



Deer Draw and Licensing Changes

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Objectives of Combined Firearm Draw



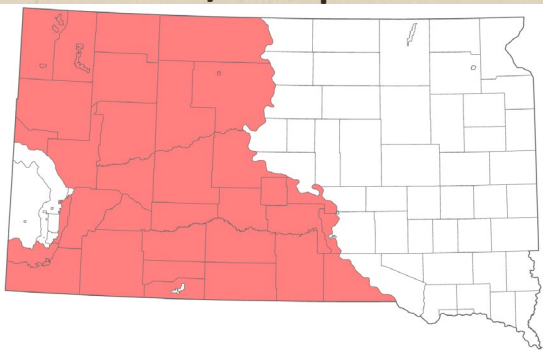
- Get more hunters in the field.
- Increase hunter's chance of drawing "preferred" license.



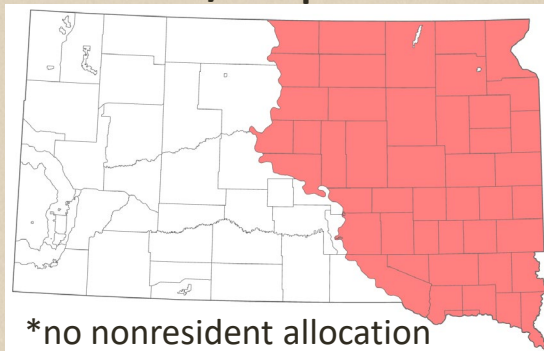
Firearm Deer Draw Changes

- Prior to 2019: Could apply for initial draw of each deer season.
- Beginning in 2019: Could apply for or hold licenses in only 2 seasons through first 2 draws.
 - Draw 3: Residents could apply for any season provided they did not hold a license for that season.
 - Draw 4: Residents could submit 5 applications and allowed multiple applications/season.
 - Nonresidents had to wait until the leftover license draw 5 before they could apply for >2 seasons and hold >1 license/season.

West River/WR Special Buck



East River/ER Special Buck



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Black Hills



Muzzleloader



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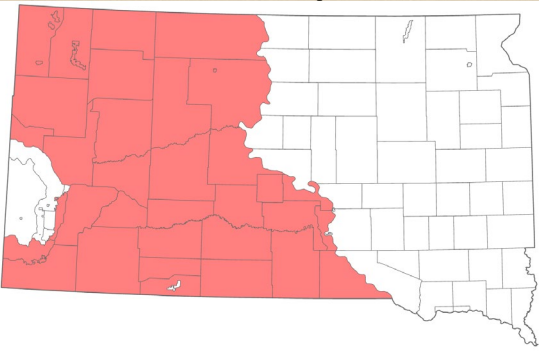
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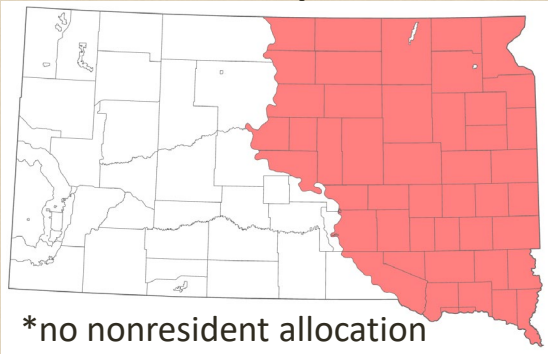
Firearm Deer Draw Changes

- 2018 1st draw resident firearm hunters
 - 1 application: 34,665; 2 applications: 11,758; 3+ applications: 5,820

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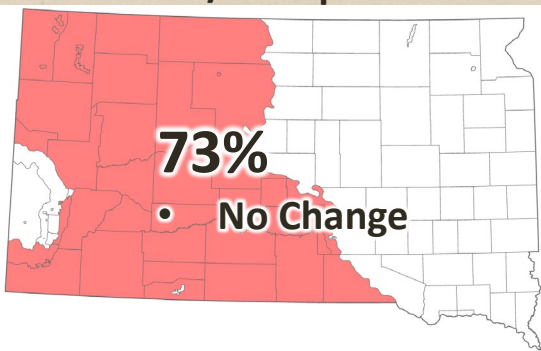
Summary of Improvements for Firearm Deer Hunters

