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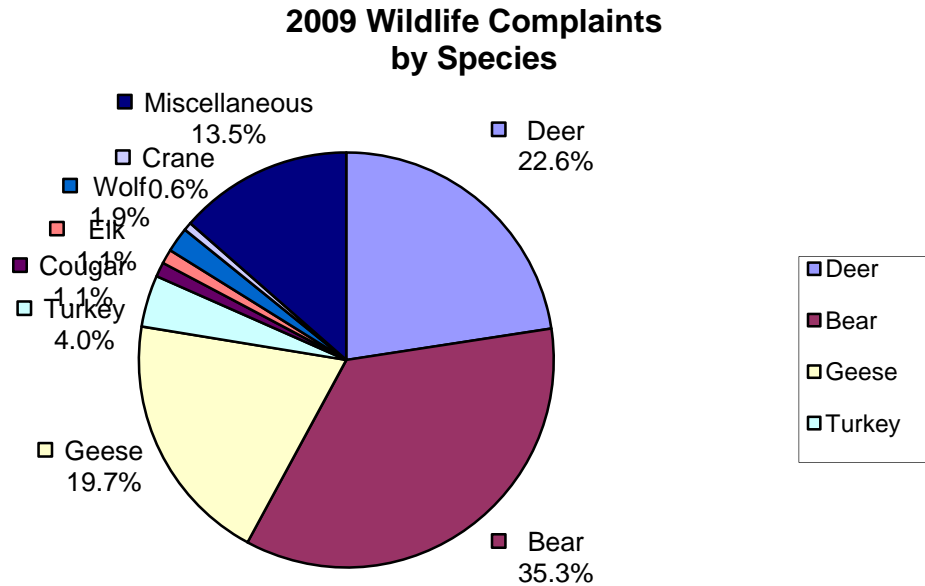


Figure 1. Wildlife complaints by species for the year 2009, in Minnesota.

Wildlife managers recorded a total of 620 wildlife complaints in 2009, up 6 % when compared to the 2008 total of 583 complaints. Three species; black bear, white-tailed deer, and Canada geese account for 481, (78%) of the complaints received (Figure1). Five other species of special interest for wildlife damage; cougar, elk, turkey, sandhill crane, and wolf comprise an additional 55, (9 %) of the recorded complaints. Twenty-five species are represented in 84 (14%) of the miscellaneous complaints received, thirty of those were for beaver.

During calendar year 2009 materials and assistance were provided for permanent, woven wire, deer exclusion fences to 19 specialty crop producers. Crops protected included mixed vegetable (5), apple orchard (7), Christmas trees (1), vineyards (2), nursery (3) and hay yard (1). In addition, materials were provided to upgrade one energized fence for a strawberry producer and materials were provided for semi-portable energized deer fences to three producers to protect strawberry and mixed vegetable crops.

The number of deer shooting permits (69) was down 51% in 2009 compared to 2008 when 140 were issued. Landowner permits outside the tuberculosis (TB) zone were down 29% while the number of permits within the TB zone was down 94% to just 3 permits issued. (Figure 9).

