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BLACK BEAR HARVEST SUMMARY 2015



Donald Winslow with his Tioga County black bear, taken in October, 2015.

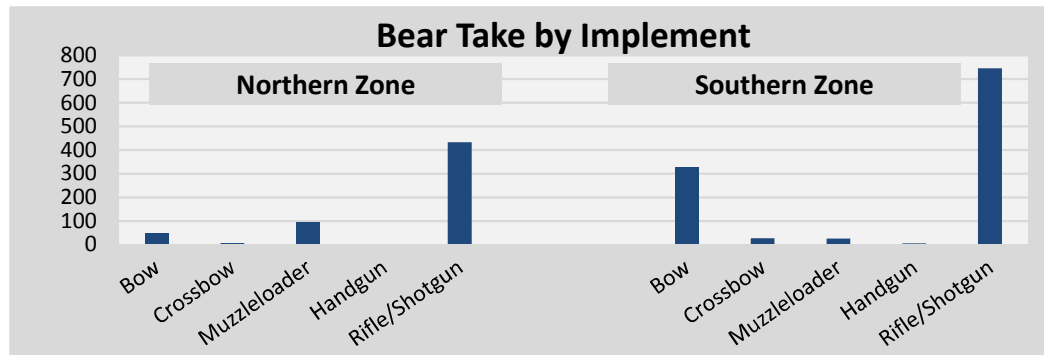


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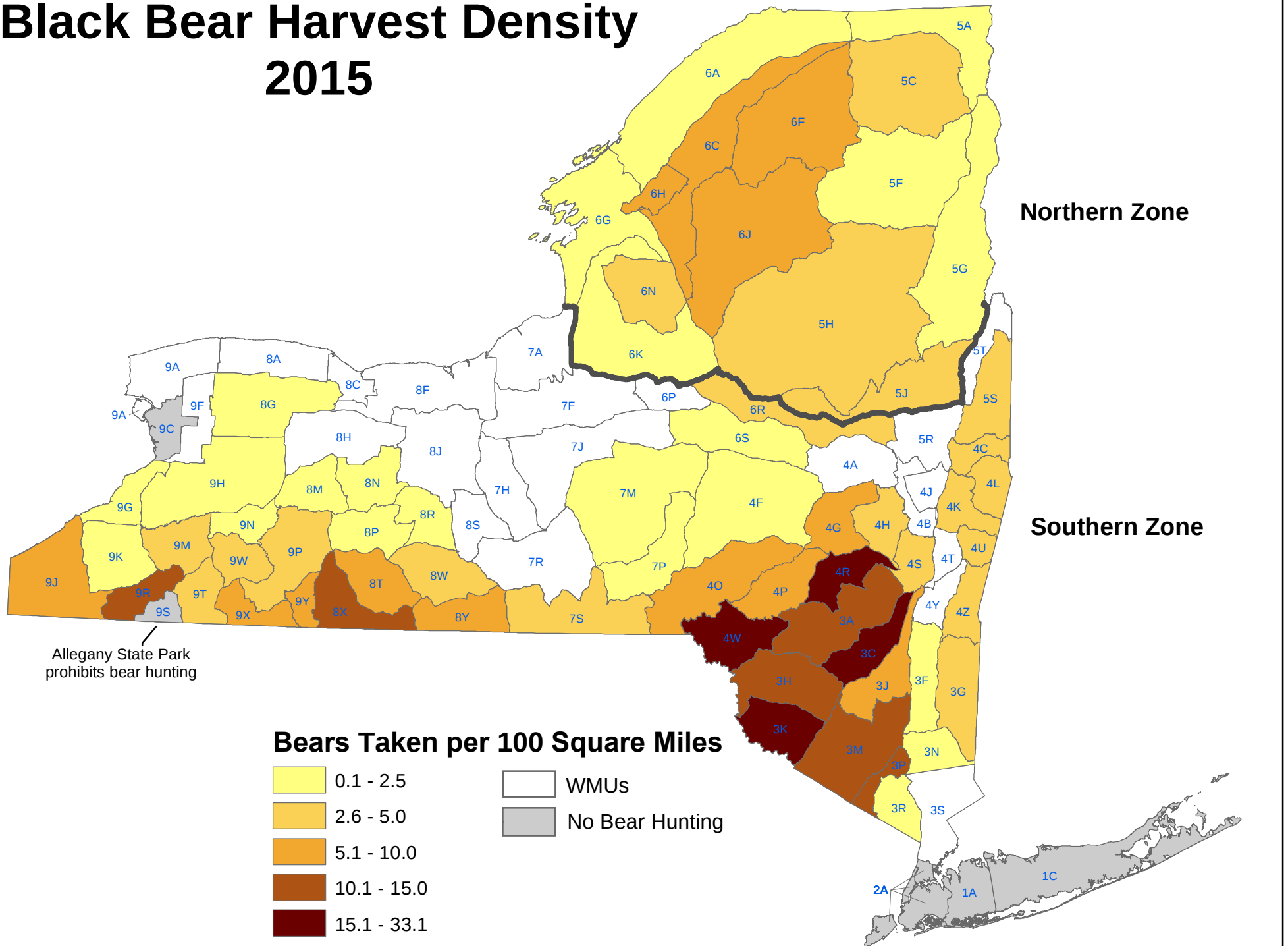
NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

2015 Bear Harvest Summary

	2015	2014	5-Year Average (2010-2014)	Historical Average (1991-2000)
Northern Zone	583	518	460	515
Early	183	291	217	172
Bow	53	26	24	15
Muzzleloader	94	42	41	25
Regular	253	159	178	303
% Female : % Male	33% - 67%	37% - 63%	38% - 62%	43% - 57%
Southern Zone	1,132	1,110	869	207
Early	192	337	337	
Bow	327	305	305	54
Muzzleloader	17	16	12	1
Regular	596	452	485	153
% Female : % Male	36% - 64%	41% - 59%	40% - 60%	37% - 63%
New York State	1,715	1,628	1,329	722
Early	375	628	285	172
Bow	380	331	328	69
Muzzleloader	111	58	53	26
Regular	849	611	663	455
% Female : % Male	35% - 65%	40% - 60%	40% - 60%	41% - 59%



Black Bear Harvest Density 2015



2015 NEW YORK STATE BLACK BEAR TAKE BY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Season Key: E = Early, B = Bowhunting, M = Muzzleloader, R = Regular, T = Total