Getting more firearm deer hunters in the field each year

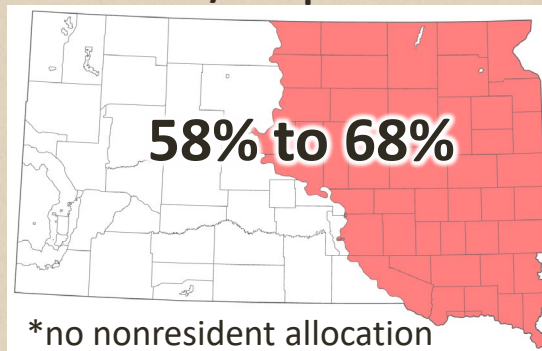


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- 👍 Increased individual success by hunter from 66% to 70%

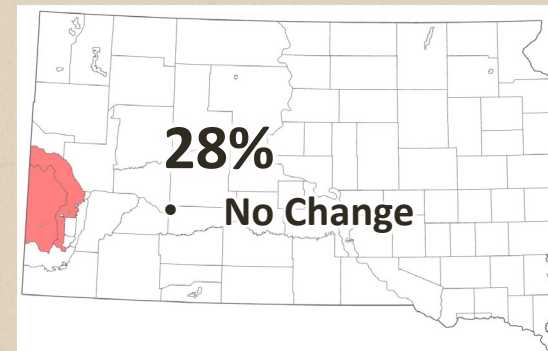
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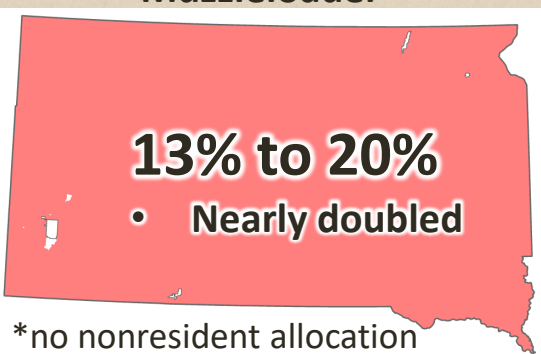
