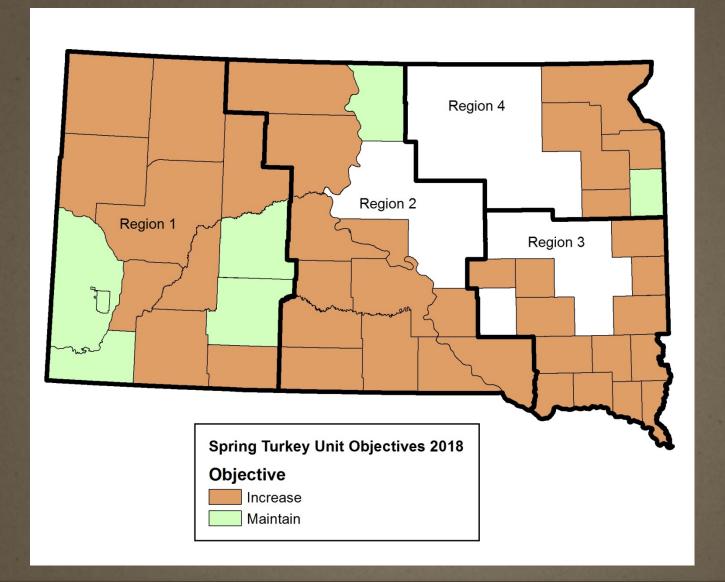


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Wild Turkey Management Plan- November Meeting 2018





## Objectives- Statewide

#### Wild Turkey Harvest Management Strategy Table – Black Hills Unit

	Low	Moderate	High Game, Fish & Parks			
Population Status or Surrogate Abundance	≤1400 mean harvest from previous 2 spring hunting seasons	1401-1899 mean harvest from previous 2 spring hunting seasons	≥1900 mean harvest from previous 2 spring hunting seasons			
Population Objective	Increase	Maintain	Decrease			
	Turkey population objective based on surrogate abundance estimate given above.		Turkey population objective based on surrogate abundance estimate given above.			
Justification	forage is expected to be nonexistent or limited to isolated cases and should be	Manageable turkey depredation on stored livestock forage is expected, but should be adequately addressed through wildlife damage management program, fall hunting (if open),	Turkey depredation on stored livestock forage is expected to be above desired levels, but can usually be addressed through wildlife damage management program, fall hunting, trap and			
	damage management program. After all other tools have been exhausted, unique situations may be addressed using pool	trap and transfer, or depredation pool hunts. After all other tools have been exhausted, unique situations may be addressed using kill	transfer, or depredation pool hunts. After all other tools have been exhausted, unique situations may be addressed using kill permits			
	hunts, kill permits, or trap and transfer to areas with low turkey abundance when fall season is closed.	permits when fall season is open or closed.	when fall season is open. Indicators for this category would be moderate to overabundant populations causing moderate to major depredation among landowners in the unit.			
A: Spring success 95% CI below or overlapping 30% previous 2 seasons		Spring: Single bearded turkey licenses and up to 1 license for non-residents and 2 licenses for residents.	Spring: Single bearded turkey licenses and up to 1 license for non-residents and 2 licenses for residents.			
	400 or less. Fall unit boundaries may be reduced in size.	Fall: Single any turkey licenses but limit to 600 or less. Fall unit boundaries may be reduced in size.	Fall: Single or double any turkey licenses but limit to 2000 or less. Fall unit boundaries may be reduced in size.			
B: Spring success 95% CI below		Spring: Single bearded turkey licenses and up to 1 license for non-residents and 2 licenses for residents.	Spring: Single bearded turkey licenses and up to 1 license for non-residents and 2 licenses for residents.			
or overlapping 30% 1 of previous 2 seasons		Fall: Single any turkey licenses but limit to 750 or less. Fall unit boundaries may be reduced in size.	Fall: Single or double any turkey licenses but limit to 2500 or less. Fall unit boundaries may be reduced in size.			
C: Spring success 95% CI		Spring: Single bearded turkey licenses and up to 1 license for non-residents and 2 licenses for residents.	Spring: Single bearded turkey licenses and up to 1 license for non-residents and 2 licenses for residents.			
above 30% previous 2 seasons	600 or less. Fall unit boundaries may be	Fall: Single any turkey licenses but limit to 1000 or less. Fall unit boundaries may be reduced in size.	Fall:Single or double any turkey licenses but limit to 3000 or less. Fall unit boundaries may be reduced in size.			

SOUTH DAKOTA

## Plan Implementation- Black Hills



- Mean harvest previous 2 years (2017-18) 1,571 spring gobblers (moderate population status)
- Population Objective- Maintain
- Harvest Strategy "B" based on 95% Cls overlapping 30% for 1 of previous 2 years.
- Therefore management is restricted to:
- Spring: Single bearded turkey licenses and up to 1 license for non-residents and 2 licenses for residents.

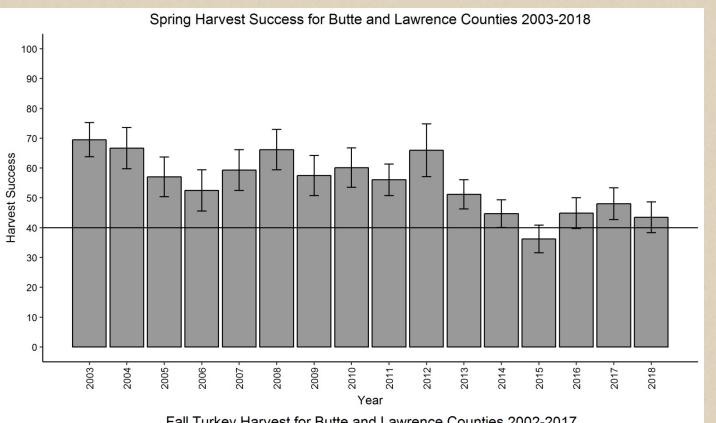
Fall: Single any turkey licenses but limit to 750 or less. Fall unit boundaries may be reduced in size.

#### Prairie Harvest Table

	Prairie Harve	est l'able		OUTH DAKOTA
Population Objective	Increase	Maintain	Decrease	SOUTH
Justification	Turkey population below objective based on available biological data, hunter survey comments, public comments, and field staff observations.  Turkey depredation on stored livestock forage is expected to be nonexistent or limited to isolated cases and should be adequately addressed through the wildlife damage management program. After all other tools have been exhausted, unique situations may be addressed using pool hunts, kill permits, or trap and transfer to areas with low turkey abundance when fall season is closed.	biological data, hunter survey comments, public comments, and field staff observations.  Manageable turkey depredation on stored livestock forage is expected, but should be adequately addressed through wildlife damage management program, fall hunting (if open), trap and transfer, or depredation pool hunts. After all other tools have been exhausted, unique situations may be addressed using kill permits	Turkey population above objective based on available biological data, hunter survey comments, public comments, and field staff observations.  Turkey depredation on stored livestock forage is expected to be above desired levels, but can usually be adequately addressed through wildlife damage management program, fall hunting, trap and transfer, or depredation pool hunts. After all other tools have been exhausted, unique situations may be addressed using kill permits when fall season is open. Indicators for this category would be moderate to overabundant populations causing moderate to major depredation among landowners in the unit.	Game, Fish & Parks
	Spring: single bearded turkey licenses or close spring season  Fall: Limited number of single or double any turkey licenses which allows for population growth and/or reduce size of unit to limit harvest to specific area, or close fall season.	Spring: Single or double bearded turkey licenses with option of split spring seasons  Fall: Single or double any turkey licenses issued at a level expected to keep population within population objective  Close fall season in units where population is expected to decline with fall harvest. Fall unit boundaries may be reduced in size.	Spring: Single or double bearded turkey licenses with option of split spring seasons  Fall: Single or double any turkey licenses issued at a level expected to decrease population	
Minimum Categorical Thresholds and Hard Triggers to Close Fall Season	Spring hunter success 95% CI overlaps or is below 40% threshold in one of two consecutive seasons and is above in one of the two seasons at a minimum specified license allocation (See unit objectives table). Under this scenario, fall turkey season could be closed.  Threshold to close fall season  Spring hunter success 95% CI below or overlaps 40% threshold for 2 consecutive seasons at a minimum specified license allocation (See unit objectives table).	Spring hunter success 95% CI is ≥ 40% for 2 consecutive seasons at a minimum specified license allocation (See unit objectives table).  Note: If this hard trigger is met, population objective could be shifted to increase based on other justifications.	Spring hunter success 95% CI is ≥ 40% for 2 consecutive seasons at a minimum specified license allocation (See unit objectives table).  Note: If this hard trigger is met, population objective could be shifted to maintain or increase based on other justifications.	