NORTHERN						SOUTHERN						7P	0	0	0	3	3
WMU	E	B	M	R	T	WMU	E	B	M	R	T	7S	0	20	1	8	29
5A	1	0	1	4	6	3A	40	12	1	31	84	8G	0	0	0	2	2
5C	15	3	12	24	54	3C	24	12	0	26	62	8M	0	2	0	0	2
5F	6	0	5	13	24	3F	0	1	0	0	1	8N	0	2	0	1	3
5G	3	1	3	15	22	3G	0	6	0	6	12	8P	0	3	0	2	5
5H	30	15	18	74	137	3H	22	13	0	34	69	8R	0	2	0	0	2
5J	9	2	5	6	22	3J	2	6	0	12	20	8T	0	20	1	17	38
6A	0	5	3	8	16	3K	45	16	0	65	126	8W	0	5	0	8	13
6C	44	4	14	28	90	3M	20	19	3	34	76	8X	0	28	0	30	58
6F	25	6	9	31	71	3N	0	0	0	2	2	8Y	0	6	0	18	24
6G	0	0	1	1	2	3P	1	8	0	5	14	9G	0	1	0	0	1
6H	10	1	2	4	17	3R	3	0	0	1	4	9H	0	0	0	2	2
6J	40	8	18	22	88	4C	0	0	0	5	5	9J	0	17	0	21	38
6K	0	3	2	12	17	4F	0	1	1	7	9	9K	0	7	0	4	11
6N	0	5	1	11	17	4G	0	10	1	9	20	9M	0	4	0	5	9
NORTHERN ZONE						4H	0	4	1	6	11	9N	0	0	0	1	1
Early					583	4K	0	3	0	4	7	9P	0	8	0	14	22
Bowhunting					183	4L	0	2	0	7	9	9R	0	6	2	17	25
Muzzleloader					53	4O	0	20	1	32	53	9T	0	0	0	10	10
Regular					94	4P	12	7	2	12	33	9W	0	5	0	3	8
					253	4R	23	7	1	17	48	9X	0	3	1	10	14
						4S	0	3	1	3	7	9Y	0	0	0	8	8
						4U	0	3	0	3	6	SOUTHERN ZONE					
						4W	0	19	0	60	79	Early					1,132
						4Z	0	3	0	4	7	Bowhunting					192
						5S	0	7	0	10	17	Muzzleloader					327
						6R	0	4	0	13	17	Regular					17
						6S	0	2	0	0	2						596
						7M	0	0	0	4	4						



STATE TOTAL	1,715
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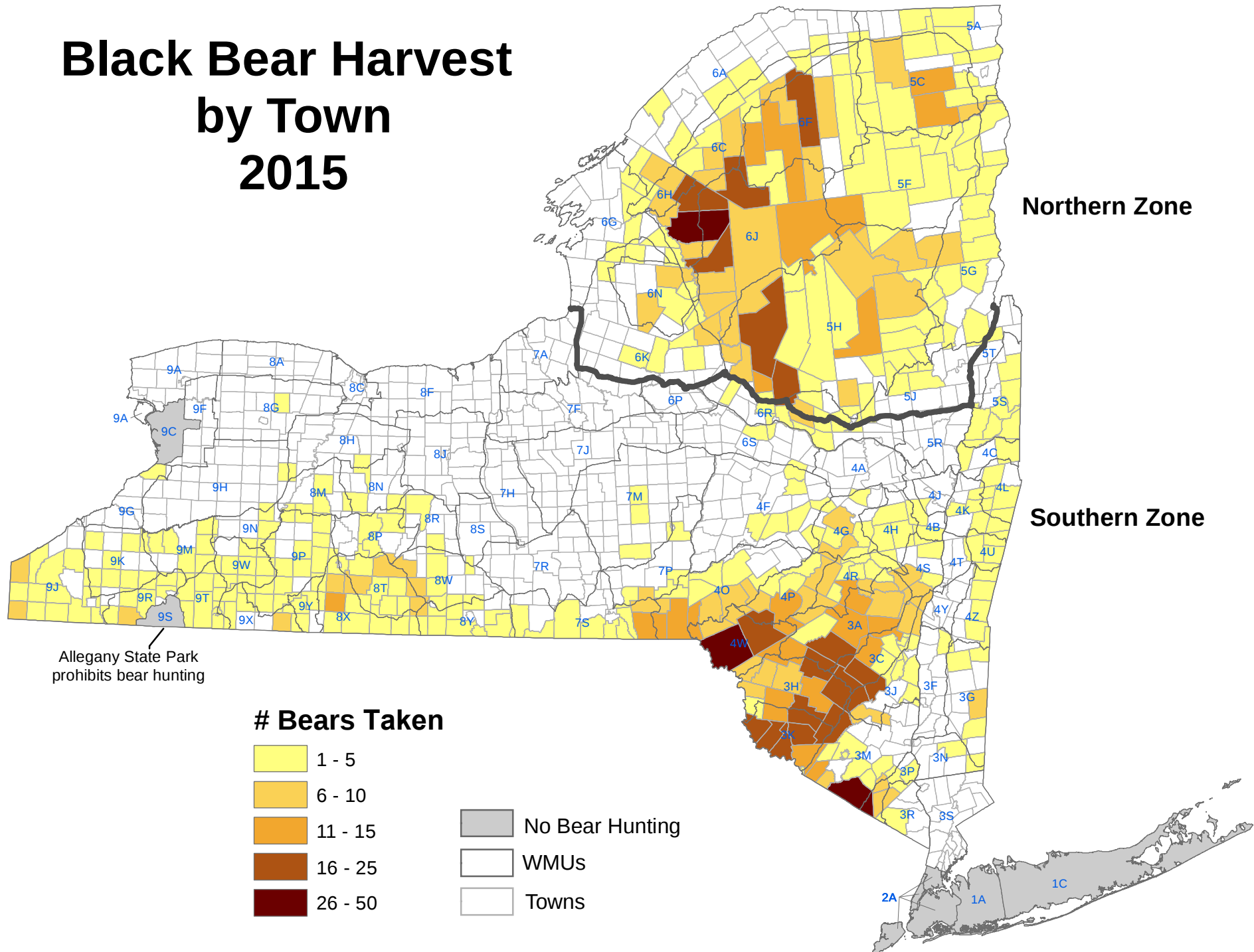
NEW YORK STATE BEAR TAKE BY SEX*

NZ	E	B	M	R	T
Male	120	39	65	166	389
Female	63	14	28	86	191
SZ	E	B	M	R	T
Male	114	234	10	358	715
Female	78	90	7	236	411

* Sex was not reported for all bears.

* Only Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) with reported bear harvests are included here.