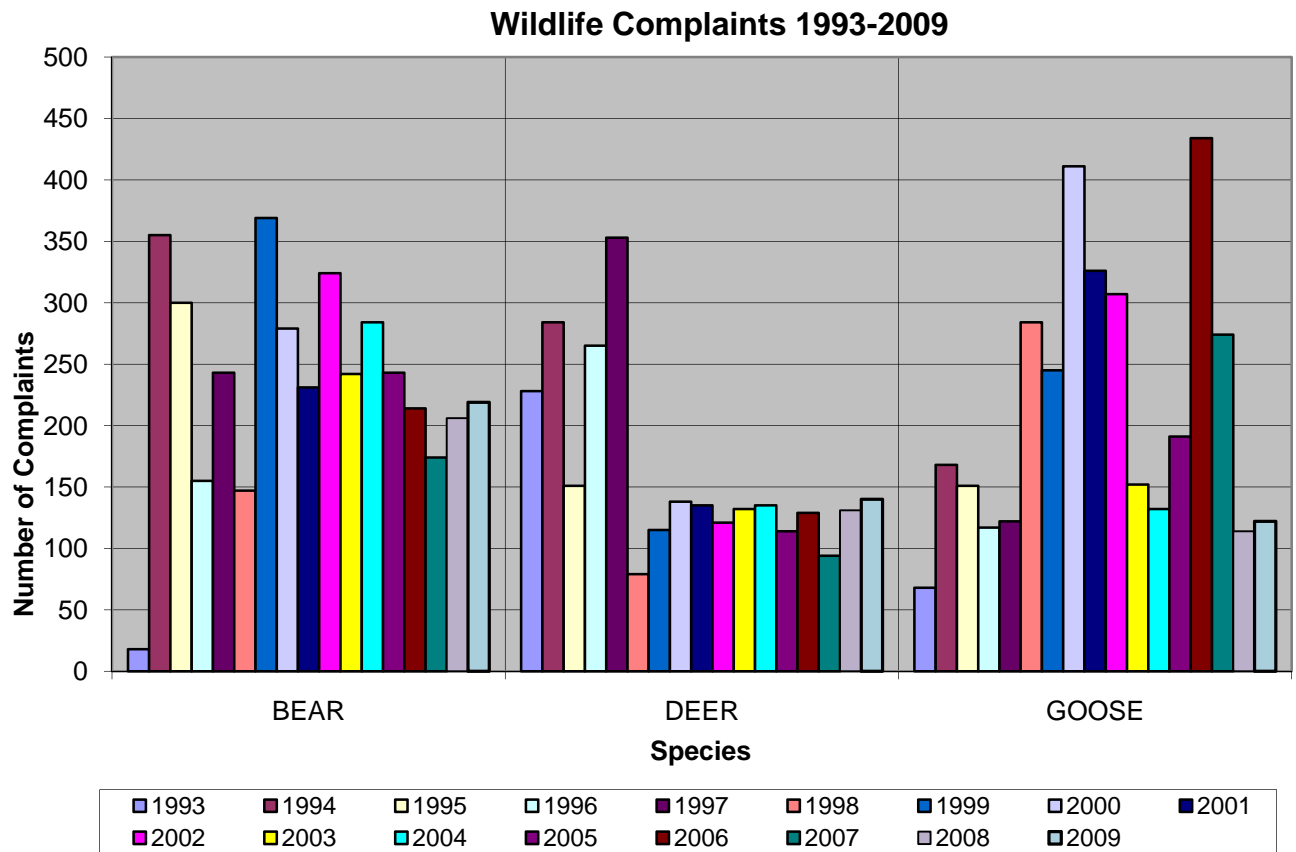


Figure 2. Number of wildlife complaints recorded for bear, deer and geese from 1993-2009, in Minnesota.

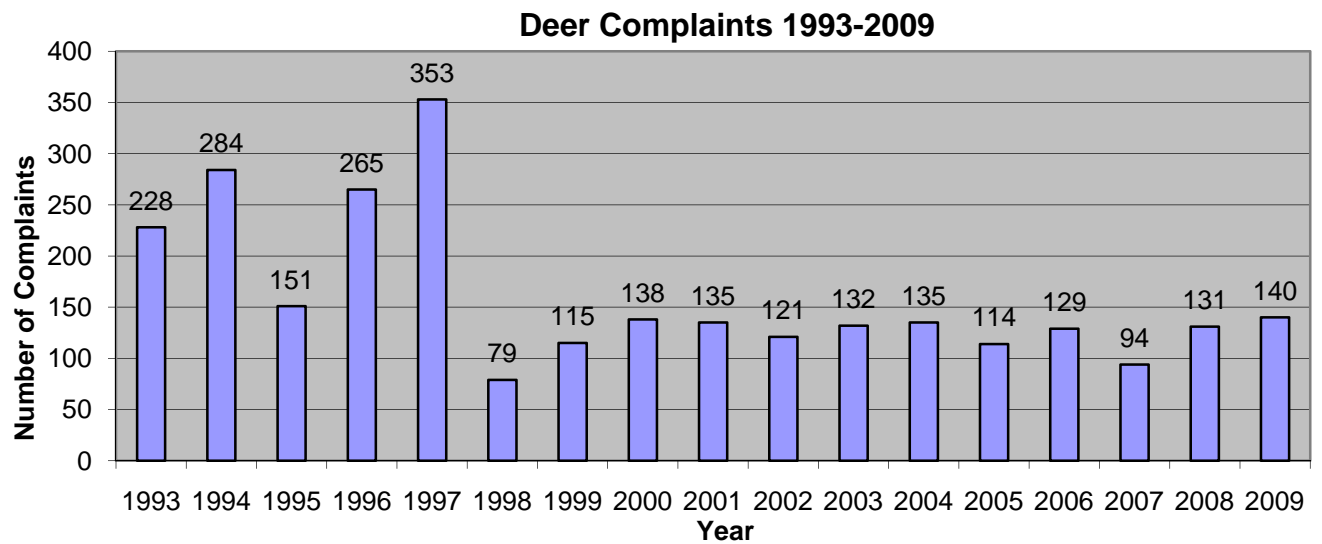


Figure 3. Number of deer complaints from 1993-2009, in Minnesota.