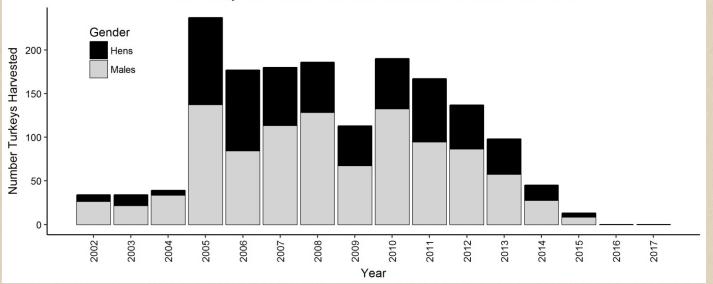
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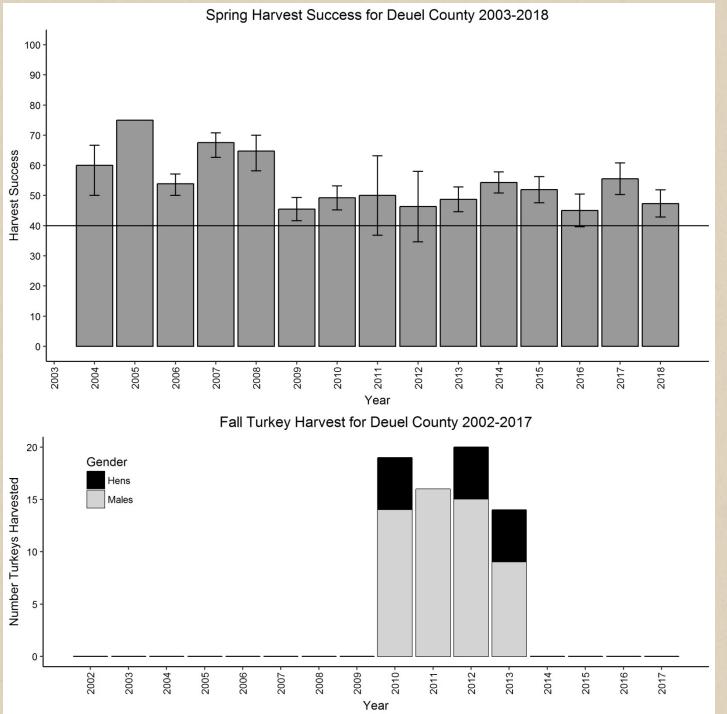
				2003 -	2015 Avera	ge	2016			2017			2018			
	Minimum	Current	Threshold					Hunter			Hunter			Hunter		
	License	Population	met to close	Hunter	Licenses	Tags		Success	Licenses	Tags	Success	Licenses	Tags	Success (95%	licenses	Tags
Unit	Target	Objective	fall season	Success %	sold	sold		(95% C.I.)	sold	sold	(95% C.I.)	sold	sold	C.I.)	sold	sold
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Bon Homme		50 Increase	Yes	52				37 (32-43)	300		43 (38-48)	251		40 (35-44)	251	251
Brookings		10 Increase	No	39	3			10 (10-10)	20		44 (40-50)	20		39 (35-45)	20	20
Brule	10	00 Increase	Yes	53	8	2 82		33 (27-40)	129*	129	45 (39-51)	150	150	41 (35-47)	150	150
Butte/Lawrence	40	00 Increase	Yes	57	41	5 830		45 (40-50)	375	375	48 (43-53)	379	379	44 (38-49)	379	379
Campbell/Walworth		10 Maintain	No	NA		0 0		40(40-40)	10	10	56 (50-60)	10	10	25 (20-40)	10	10
Charles Mix/Douglas	30	00 Increase	Yes	51	. 31	8 445		28 (23-32)	400	400	41 (36-46)	350	350	32 (27-36)	350	350
Clay		75 Increase	No	48	11	9 119		32 (28-36)	120	120	52 (47-58)	120	120	32 (28-36)	120	120
Corson	10	00 Increase	No	53	12	5 232		25 (18-31)	108*	108	58 (52-65)	108	108	34 (27-41)	108	108
Custer/ Penn-Mid	12	25 Increase	No	54	14	5 293		27 (22-32)	150*	300	52 (45-58)	162	162	42 (36-49)	162	162
Davison/Hanson	15	50 Increase	Yes	50	10	3 108		26 (21-31)	161	161	32 (27-37)	158	158	24 (20-28)	158	158
Day/Codington		50 Increase	No	40	) 6	0 60		29 (25-35)	61	61	55 (49-60)	80	80	36 (29-43)	80	80
Deuel		75 Maintain	No	56	6	0 60		45 (40-51)	90	90	56 (50-61)	90	90	47 (43-52)	90	90
Dewey/Ziebach	10	00 Increase	No	56	19	359		34 (28-40)	160	160	48 (42-53)	160	160	45 (40-50)	160	160
Fall River	15	50 Maintain	No	56	20	9 418		39 (35-44)	161	322	48 (44-53)	162	324	42 (38-47)	162	324
Grant	18	85 Increase	No	57	17	5 176		36 (32-41)	220	220	50 (46-54)	220	220	46 (41-50)	220	220
Gregory	70	00 Increase	No	57	89	3 1351		28 (23-32)	865	865	45 (40-50)	756	756	41 (36-46)	756	756
Haakon	20	00 Maintain	No	63				43 (38-47)	214*	428	51 (46-55)	216		40 (35-45)	216	
Hamlin		10 Increase	No	46				NA	(		56 (50-60)	10		0 (0-0)	10	
Harding		50 Increase	Yes	46				30 (25-35)	153*		44 (38-51)	108		42 (37-47)	108	
Hughes		30 Increase	No	50				26 (23-31)	40		54 (47-60)	30		43 (40-47)	30	
Hutchinson		60 Increase	Yes	41				21 (18-24)	80		40 (34-46)	60		26 (20-32)	60	
Jackson		50 Maintain	No	64				34 (29-40)	214		70 (65-75)	162		47 (42-53)	162	
Jerauld		10 Increase	Yes	24				13 (10-25)	10		22 (20-30)	10		67 (60-70)	10 77	10 77
Jones		75 Increase	Yes	60 40				37 (26-48)	71*		43 (33-53)	77		27 (19-36)	100	100
Lincoln Lyman		80 Increase 00 Increase	Yes Yes	57				19 (15-22) 28 (23-32)	100 162		27 (24-31) 36 (31-41)	100 108		32 (27-36) 35 (30-41)	100	
Marshall/Roberts		30 Increase	No	50				40 (35-44)	400		47 (43-52)	400		43 (38-47)	400	
Meade/Penngtn		00 Increase	No	66				38 (33-43)	306*		52 (47-57)	322		45 (40-50)	322	
Mellette		50 Increase	No	63				34 (29-39)	363*		46 (41-52)	376		29 (24-34)	376	
Minnehaha		60 Increase	No	36				18 (15-22)	79		64 (57-71)	80		33 (29-38)	80	
Moody		30 Increase	Yes	50				36 (30-43)	60		44 (38-50)	60		39 (32-46)	60	
Oahe Downstream		0 Maintain	No	100		1 1		50 (50-50)	2*		100 (100-10			100 (100-100)	2	
Pennington-East	15	50 Increase	No	65				40 (35-45)	145*		51 (46-57)	166		48 (41-55)	166	
Perkins		75 Increase	Yes	58				29 (23-35)	81*		44 (37-52)	94		39 (30-48)	94	188
Sanborn		20 Increase	No	41		3 47		15 (15-15)	20		50 (40-60)	20	20	12 (10-18)	20	20
Oglala Lakota	į	50 Increase	Yes	74				50 (40-60)	43*		70 (60-80)	4/	44	32 (23-42)	44	44
Stanley	4	40 Increase	Yes	42	. 5	3 53		32 (24-39)	55	55	34 (27-42)	44	44	28 (25-33)	44	44
Todd		75 Increase	No	63	6	8 68		35 (25-46)	66*	66	49 (41-57)	78	78	29 (18-40)	78	78
Tripp	35	50 Increase	No	63	43	4 500		34 (30-39)	432	432	57 (52-62)	432	432	42 (37-47)	432	432
Turner		20 Increase	No	38	4	4 44		33 (25-46)	20	20	62 (45-75)	20	20	26 (25-30)	20	20
Union	12	20 Increase	Yes	47	12	3 123		27 (23-31)	120	120	37 (32-42)	120	120	40 (36-44)	120	120
Yankton	20	00 Increase	No	49	21	7 217		33 (29-37)	230	230	47 (42-52)	229	229	51 (46-56)	229	229





Fall Turkey Harvest for Butte and Lawrence Counties 2002-2017







#### **PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

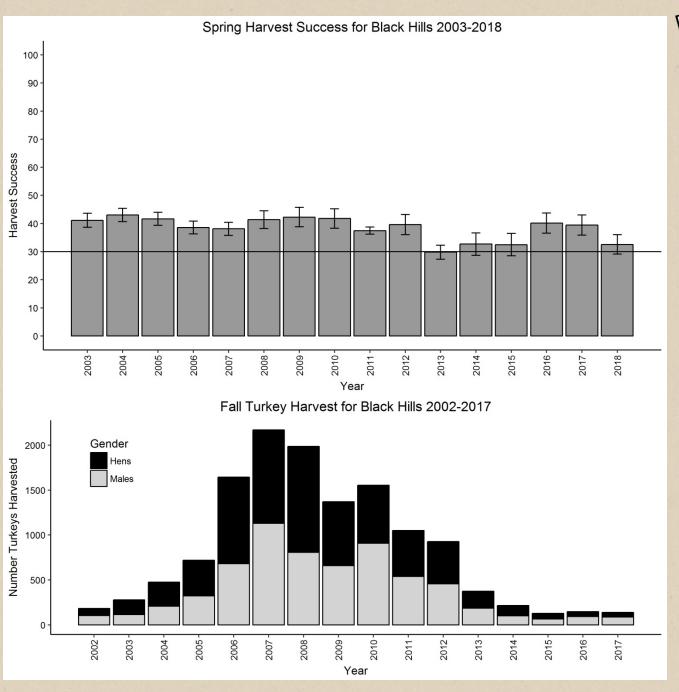
- Implementation of harvest strategies
  - Recommended alignment of spring and fall units commission adopted
    - Unit-level tag allocation for all fall units
- Stakeholder meeting- tracking successes and where we can improve
- Opinion Survey- extending season and rifles/shotguns
- Reviewed research and implementation of that information in unit strategies
- Controlled Hunting Access Program one for spring turkey hunting
- GFP/NWTF partnership forester position for Black Hills and surrounding riparian areas with an emphasis on turkey habitat



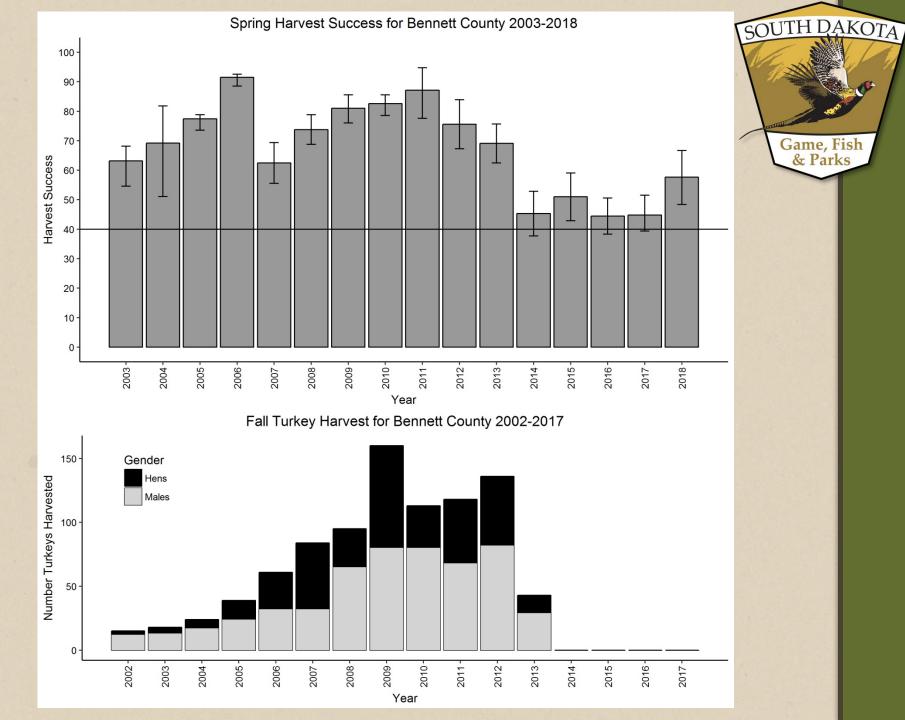


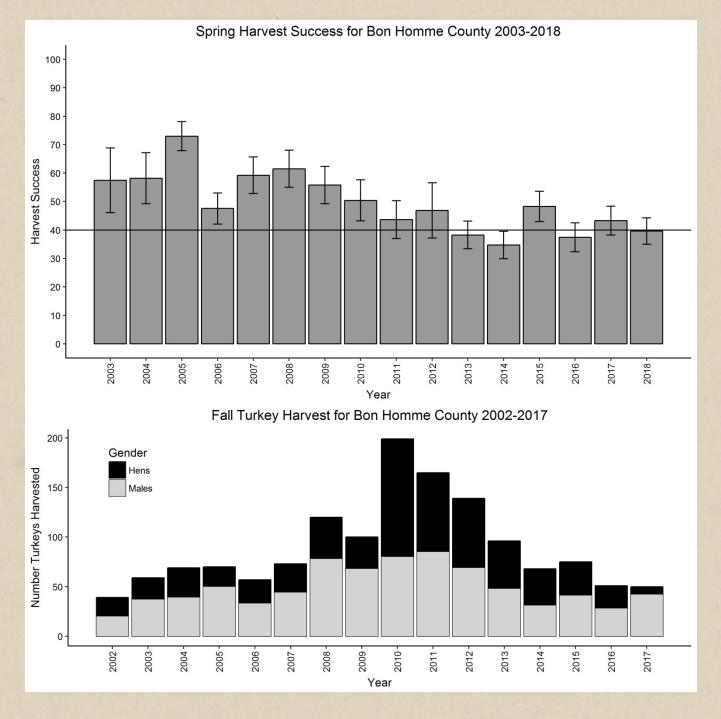
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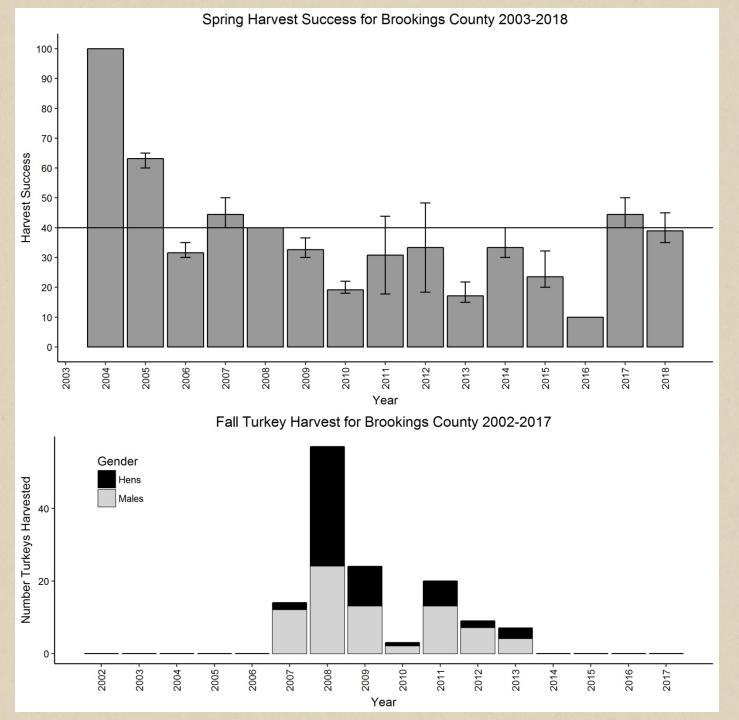