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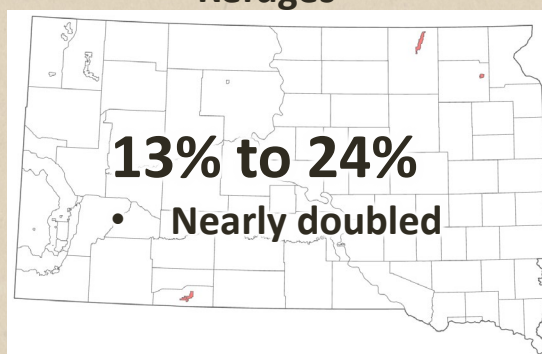
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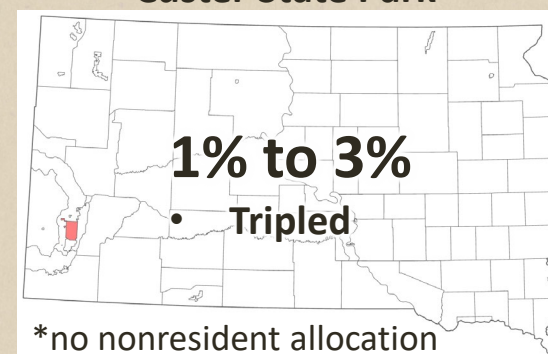
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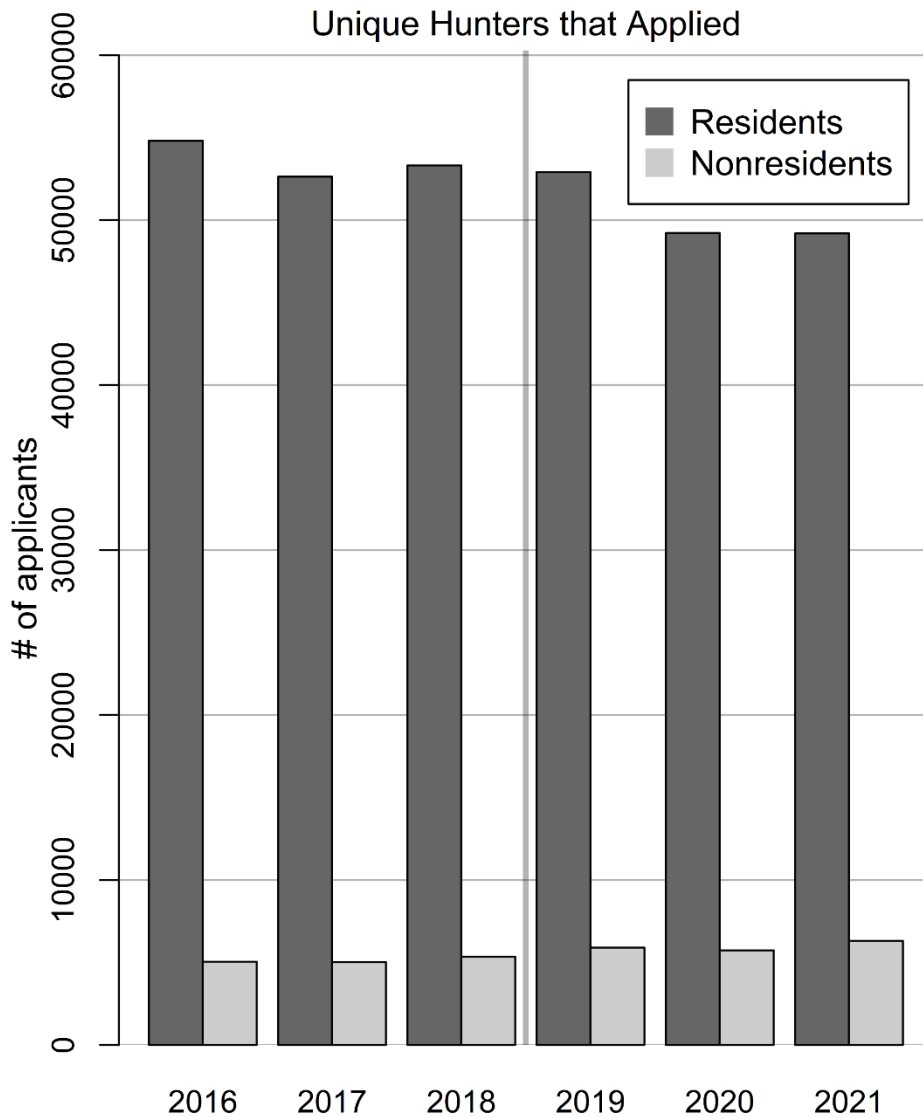
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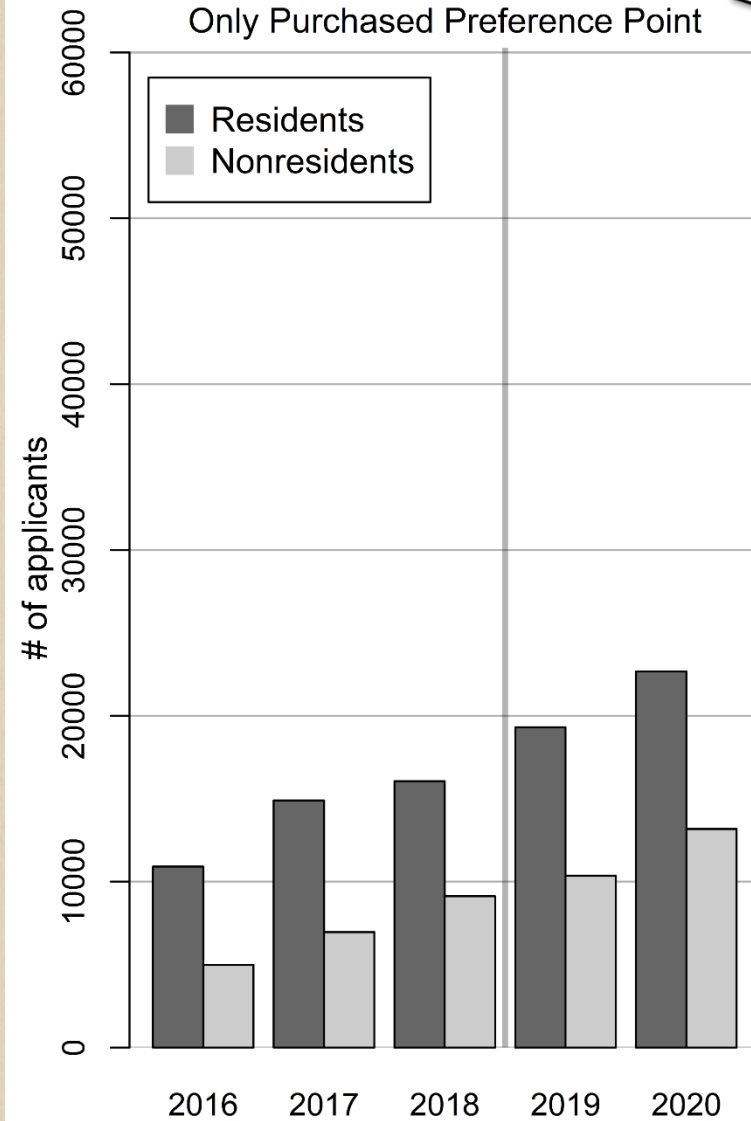


