included mixed vegetable (6), apple orchard (1), small berries (2), vineyards (7), tree nursery (1) and hay

yard (1). Exclusion techniques included the installation of 10ft. woven-wire (16) and energized (2) deer exclusion fences.

A dramatic increase (115%) in shooting permits for deer between 2007 and 2008 is noted. This is primarily due to the landowner permits issued for deer elimination in the tb zone (Figure 9).

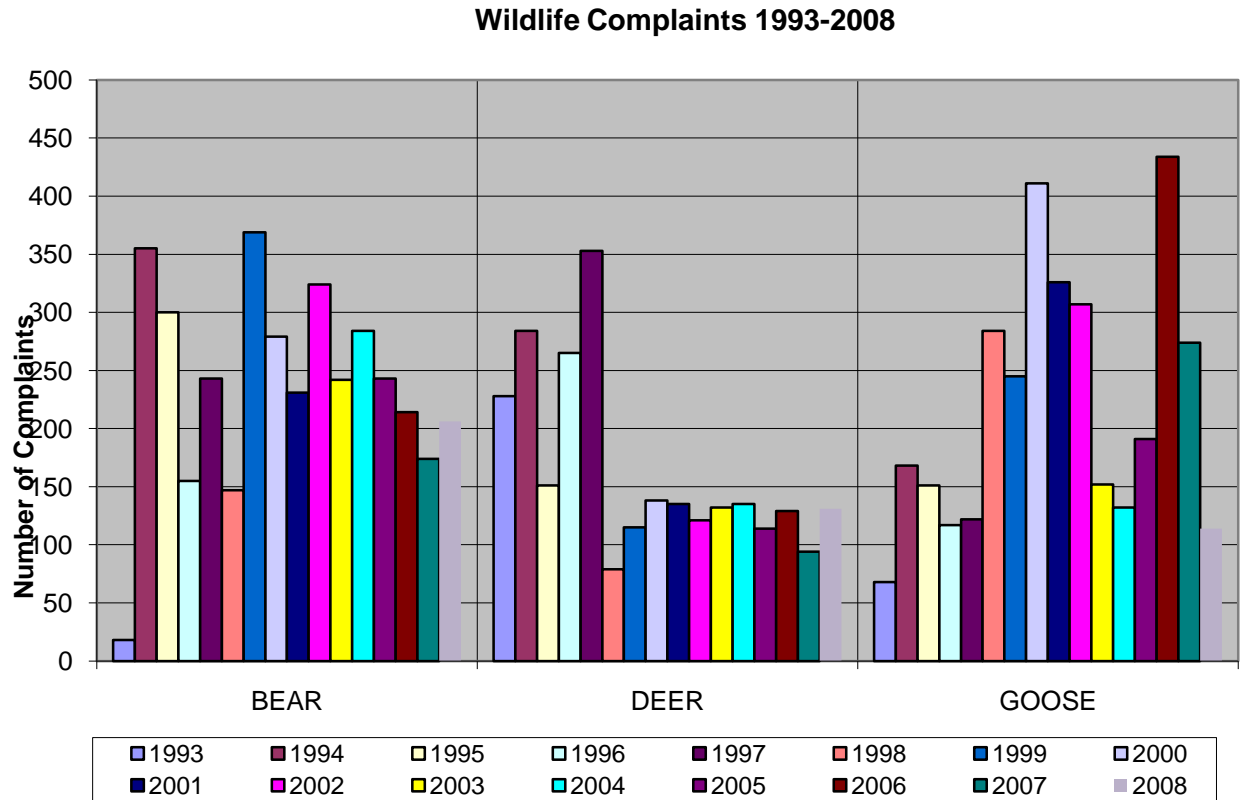


Figure 2. Number of wildlife complaints recorded for bear, deer and geese from 1993-2008, in Minnesota.