Black Bear Harvest by Town 2015



2015 NEW YORK STATE BEAR TAKE BY TOWN AND COUNTY*

Key: E = Early, B = Bowhunting, M = Muzzleloader, R = Regular, T = Total

NORTHERN ZONE						FULTON						TOTAL						36	10	20	38	104												
ZONE TOTAL						583	Bleecker						1	0	2	3	6	ONEIDA						E	B	M	R	T						
EARLY						183	Ephratah						0	0	0	1	1	Annsville						0	1	0	0	1						
BOWHUNTING						53	Johnstown						0	0	2	0	2	Ava						0	0	1	0	1						
MUZZLELOADER						94	Mayfield						0	2	1	1	4	Boonville						2	0	4	4	10						
REGULAR						253	Oppenheim						3	0	1	3	7	Camden						0	0	0	1	1						
							Stratford						1	0	2	0	3	Forestport						5	2	0	3	10						
							TOTAL						5	2	8	8	23	Remsen						1	1	0	6	8						
							HAMILTON						E	B	M	R	T	Western						0	0	0	1	1						
CLINTON						E	B	M	R	T	Arietta						1	2	0	1	4	TOTAL						8	4	5	15	32		
Altona						0	0	0	1	1	Hope						0	0	0	2	2	SARATOGA						E	B	M	R	T		
Ausable						5	1	0	0	6	Indian Lake						2	1	0	4	7	Corinth						2	0	0	0	2		
Beekmantown						0	0	0	2	2	Inlet						0	0	1	2	3	Day						1	0	0	0	1		
Black Brook						4	0	3	7	14	Lake Pleasant						0	0	1	3	4	Edinburg						0	0	1	2	3		
Clinton						0	0	0	2	2	Long Lake						4	0	4	4	12	Hadley						0	0	0	1	1		
Ellenburg						1	0	1	2	4	Morehouse						0	0	0	3	3	TOTAL						3	0	1	3	7		
Mooers						0	0	0	1	1	Wells						1	1	1	9	12	ST LAWRENCE						E	B	M	R	T		
Peru						3	0	0	0	3	TOTAL						8	4	7	28	47 <td colspan="6">Canton</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td>	Canton						1	0	3	1	5		
Saranac						2	0	1	9	12	HERKIMER						E	B	M	R	T	Clare						4	0	1	7	12		
Schuyler Falls						0	0	0	1	1	Fairfield						0	0	0	4	4	Clifton						1	0	0	0	1		
TOTAL						15	1	5	25	46	Norway						0	3	3	6	12	Colton						4	0	2	8	14		
ESSEX						E	B	M	R	T	Ohio						4	4	0	8	16	Edwards						6	0	0	3	9		
Chesterfield						1	0	0	0	1	Russia						2	1	2	1	6	Fine						12	1	2	2	17		
Crown Point						0	0	3	1	4	Salisbury						5	0	2	9	16	Fowler						1	1	0	2	4		
Elizabethtown						0	0	1	0	1	Webb						3	1	1	4	9	Gouverneur						0	0	1	4	5		
Essex						0	0	0	2	2	TOTAL						14	9	8	32	63	Hermon						4	0	1	0	5		
Jay						2	0	0	1	3	JEFFERSON						E	B	M	R	T <td colspan="6">Hopkinton</td> <td>6</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>6</td> <td>16</td>	Hopkinton						6	2	2	6	16		
Keene						0	0	1	2	3	Antwerp						1	5	2	1	9	Lawrence						0	0	2	0	2		
Lewis						0	0	0	2	2	Le Ray						2	0	0	1	3	Morristown						0	1	0	0	1		
Minerva						2	0	1	3	6	Lorraine						0	2	0	0	2	Parishville						5	1	1	1	8		
Moriah						0	0	0	2	2	Philadelphia						2	0	0	0	2	Piercefield						1	0	2	4	7		
Newcomb						0	0	0	2	2	Rodman						0	0	1	3	4	Pierrepont						3	0	0	1	4		
North Elba						0	0	0	1	1	Rutland						0	0	0	1	1	Pitcairn						6	2	0	1	9		
Schroon						3	0	2	1	6	Theresa						0	0	0	2	2	Potsdam						0	0	0	1	1		
St Armand						2	0	0	1	3	Wilna						8	0	0	1	9	Russell						1	1	1	6	9		
Ticonderoga						0	2	0	2	4	TOTAL						13	7	3	9	32	TOTAL						55	9	18	47	129		
Westport						1	0	0	0	1	LEWIS						E	B	M	R	T <td colspan="6">WARREN</td> <th>E</th> <th>B</th> <th>M</th> <th>R</th> <th>T</th>	WARREN						E	B	M	R	T		
Wilmington						0	0	2	1	3	Croghan						12	0	11	5	28	Chester						0	0	0	1	1		
TOTAL						11	2	10	21	44	Denmark						0	1	0	0	1	Hague						0	0	0	1	1		
FRANKLIN						E	B	M	R	T	Diana						2	3	2	9	16	Horicon						0	0	0	1	1		
Bellmont						1	0	4	1	6	Greig						5	1	2	1	9	Johnsburg						3	0	0	3	6		
Brandon						1	2	0	0	3	Leyden						0	0	1	0	1	Lake George						0	0	0	1	1		
Brighton						2	0	0	0	2	Lowville						0	0	0	1	1	Stony Creek						2	0	0	0	2		
Duane						1	0	0	0	1	Lyonsdale						3	1	0	3	7	Thurman						0	0	0	1	1		
Franklin						0	0	1	0	1	Martinsburg						0	1	1	5	7	Warrensburg						0	0	0	3	3		
Harrietstown						0	0	2	2	4	New Bremen						3	0	1	2	6	TOTAL						5	0	0	11	16		
Malone						0	1	0	3	4	Osceola						0	3	0	3	6	WASHINGTON						E	B	M	R	T		
Moir						0	0	1	0	1	Pinckney						0	0	0	1	1	Fort Ann						1	0	1	0	2		
Santa Clara						1	0	0	1	2	Turin						0	0	0	3	3	TOTAL						1	0	1	0	2		
Tupper Lake						3	0	0	3	6	Watson						11	0	2	4	17													
Waverly						0	2	0	6	8	West Turin						0	0	0	1	1													
TOTAL						9	5	8	16	38																								