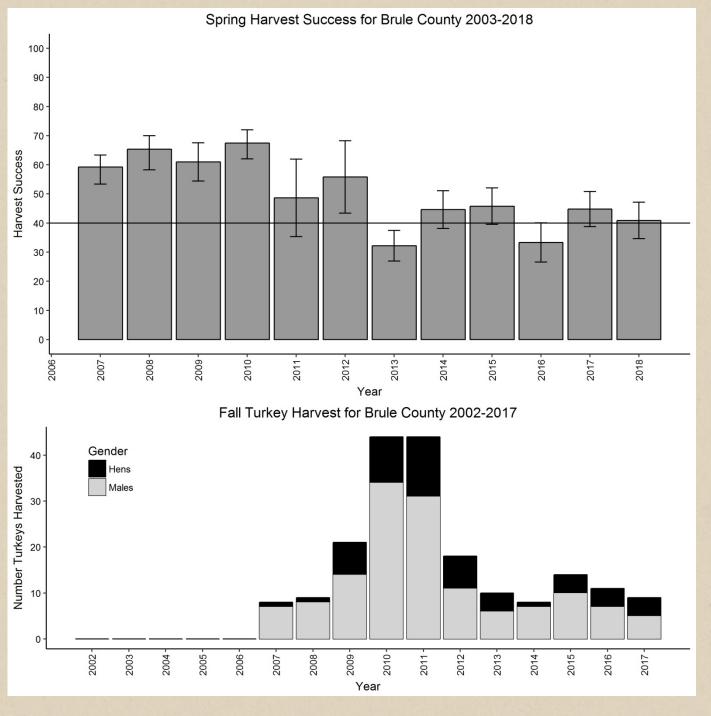




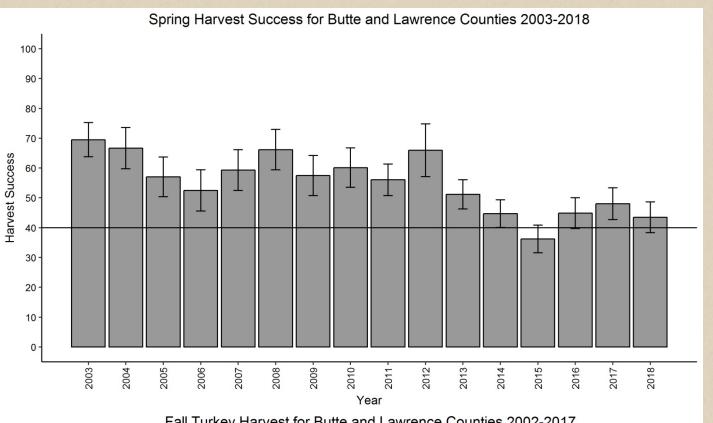






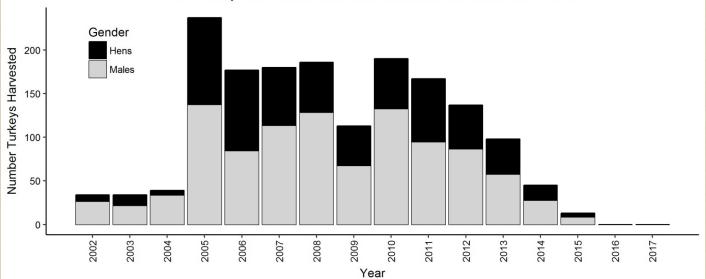


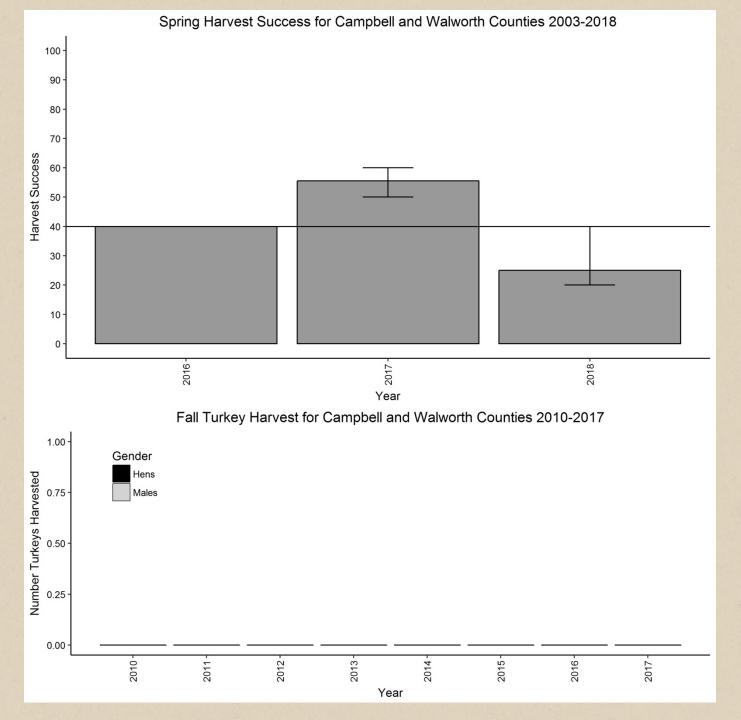




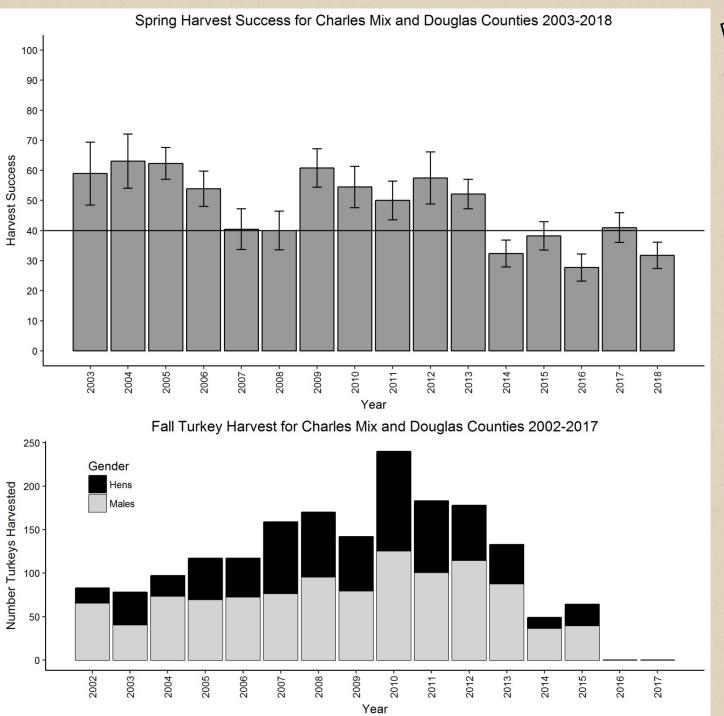


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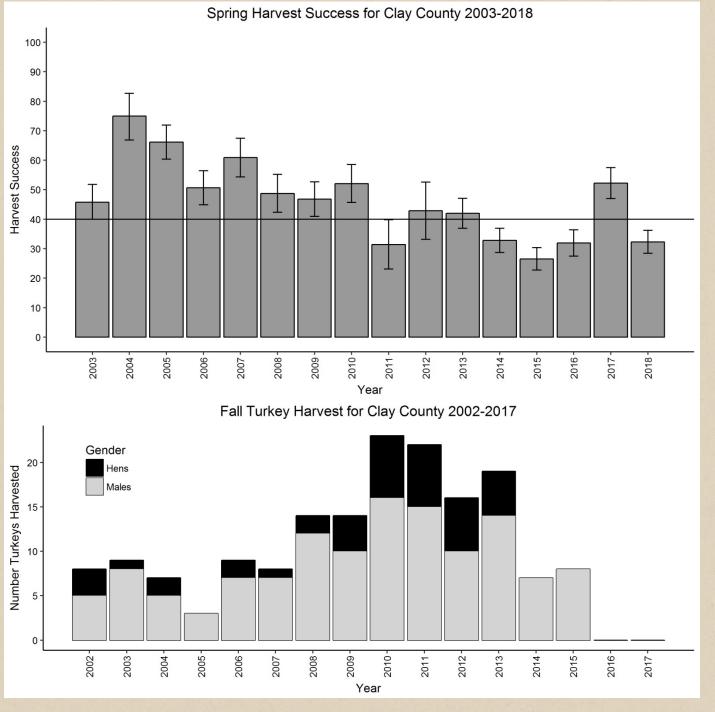