Deer Complaints 1993-2008

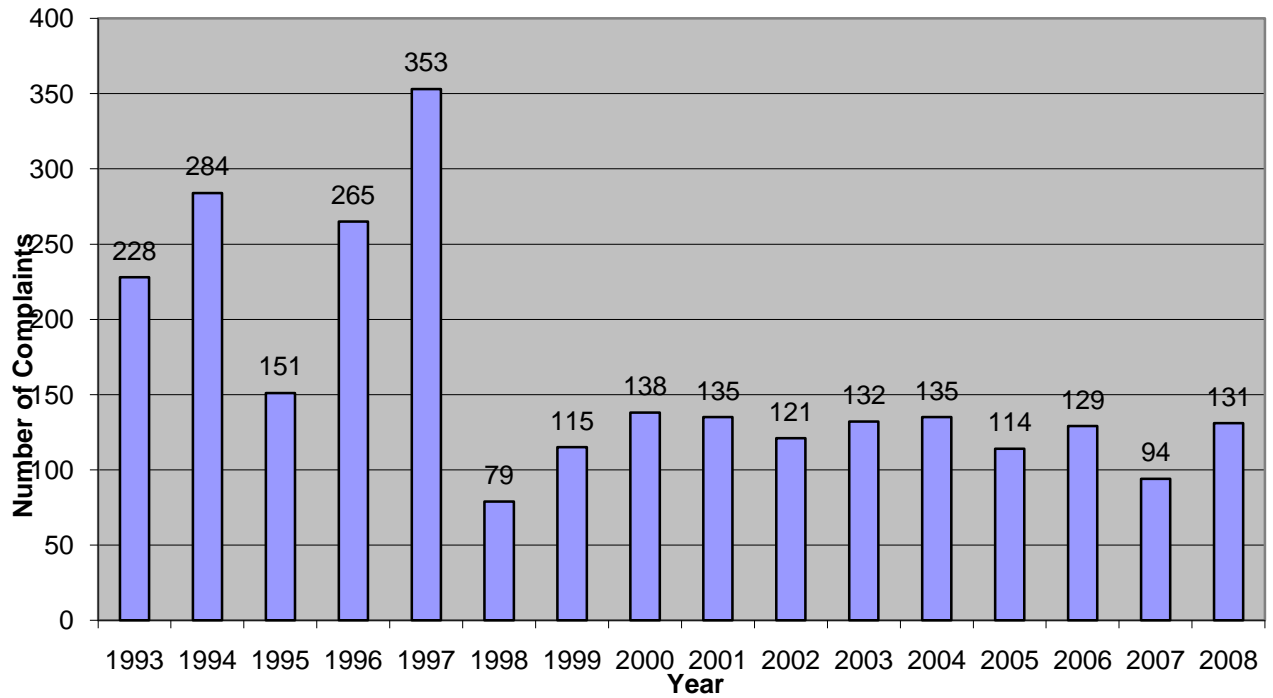


Figure 3. Number of deer complaints from 1993-2008, in Minnesota.

Bear Complaints 1993-2008

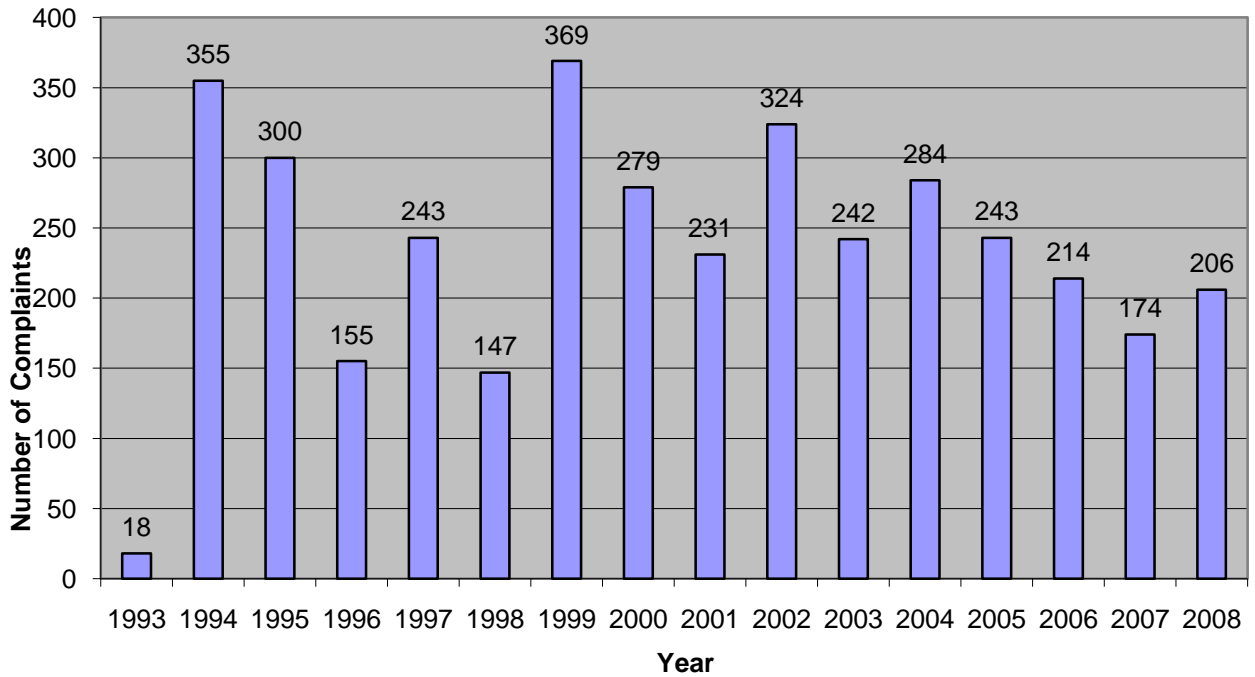


Figure 4. Number of bear complaints from 1993-2008 in Minnesota.