Summary of Improvements for Firearm Deer Hunters

Unique Hunters that Applied



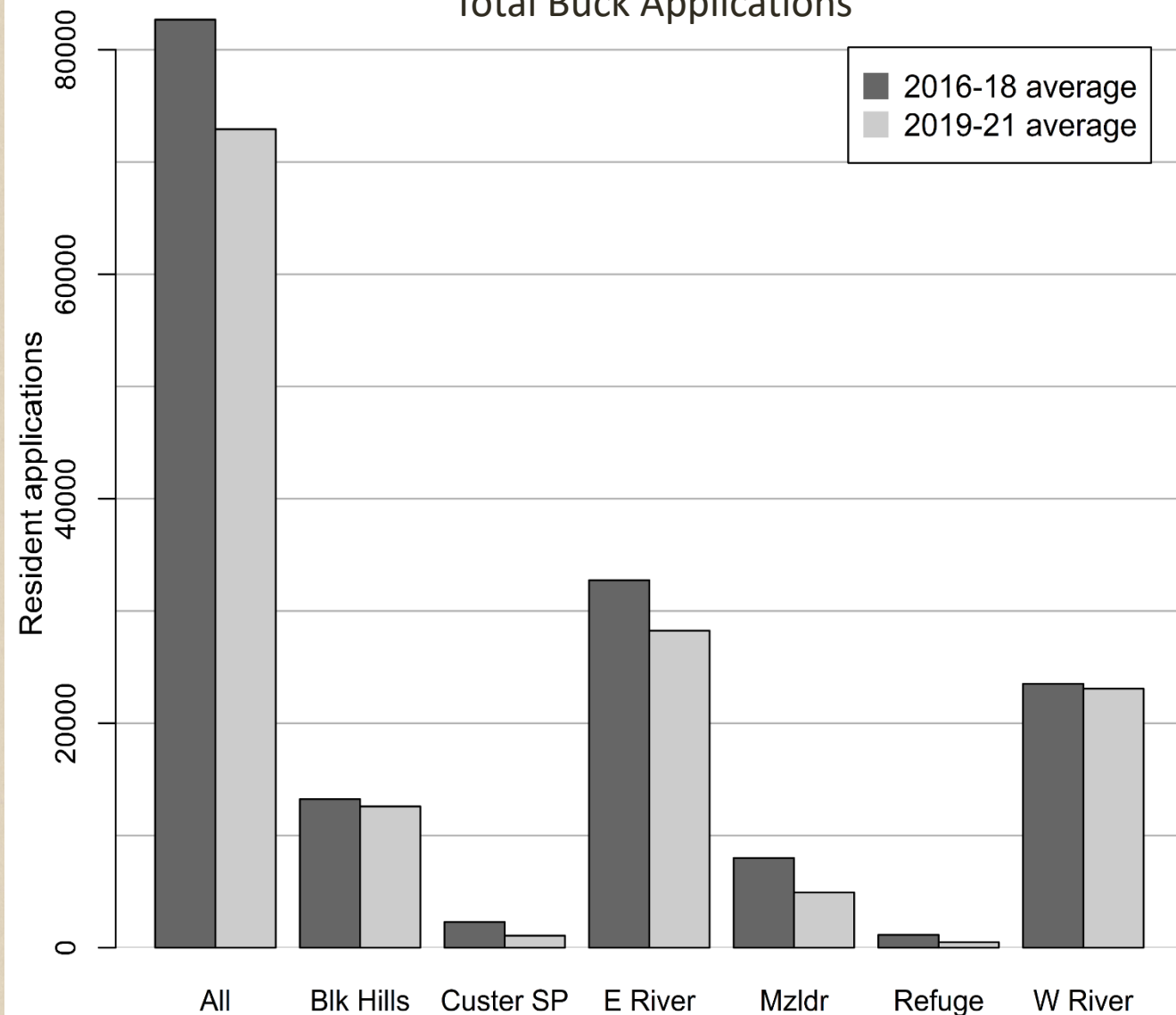
Only Purchased Preference Point





Summary of Improvements for Firearm Deer Hunters

