



Wild Turkey in Oklahoma

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Early History of Wild Turkeys in Oklahoma

- First Documented in 1832
- 1916 ODWC closed hunting season
- 1925 thought to be extinct
- 1948 ODWC embarked on a successful restoration program
- Approximately 10,000 Rio Grande & 1,036 Eastern were captured and translocated
- 1996 restoration complete

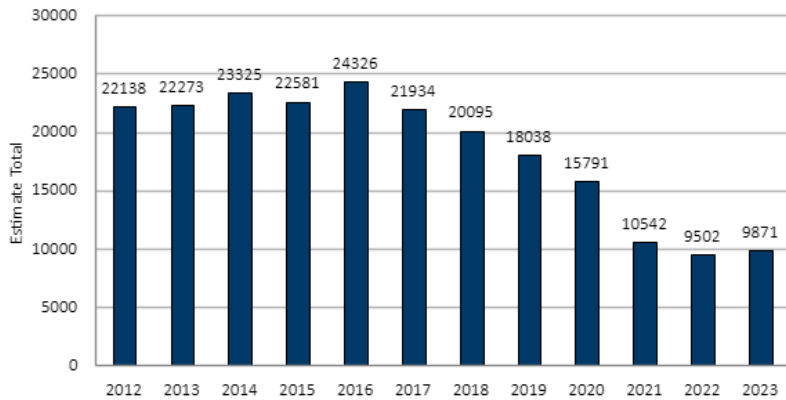


Surveying and Monitoring Wild Turkeys in Oklahoma

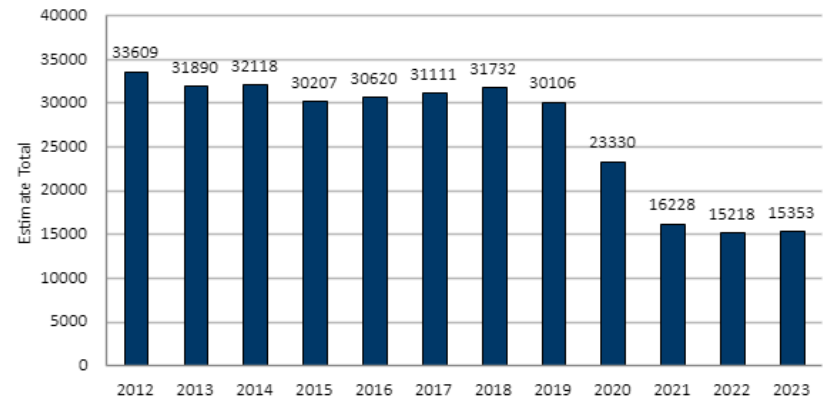
- Winter Flock Surveys - January and February
- Summer Brood Surveys - July and August
- Spring Harvest Reports
- Fall Harvest Reports
- Hunting Pressure Survey
- Game Harvest/Human Dimension Survey
- Multi-State Coordination