Goose Complaints 1993-2008

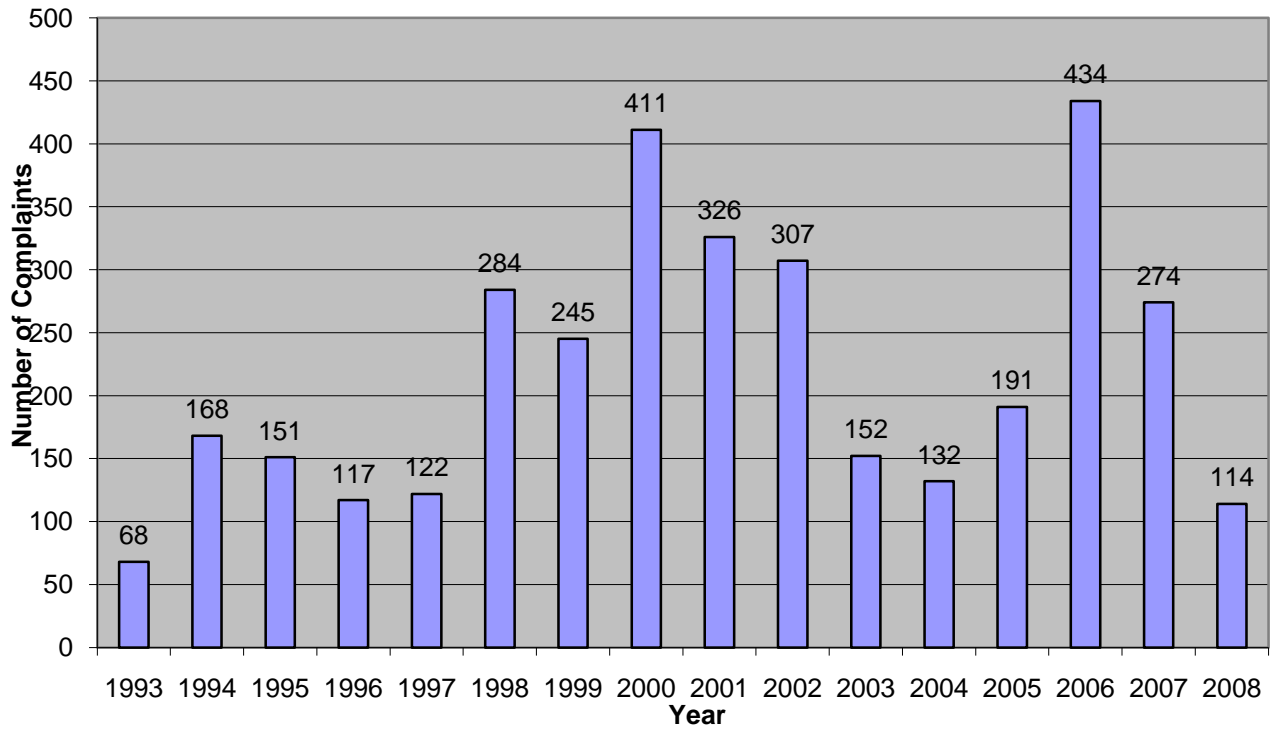


Figure 5. Number of goose complaints from 1993-2008, in Minnesota.

Turkey Complaints 1993-2008

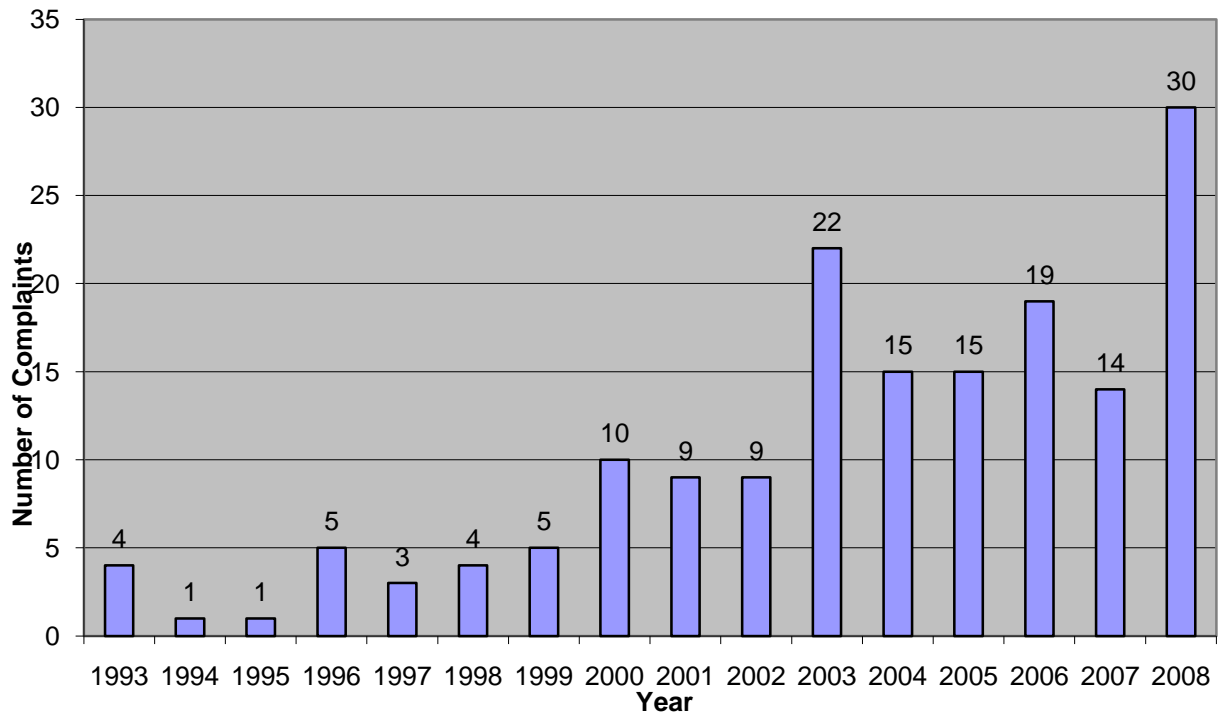


Figure 6. Number of turkey complaints from 1993-2008, in Minnesota.