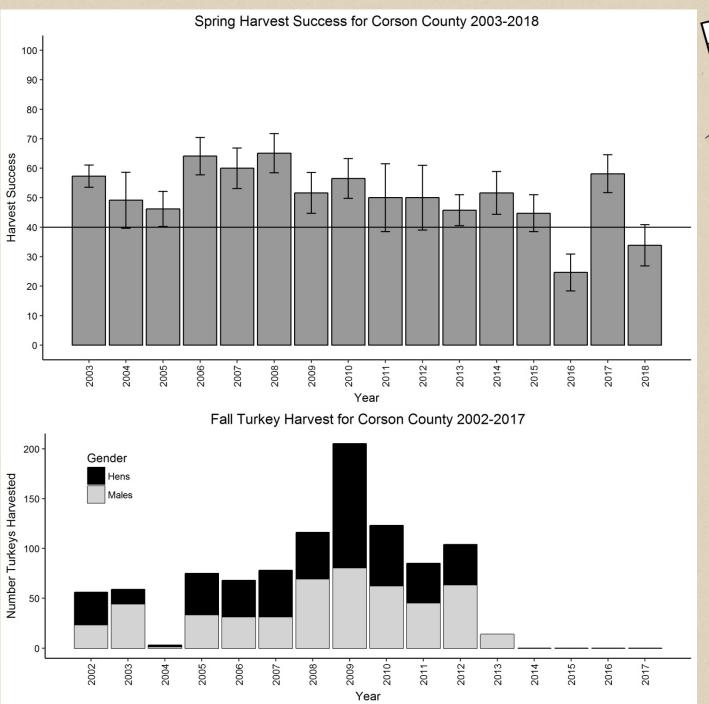




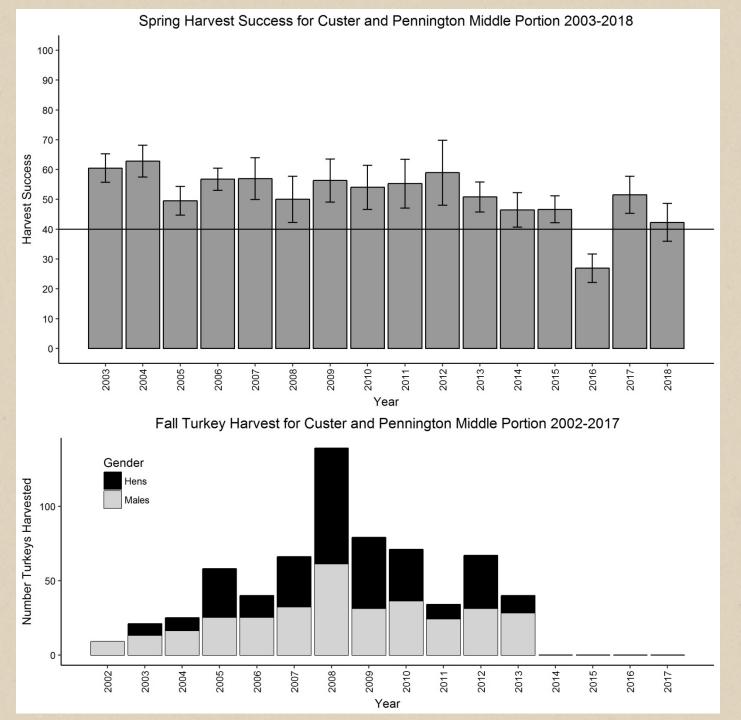




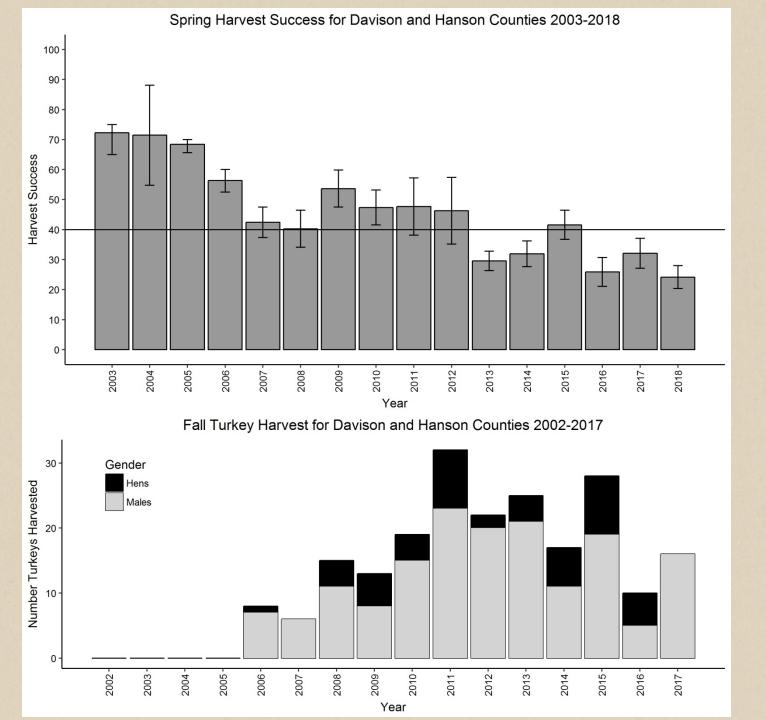




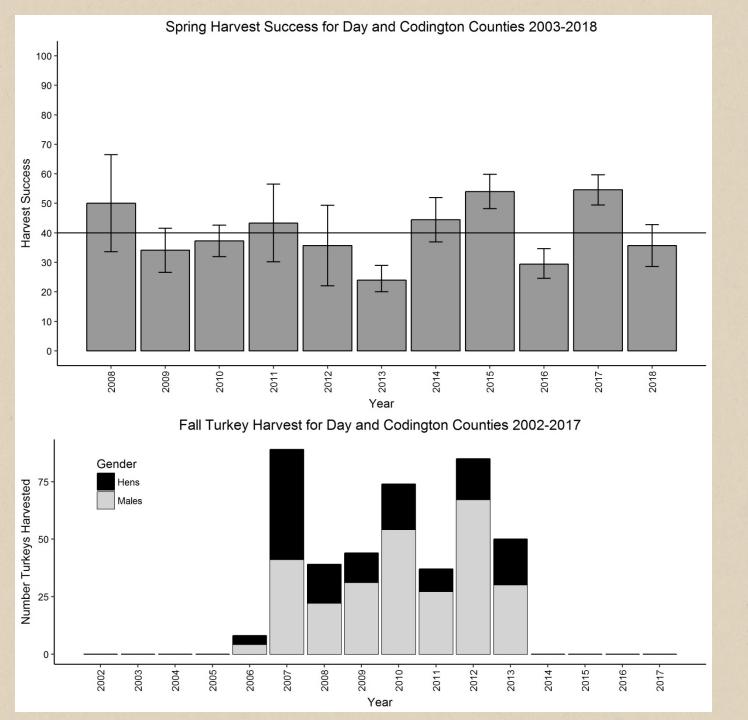




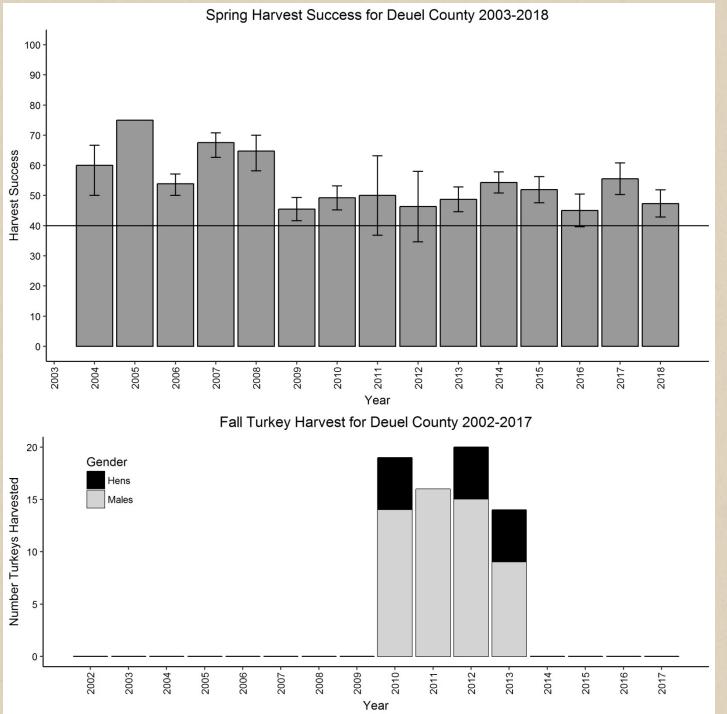




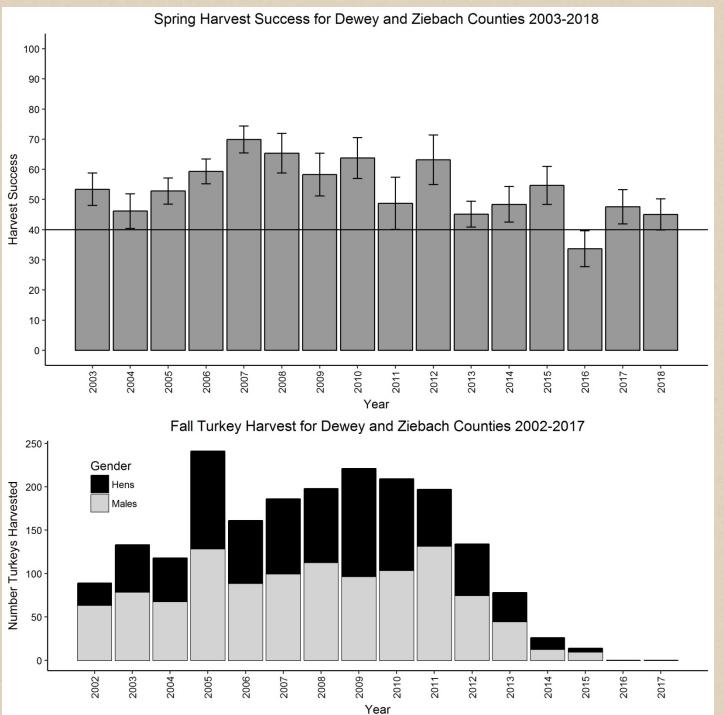




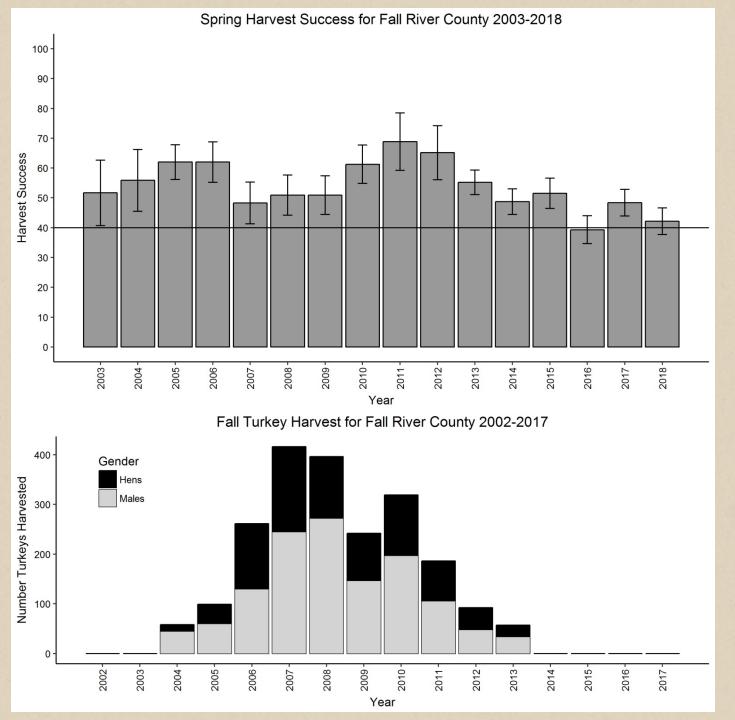




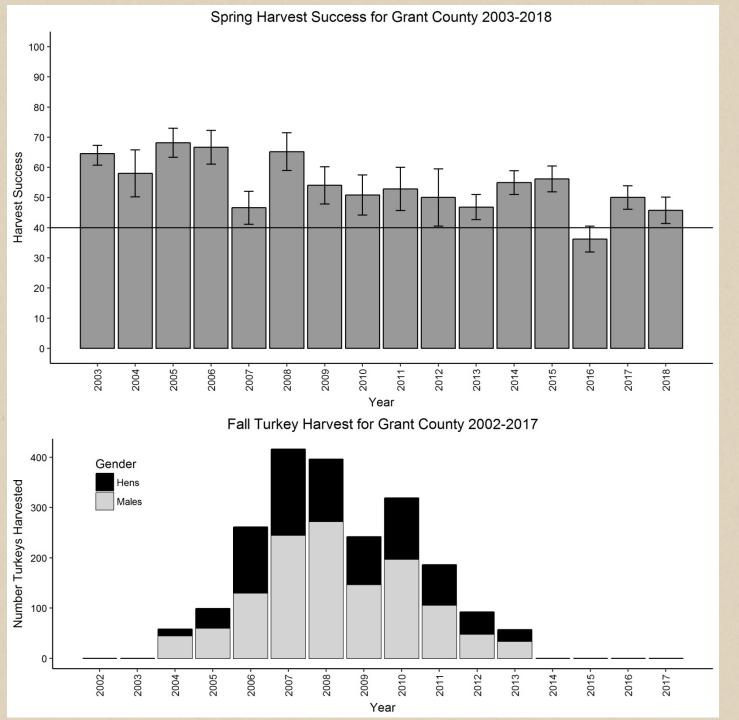




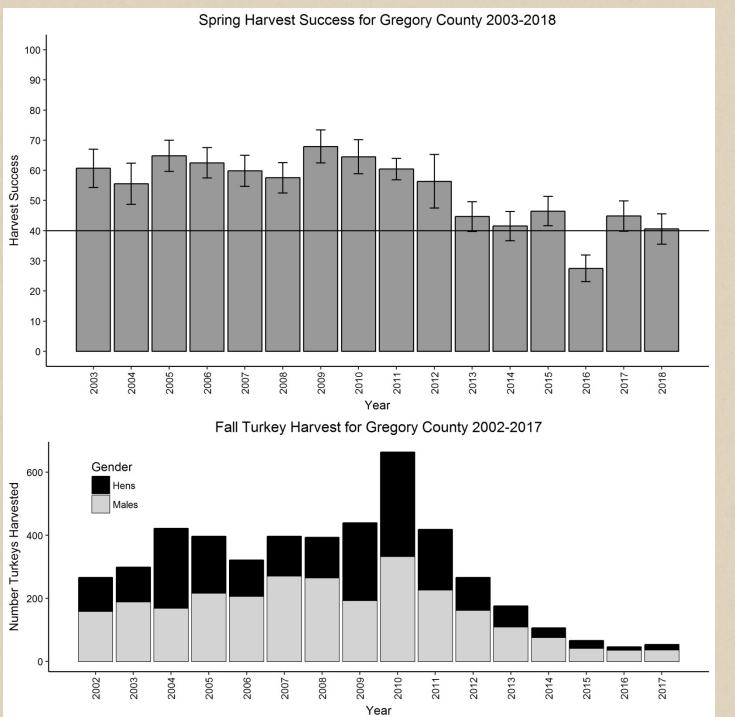