Winter Flock Surveys

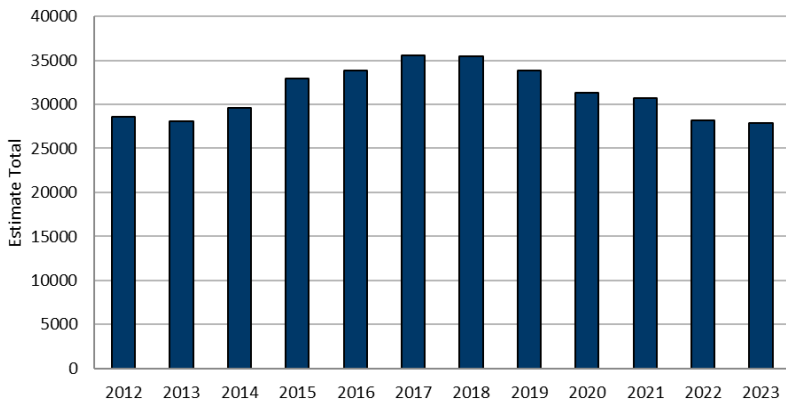
NW Region Turkey Population Estimates



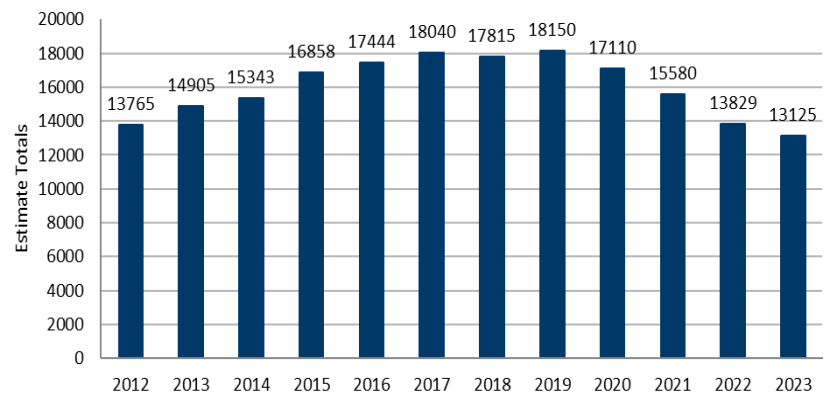
SW Region Turkey Population Estimates



Central Region Turkey Population Estimates