Shooting Permits Issued for Nuisance Wildlife 2008

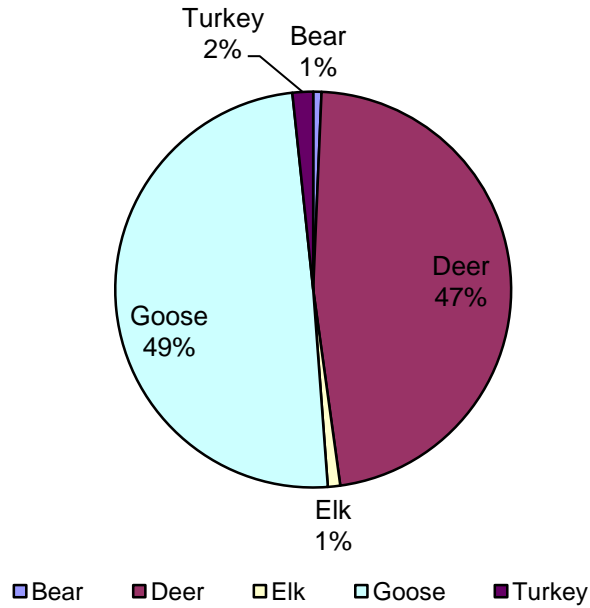


Figure 7. Shooting permits issued for nuisance wildlife control in Minnesota for 2008.

Shooting Permits Issued 2004-2008

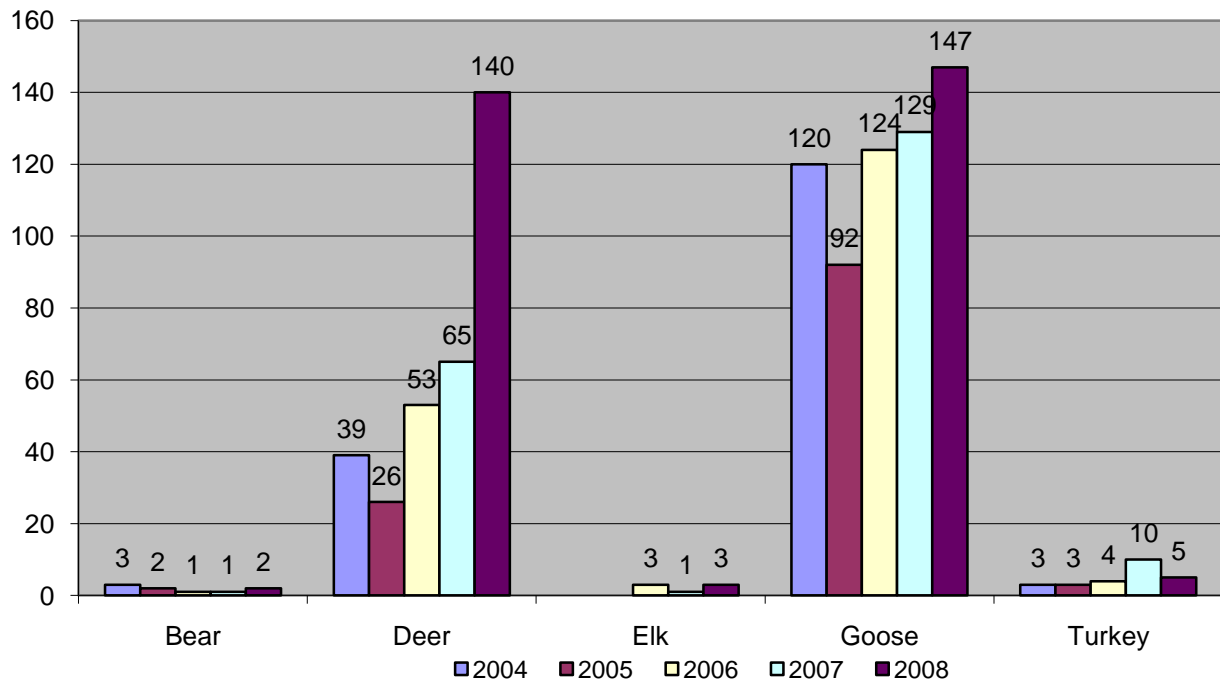


Figure 8. Shooting permits issued for nuisance wildlife control in Minnesota for 2004-2008.