Total Buck Applications



2016-2018 average

- 53,588 applicants
- 82,687 applications

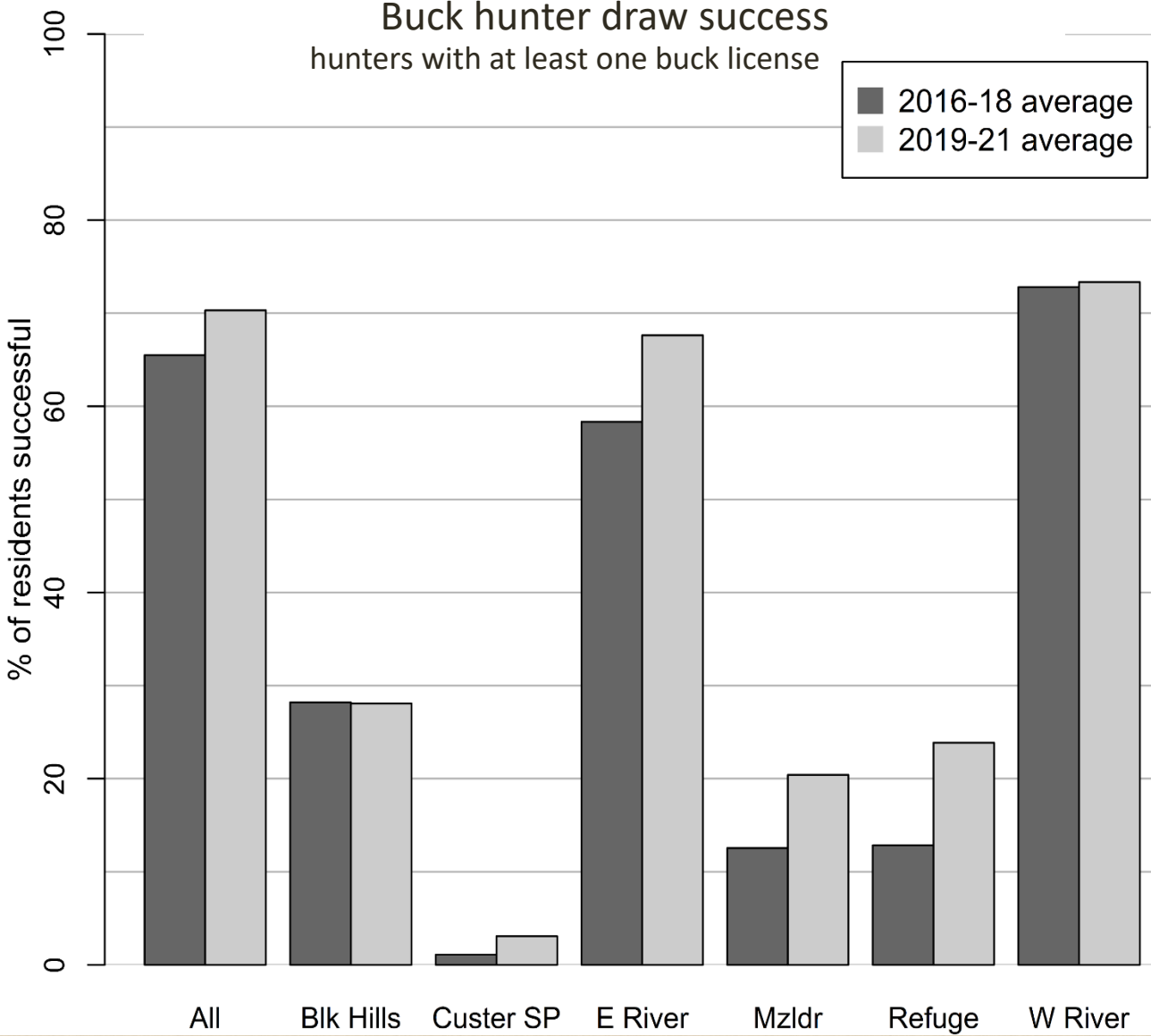
2019-2021 average

- 50,443 applicants