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SOUTHERN ZONE						Franklinville	0	1	0	0	1	Canaan	0	1	0	2	3
ZONE TOTAL						Great Valley	0	0	0	2	2	Chatham	0	1	0	1	2
EARLY						Hinsdale	0	1	0	2	3	Copake	0	0	0	1	1
BOWHUNTING						Humphrey	0	0	0	1	1	Hillsdale	0	3	0	0	3
MUZZLELOADER						Ischua	0	0	0	1	1	New Lebanon	0	1	0	2	3
REGULAR						Little Valley	0	2	0	3	5	TOTAL	0	6	0	8	14
						Lyndon	0	1	0	0	1	DELAWARE	E	B	M	R	T
ALBANY	E	B	M	R	T	Machias	0	1	0	0	1	Andes	6	1	0	8	15
Berne	0	0	0	1	1	Napoli	0	0	0	1	1	Bovina	0	1	0	4	5
Coeymans	0	0	0	1	1	Olean	0	0	0	2	2	Colchester	2	5	0	14	21
New Scotland	0	0	0	2	2	Otto	0	0	0	1	1	Delhi	0	1	0	1	2
Rensselaerville	0	0	0	2	2	Persia	0	0	0	2	2	Deposit	0	6	0	5	11
Westerlo	0	2	1	0	3	Portville	0	1	1	0	2	Franklin	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	2	1	6	9	Randolph	0	0	0	3	3	Hamden	4	0	1	2	7
ALLEGANY	E	B	M	R	T	Salamanca	0	0	0	1	1	Hancock	0	13	0	34	47
Alfred	0	0	0	2	2	South Valley	0	4	0	2	6	Masonville	0	3	0	0	3
Alma	0	2	0	4	6	Yorkshire	0	1	0	0	1	Middletown	3	4	1	0	8
Almond	0	2	0	0	2	TOTAL	0	12	3	31	46	Roxbury	5	1	0	2	8
Amity	0	0	0	1	1	CHAUTAUQUA	E	B	M	R	T	Sidney	0	1	0	1	2
Andover	0	1	0	4	5	Arkwright	0	4	0	0	4	Stamford	0	2	0	0	2
Angelica	0	0	0	2	2	Busti	0	0	0	1	1	Tompkins	0	1	0	6	7
Belfast	0	1	0	0	1	Carroll	0	1	0	4	5	Walton	0	1	1	8	10
Birdsall	0	0	0	1	1	Chautauqua	0	0	0	3	3	TOTAL	20	41	3	85	149
Burns	0	0	0	1	1	Cherry Creek	0	3	0	0	3	DUTCHESS	E	B	M	R	T
Caneadea	0	1	0	1	2	Clymer	0	2	0	1	3	Dover	0	3	0	3	6
Clarksville	0	2	0	2	4	Ellicott	0	1	0	0	1	Milan	0	1	0	0	1
Cuba	0	0	0	2	2	Ellington	0	0	0	1	1	Northeast	0	1	0	1	2
Friendship	0	0	0	1	1	French Creek	0	0	0	8	8	Pawling	0	2	0	0	2
Hume	0	1	0	0	1	Gerry	0	0	0	1	1	Stanford	0	0	0	2	2
New Hudson	0	0	0	1	1	Harmony	0	1	0	1	2	TOTAL	0	7	0	6	13
Rushford	0	1	0	0	1	Kiantone	0	0	0	2	2	ERIE	E	B	M	R	T
Scio	0	1	0	0	1	Mina	0	1	0	0	1	Hamburg	0	1	0	0	1
Wellsville	0	0	0	2	2	North Harmony	0	1	0	0	1	TOTAL	0	1	0	0	1
West Almond	0	0	0	1	1	Ripley	0	5	0	1	6	FULTON	E	B	M	R	T
Willing	0	1	0	3	4	Sherman	0	1	0	2	3	Ephratah	0	0	0	1	1
Wirt	0	2	0	3	5	Stockton	0	3	0	1	4	TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	0	15	0	31	46	Westfield	0	2	0	2	4	GENESEE	E	B	M	R	T
BROOME	E	B	M	R	T	TOTAL	0	25	0	28	53	Byron	0	0	0	1	1
Binghamton	0	1	0	0	1	CHEMUNG	E	B	M	R	T	TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1
Colesville	0	3	1	2	6	Ashland	0	1	0	2	3	GREENE	E	B	M	R	T
Conklin	0	3	0	0	3	Baldwin	0	0	0	1	1	Ashland	3	0	0	2	5
Fenton	0	0	0	1	1	Big Flats	0	2	0	1	3	Athens	0	1	0	0	1
Kirkwood	0	1	0	1	2	Chemung	0	0	0	3	3	Cairo	7	0	0	2	9
Sanford	0	5	0	8	13	Horseheads	0	0	0	2	2	Catskill	1	4	0	3	8
Vestal	0	0	0	2	2	Southport	0	1	0	3	4	Durham	3	0	0	2	5
Windsor	0	9	0	6	15	TOTAL	0	4	0	12	16	Halcott	0	0	0	3	3
TOTAL	0	22	1	20	43	CHENANGO	E	B	M	R	T	Hunter	3	1	0	4	8
CATTARAUGUS	E	B	M	R	T	Afton	0	1	0	3	4	Jewett	2	2	0	5	9
Allegany	0	0	0	2	2	Bainbridge	0	1	0	2	3	Lexington	5	4	0	4	13
Carrollton	0	0	0	1	1	Norwich	0	0	0	1	1	New Baltimore	0	0	2	0	2
Cold Spring	0	0	2	3	5	Otsellic	0	0	0	2	2	Prattsville	2	0	0	0	2
Conewango	0	0	0	1	1	Pharsalia	0	0	0	1	1	Windham	0	0	0	1	1
Dayton	0	0	0	1	1	Smithville	0	0	0	1	1	TOTAL	26	12	2	26	66
East Otto	0	0	0	1	1	TOTAL	0	2	0	10	12	HERKIMER	E	B	M	R	T
Ellicottville	0	0	0	1	1	COLUMBIA	E	B	M	R	T	Fairfield	0	0	0	2	2
						Ancram	0	0	0	1	1						
						Austerlitz	0	0	0	1	1						

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German Flatts	0	1	0	0	1	Grafton	0	0	0	3	3	Delaware	0	1	0	5	6
Little Falls	0	0	0	1	1	Hoosick	0	1	0	3	4	Fallsburgh	3	2	0	6	11
Manheim	0	1	0	3	4	Nassau	0	0	0	3	3	Forestburg	9	2	0	9	20
Salisbury	0	1	0	1	2	Poestenkill	0	0	0	1	1	Fremont	0	1	0	6	7
TOTAL	0	3	0	7	10	Sand Lake	0	1	0	0	1	Highland	4	1	0	11	16
LIVINGSTON	E	B	M	R	T	Schaghticoke	0	0	0	1	1	Liberty	4	0	0	2	6
Groveland	0	1	0	0	1	Stephentown	0	0	0	2	2	Lumberland	2	4	0	11	17
Nunda	0	0	0	1	1	TOTAL	0	5	0	14	19	Mamakating	11	2	0	7	20
Ossian	0	0	0	1	1	ROCKLAND	E	B	M	R	T	Neversink	11	0	0	6	17
Portage	0	0	0	2	2	Ramapo	1	0	0	1	2	Rockland	6	3	0	3	12
Springwater	0	0	0	1	1	TOTAL	1	0	0	1	2	Thompson	13	4	0	6	23
West Sparta	0	1	0	0	1	SCHOHARIE	E	B	M	R	T	Tusten	4	2	0	17	23
TOTAL	0	2	0	5	7	Blenheim	0	1	0	0	1	TOTAL	71	29	0	99	199
MONTGOMERY	E	B	M	R	T	Broome	0	1	0	3	4	TIOGA	E	B	M	R	T
Palatine	0	0	0	2	2	Conesville	0	1	0	4	5	Barton	0	1	0	0	1
St Johnsville	0	0	0	2	2	Fulton	0	4	0	2	6	Nichols	0	1	0	1	2
TOTAL	0	0	0	4	4	Gilboa	1	4	1	2	8	Owego	0	3	0	2	5
ONEIDA	E	B	M	R	T	Jefferson	0	2	0	0	2	TOTAL	0	5	0	3	8
Deerfield	0	3	0	0	3	Richmondville	0	0	0	2	2	ULSTER	E	B	M	R	T
TOTAL	0	3	0	0	3	Schoharie	0	0	0	2	2	Denning	10	1	0	8	19
ONTARIO	E	B	M	R	T	TOTAL	1	13	1	15	30	Esopus	0	2	0	0	2
Richmond	0	1	0	0	1	SCHUYLER	E	B	M	R	T	Hardenburgh	1	0	1	1	3
TOTAL	0	1	0	0	1	Montour	0	0	0	1	1	Hurley	2	1	0	1	4
ORANGE	E	B	M	R	T	Orange	0	0	0	3	3	Kingston	0	1	0	2	3
Blooming Grove	0	0	0	2	2	Tyrone	0	1	0	0	1	Lloyd	0	1	0	1	2
Chester	1	1	0	0	2	TOTAL	0	1	0	4	5	Marbletown	2	0	0	1	3
Deerpark	4	1	0	7	12	STEUBEN	E	B	M	R	T	Olive	8	0	0	4	12
Goshen	0	1	0	0	1	Addison	0	2	0	3	5	Rochester	4	6	0	9	19
Greenville	5	4	0	3	12	Avoca	0	1	0	0	1	Rosendale	0	1	0	1	2
Highlands	0	1	0	2	3	Bath	0	4	0	2	6	Saugerties	2	2	0	4	8
Middletown	0	0	0	1	1	Cameron	0	3	0	2	5	Shandaken	3	1	0	11	15
Minisink	0	3	1	2	6	Campbell	0	5	0	3	8	Shawangunk	1	0	0	5	6
Monroe	3	3	0	0	6	Canisteo	0	1	0	8	9	Ulster	1	1	0	0	2
Mount Hope	0	0	0	2	2	Caton	0	2	0	1	3	Wawarsing	5	6	0	13	24
Port Jervis City	1	0	0	0	1	Cohocton	0	2	0	0	2	Woodstock	8	1	0	2	11
Tuxedo	2	4	0	1	7	Corning	0	3	0	2	5	TOTAL	47	24	1	63	135
Wallkill	0	2	0	0	2	Erwin	0	2	2	3	7	WASHINGTON	E	B	M	R	T
Warwick	9	7	1	19	36	Greenwood	0	3	0	11	14	Cambridge	0	0	0	2	2
Woodbury	1	0	0	0	1	Hartsville	0	6	0	2	8	Easton	0	1	0	1	2
TOTAL	26	27	2	39	94	Hornby	0	0	0	1	1	Hebron	0	2	0	0	2
OTSEGO	E	B	M	R	T	Hornellsville	0	1	0	4	5	Jackson	0	0	0	4	4
Cherry Valley	0	0	0	1	1	Howard	0	2	0	0	2	Salem	0	0	0	1	1
Maryland	0	0	0	3	3	Jasper	0	4	0	1	5	White Creek	0	3	0	2	5
Milford	0	0	1	0	1	Lindley	0	2	0	3	5	TOTAL	0	6	0	10	16
Roseboom	0	0	0	1	1	Prattsburg	0	0	0	2	2	WYOMING	E	B	M	R	T
Worcester	0	1	0	0	1	Rathbone	0	2	0	2	4	Perry	0	0	0	2	2
TOTAL	0	1	1	5	7	Thurston	0	3	0	1	4	Pike	0	0	0	1	1
PUTNAM	E	B	M	R	T	Troupsburg	0	2	0	1	3	TOTAL	0	0	0	3	3
Kent	0	0	0	1	1	Tuscarora	0	1	0	2	3	YATES	E	B	M	R	T
Southeast	0	0	0	1	1	West Union	0	5	0	0	5	Italy	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	0	0	0	2	2	Woodhull	0	1	0	2	3	Jerusalem	0	1	0	0	1
RENSSELAER	E	B	M	R	T	TOTAL	0	57	2	56	115	TOTAL	0	1	0	1	2
Berlin	0	1	0	1	2	SULLIVAN	E	B	M	R	T						
East Greenbush	0	2	0	0	2	Bethel	2	1	0	9	12						
						Callicoon	2	3	0	1	6						
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STATE TOTAL **1,715**