Special Permits for Deer 2004-2008

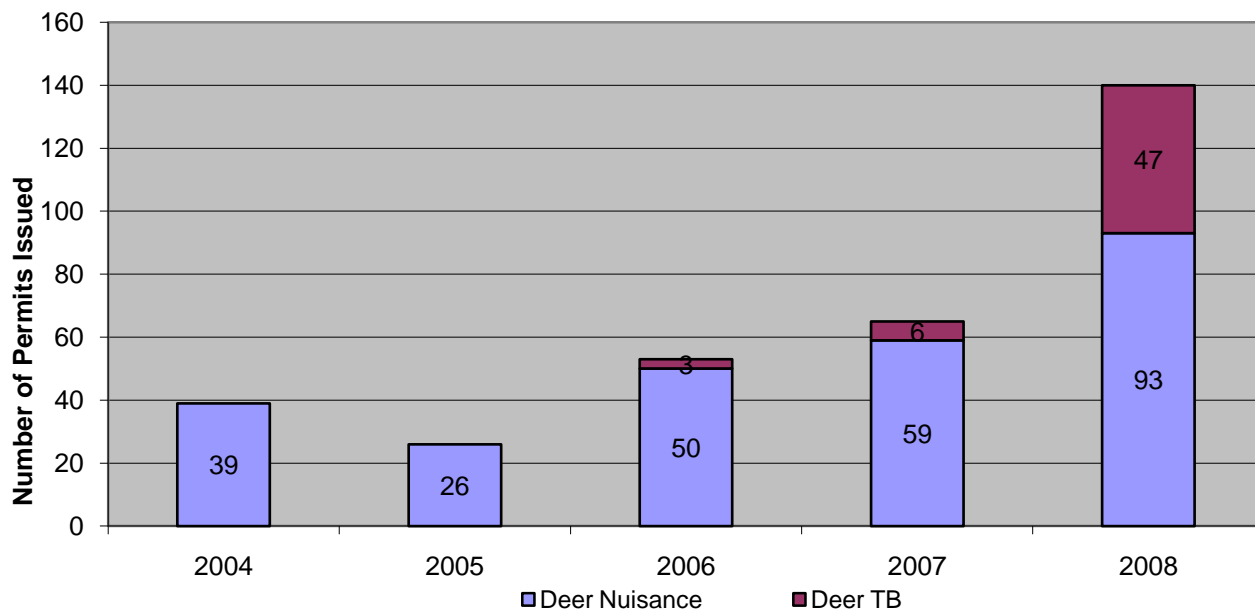


Figure 9. Shooting permits issued showing the portion related to tb control efforts in Minnesota for the period 2006-2008.

GOOSE SHOOTING PERMIT SUMMARY

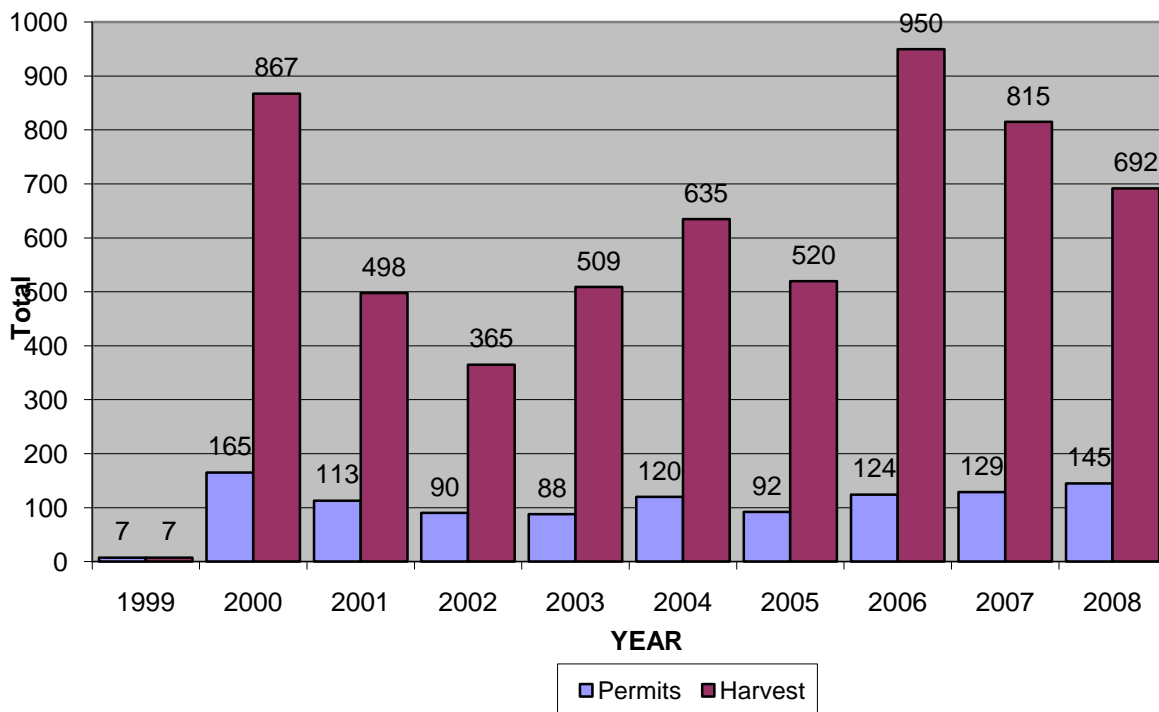


Figure 10. Comparison of nuisance goose shooting permits and harvest in Minnesota 1999-2008.