Bear Complaints 1993-2009

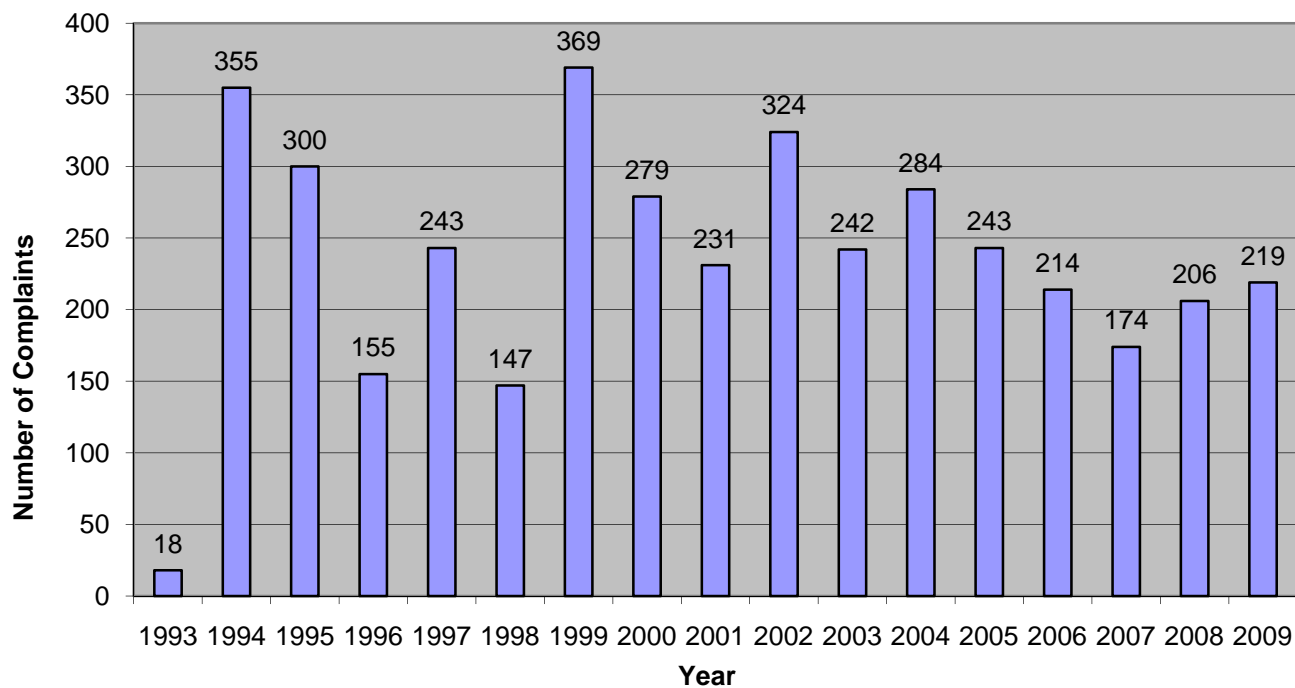


Figure 4. Number of bear complaints from 1993-2009 in Minnesota.

Goose Complaints 1993-2009

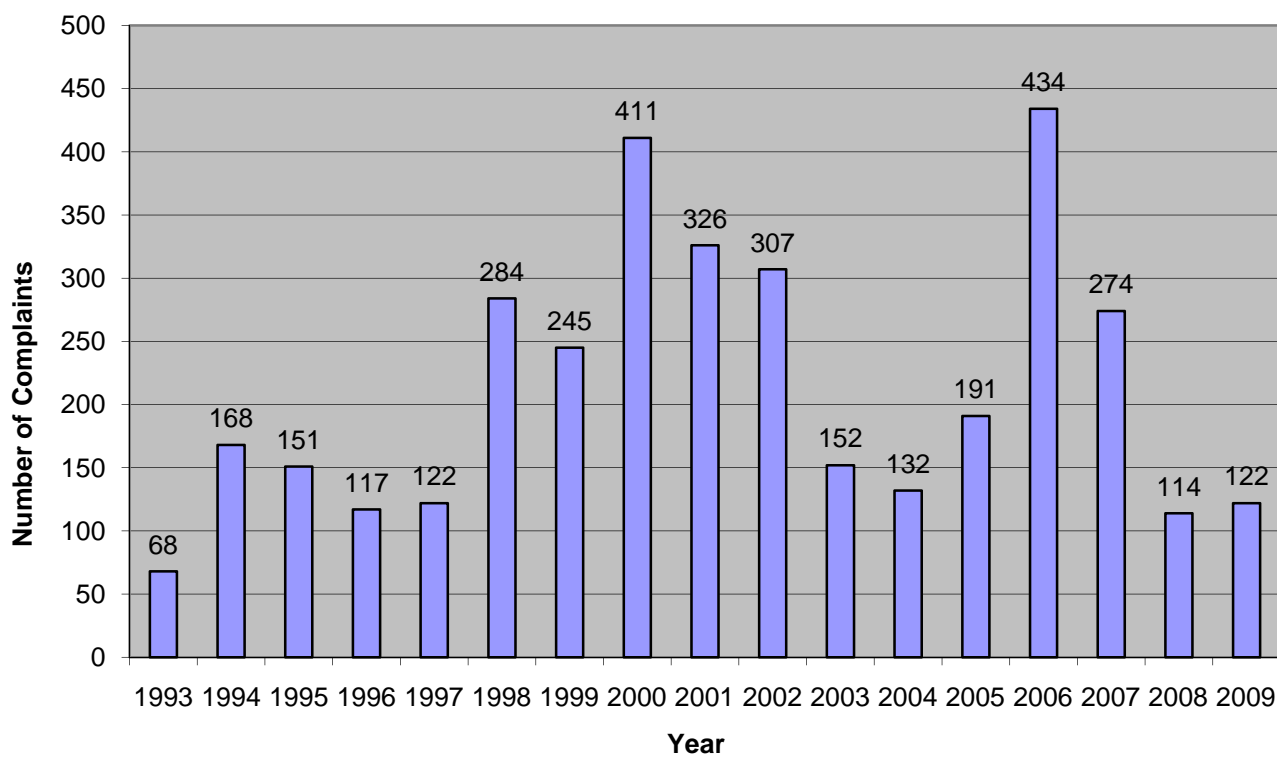


Figure 5. Number of goose complaints from 1993-2009, in Minnesota.

