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BLACK BEAR HARVEST SUMMARY 2020



*Frank Massaregli; December 2020; Greene County,
Town of Cairo, WMU 4H.*

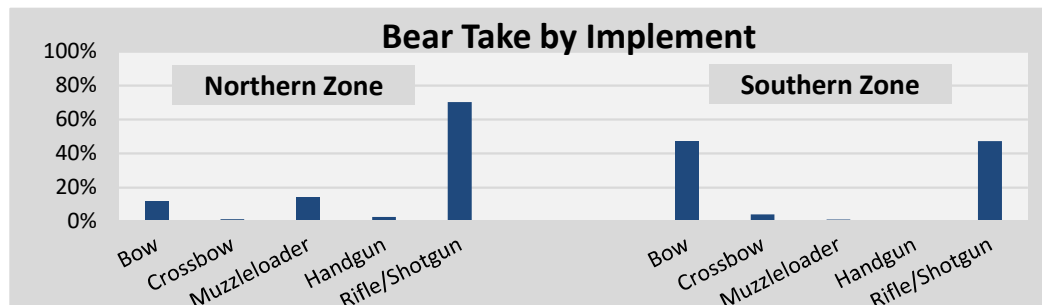


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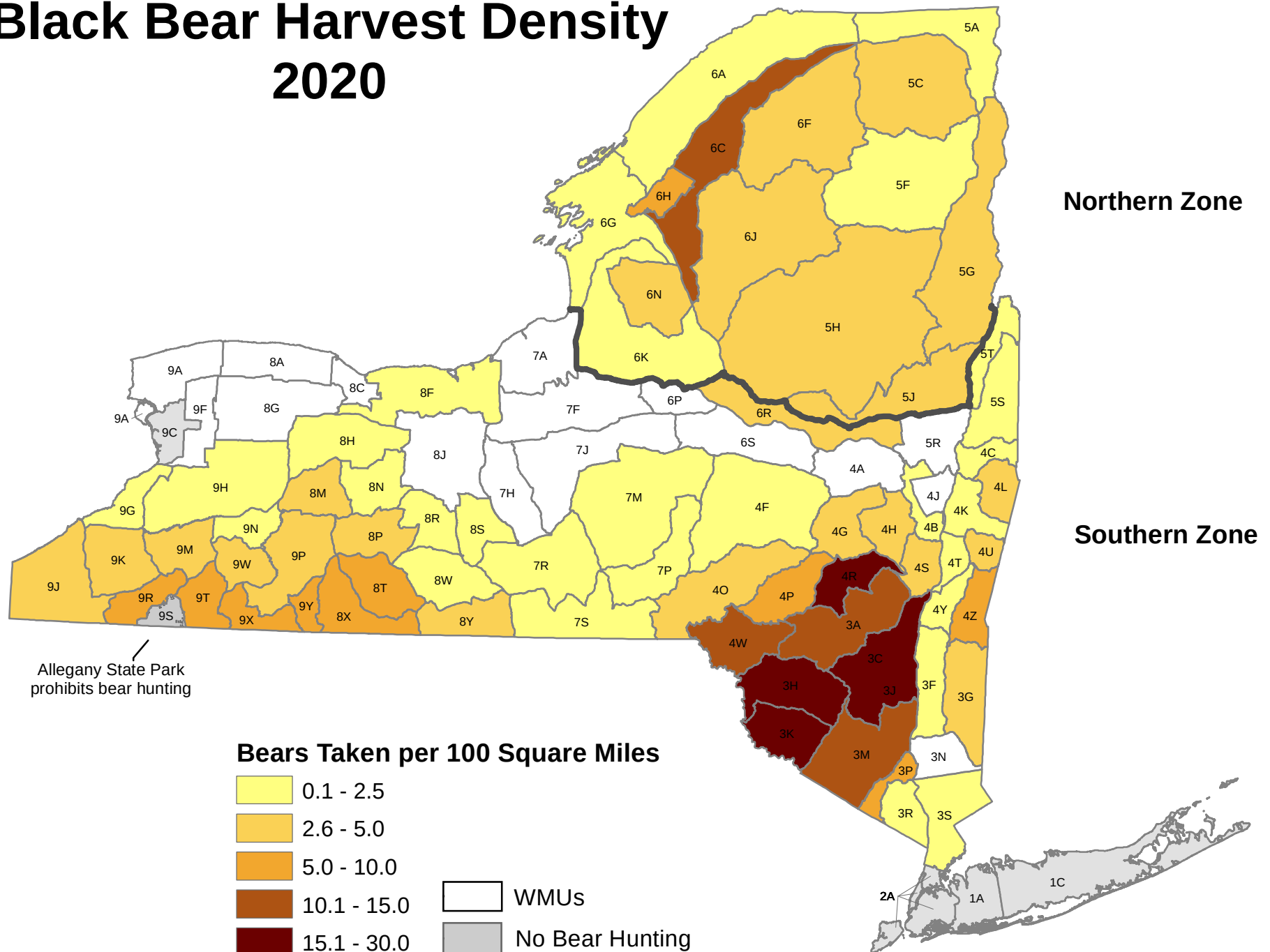
NEW YORK STATE
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2020 Bear Harvest Summary

	2020	2019	5-Year Average (2015 - 2019)	Historical Average (1991-2000)
Northern Zone	571	326	459	515
Early	298	64	165	172
Bow	47	19	40	15
Muzzleloader	64	30	53	25
Regular	161	213	201	303
Youth	1	0	0	NA
% Female : % Male	43% - 57%	46% - 54%	41% - 59%	43% - 57%
Southern Zone	1,152	1,179	1,035	207
Early	366	184	187	NA
Bow	417	352	336	54
Muzzleloader	3	17	15	1
Regular	356	619	490	153
Youth	10	7	9	NA
% Female : % Male	45% - 55%	41% - 59%	41% - 59%	37% - 63%
New York State	1,723	1,505	1,495	722
Early	664	248	352	172
Bow	464	371	376	69
Muzzleloader	67	47	68	26
Regular	517	832	691	455
Youth	11	7	9	NA
% Female : % Male	44% - 56%	42% - 58%	41% - 59%	41% - 59%