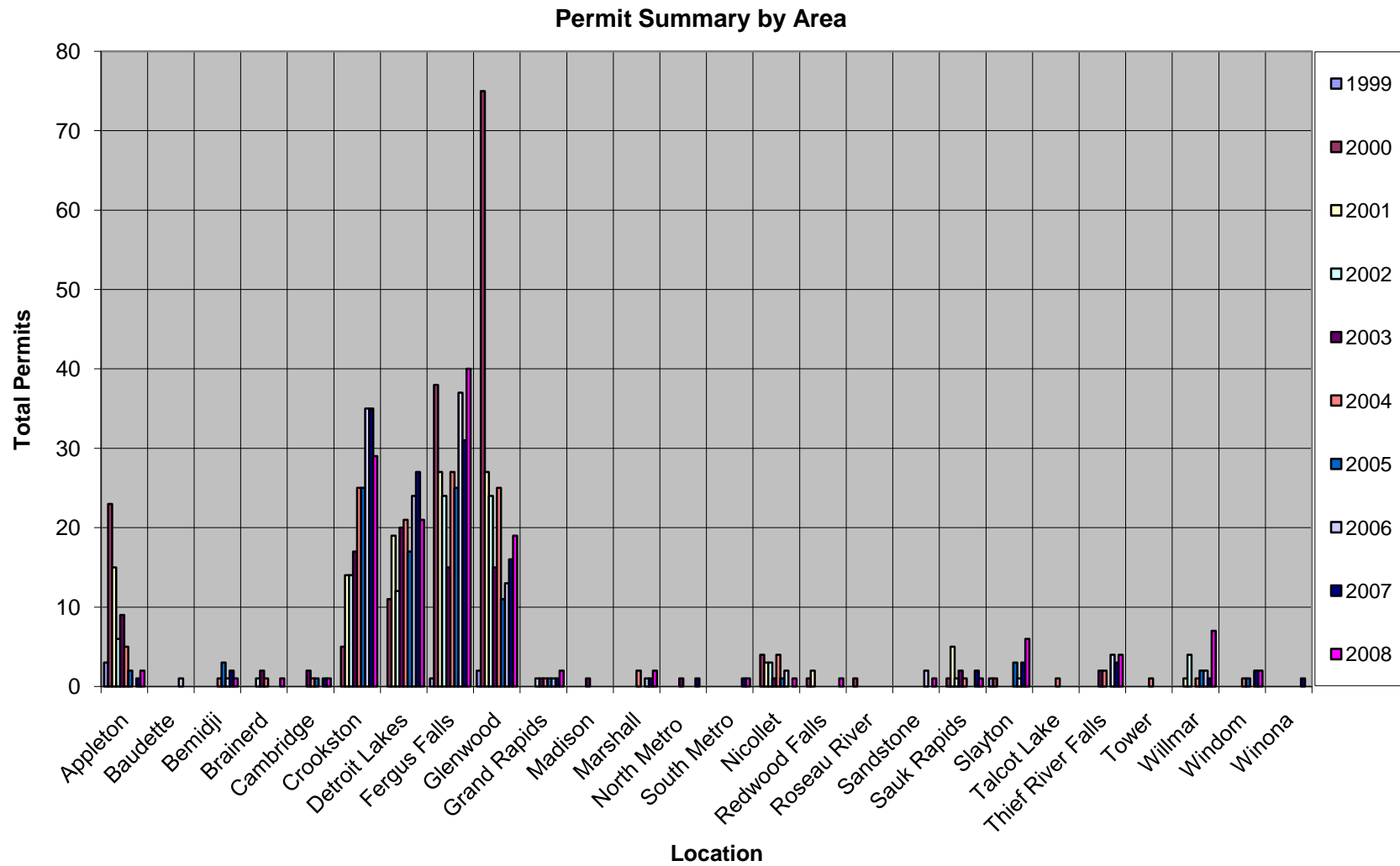


Figure 11. Nuisance goose permits issued by area wildlife offices in Minnesota 1999-2008.