Turkey Complaints 1993-2009

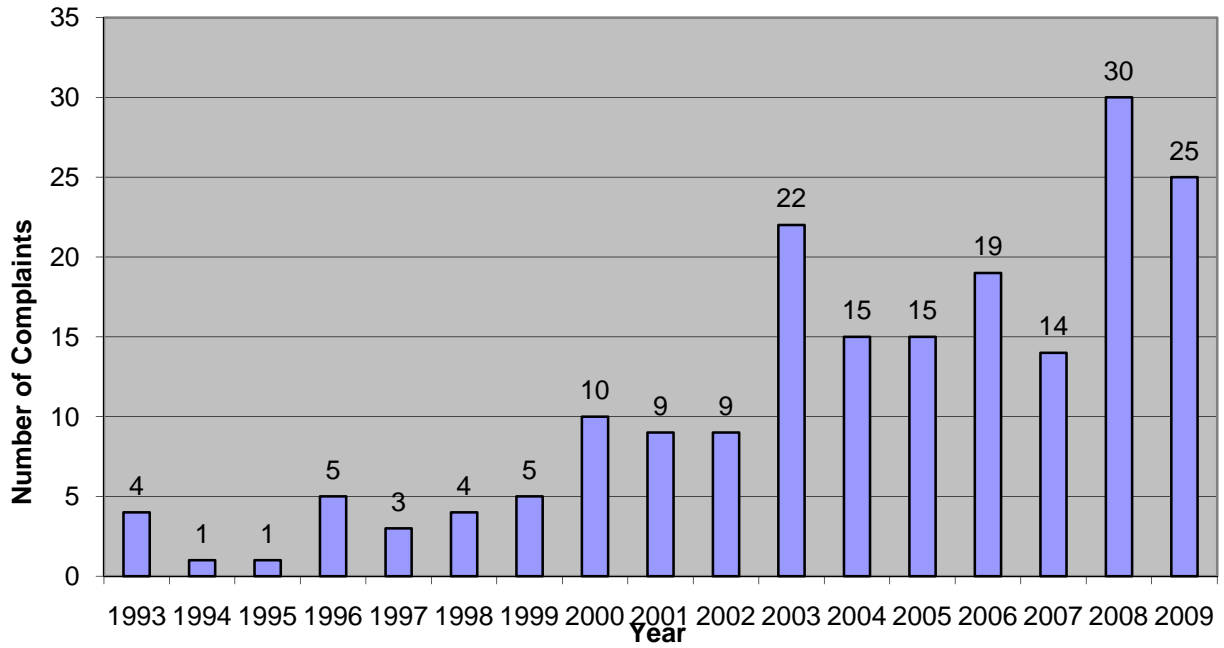


Figure 6. Number of turkey complaints from 1993-2009, in Minnesota.

Shooting Permits Issued for Nuisance Wildlife 2009

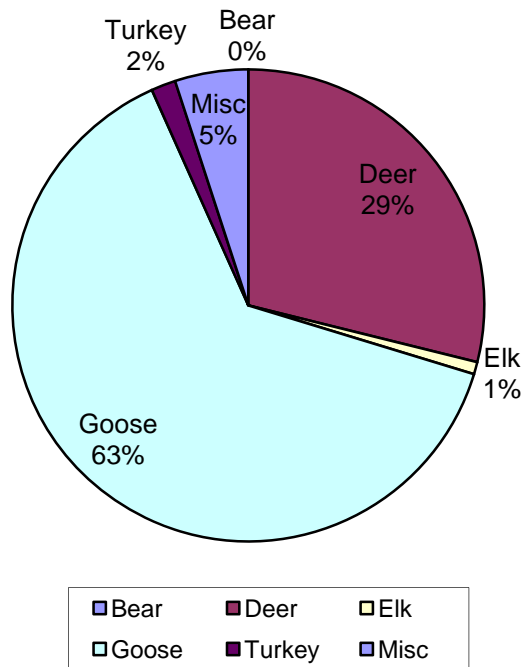


Figure 7. Shooting permits issued for nuisance wildlife control in Minnesota for 2009.