* Only towns with reported bear harvests are included here.

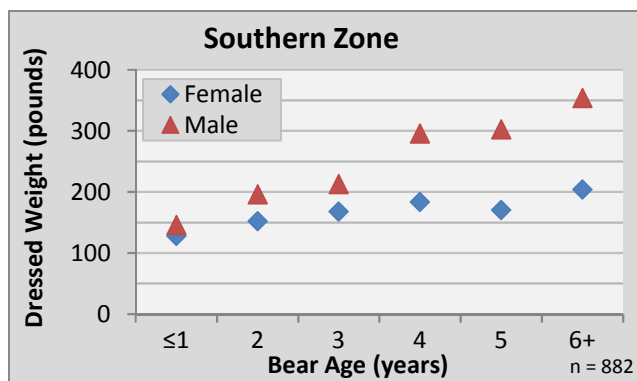
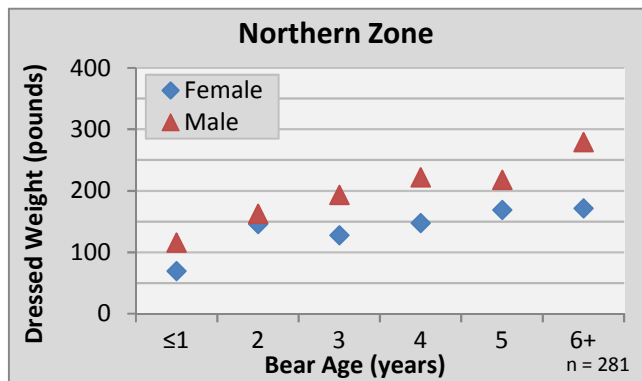
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Heaviest Reported Bears - 2015

Rank	Dressed Weight (pounds)	Sex	Season	County	Town	WMU
1	520	Male	Bowhunting	Sullivan	Forestburg	3K
2	450	Male	Regular	Ulster	Woodstock	3A
3	445	Male	Regular	Genesee	Byron	8G
4	433	Male	Early	Orange	Tuxedo	3P
5	420	Male	Regular	St Lawrence	Piercefield	6J
6	420	Male	Early	Delaware	Roxbury	4R
7	416	Male	Regular	Jefferson	Antwerp	6A
8	405	Male	Regular	Jefferson	Wilna	6C
9	400	Male	Muzzleloading	St Lawrence	Canton	6C
10	393	Male	Regular	Herkimer	Norway	5H

Scaled weights of dressed bears were submitted for 25% of the bears taken in 2015.