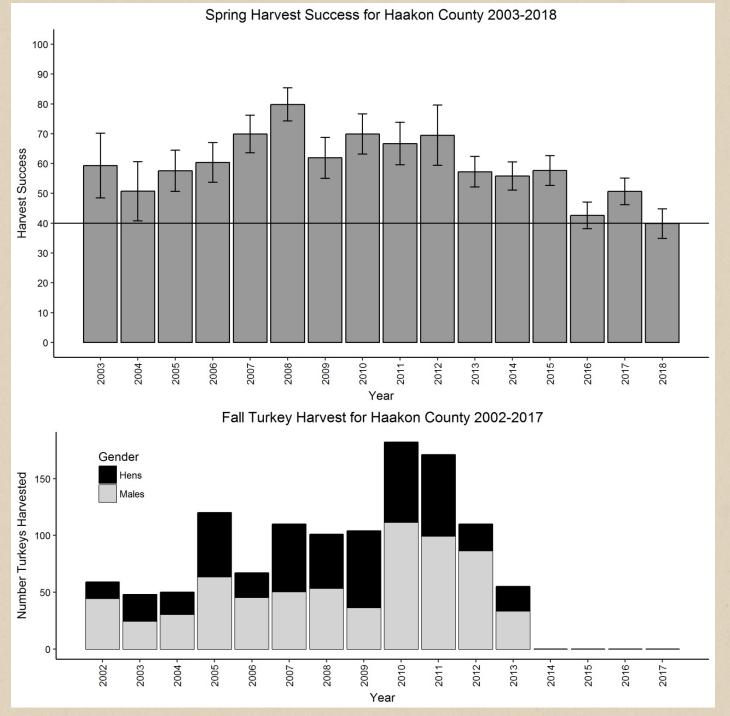




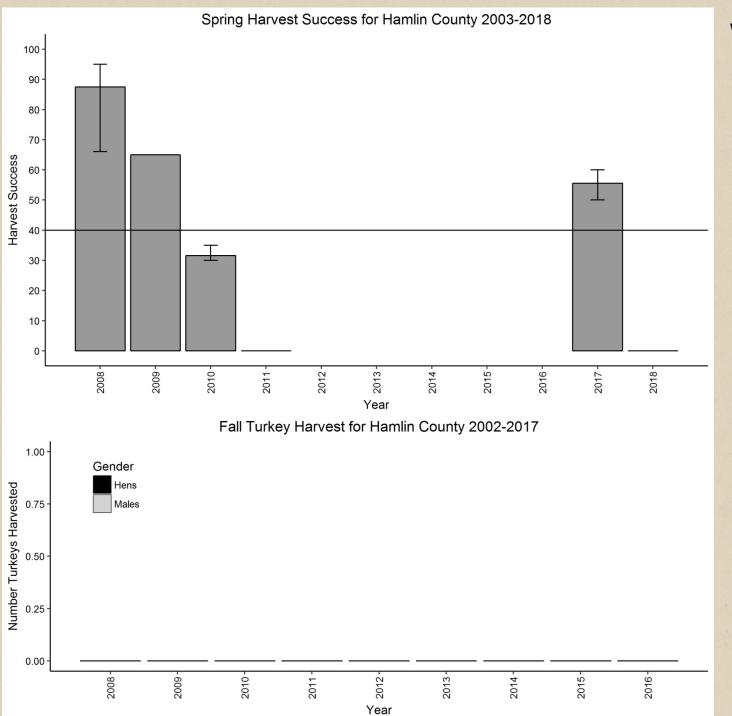




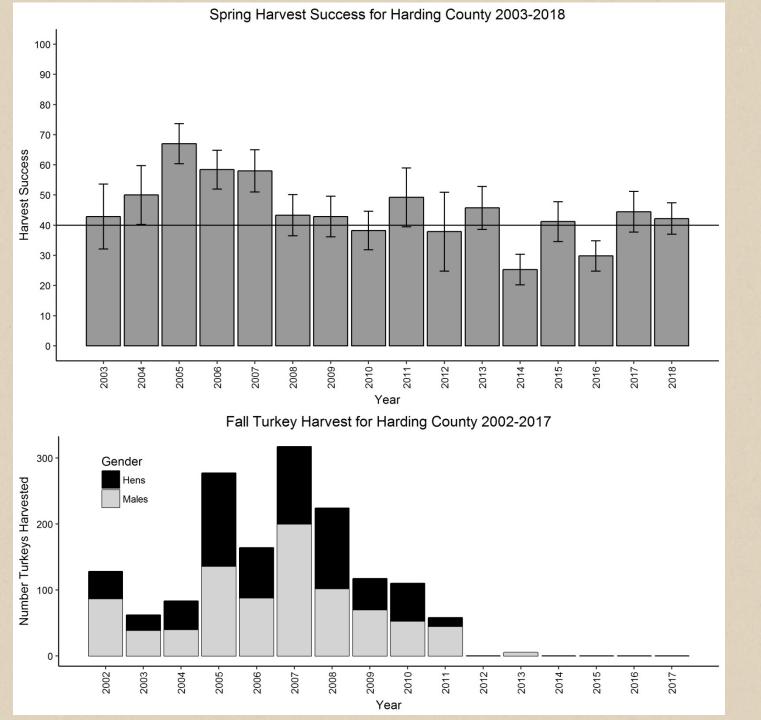




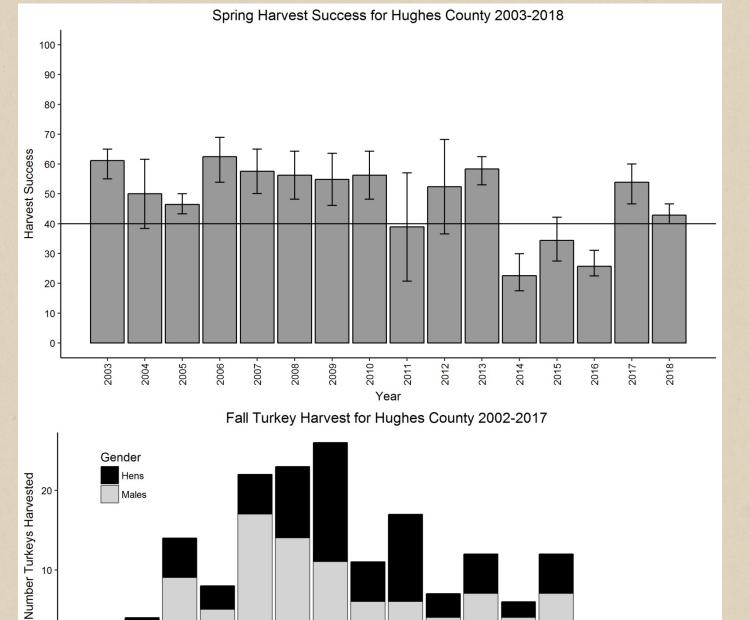












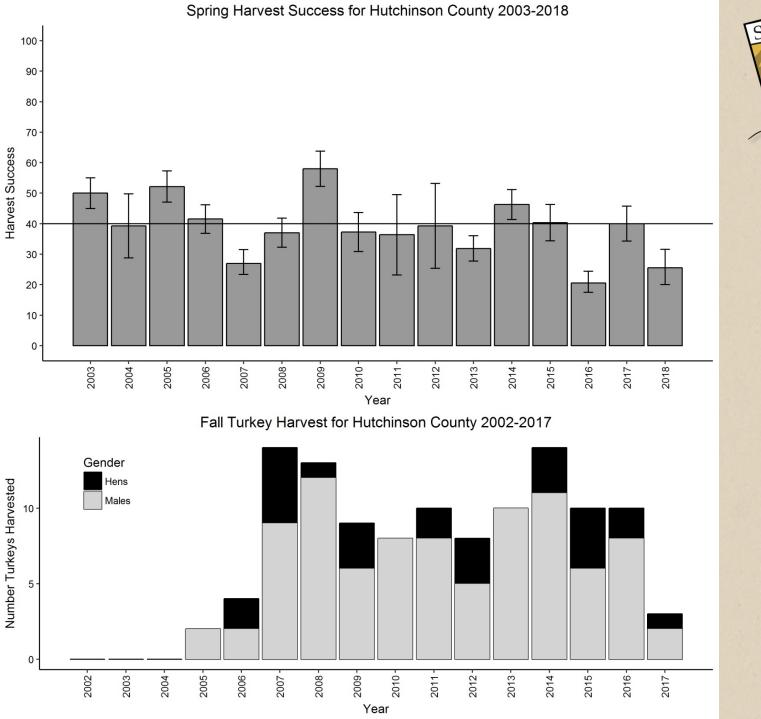
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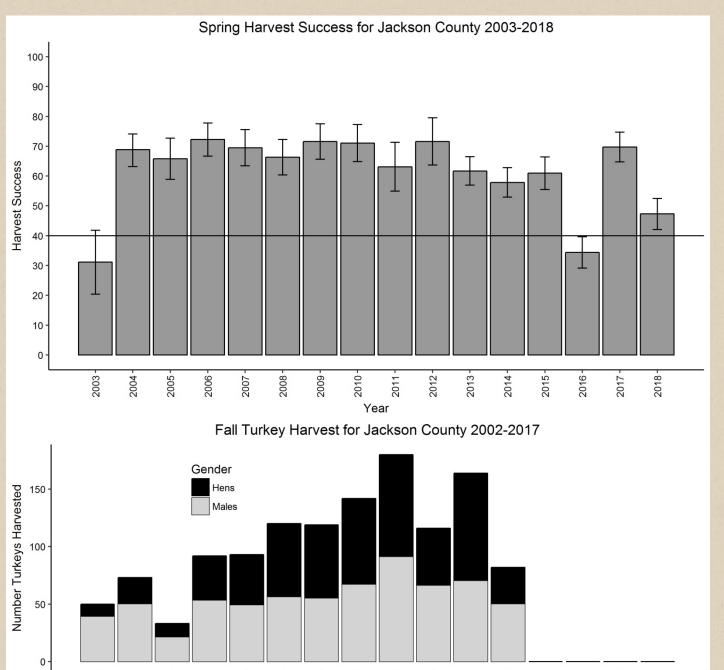
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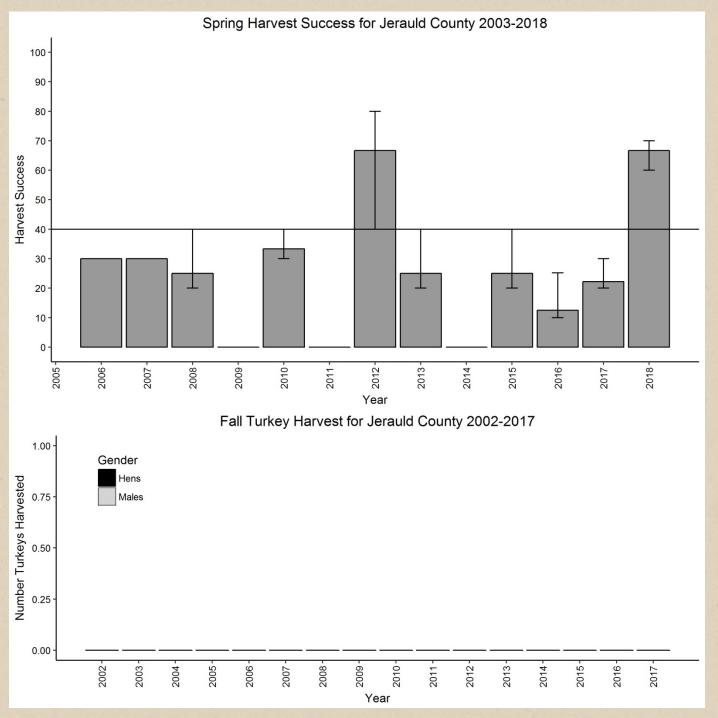