Black Bear Harvest Density 2020



2020 NEW YORK STATE BLACK BEAR TAKE BY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT

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

Northern							3J	18	11	0	2	0	31	8M	0	5	0	4	0	9				
WMU	E	B	M	R	Y	T	3K	59	27	0	27	0	113	8N	0	1	0	2	1	4	State Total			
5A	6	3	1	5	0	15	3M	29	44	0	26	0	99	8P	0	8	0	3	0	11	Early	664		
5C	21	3	4	12	0	40	3P	4	4	0	4	0	12	8R	0	1	0	3	0	4	Bowhunting	464		
5F	15	0	1	9	0	25	3R	2	3	0	0	0	5	8S	0	2	0	0	0	2	Muzzleloader	67		
5G	21	5	2	19	0	47	3S	0	2	0	0	0	2	8T	0	18	0	11	0	29	Regular	517		
5H	57	9	19	42	0	127	4B	0	2	0	2	0	4	8W	0	2	0	7	0	9	Youth	11		
5J	8	5	7	10	0	30	4C	0	1	0	1	0	2	8X	0	16	0	13	2	31				
6A	1	6	3	8	0	18	4F	0	3	0	7	0	10	8Y	0	13	0	3	0	16	2020 BEAR TAKE BY SEX			
6C	72	6	14	10	0	102	4G	0	4	0	8	0	12	9G	0	0	0	1	0	1				
6F	37	3	4	14	0	58	4H	0	8	0	5	0	13	9H	0	2	0	0	0	2	NZ			
6G	0	0	0	3	0	3	4K	0	0	0	1	0	1	9J	0	15	0	16	0	31	E	B		
6H	5	0	1	6	0	12	4L	0	4	0	7	0	11	9K	0	7	0	8	0	15	M	R		
6J	55	2	1	10	0	68	4O	0	21	1	14	1	37	9M	0	5	0	8	0	13	Y	T		
6K	0	2	2	6	1	11	4P	24	7	0	3	0	34	9N	0	0	0	1	0	1	Female	127		
6N	0	3	5	7	0	15	4R	36	7	0	9	3	55	9P	0	11	1	13	0	25	Male	171		
							4S	0	6	0	1	0	7	9R	0	5	0	8	0	13	SZ			
Northern Zone							4T	0	0	0	2	0	2	9T	0	8	0	6	0	14	E	B	M	
Early						298	4U	0	3	0	1	0	4	9W	0	0	0	7	0	7	R	Y		
Bowhunting						47	4W	35	17	0	10	0	62	9X	0	9	0	9	0	18	T			
Muzzleloader						64	4Y	0	1	0	2	0	3	9Y	0	2	0	6	1	9	2020 BEAR TAKE BY SEX			
Regular						161	4Z	0	10	1	13	0	24	Southern Zone							1,152			
Youth						1	5S	0	8	0	1	0	9	Early						366				
							5T	0	0	0	1	0	1	Bowhunting						417				
							6R	0	5	0	9	0	14	Muzzleloader						3				
							7M	0	1	0	3	0	4	Regular						356				
							7P	0	4	0	1	0	5	Youth						10				
							7R	0	3	0	3	0	6											
							7S	0	9	0	6	0	15											
							8F	0	0	0	1	0	1											
							8H	0	4	0	1	0	5											



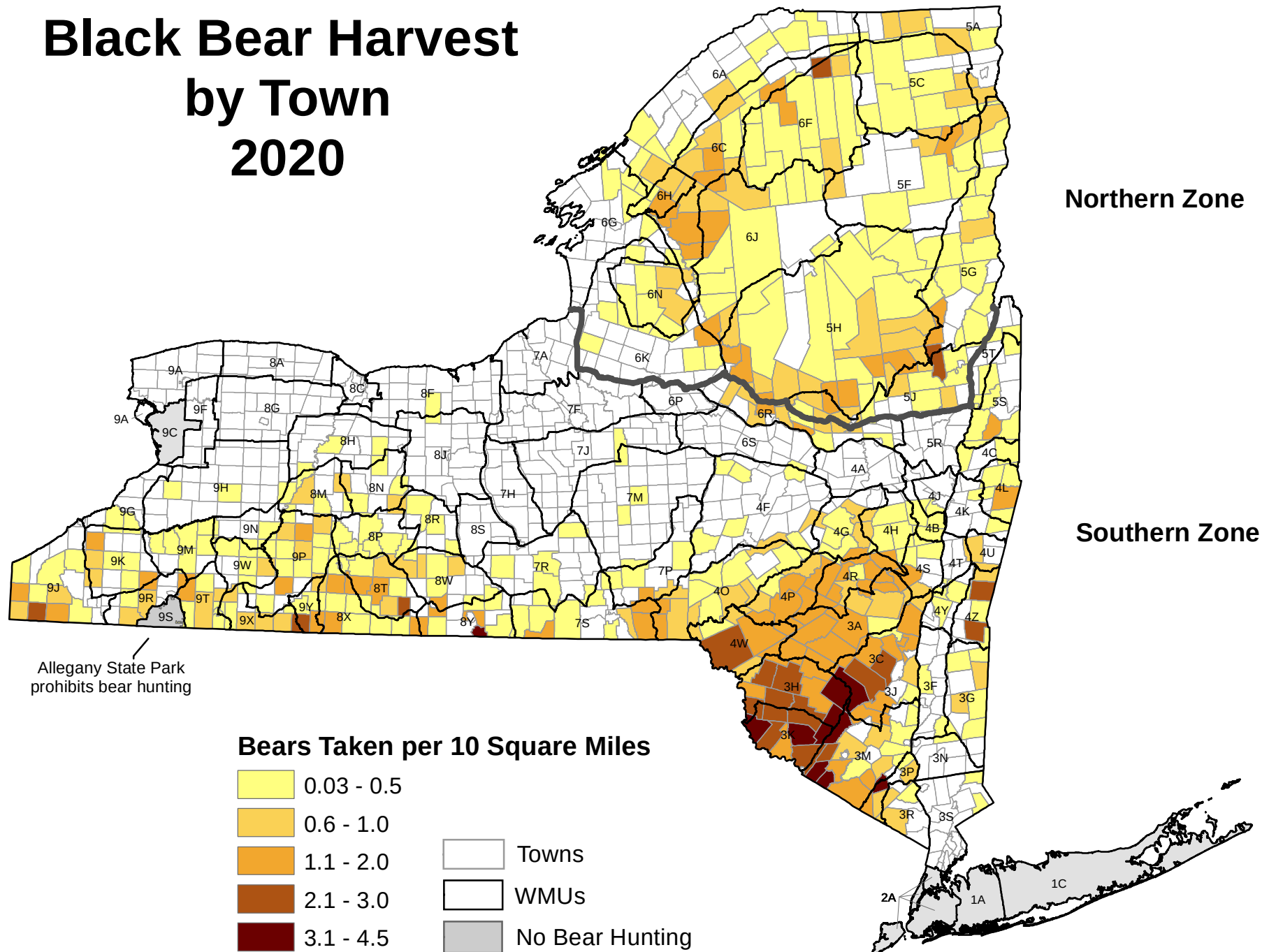
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Black Bear Harvest by Town 2020