Harvest Summary by Area

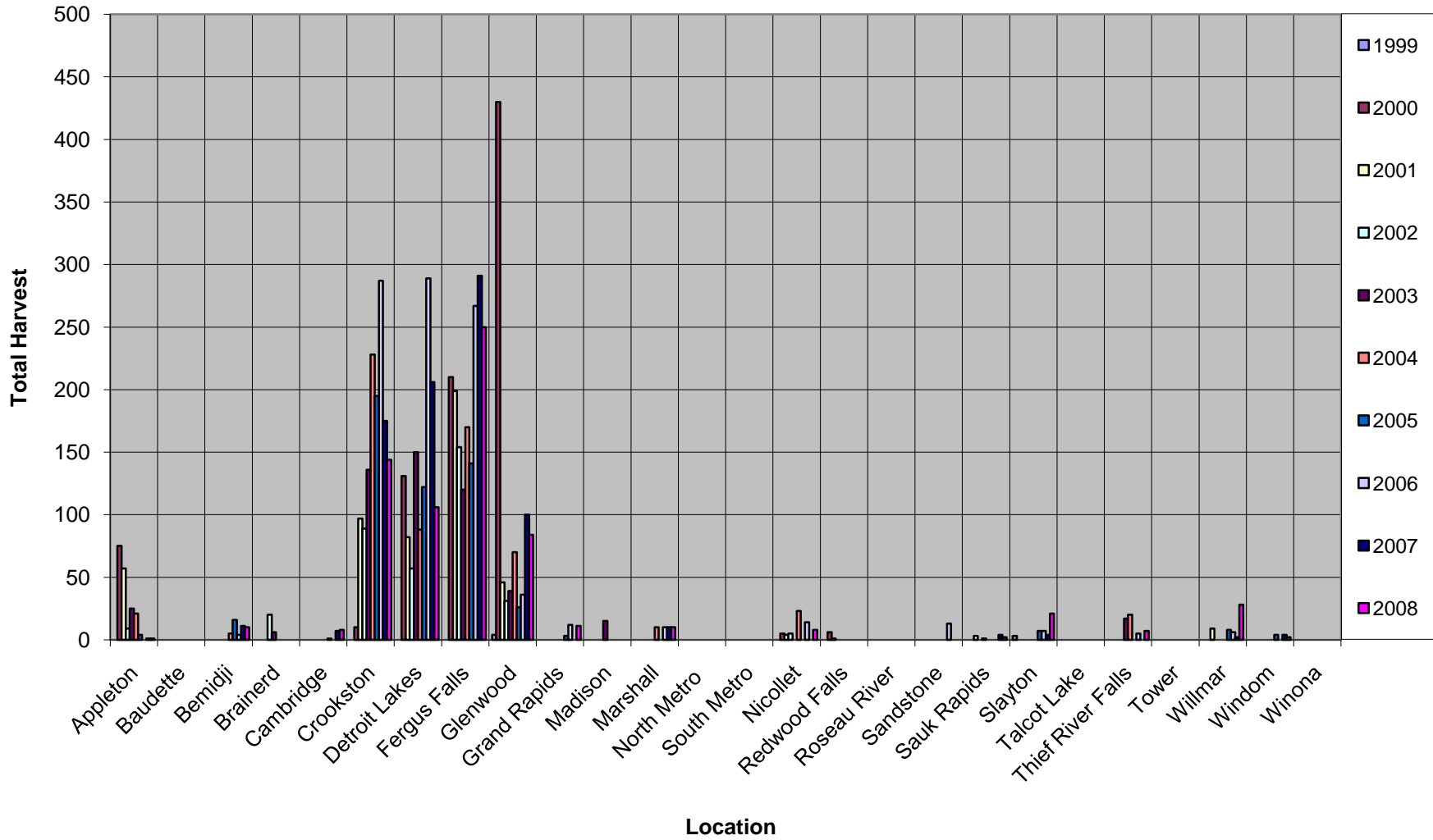


Figure 12. Nuisance goose harvest by area wildlife office in Minnesota 1999-2008.

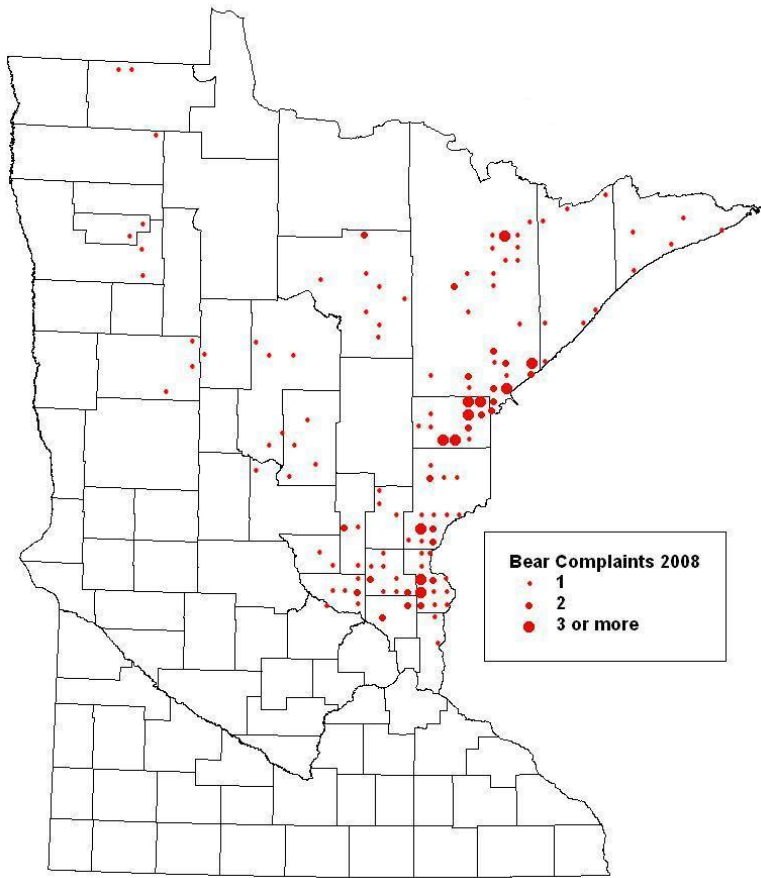


Figure 13. Location of bear damage complaints in 2008 (n=206). Note: number of points mapped differs from the total number of complaints received due to insufficient location information provided in the complaint reports to accurately map.