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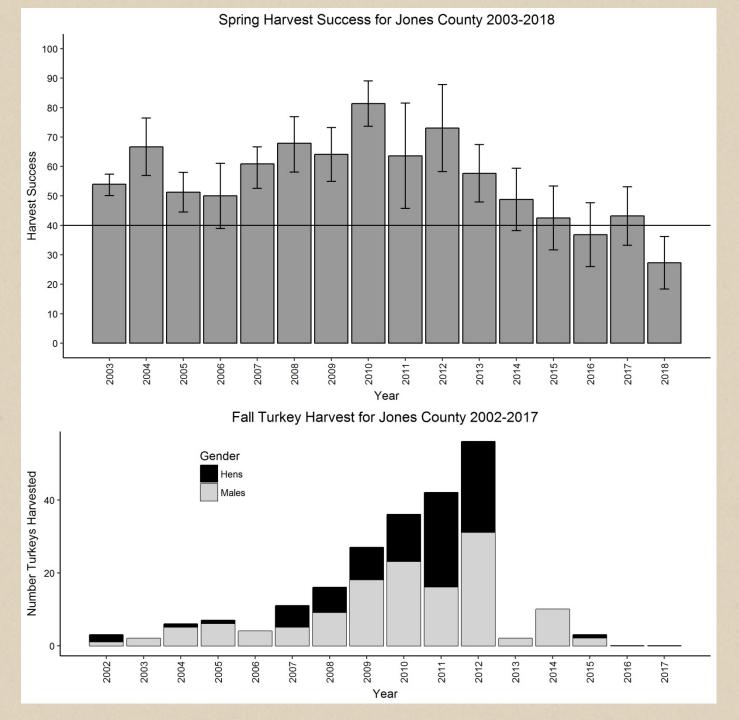
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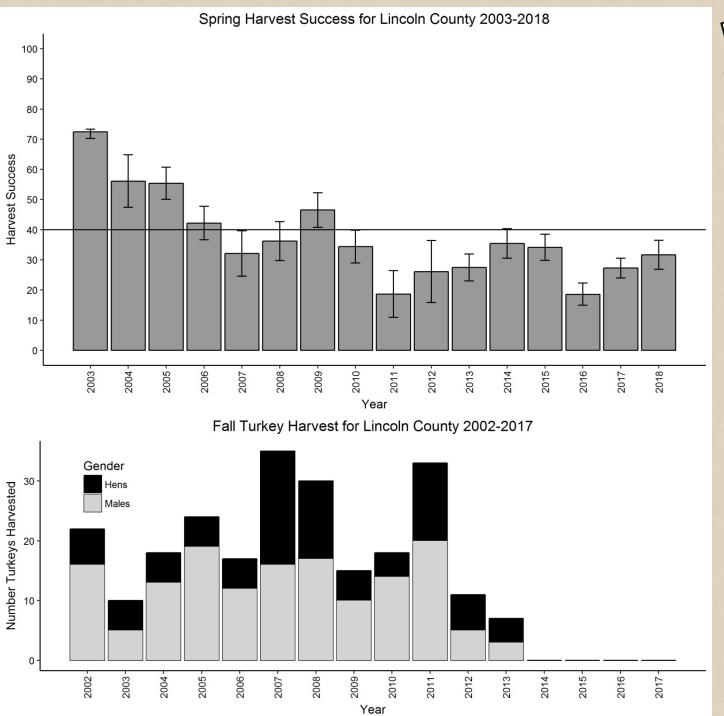