2020 NEW YORK STATE BEAR TAKE BY TOWN AND COUNTY

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

Northern Zone							Stratford							Total						

Washington	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Conewango	0	1	0	0	0	1	Copake	0	1	0	0	0	1
Dresden	0	1	0	1	0	2	East Otto	0	1	0	1	0	2	Greenport	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fort Ann	0	0	0	1	0	1	Ellicottville	0	0	0	1	0	1	Hillsdale	0	2	0	8	0	10
Total	0	1	0	2	0	3	Farmersville	0	0	0	2	0	2	Livingston	0	1	0	1	0	2
Southern Zone							Great Valley	0	3	0	3	0	6	Total	0	14	1	17	0	32
Albany	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Hinsdale	0	2	0	1	0	3	Cortland	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Berne	0	2	0	1	0	3	Humphrey	0	1	0	0	0	1	Virgil	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bethlehem	0	0	0	1	0	1	Leon	0	0	0	1	0	1	Total	0	0	0	1	0	1
Coeymans	0	0	0	1	0	1	Machias	0	1	0	0	0	1	Delaware	E	B	M	R	Y	T
New Scotland	0	3	0	0	0	3	Napoli	0	0	0	5	0	5	Andes	10	4	0	4	0	18
Rensselaerville	0	1	0	0	0	1	Olean	0	0	0	1	0	1	Bovina	4	1	0	1	0	6
Westerlo	0	1	0	0	0	1	Otto	0	0	0	1	0	1	Colchester	10	3	0	5	0	18
Total	0	7	0	3	0	10	Perrysburg	0	0	0	1	0	1	Davenport	0	2	0	2	0	4
Allegany	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Portville	0	0	0	1	0	1	Delhi	1	0	0	0	0	1
Alfred	0	1	0	2	0	3	Randolph	0	1	0	0	0	1	Deposit	2	2	0	0	0	4
Allen	0	0	1	0	0	1	South Valley	0	2	0	1	0	3	Franklin	0	1	0	0	0	1
Alma	0	1	0	2	0	3	Yorkshire	0	1	0	1	0	2	Hamden	3	2	0	0	0	5
Almond	0	0	0	1	0	1	Total	0	19	0	28	0	47	Hancock	16	11	0	6	0	33
Amity	0	4	0	0	0	4	Chautauqua	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Harpersfield	0	1	0	1	0	2
Andover	0	1	0	1	0	2	Arkwright	0	3	0	1	0	4	Kortright	0	0	0	1	0	1
Angelica	0	0	0	1	0	1	Busti	0	2	0	0	0	2	Masonville	0	1	0	0	0	1
Belfast	0	1	0	1	0	2	Charlotte	0	0	0	3	0	3	Middletown	13	2	0	2	1	18
Birdsall	0	0	0	2	0	2	Chautauqua	0	1	0	1	0	2	Roxbury	7	3	0	3	0	13
Bolivar	0	2	0	0	0	2	Cherry Creek	0	0	0	1	0	1	Sidney	0	1	0	1	0	2
Burns	0	1	0	0	0	1	Clymer	0	4	0	4	0	8	Stamford	3	0	0	0	0	3
Caneadea	0	0	0	1	0	1	French Creek	0	1	0	2	0	3	Tompkins	2	1	0	0	0	3
Cuba	0	0	0	1	0	1	Gerry	0	1	0	1	0	2	Walton	3	3	0	1	0	7
Genesee	0	0	0	3	0	3	Hanover	0	1	0	1	0	2	Total	74	38	0	27	1	140
Granger	0	2	0	0	0	2	Harmony	0	1	0	5	0	6	Dutchess	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Grove	0	0	0	4	0	4	Mina	0	3	0	1	0	4	Amenia	0	2	0	1	0	3
Hume	0	0	0	1	0	1	North Harmony	0	2	0	1	0	3	Dover	0	2	0	1	0	3
Independence	0	4	0	2	0	6	Ripley	0	1	0	0	0	1	East Fishkill	0	1	0	0	0	1
New Hudson	0	0	0	1	0	1	Sherman	0	0	0	1	0	1	Hyde Park	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rushford	0	0	0	1	0	1	Stockton	0	0	0	1	0	1	Northeast	0	1	0	1	0	2
Wellsville	0	1	0	0	0	1	Total	0	20	0	23	0	43	Pawling	0	1	0	0	0	1
West Almond	0	1	0	0	0	1	Chemung	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Stanford	0	0	0	1	0	1
Willing	0	5	0	5	1	11	Ashland	0	5	0	0	0	5	Union Vale	0	3	0	0	0	3
Wirt	0	0	0	1	0	1	Chemung	0	0	0	1	0	1	Total	0	11	0	4	0	15
Total	0	24	1	30	1	56	Elmira	0	2	0	2	0	4	Erie	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Broome	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Erin	0	0	0	1	0	1	Boston	0	1	0	0	0	1
Barker	0	1	0	0	0	1	Horseheads	0	0	0	1	0	1	Total	0	1	0	0	0	1
Binghamton	0	1	0	0	0	1	Total	0	7	0	5	0	12	Fulton	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Colesville	0	6	0	4	0	10	Chenango	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Ephratah	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kirkwood	0	1	0	1	0	2	Afton	0	4	0	0	0	4	Oppenheim	0	0	0	3	0	3
Maine	0	1	0	0	0	1	Greene	0	2	0	0	0	2	Total	0	1	0	3	0	4
Sanford	0	1	1	3	0	5	Guilford	0	1	0	0	0	1	Greene	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Windsor	0	5	0	5	1	11	Otselic	0	0	0	1	0	1	Ashland	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	0	16	1	13	1	31	Pitcher	0	1	0	0	0	1	Cairo	2	4	0	3	0	9
Cattaraugus	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Total	0	8	0	1	0	9	Catskill	1	2	0	1	0	4
Allegany	0	2	0	3	0	5	Columbia	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Durham	3	0	0	3	0	6
Ashford	0	0	0	2	0	2	Ancram	0	6	1	2	0	9	Greenville	0	2	0	0	0	2
Carrollton	0	1	0	0	0	1	Austerlitz	0	2	0	3	0	5	Halcott	4	0	0	0	0	4
Cold Spring	0	3	0	3	0	6	Chatham	0	2	0	1	0	3	Hunter	6	0	0	1	0	7
							Claverack	0	0	0	1	0	1							