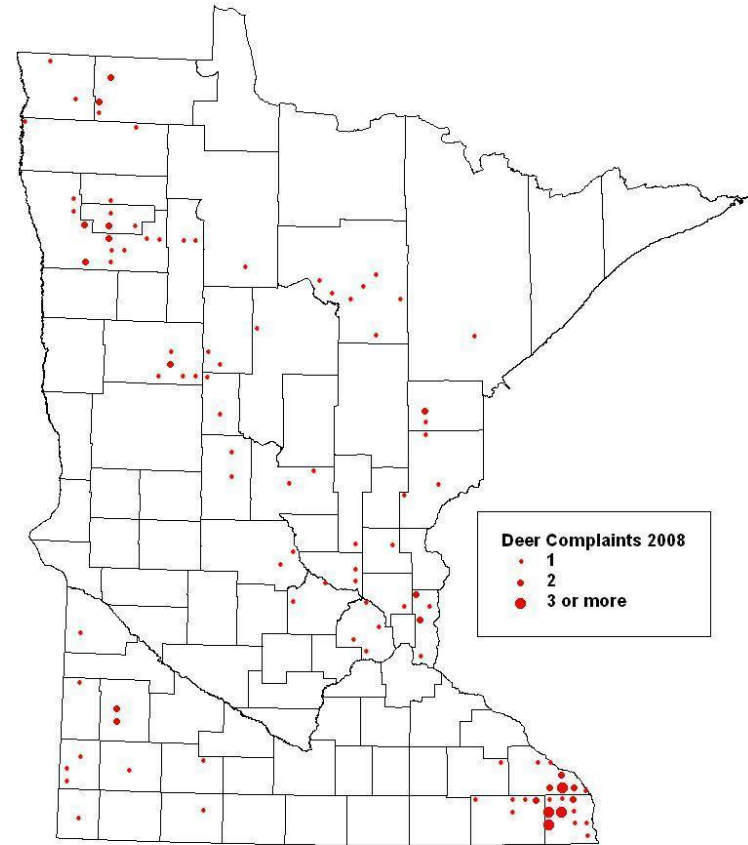


Figure 14. Location of deer damage complaints in 2008 (n=131). Note: number of points mapped differs from the total number of complaints received due to insufficient location information provided in the complaint reports to accurately map.

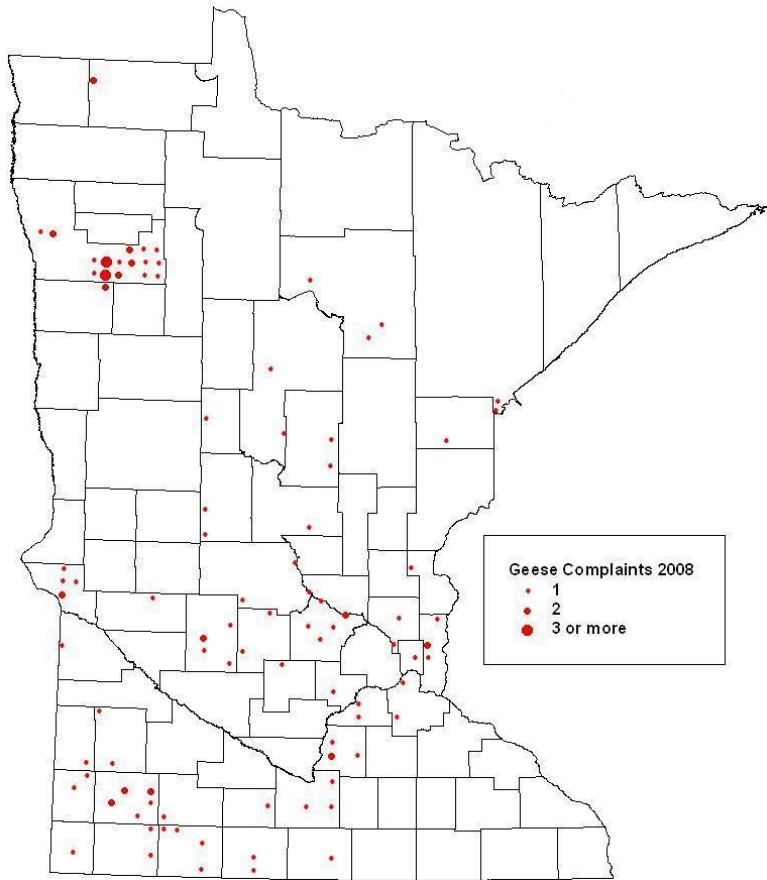


Figure 15. Location of goose damage complaints in 2008 (n=114). Note: number of points mapped differs from the total number of complaints received due to insufficient location information provided in the complaint reports to accurately map.