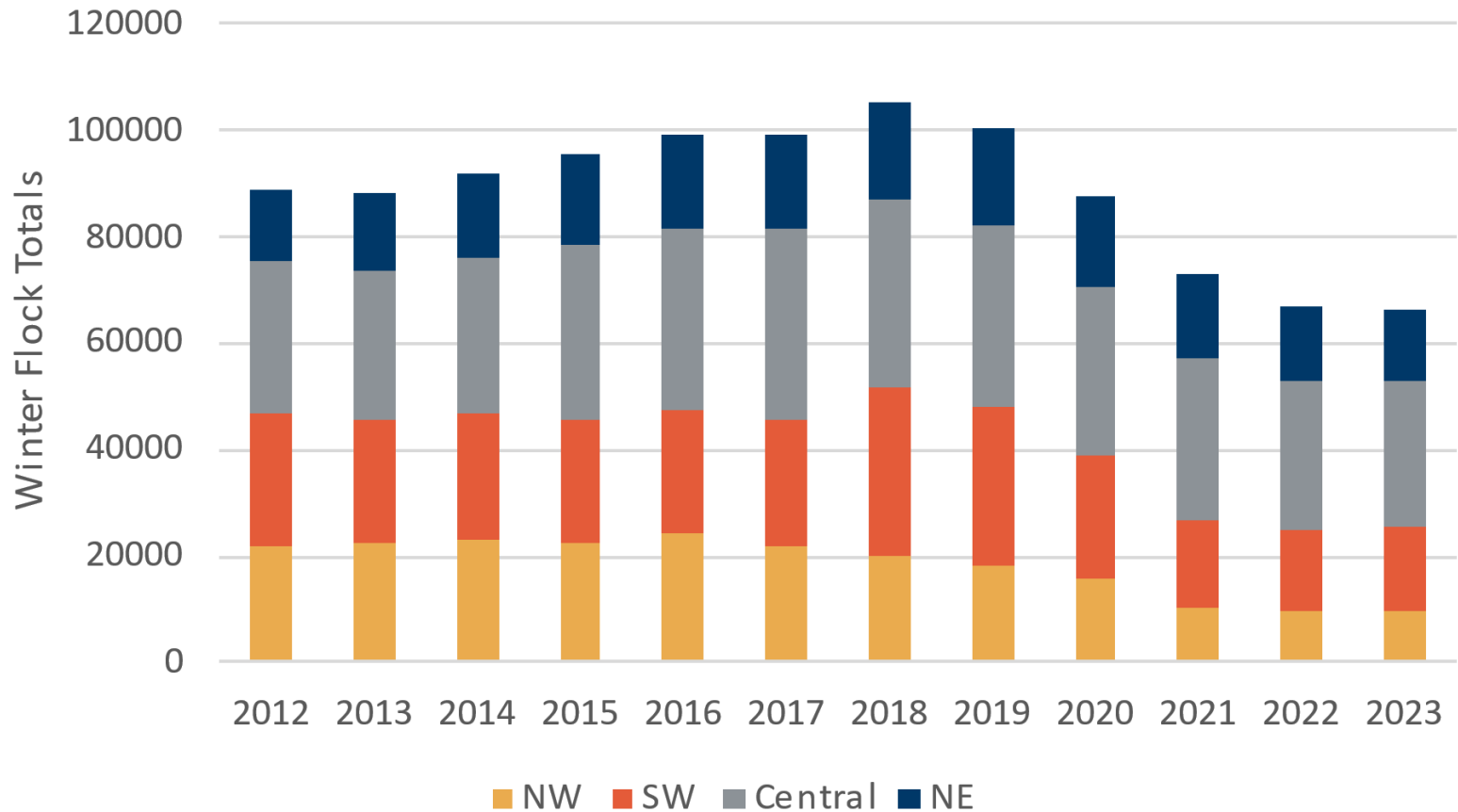


Northeast Region Turkey Population Estimates



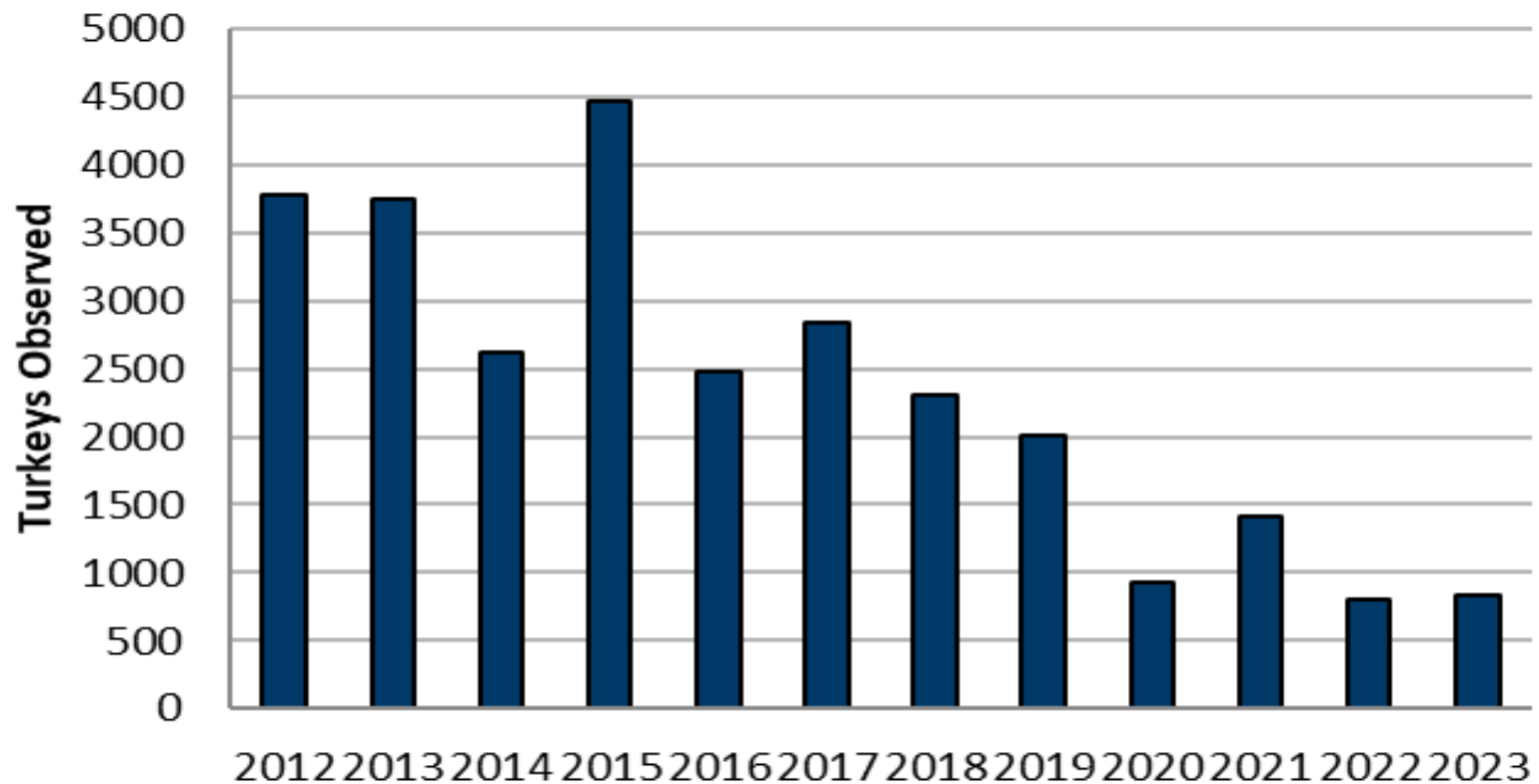
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Rio Grande Population Estimate