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Jewett	7	1	0	0	1	9	Total 24 43 0 38 0 105						Lindley	0	4	0	2	0	6
Lexington	5	0	0	3	0	8	Otsego E B M R Y T						Rathbone	0	0	0	2	0	2
New Baltimore	0	1	0	0	0	1	Butternuts 0 0 0 1 0 1						Thurston	0	2	0	0	0	2
Prattsville	2	0	0	1	0	3	Cherry Valley 0 1 0 0 0 1						Troupsburg	0	1	0	1	1	3
Windham	2	1	0	3	0	6	Exeter 0 1 0 0 0 1						Tuscarora	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	32	11	0	16	1	60	Laurens 0 0 0 1 0 1						Urbana	0	1	0	0	0	1
Herkimer	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Plainfield 0 0 0 1 0 1						West Union	0	4	0	4	0	8
Herkimer	0	2	0	0	0	2	Total 0 2 0 3 0 5						Wheeler	0	1	0	1	0	2
Manheim	0	0	0	2	0	2	Rensselaer E B M R Y T						Woodhull	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	0	2	0	2	0	4	Berlin 0 4 0 4 0 8						Total	0	48	0	32	2	82
Livingston	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Grafton 0 0 0 2 0 2						Sullivan	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Avon	0	1	0	0	0	1	Hoosick 0 0 0 1 0 1						Bethel	12	6	0	3	0	21
Conesus	0	0	0	0	2	2	Petersburgh 0 1 0 0 0 1						Callicoon	5	2	0	3	0	10
Leicester	0	0	0	1	0	1	Poestenkill 0 0 0 1 0 1						Cochecton	9	1	0	1	0	11
Mount Morris	0	1	0	2	0	3	Schaghticoke 0 1 0 0 0 1						Delaware	2	1	0	2	0	5
Ossian	0	1	0	2	0	3	Stephentown 0 0 0 1 0 1						Fallsburg	4	4	0	1	0	9
Portage	0	1	0	0	0	1	Total 0 6 0 9 0 15						Forestburgh	13	4	0	1	0	18
Springwater	0	1	0	0	0	1	Rockland E B M R Y T						Fremont	2	1	0	0	0	3
West Sparta	0	1	0	0	0	1	Ramapo 3 3 0 0 0 6						Highland	5	3	0	3	0	11
Total	0	6	0	5	2	13	Stony Point 0 1 0 0 0 1						Liberty	11	6	0	0	0	17
Madison	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Total 3 4 0 0 0 7						Lumberland	7	1	0	0	0	8
Cazenovia	0	0	0	1	0	1	Schoharie E B M R Y T						Mamakating	17	15	0	7	0	39
Total	0	0	0	1	0	1	Blenheim 0 0 0 1 0 1						Neversink	9	1	0	4	0	14
Montgomery	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Broome 0 4 0 1 0 5						Rockland	7	4	0	0	0	11
Amsterdam	0	0	0	1	0	1	Conesville 1 1 0 3 0 5						Thompson	13	8	0	1	0	22
Palatine	0	2	0	0	0	2	Fulton 0 0 0 2 0 2						Tusten	7	2	0	7	0	16
St Johnsville	0	0	0	2	0	2	Gilboa 1 0 0 0 0 1						Total	123	59	0	33	0	215
Total	0	2	0	3	0	5	Middleburgh 0 1 0 2 0 3						Tioga	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Oneida	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Summit 0 0 0 3 0 3						Barton	0	1	0	0	0	1
Deerfield	0	1	0	1	0	2	Total 2 6 0 12 0 20						Candor	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	0	1	0	1	0	2	Schuyler E B M R Y T						Nichols	0	2	0	2	0	4
Ontario	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Dix 0 2 0 0 0 2						Owego	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bristol	0	1	0	1	0	2	Orange 0 0 0 1 0 1						Tioga	0	0	0	1	0	1
East Bloomfield	0	1	0	0	0	1	Reading 0 0 0 1 0 1						Total	0	3	0	5	0	8
Total	0	2	0	1	0	3	Total 0 2 0 2 0 4						Tompkins	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Orange	E	B	M	R	Y	T	Steuben E B M R Y T						Caroline	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blooming Grove	0	0	0	2	0	2	Addison 0 4 0 2 1 7						Newfield	0	3	0	0	0	3
Chester	2	1	0	2	0	5	Avoca 0 1 0 0 0 1						Total	0	3	0	1	0	4
Cornwall	1	0	0	0	0	1	Bath 0 4 0 2 0 6						Ulster	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Deerpark	0	6	0	11	0	17	Bradford 0 0 0 2 0 2						Denning	10	1	0	2	1	14
Goshen	0	2	0	0	0	2	Cameron 0 7 0 2 0 9						Esopus	1	2	0	0	0	3
Greenville	4	5	0	4	0	13	Canisteo 0 3 0 3 0 6						Gardiner	1	4	0	0	0	5
Highlands	0	1	0	2	0	3	Caton 0 1 0 0 0 1						Hardenburgh	9	0	0	5	1	15
Minisink	2	3	0	5	0	10	Cohocton 0 1 0 2 0 3						Hurley	1	1	0	2	0	4
Monroe	2	6	0	1	0	9	Corning 0 5 0 2 0 7						Kingston	3	0	0	0	0	3
Montgomery	0	3	0	1	0	4	Dansville 0 1 0 1 0 2						Lloyd	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mount Hope	1	3	0	2	0	6	Fremont 0 1 0 0 0 1						Marbletown	9	4	0	2	0	15
New Windsor	1	0	0	0	0	1	Greenwood 0 1 0 0 0 1						Marlborough	1	0	0	0	0	1
Newburgh	0	0	0	1	0	1	Hartsville 0 2 0 2 0 4						Olive	5	1	0	5	0	11
Tuxedo	0	2	0	1	0	3	Hornby 0 1 0 0 0 1						Rochester	16	3	0	1	0	20
Walkkill	1	5	0	0	0	6	Hornellsville 0 1 0 0 0 1						Saugerties	5	4	0	2	0	11
Warwick	10	5	0	3	0	18	Howard 0 2 0 1 0 3						Shandaken	11	0	0	3	0	14
Wawayanda	0	1	0	3	0	4	Jasper 0 0 0 1 0 1						Shawangunk	2	3	0	1	0	6
													Ulster	1	2	0	1	0	4

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Wawarsing	33	10	0	4	0	47
Woodstock	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total	108	36	0	30	2	176

Washington	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Argyle	0	0	0	1	0	1
Cambridge	0	4	0	0	0	4
Easton	0	1	0	1	0	2
Granville	0	1	0	0	0	1
Greenwich	0	1	0	0	0	1
White Creek	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	0	9	0	2	0	11

Wayne	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Arcadia	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	0	0	0	1	0	1

Westchester	E	B	M	R	Y	T
North Salem	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pound Ridge	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	0	2	0	0	0	2

Wyoming	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Castile	0	1	0	0	0	1
Java	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	0	2	0	0	0	2

Yates	E	B	M	R	Y	T
Barrington	0	0	0	1	0	1
Italy	0	0	0	3	0	3
Jerusalem	0	1	0	0	0	1
Middlesex	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	0	2	0	4	0	6

NYS Total 1,723



Terry Peck; December 2020; Allegany County, Town of Grove, WMU 9P.



Tyler Ayers; October 2020; Yates County, Town of Jerusalem, WMU 8R.

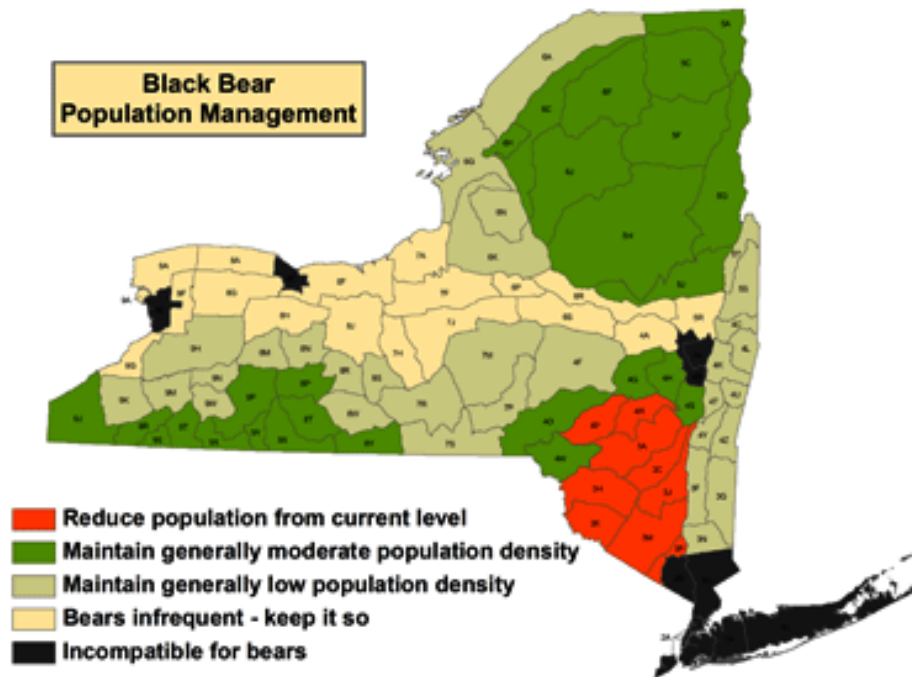


Piper Emo; October 2020; Allegany County, Town of Willing, WMU 9Y.