- 72,922 applications



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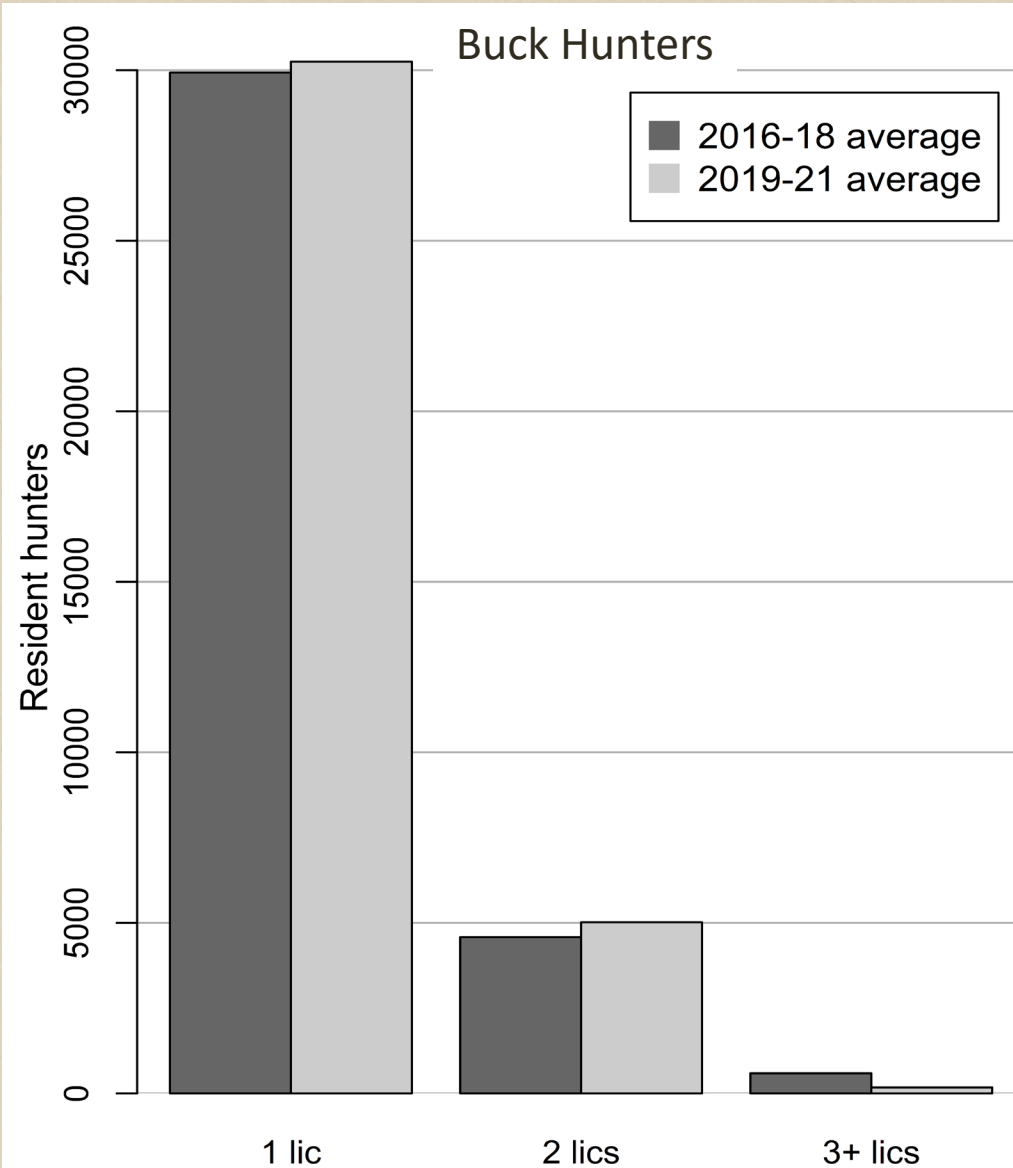
Buck hunter draw success hunters with at least one buck license