Shooting Permits Issued 2004-2009

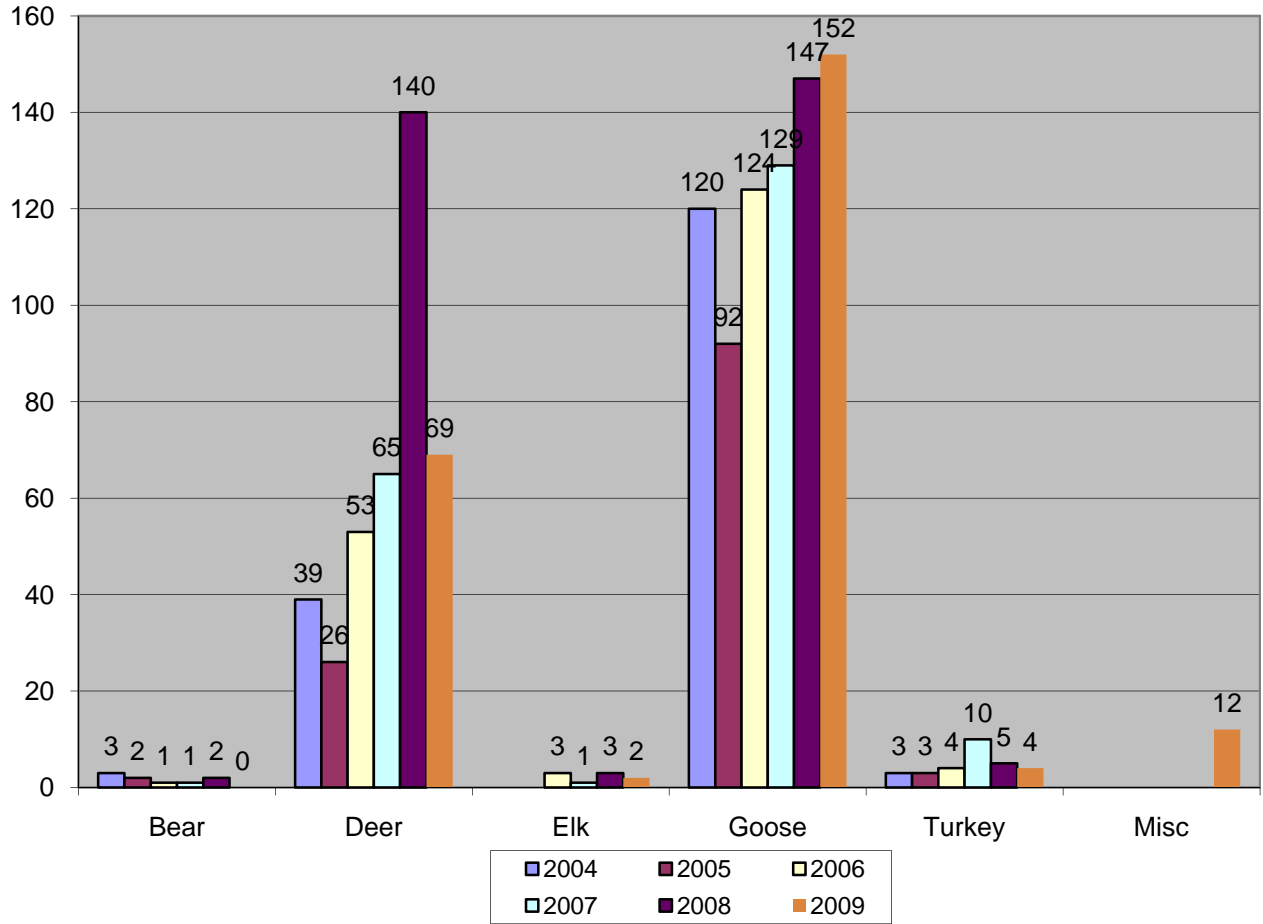


Figure 8. Shooting permits issued for nuisance wildlife control in Minnesota for 2004-2009.

The twelve miscellaneous permits issued in 2009 represent multi-species permits that were issued primarily to airport authorities for the control of birds posing a hazard to air traffic. These have not been reflected in past summaries.

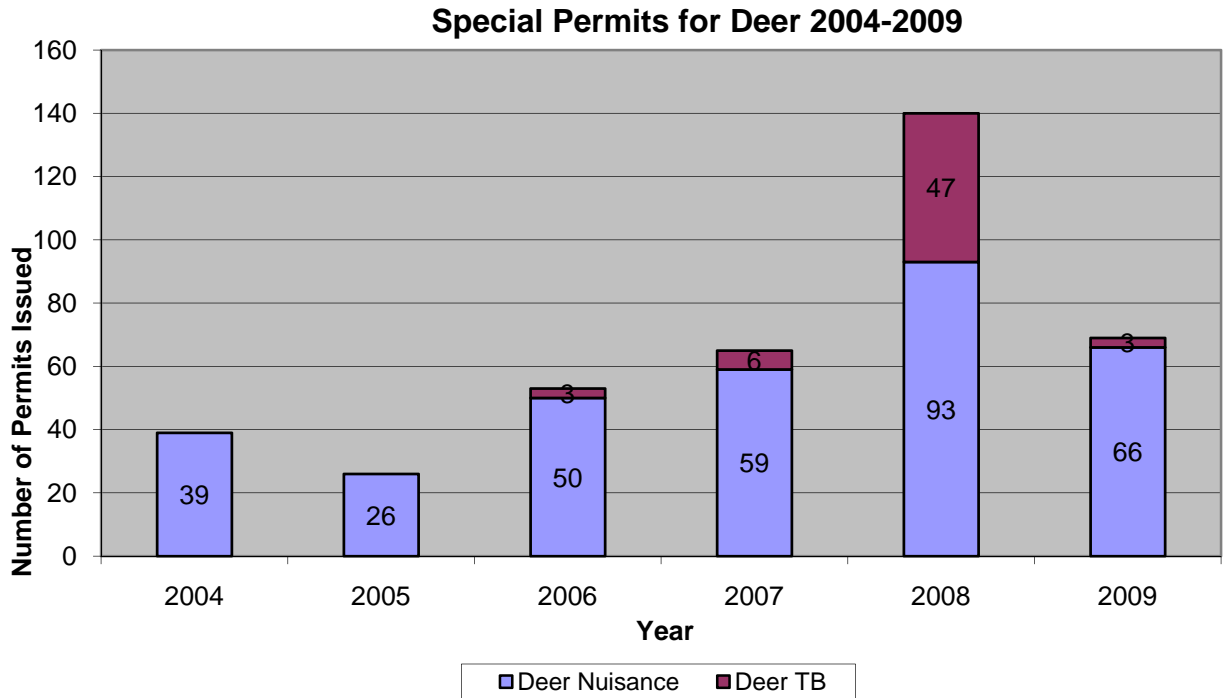


Figure 9. Shooting permits issued showing the portion related to tuberculosis (TB) control efforts in Minnesota for the period 2006-2009.