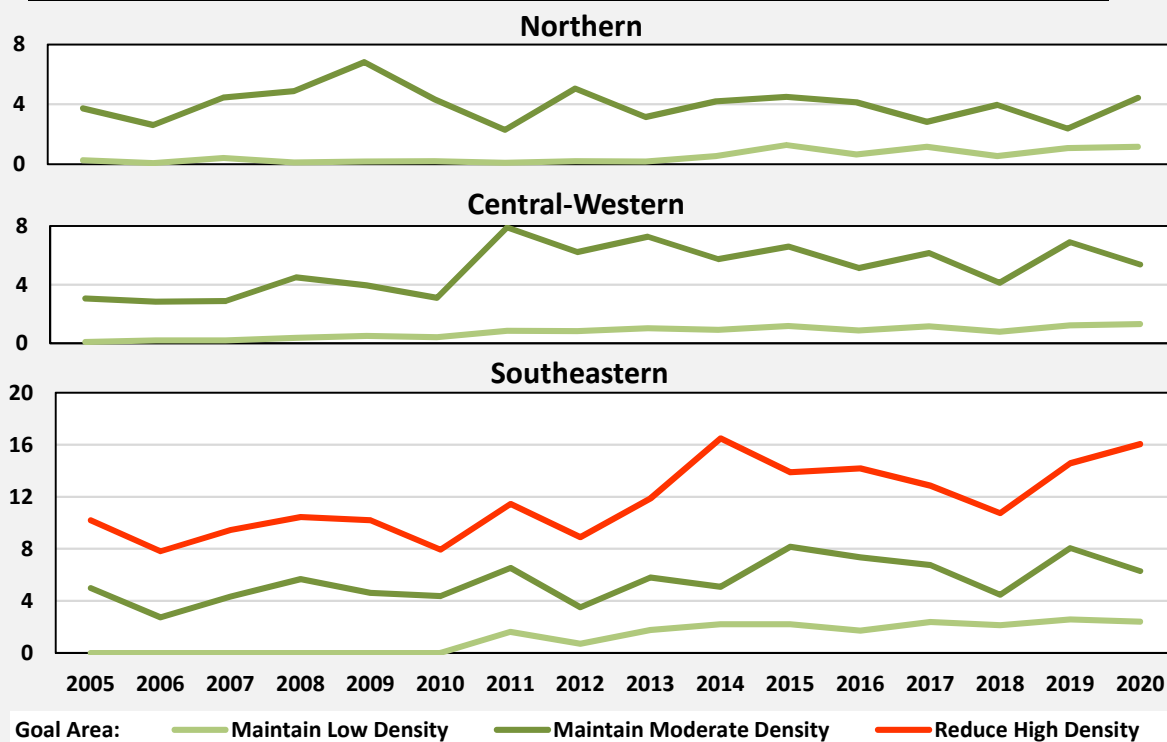
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Black Bear Harvest by Population Management Objective



Bears Taken per 100 Square Miles



Management Goals were established in 2014, and an early bear season was initiated in portions of southeastern New York that same year to reduce the high density bear population.

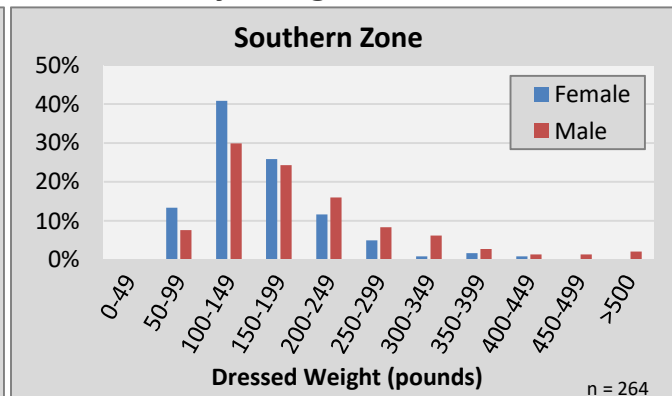
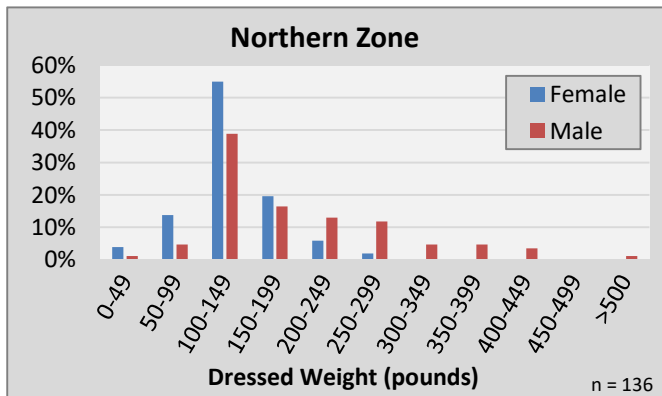
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Heaviest Reported Bears - 2020

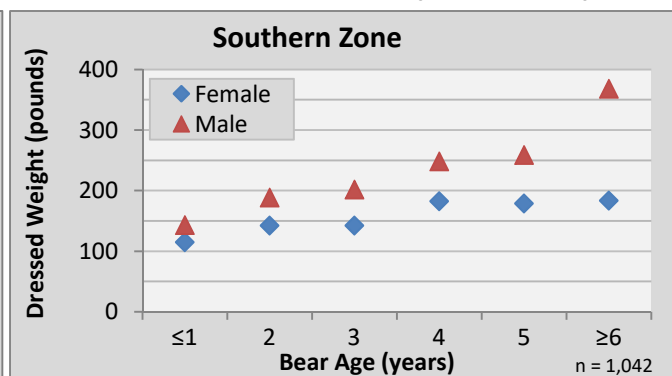
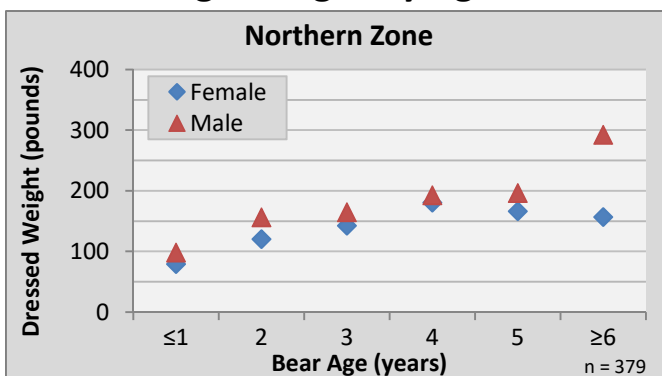
Rank	Dressed Weight (pounds)	Sex	Season	County	Town	WMU
1	550	Male	Early	Orange	Greenville	3M
2	540	Male	Early	Greene	Hunter	3A
3	500	Male	Bowhunting	Ulster	Wawarsing	3J
4	495	Male	Regular	Orange	Minisink	3M
5	425	Male	Bowhunting	Delaware	Hancock	4W
6	413	Male	Early	Herkimer	Russia	5H
7	400	Male	Early	St Lawrence	Parishville	6C
8	400	Male	Early	St Lawrence	Parishville	6C
9	400	Male	Early	Sullivan	Neversink	3H
10	400	Female	Bowhunting	Ulster	Denning	3A

Scaled weights of dressed bears were submitted for 26% of the bears reported in 2020.