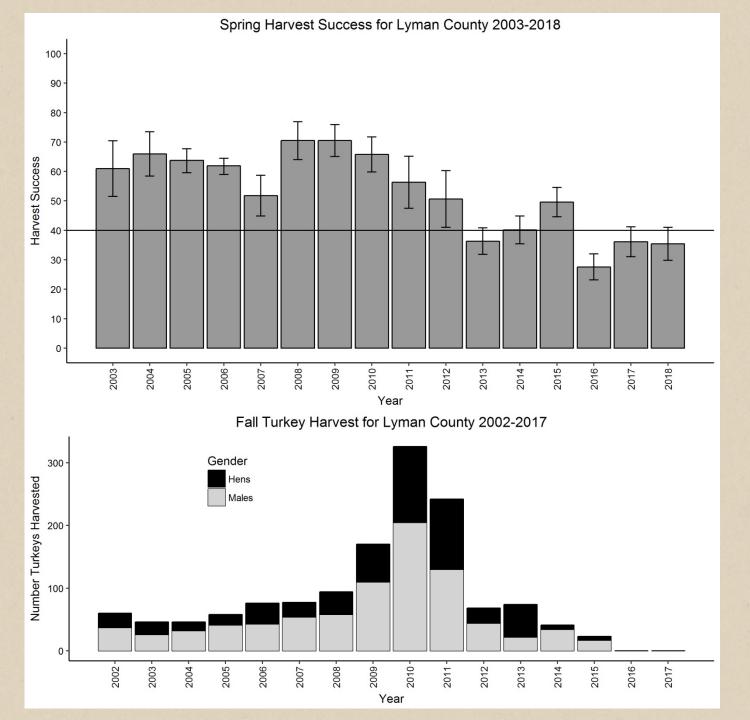




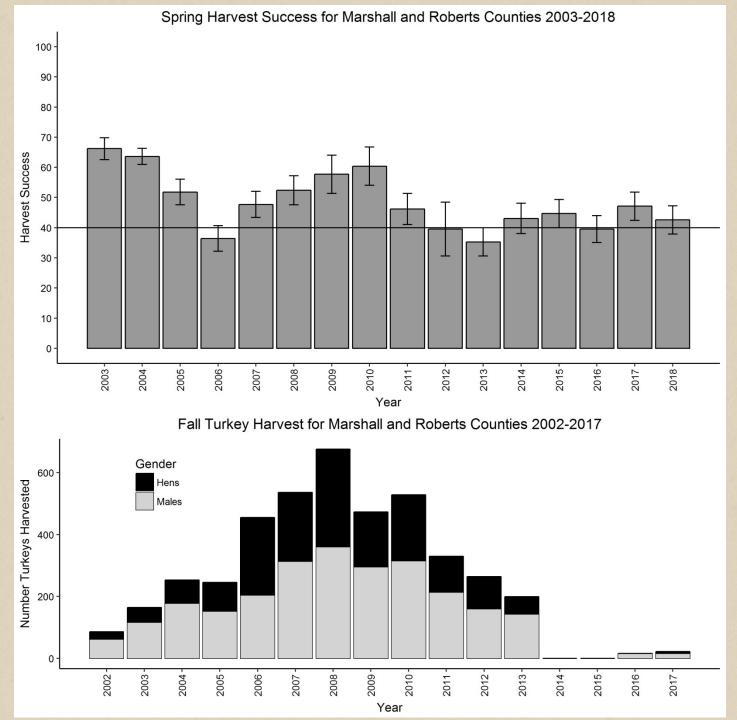




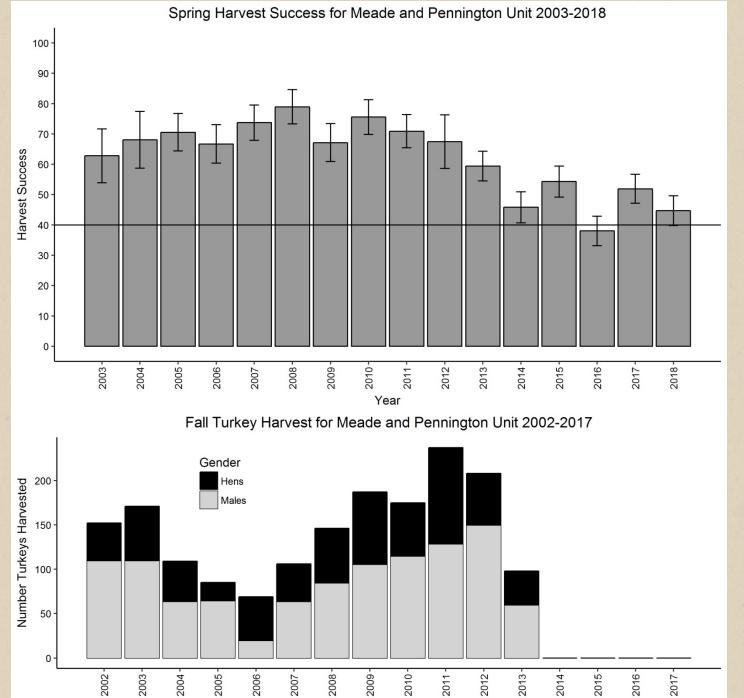






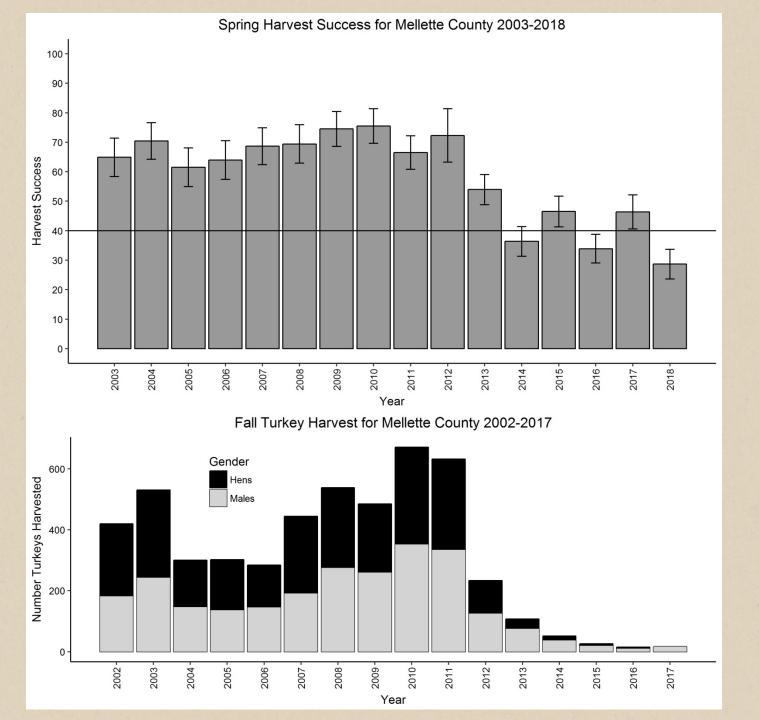




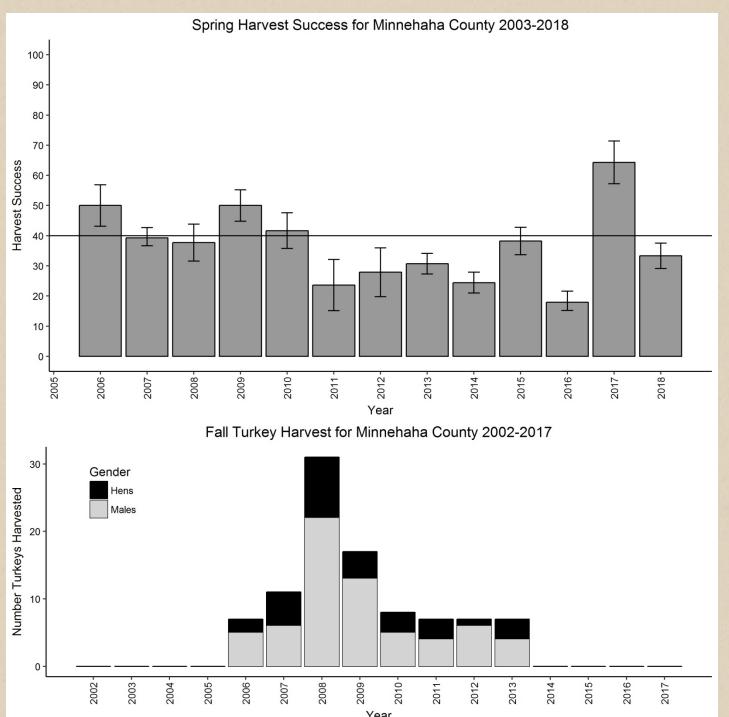


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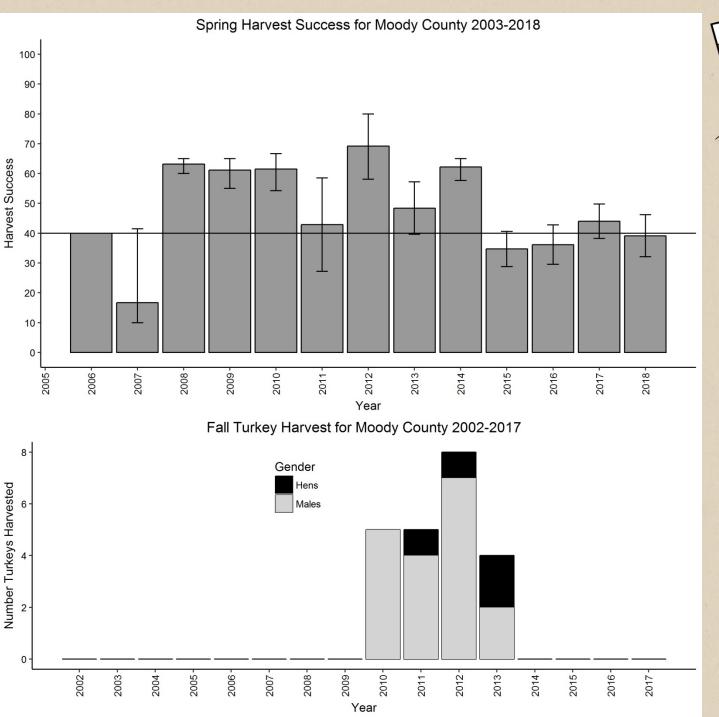