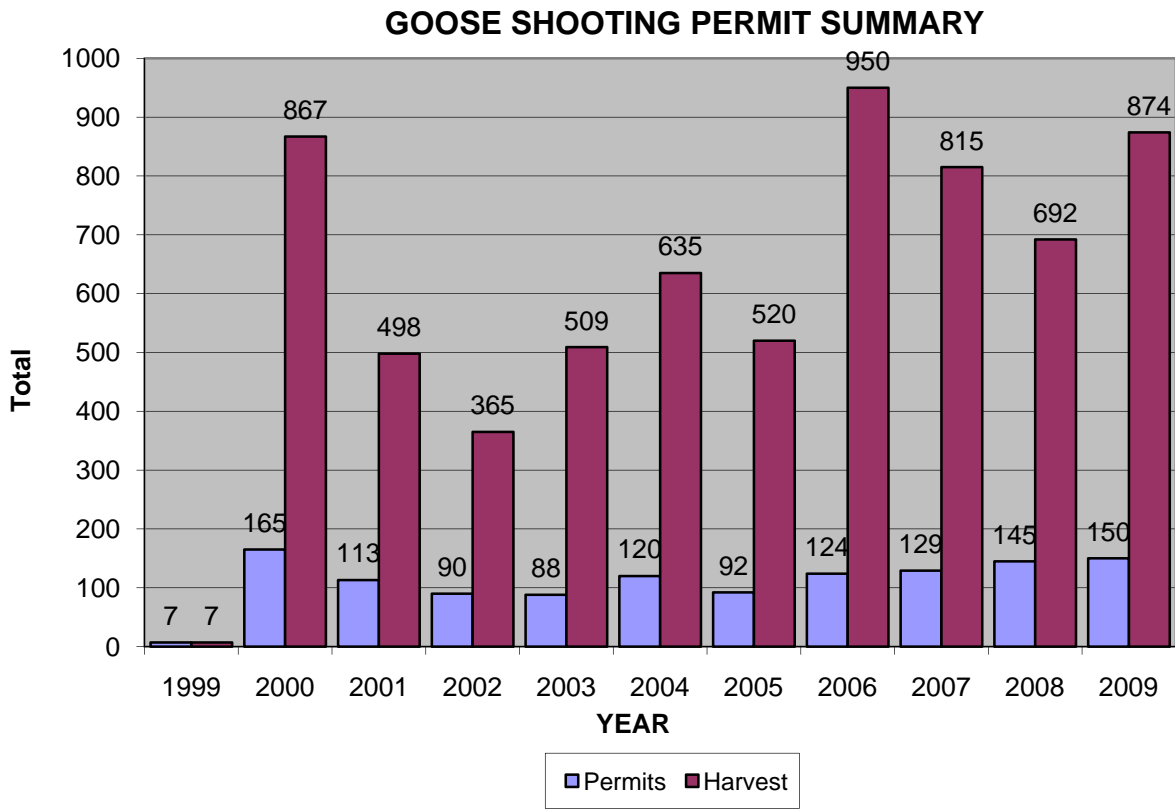


Figure 10. Comparison of nuisance goose shooting permits and harvest in Minnesota 1999-2009.

Permit Summary by Area

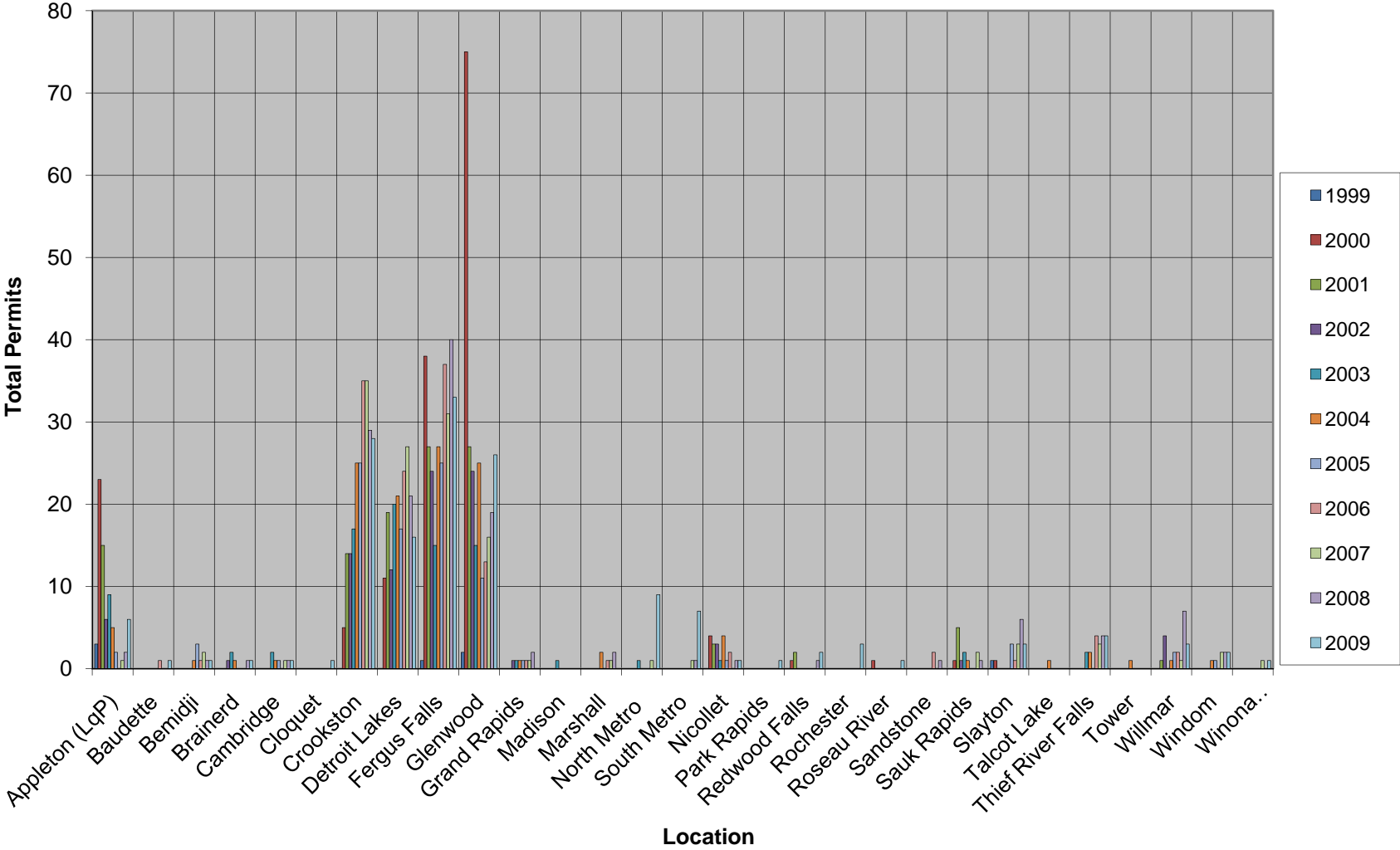


Figure 11. Nuisance goose permits issued by area wildlife offices in Minnesota 1999-2009.