Distribution of Harvested Black Bears by Weight - 2020



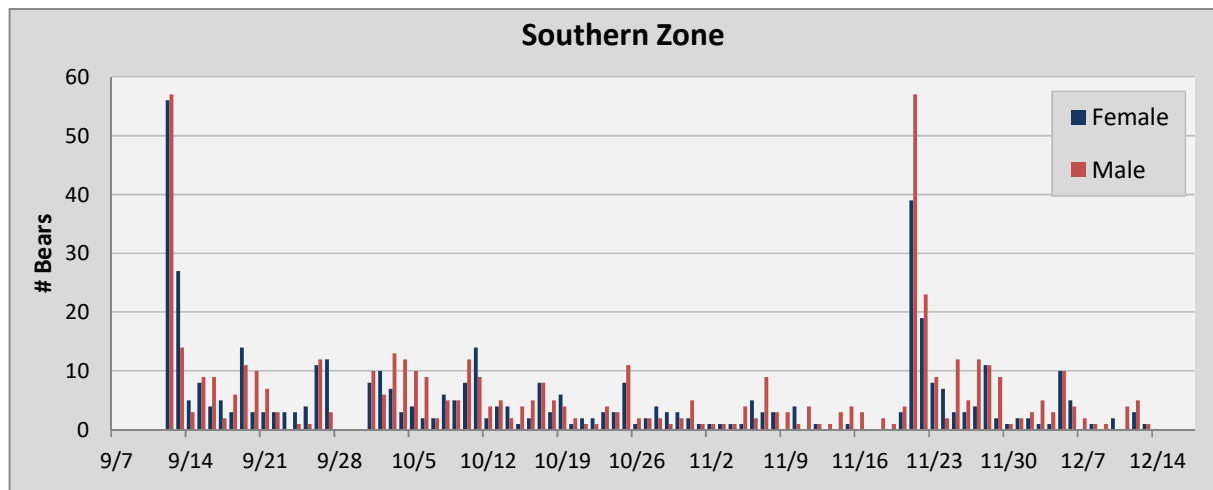
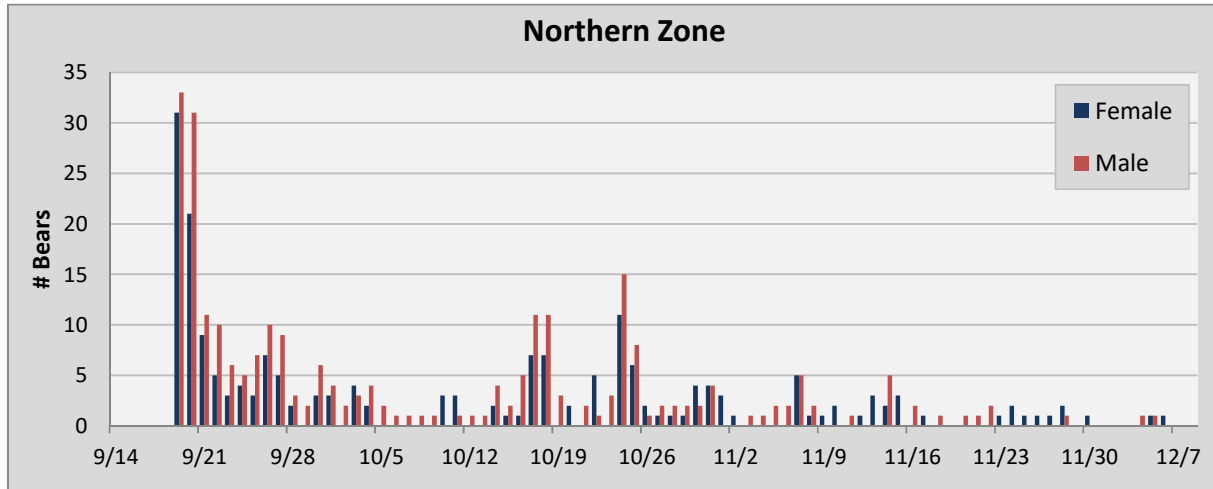
Average Weight by Age and Sex of Harvested Black Bears (2017-2019)



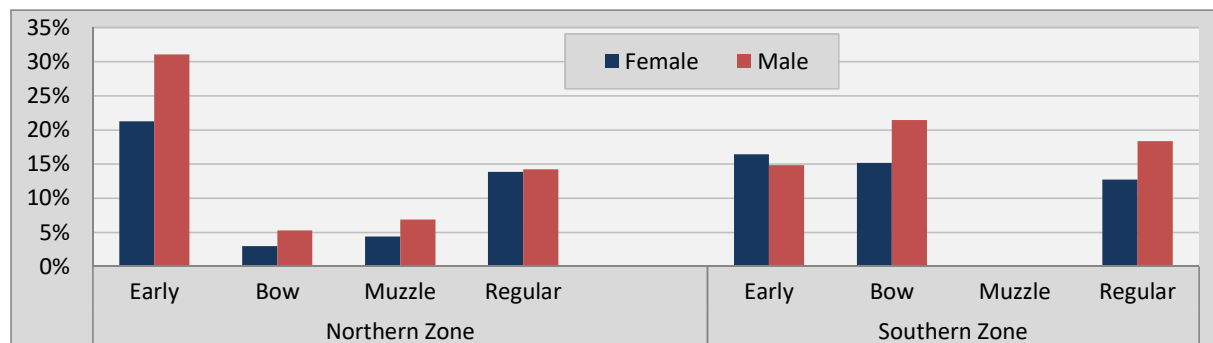
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2020 Reported Bear Take by Day



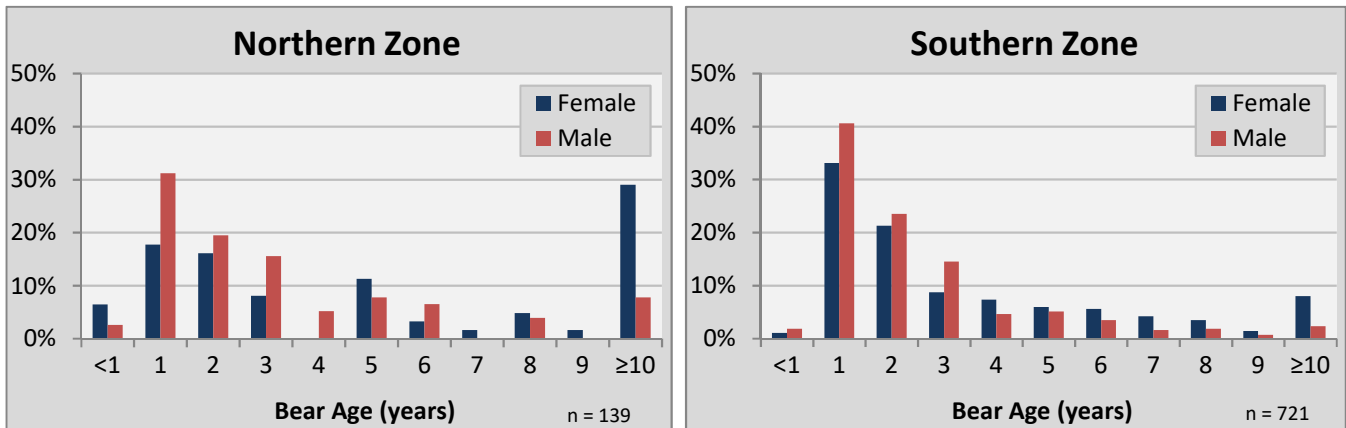
2020 Distribution of Black Bear Harvest by Sex