Average Weight by Age and Sex of Harvested Black Bears 2012-2014



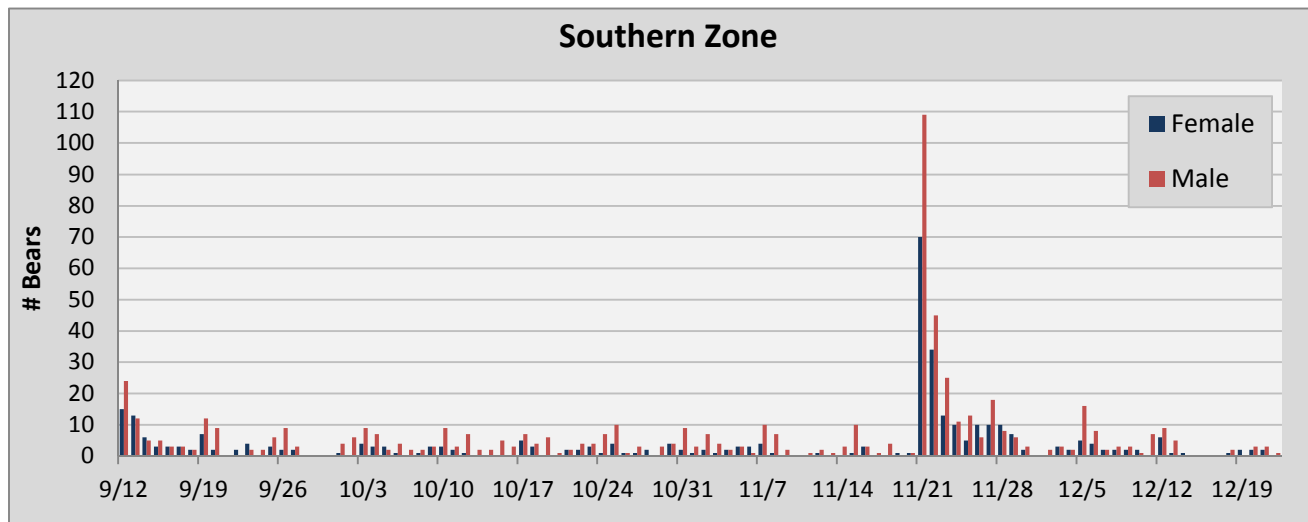
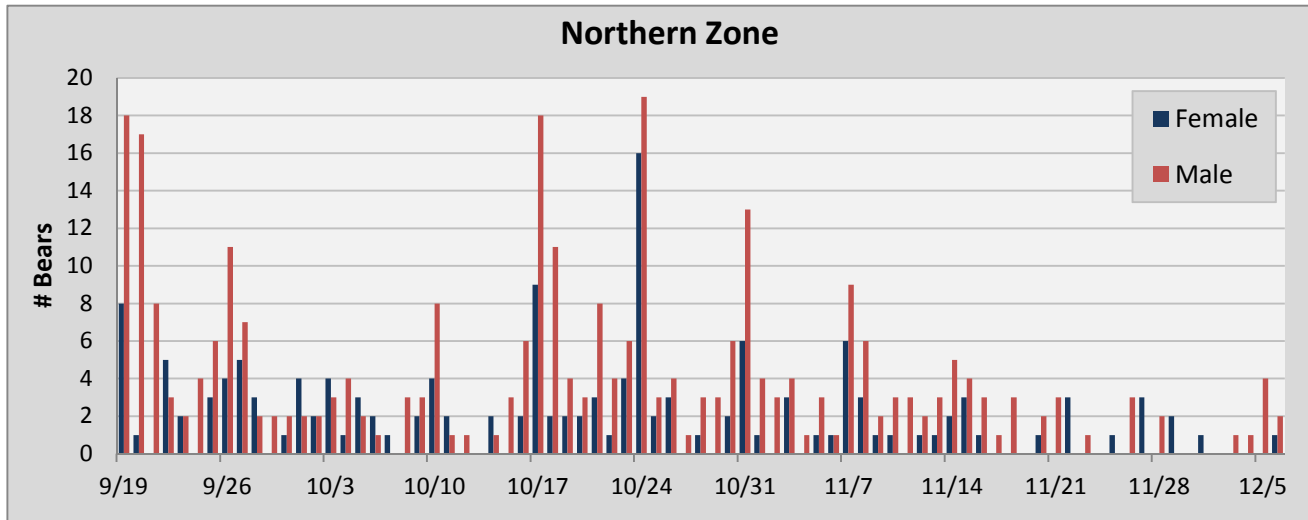
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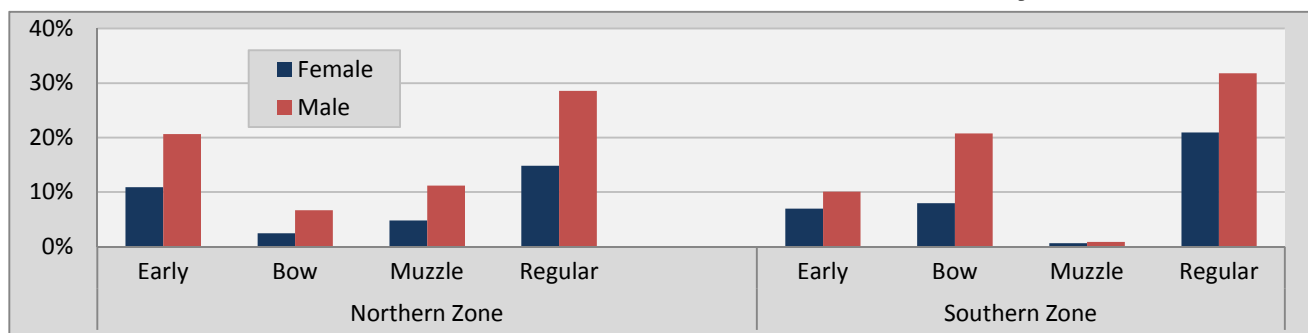
Wayne Kobler with his 420 pound St. Lawrence County bear, taken in October 2015.

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2015 Reported Bear Take by Day



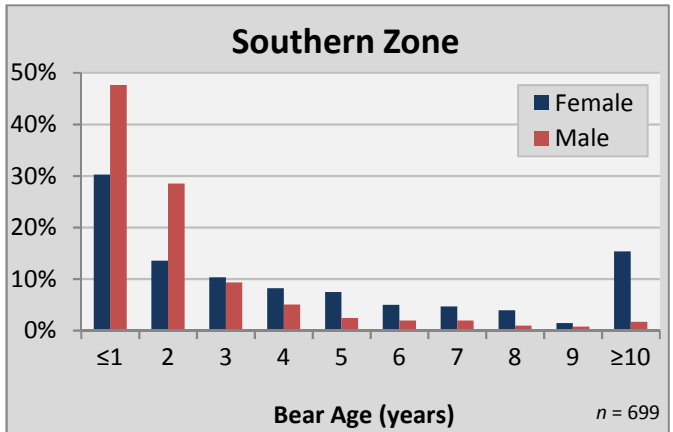
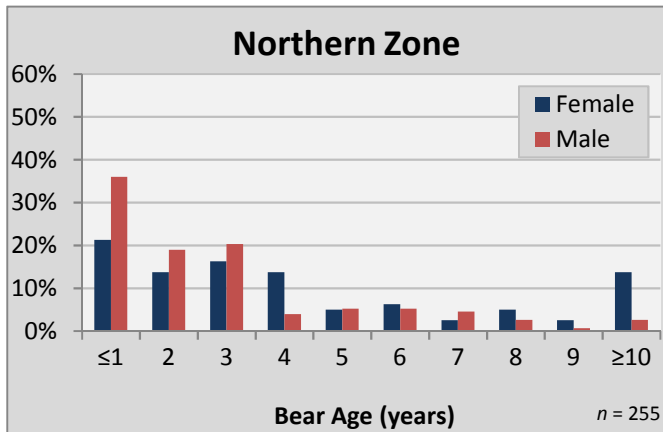
2015 Distribution of Black Bear Harvest by Sex