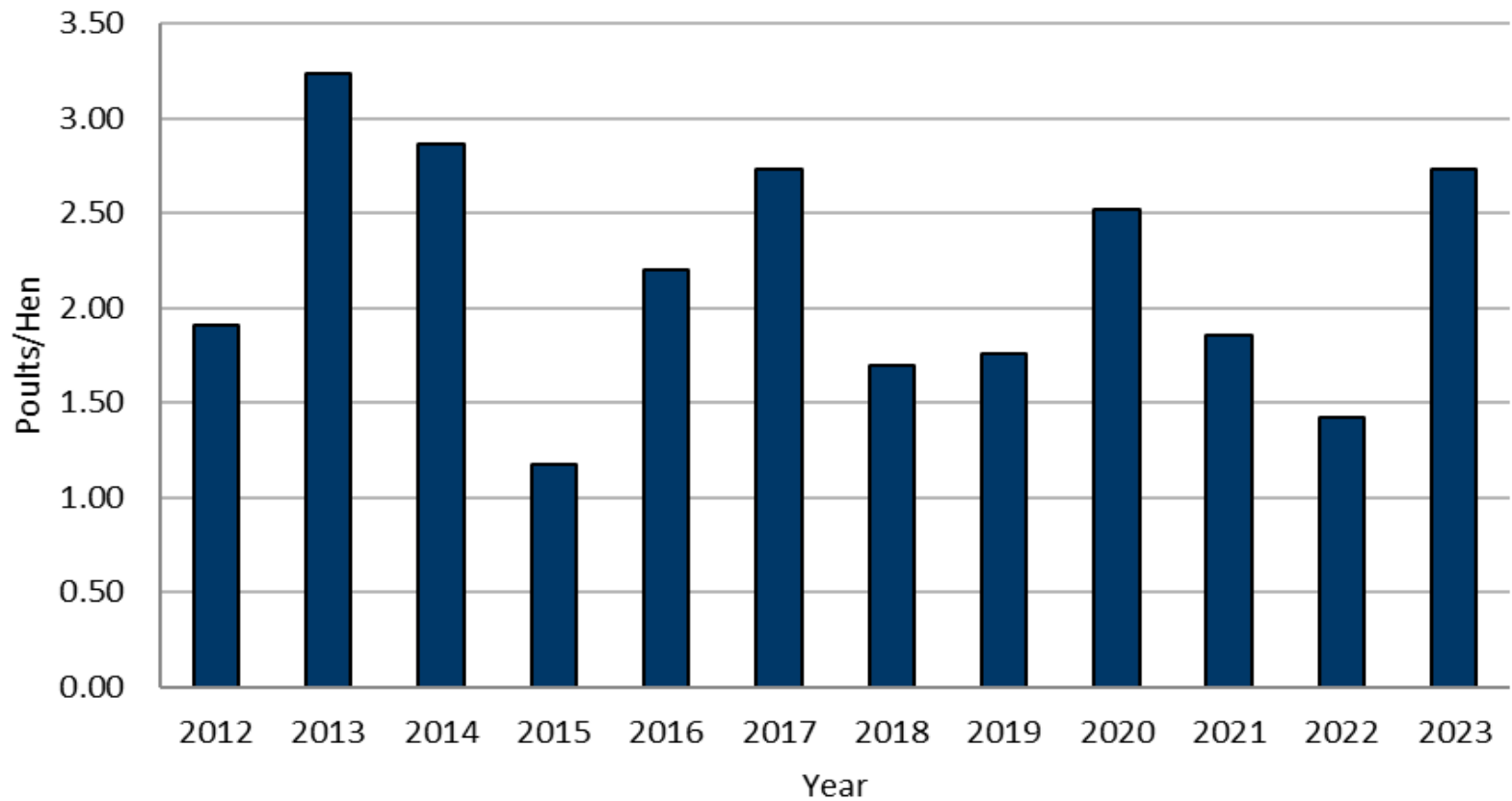
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Southeast Winter Flock Survey