Harvest Summary by Area

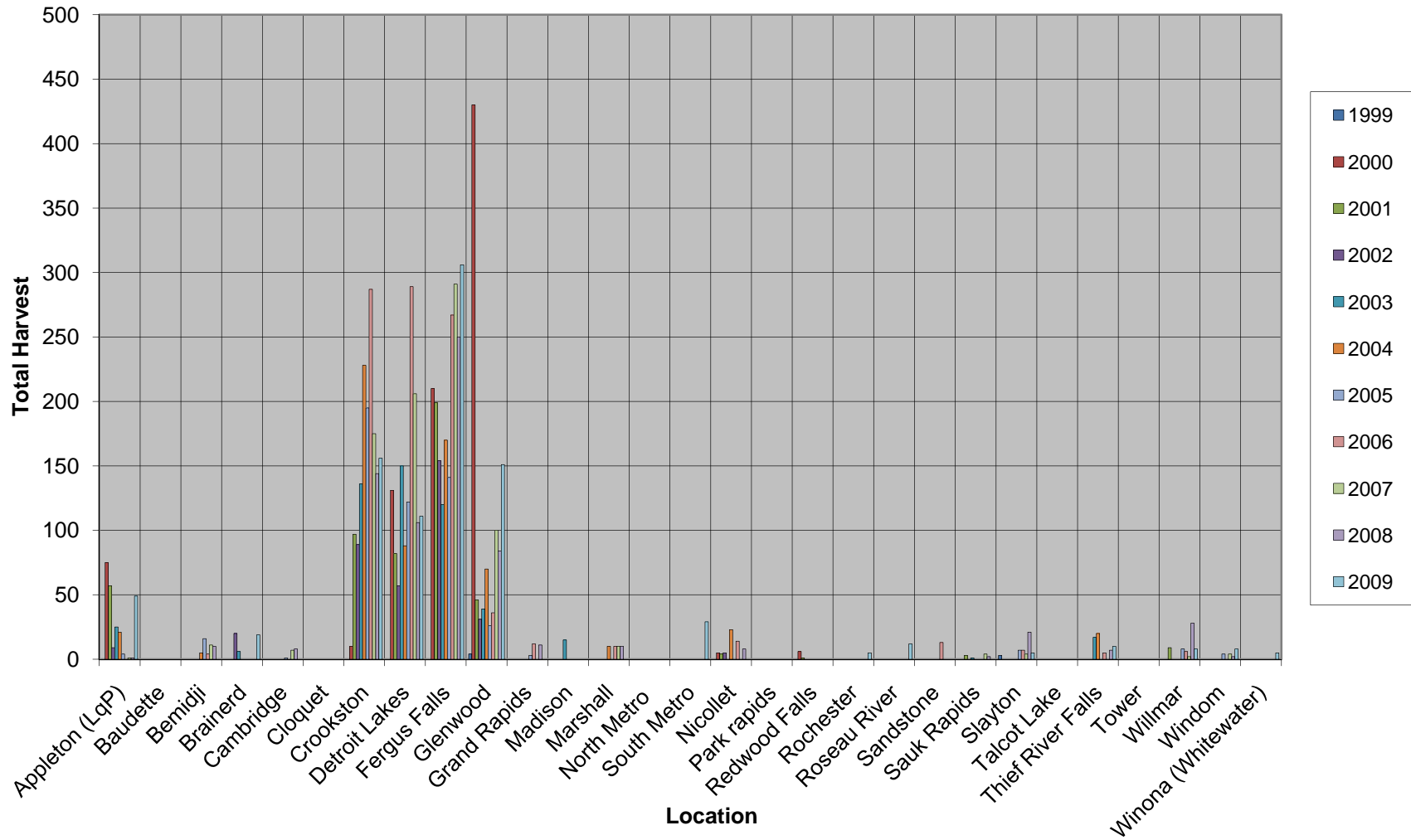


Figure 12. Nuisance goose harvest by area wildlife office in Minnesota 1999-2009.