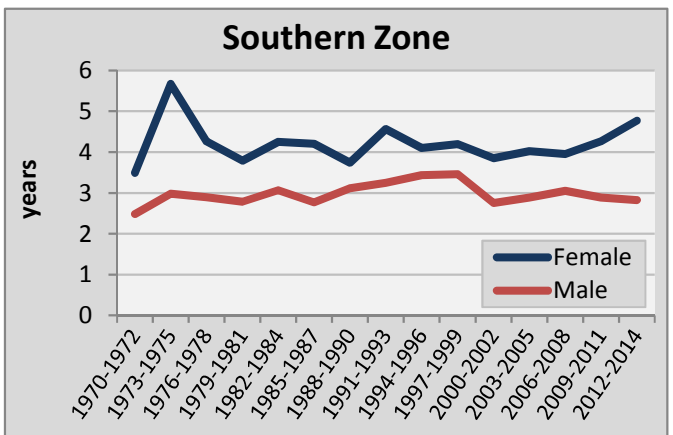
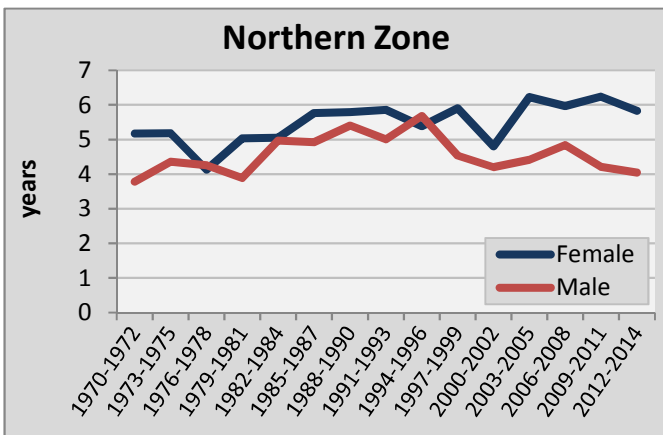
Notes: Sum of male and female proportions across seasons within each zone equals 100%.
Male and female bear take during the Southern Zone muzzleloader seasons were <2% if the total harvest.

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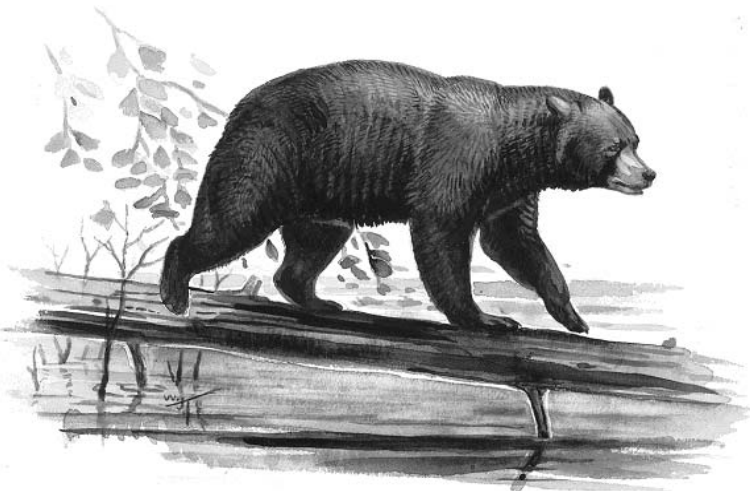
Age Distribution of Bear Harvest in the 2014 Season*



Average Age of Harvested Bears



* **Note:** Bear ages are determined by examining cross-sections of a premolar tooth (see www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/45598.html). Bear ages from the 2015 seasons have not yet been determined and will be included in the 2016 report. Juvenile bears (<1 year) may be legally taken in the Adirondack.

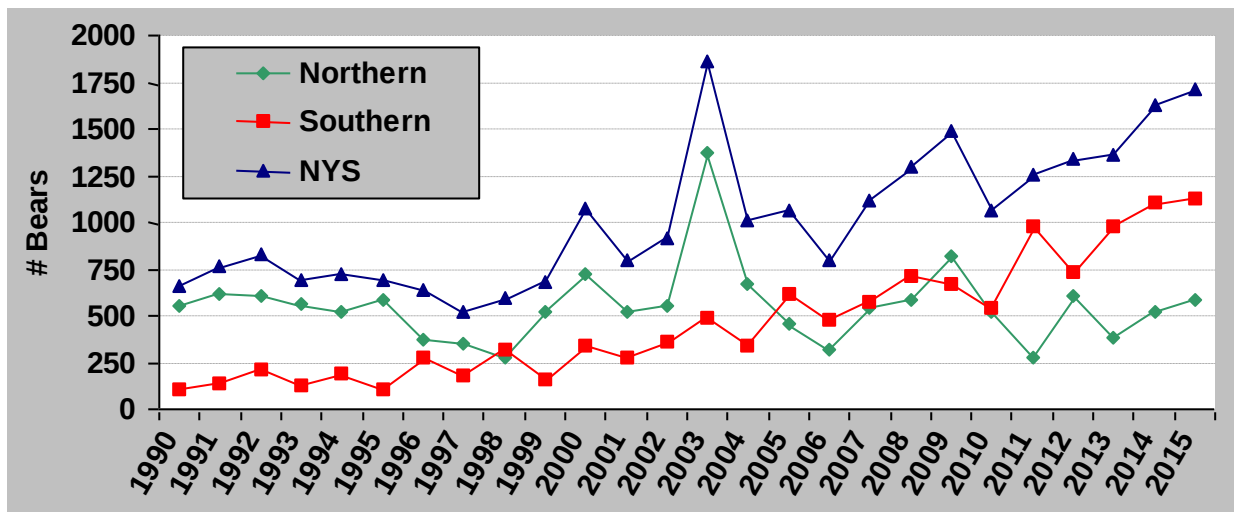


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NEW YORK STATE BLACK BEAR HARVEST HISTORY

	NORTHERN ZONE					SOUTHERN ZONE					STATE TOTALS				
Year	E	B	M	R	TOTAL	E	B	M	R	TOTAL	E	B	M	R	TOTAL
2015	183	53	94	253	583	192	327	17	596	1,132	375	380	111	849	1,715
2014	291	26	42	159	518	337	305	16	451	1,110	629	330	58	611	1,628
2013	84	15	35	246	380		317	6	655	978	84	332	41	901	1,358
2012	386	39	49	132	606		332	6	393	731	386	371	55	525	1,337
2011	70	3	9	193	275		290	21	672	983	70	293	30	865	1,258
2010	255	35	71	160	521		280	10	253	543	255	315	81	413	1,064
2009	426	44	128	216	814		266	10	397	673	426	310	138	613	1,487
2008	85	13	99	385	582		219	18	476	713	85	232	117	861	1,295
2007	306	28	61	149	544		219	9	345	573	306	247	70	494	1,117
2006	74	9	16	219	318		228	9	241	478	74	237	25	460	796
2005	184	19	45	205	453		208	11	394	613	184	227	56	599	1,066
2004	425	49	54	146	674		178	4	158	340	425	227	58	304	1,014
2003	730	35	112	493	1,370		221	10	262	493	730	256	122	755	1,863
2002	182	16	30	322	550		111	4	247	362	182	127	34	569	912
2001	240	18	52	213	523		127	2	148	277	240	145	54	361	800
2000	180	12	37	499	728		95	2	245	342	180	107	39	744	1,070
1999	270	37	34	182	523		89	1	72	162	270	126	35	254	685
1998	32	13	11	221	277		63	2	255	320	32	76	13	476	597
1997	133	1	37	175	346		72	1	106	179	133	73	38	281	525
1996	79	0	17	273	369		38	2	233	273	79	38	19	506	642