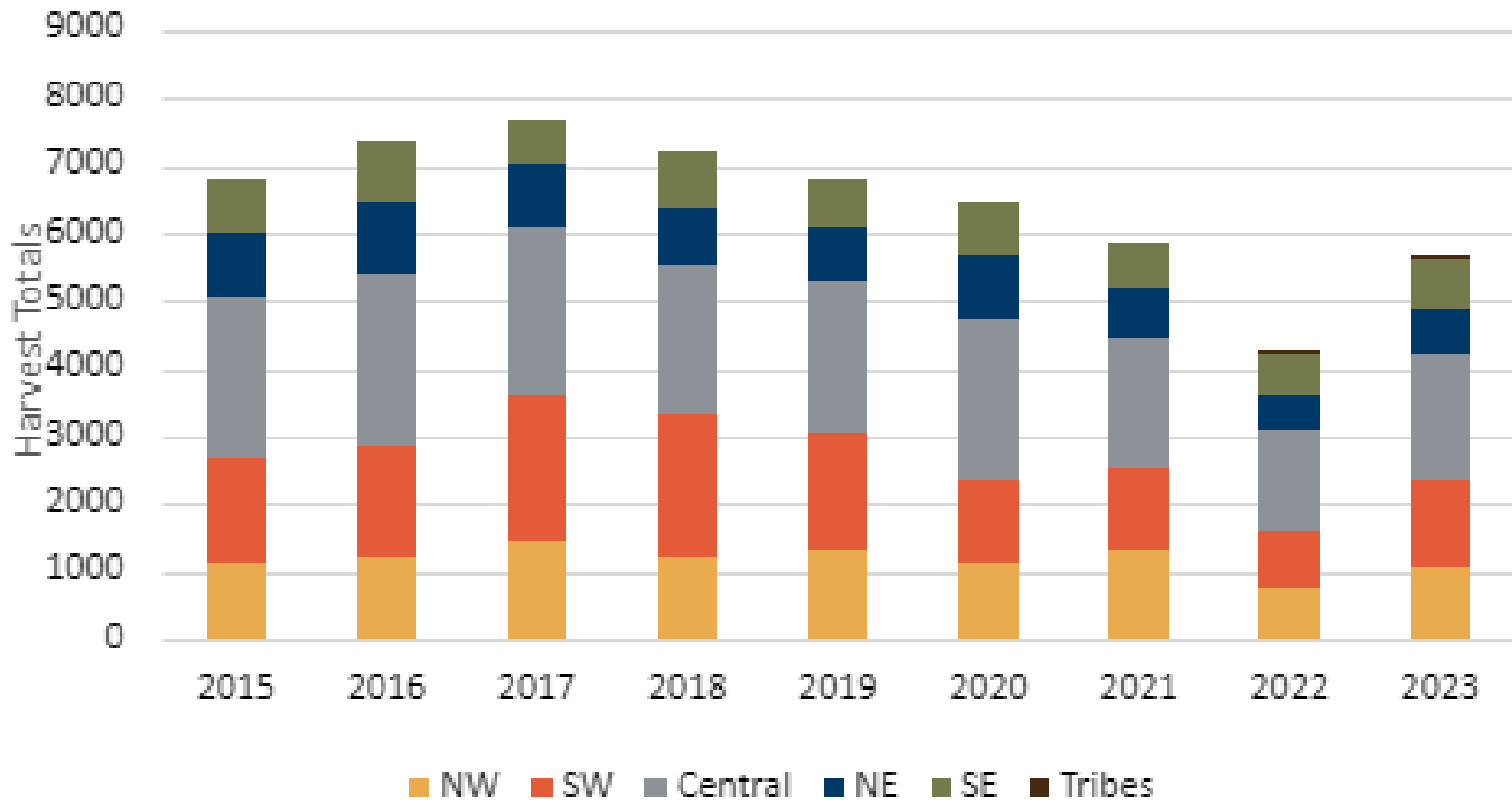
Summer Brood Surveys

Poults/Hen - SE Region

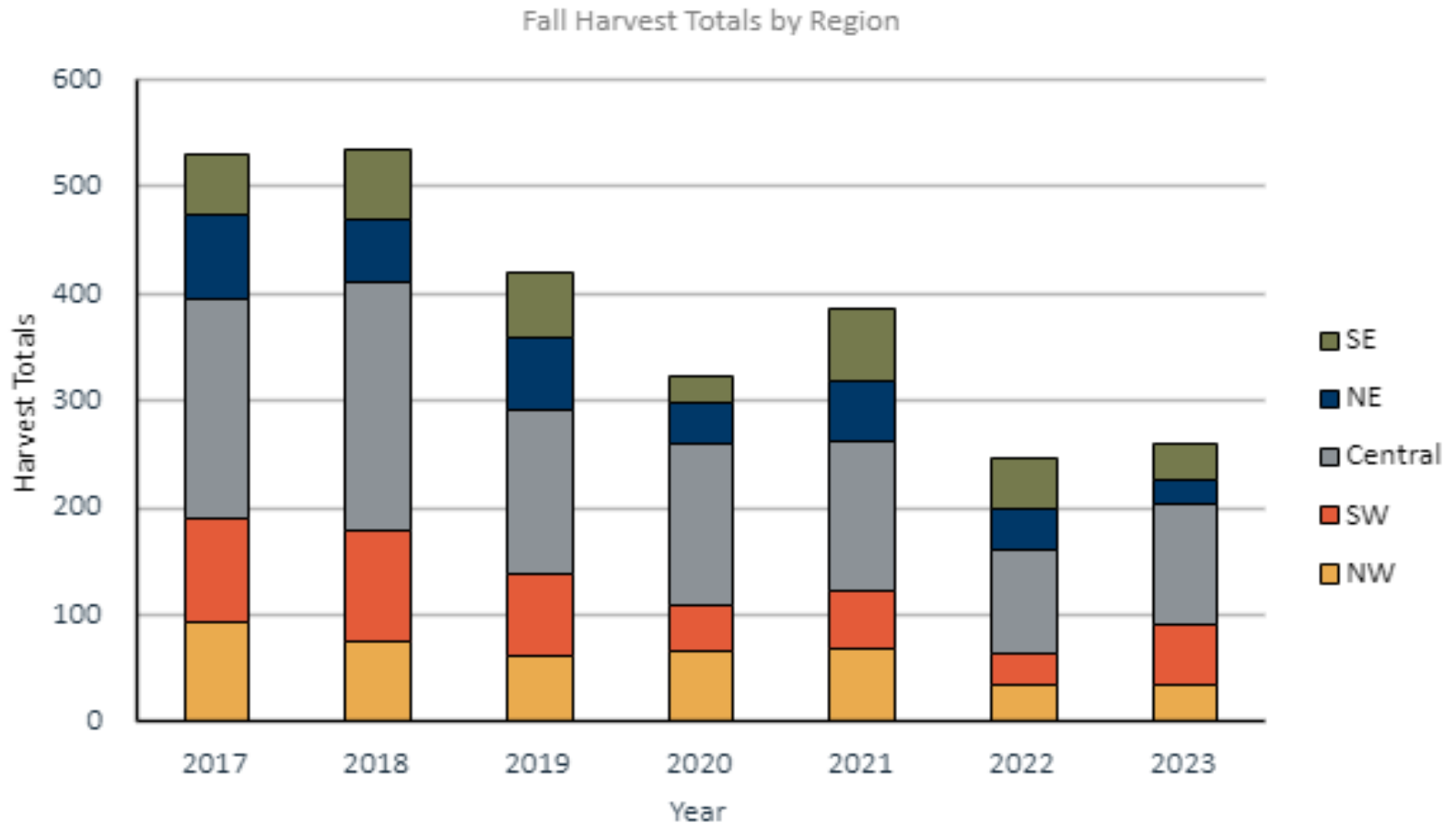


Spring Harvest

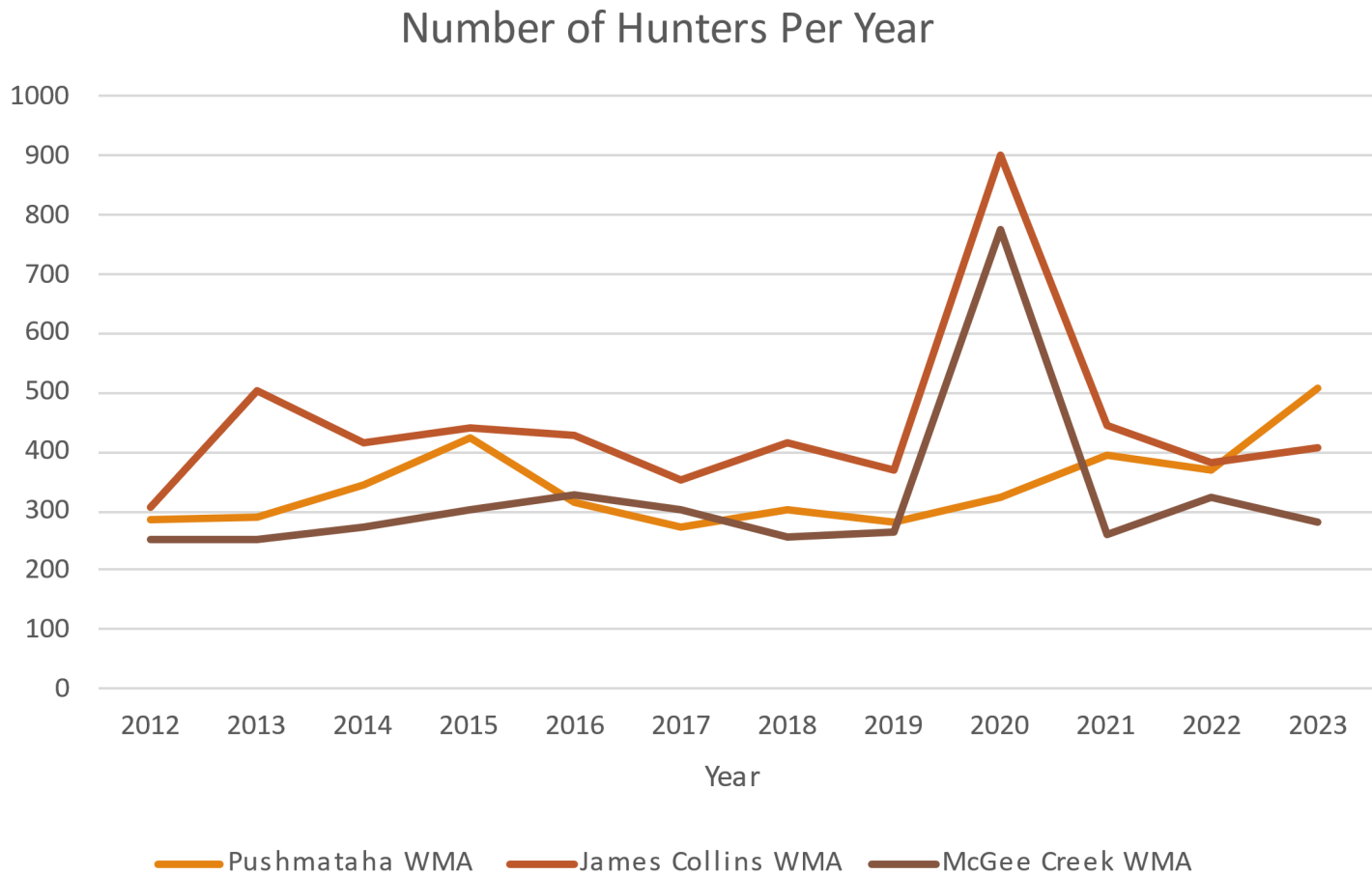
Spring Harvest by Region



Fall Harvest



Hunter Pressure Survey



Moving Forward

- What we know
 - Population dynamics are complex, weather extremes, disease, predators, habitat all factor in
 - Habitat is the key, continue work on wma's and technical assistance to landowners
 - Keep monitoring populations and harvest, adapt regulations as needed
 - Standardization of surveys and methodologies
 - Need additional funding, fte's
- Decision Support Tools
 - Human dimension surveys
 - Collaboration with other states, working



Questions??