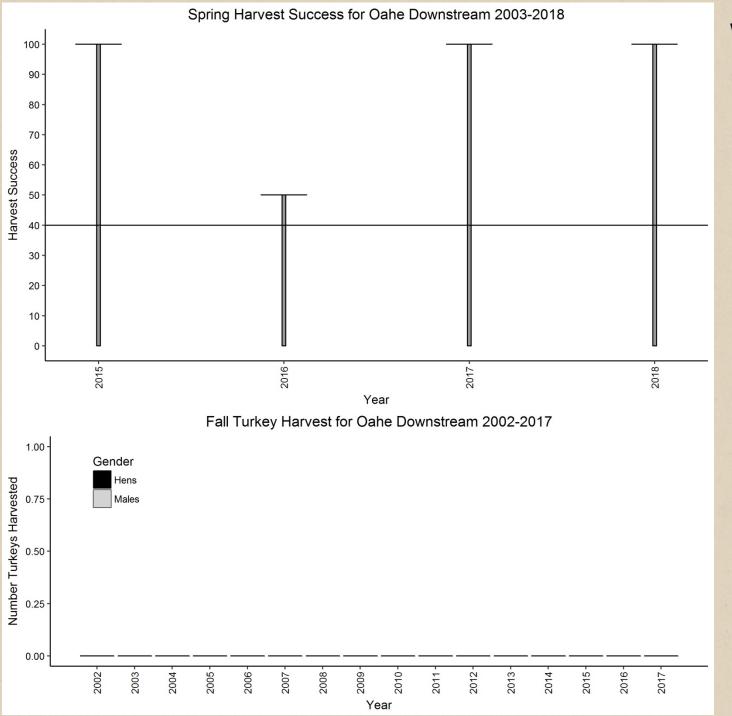




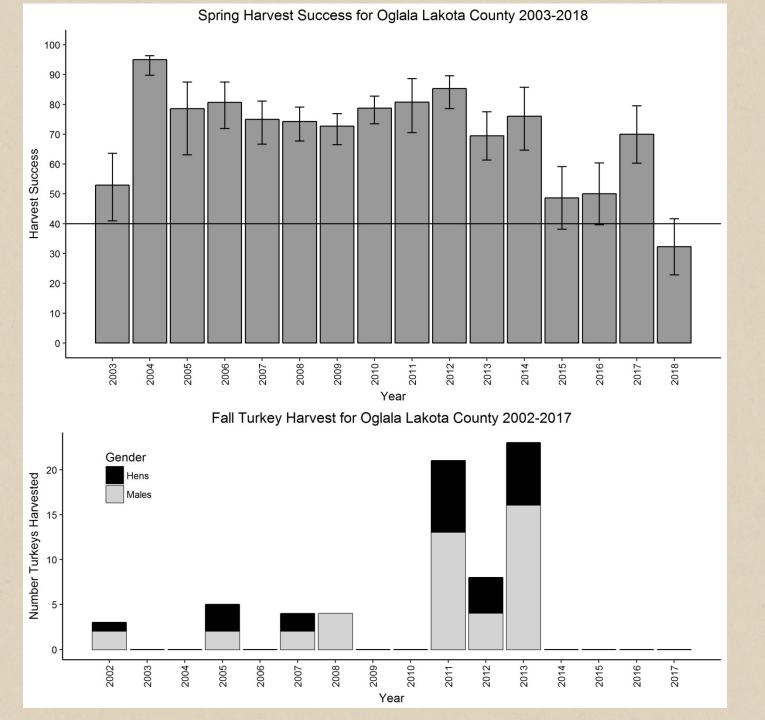




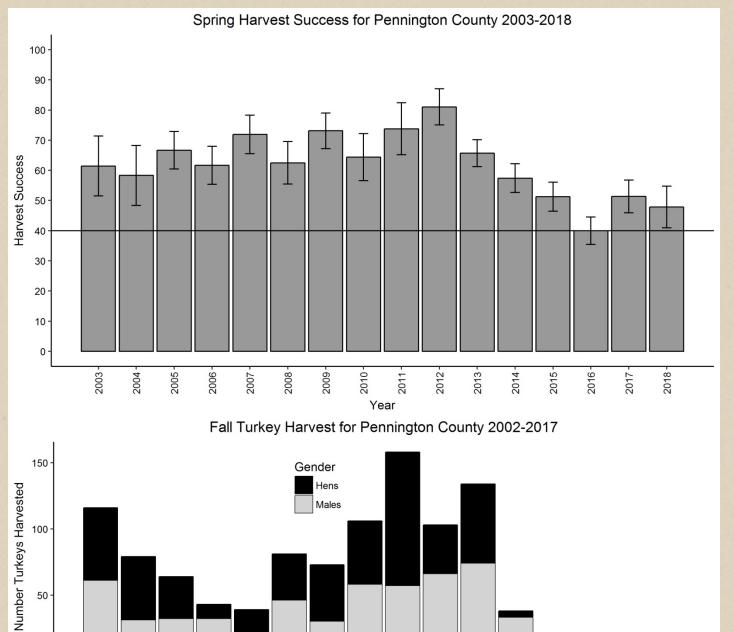












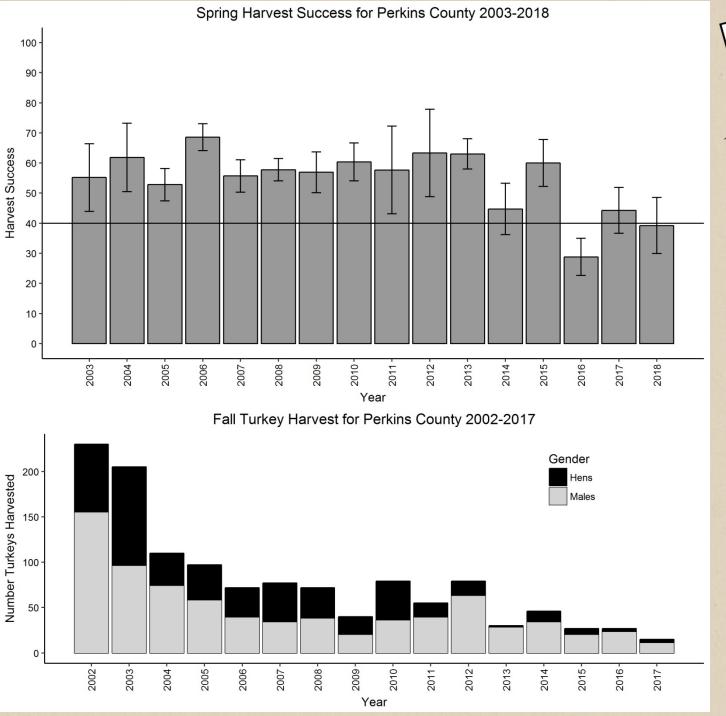
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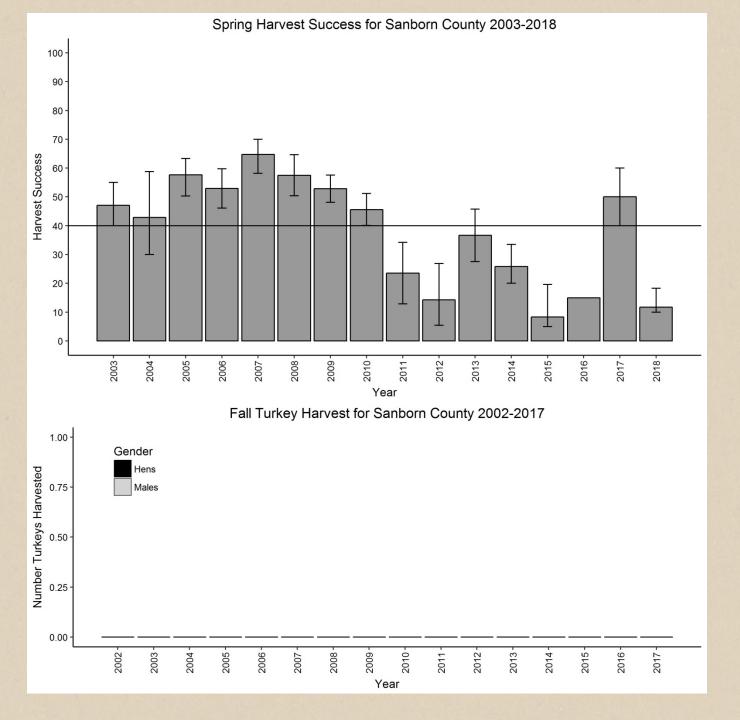
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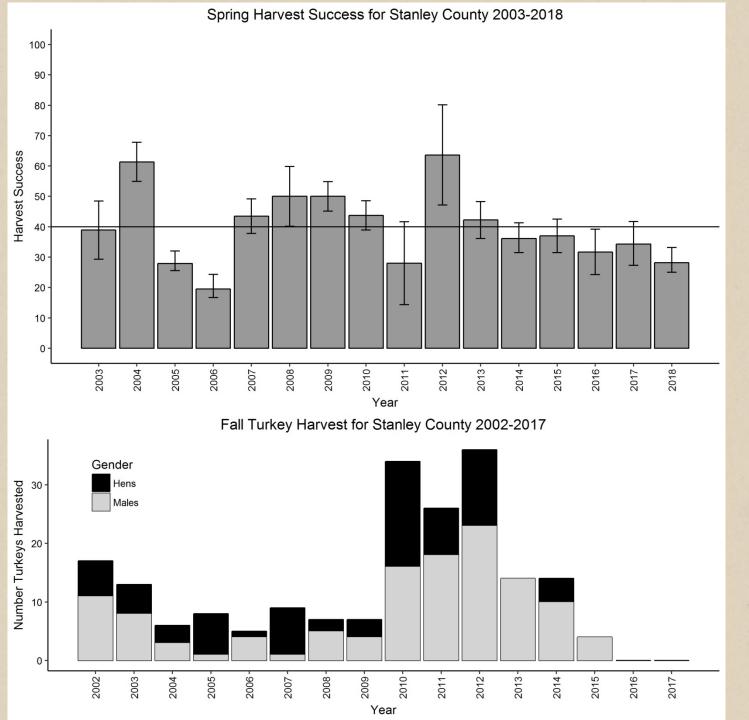




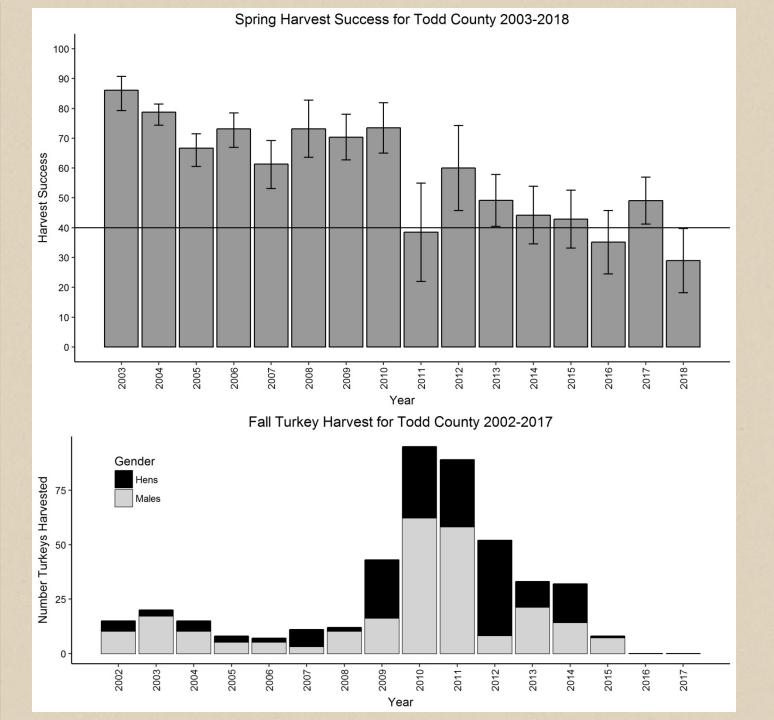




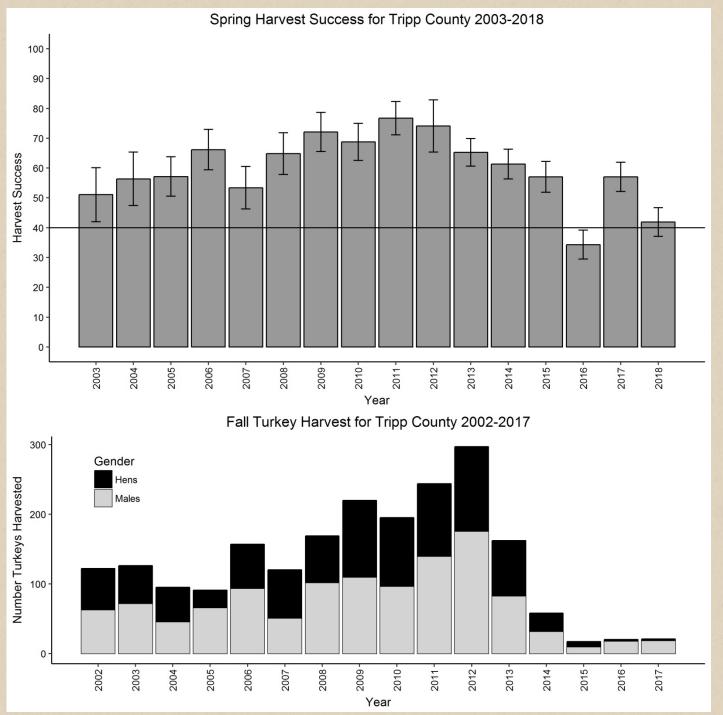




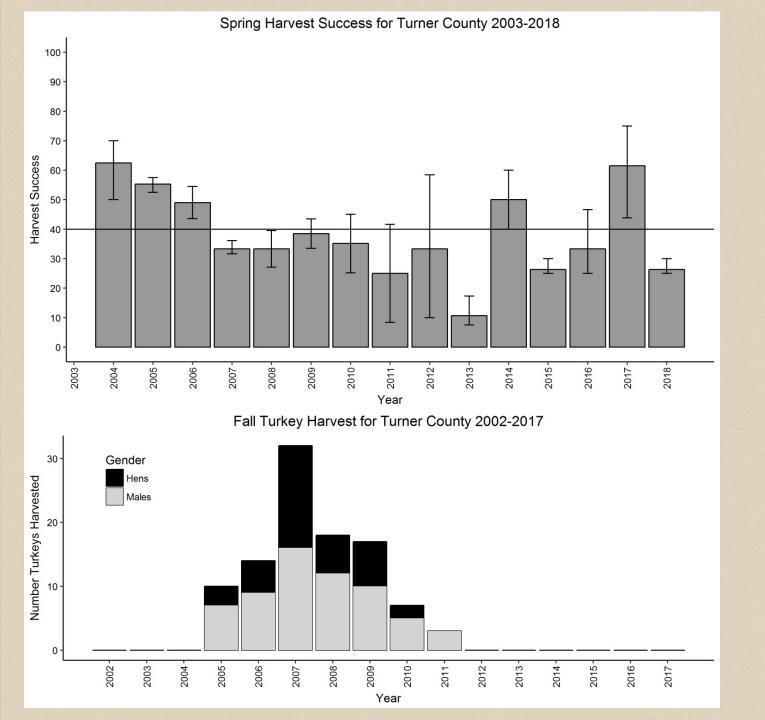




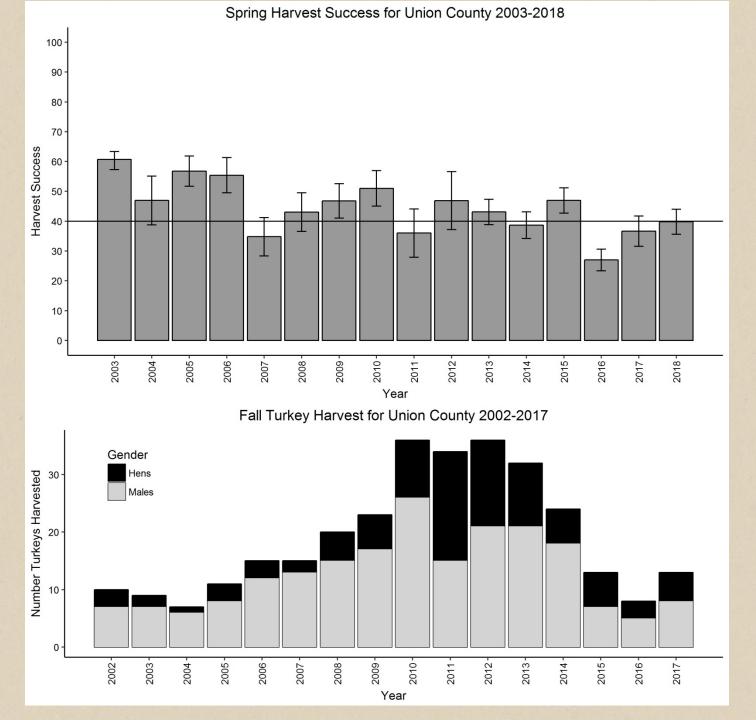




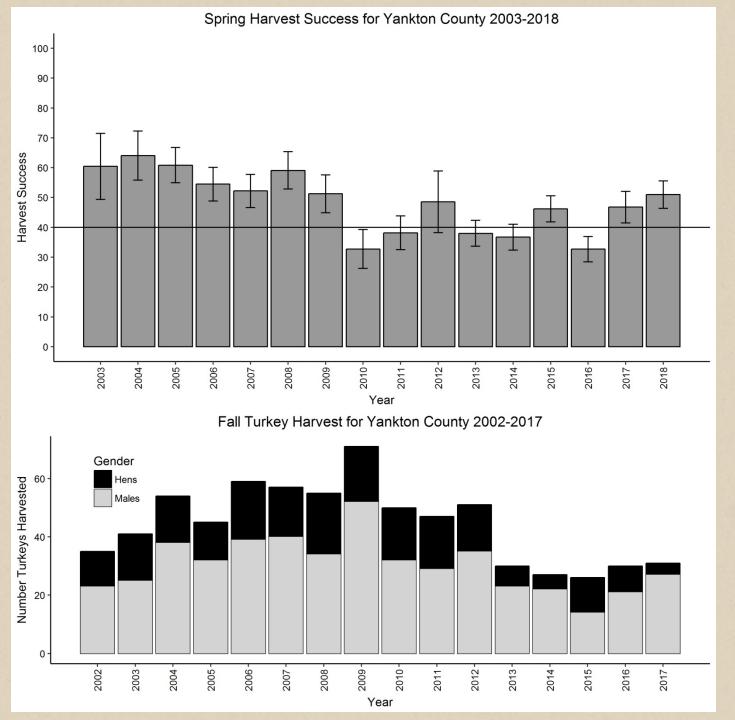














## Wild Turkey Management Summary



 During the Wild Turkey Management Plan Update we plan to present information on current unit objectives, strategies, and plan implementation. Current harvest success rates will be presented and are used in future harvest strategies. Harvest data going back to 2002 are available for each unit in a bar graph format.