SEASON KEY: E=Early B=Bowhunting M=Muzzleloading R=Regular

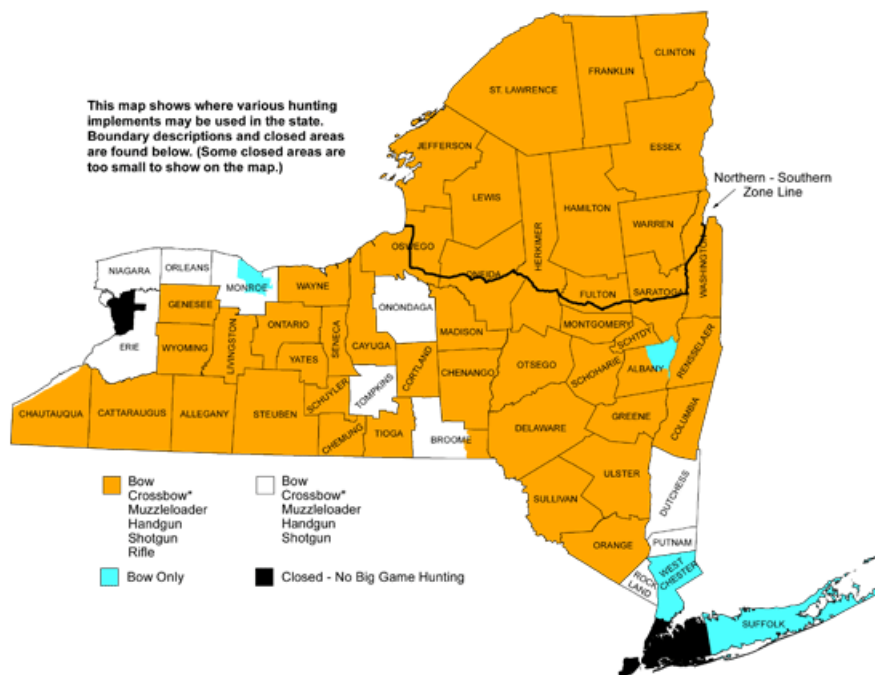
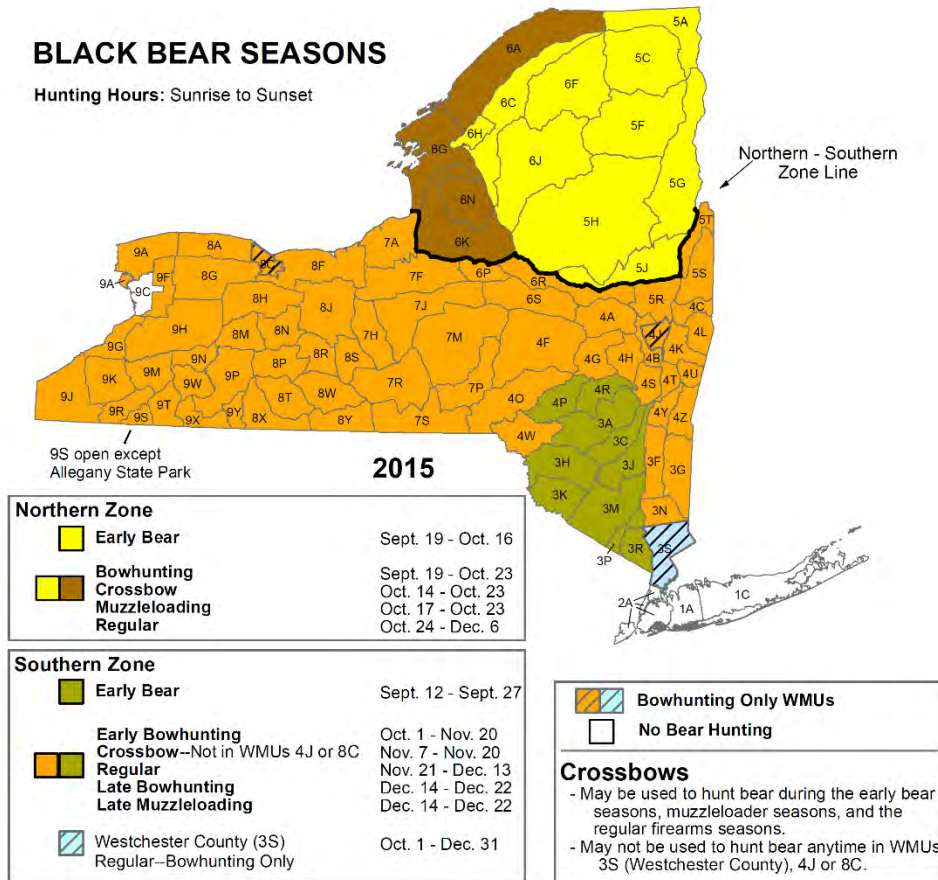


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2015 Bear Hunting Seasons

BLACK BEAR SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset



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Black Bear Management Cooperator Program

DEC relies upon hunter participation to collect critical data for black bear management. Successful hunters are required by law to report their harvest, but many hunters also voluntarily submit premolar teeth from the bears (Figure 1), which are then used to determine the bear's age. DEC uses this information to assess the impact of harvest on the bear population by determination of the average age of harvested male and female bears in the various bear hunting areas. Additionally, by recording age and sex of harvested bears over a period of years, biologists can more accurately model bear populations.

Hunters who **Report their Bear** and **Submit a Tooth** become **NYS Black Bear Management Cooperators** and receive a commemorative patch.

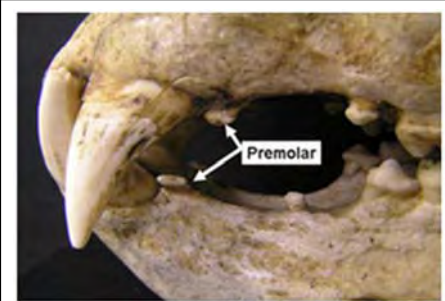


Figure 1. Portion of bear skull showing upper and lower premolar teeth, immediately behind the large canines.

Black Bear Cooperator Patches 2006-2015



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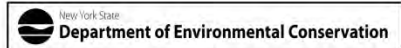
Learn More about Black Bears

DEC has several great resources available for those interested in learning more about black bears, bear management, and bear hunting.

Understanding Black Bears Curriculum <http://blackbearinfo.com>



DEC has partnered with Untamed Science to provide free curriculum and multimedia resources available to all New York Educators; loads of interactive learning appropriate for students in kindergarten to 8th grade.



Black Bear Management Plan for New York State 2014-2024



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See www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7215.html
for New York's Black Bear program.

Hunting the Black Bear in New York



This short booklet is full of tips for bear hunters, before and after the harvest.

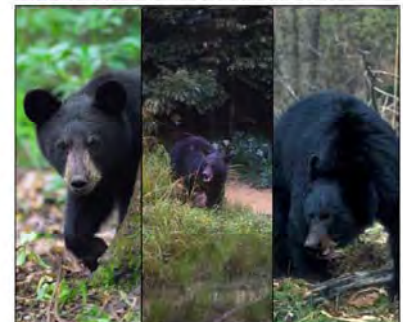
www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/bbhunting10.pdf



Living with New York Black Bears is available at school and public libraries throughout New York.

An Evaluation of Black Bear Management Options

Northeast Black Bear Technical Committee, August 2012



This booklet, from the Northeast Black Bear Technical Committee, describes various options for bear management.

www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/bearmgmtopt.pdf