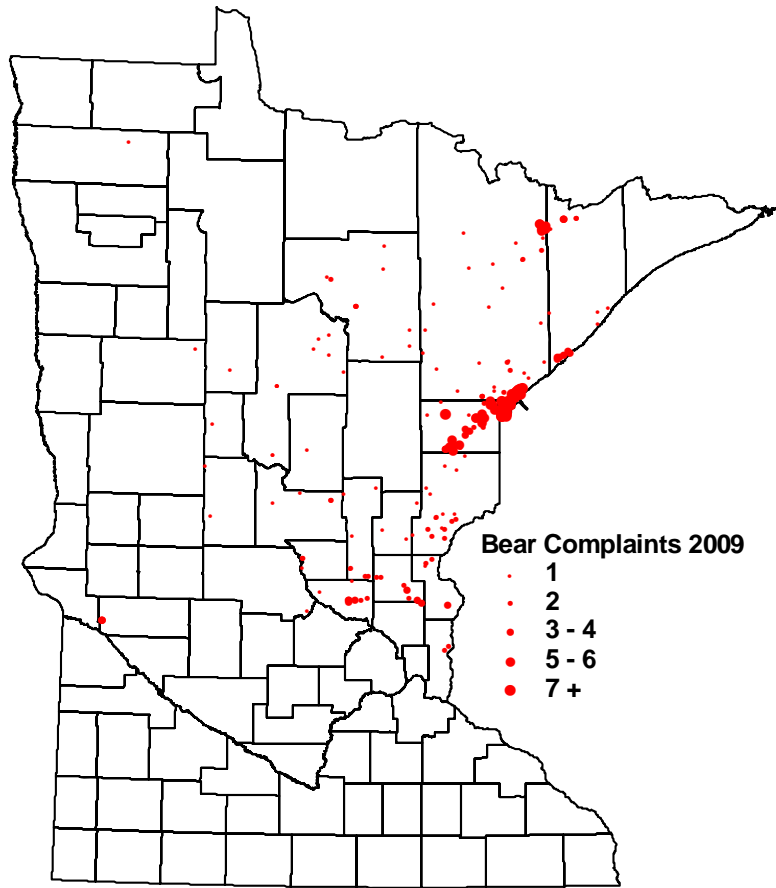


Figure 13. Location of bear damage complaints in 2009 (n=218). Note: number of points mapped differs from the total number of complaints received due to insufficient location information provided in the complaint reports to accurately map.

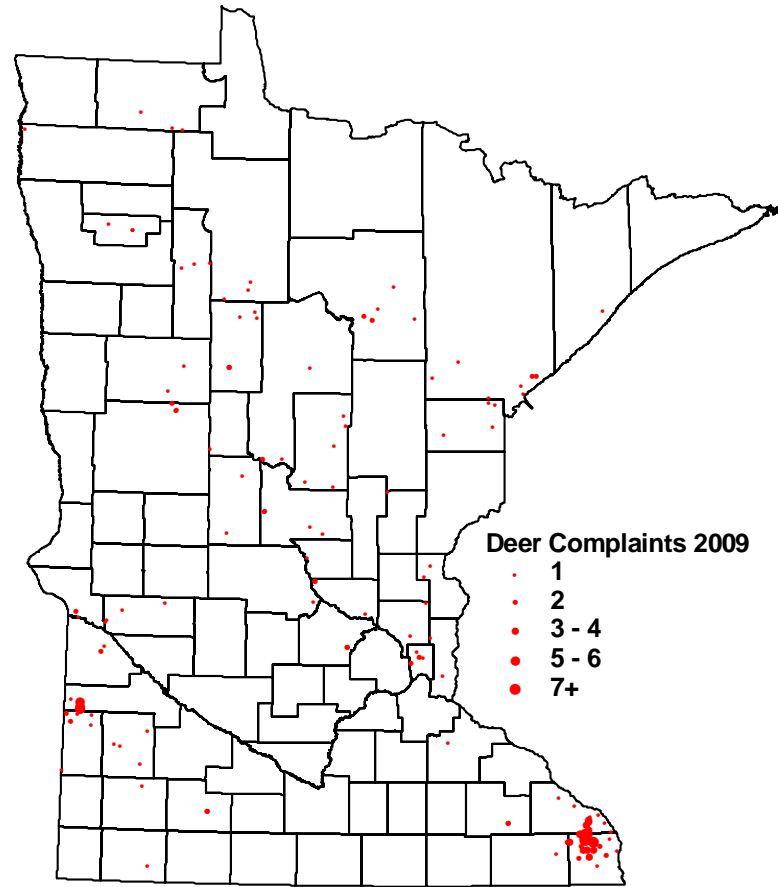


Figure 14. Location of deer damage complaints in 2009 (n=140). Note: number of points mapped differs from the total number of complaints received due to insufficient location information provided in the complaint reports to accurately map.

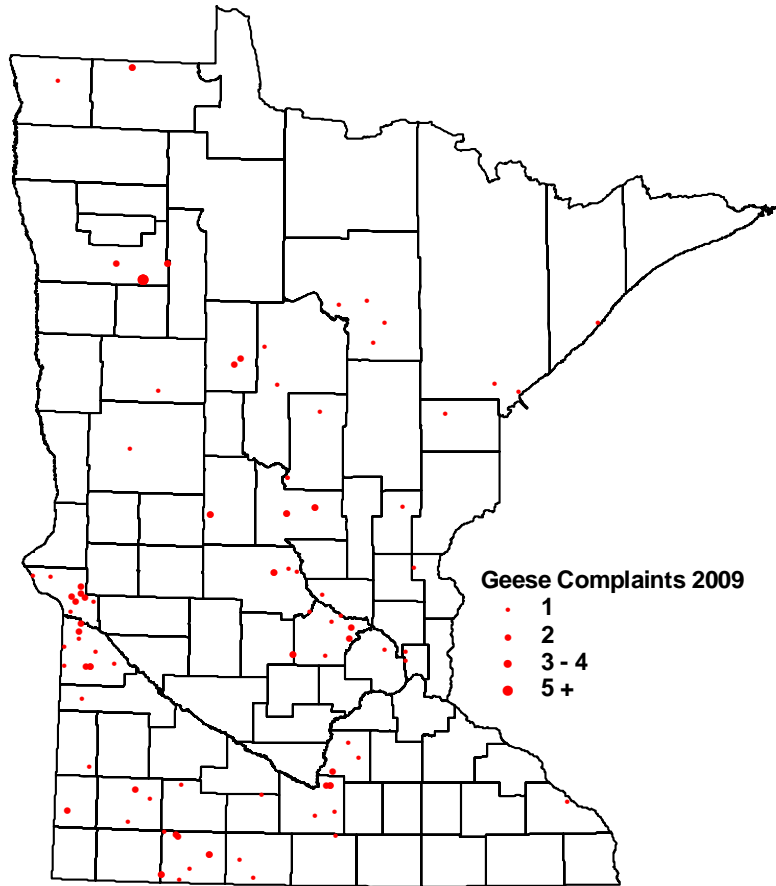


Figure 15. Location of goose damage complaints in 2009 (n=122).
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