- 2016-2018 average**
- 53,588 applicants
 - 82,687 applications
 - 35,101 hunters
 - 66% success
 - 40,961 licenses
 - 50% success
- 2019-2021 average**
- 50,443 applicants
 - 72,922 applications
 - 35,441 hunters
 - 70% success
 - 40,917 licenses
 - 56% success



Summary of Improvements for Firearm Deer Hunters



2016-2018 average

- 1 buck license: 29,931
- 2 buck licenses: 4,581
- 3+ buck licenses: 589

2019-2021 average

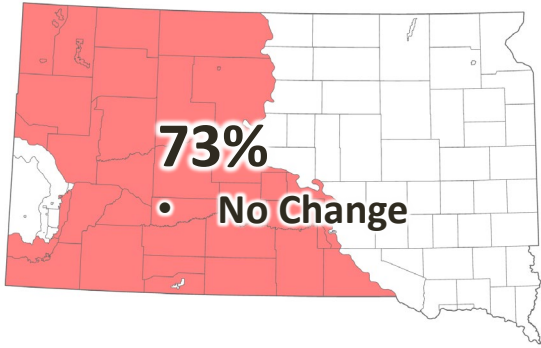
- 1 buck license: 30,251
- 2 buck licenses: 5,016
- 3+ buck licenses: 173



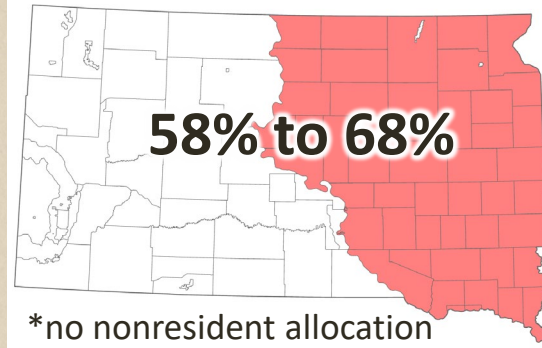
Questions?

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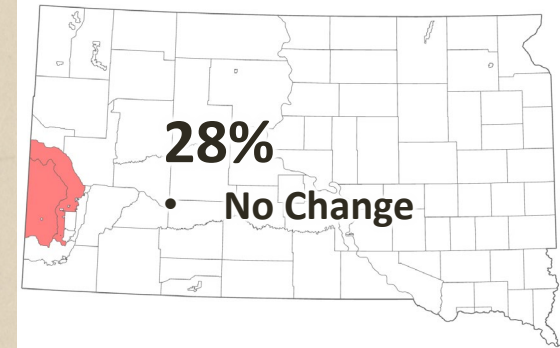
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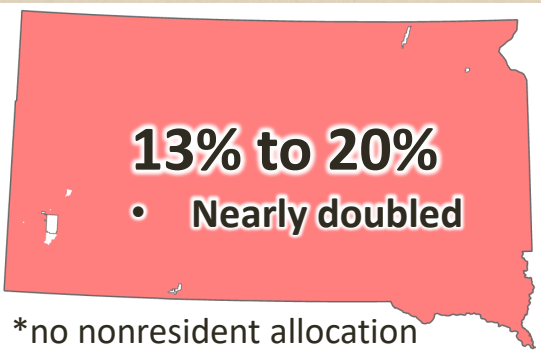
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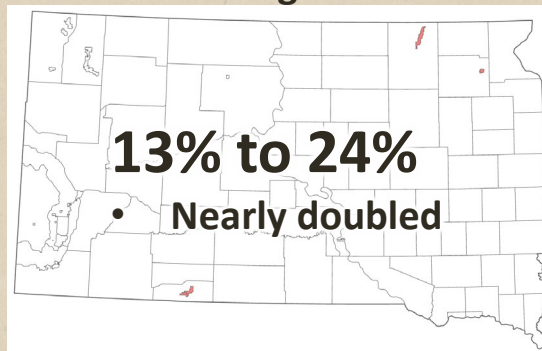
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