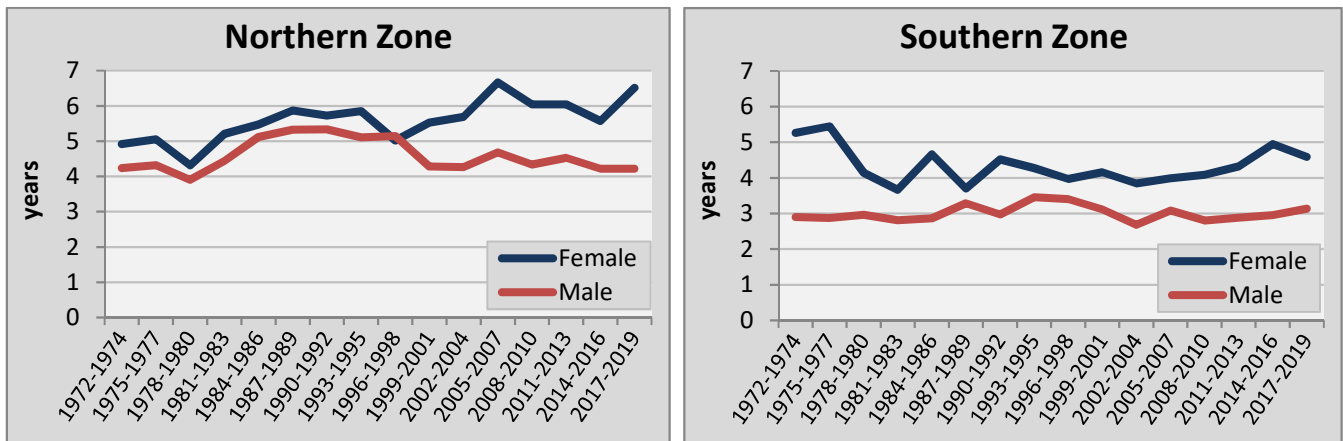
Notes: Sum of male and female proportions across seasons within each zone equals 100%.
Male and female bear take during the Youth Season was <1% if the total harvest.

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Age Distribution of Bear Harvest: 2019



Average Age of Harvested Bears



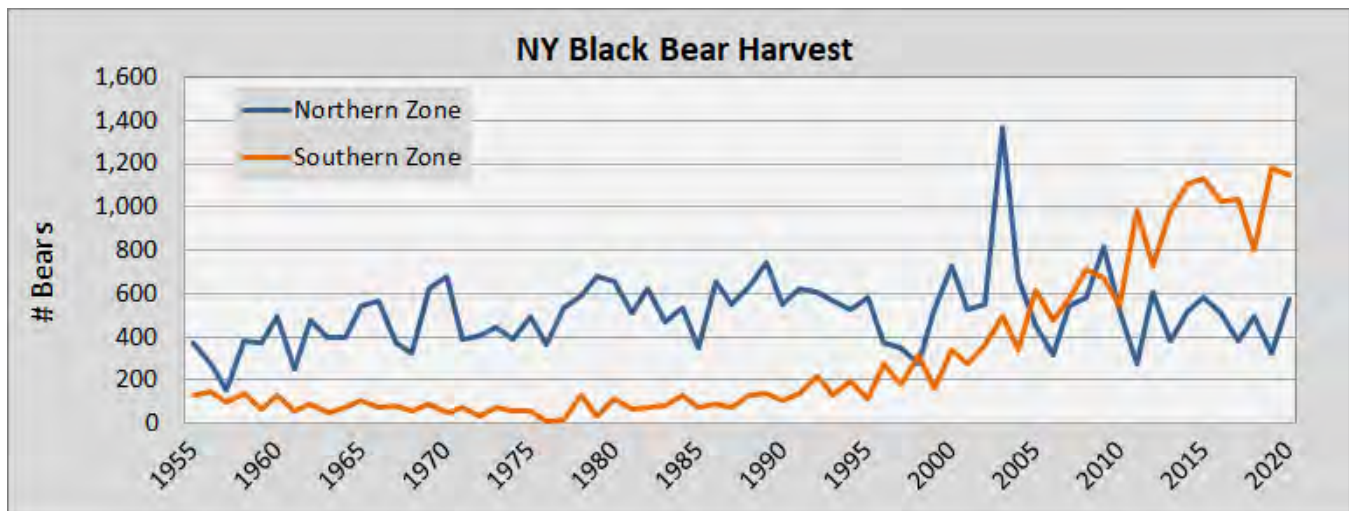
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Black Bear Harvest History

	Northern Zone						Southern Zone						State Totals					
Year	E	B	M	R	Y	Total	E	B	M	R	Y	Total	E	B	M	R	Y	Total
2020	298	47	64	161	1	571	366	417	3	356	10	1,152	664	464	67	517	11	1,723
2019	64	19	30	213	0	326	184	352	17	619	7	1,179	248	371	47	832	7	1,505
2018	259	55	48	129	0	491	179	294	18	302	11	804	438	349	66	431	11	1,295
2017	82	25	33	242	1	383	150	330	12	537	8	1,037	232	355	45	779	9	1,420
2016	238	48	61	167		514	228	379	10	398	10	1,025	466	427	71	565	10	1,539
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	452		1,110	628	331	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

Season Key: E=Early B=Bowhunting M=Muzzleloading R=Regular Y = Youth

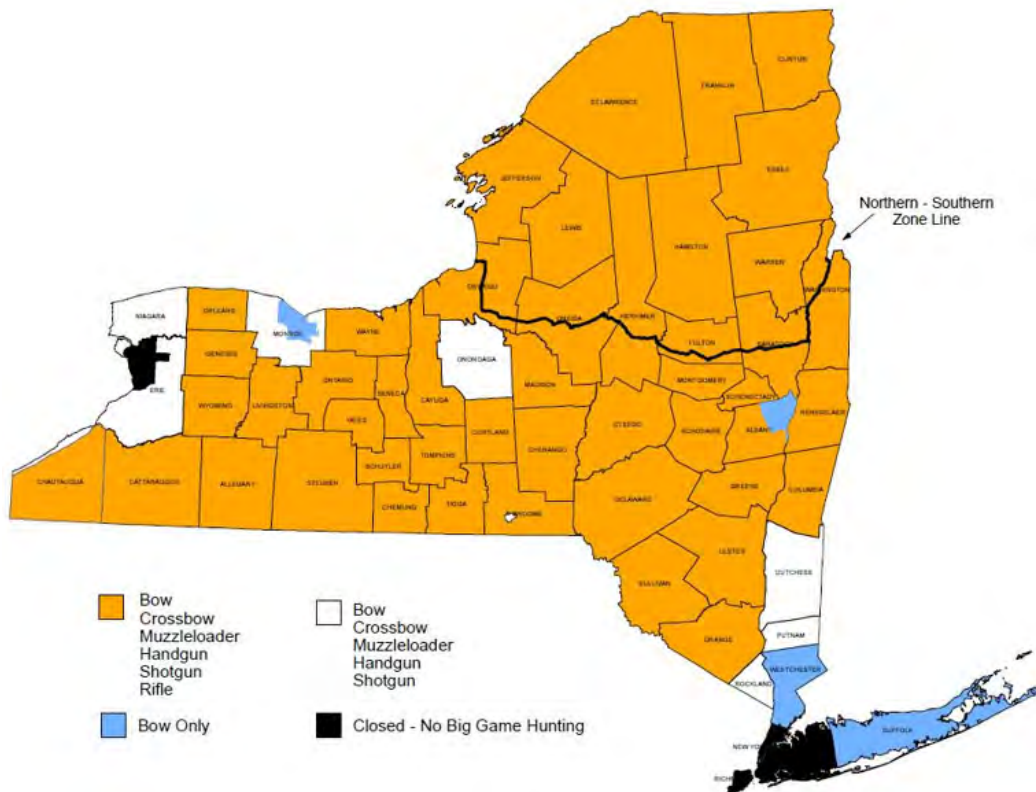
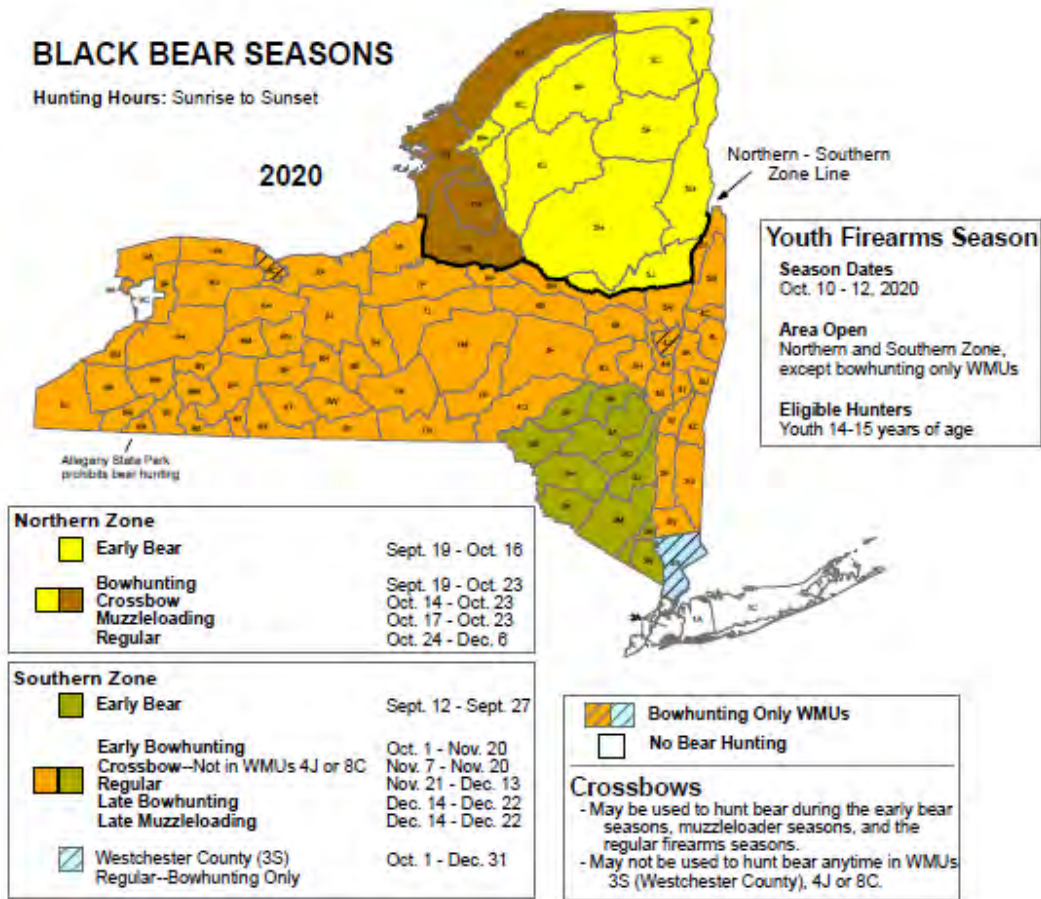


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BLACK BEAR SEASONS

Hunting Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

2020



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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.

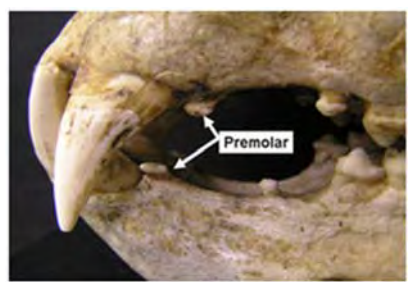


Figure 1. Portion of bear skull showing upper and lower premolar teeth, immediately behind the large canines.

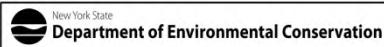
Black Bear Cooperator Patches 2006-2020



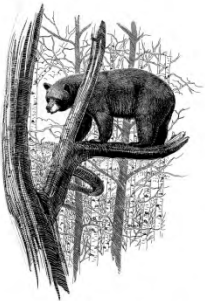
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Learn More about Black Bears

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



Black Bear Management Plan for New York State 2014-2024



Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources
Bureau of Wildlife

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

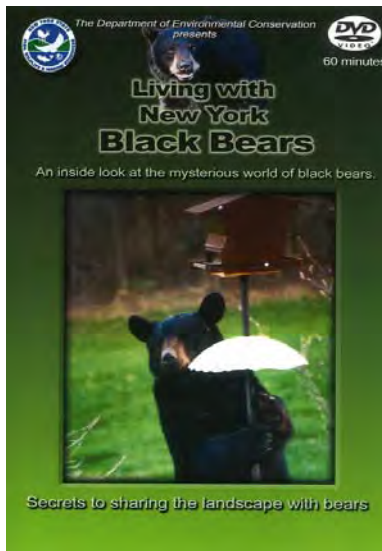


Hunting the Black Bear in New York



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

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 DVD is available at school and public libraries throughout New York.

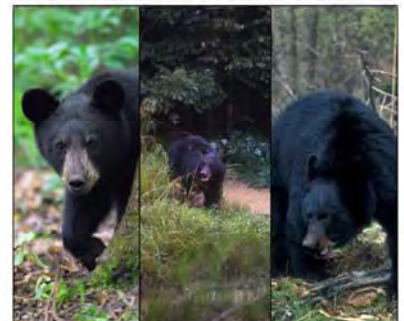
Reducing Human-Bear Conflict



See www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6995.html
for strategies to keep humans and bears safe.

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