

2025 PCMS Hunting Report



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Executive Summary

Piñon Canyon (PCMS) is an active training Army installation in Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) state game management unit (GMU) 142. Access is provided to U.S. Forest Service GMU 147 through PCMS, when open to recreation. This summary is not all-inclusive for small game harvests but focuses the text summary on big game species harvested on PCMS. The hunt year is from April 1-March 31 while the calendar year data is from Jan. 1- Dec. 31.

Military training occurs downrange five days a week and sometimes occurs seven days a week. In addition to military training there are Department of the Army and Department of Defense civilians and contractors working downrange five days a week including, but not limited to, biologists, archeologists, law enforcement, land rehabilitators, firefighters and range control staff.

Hunting and other downrange recreation are allowed on the weekends, some holidays and some weekdays as safety allows and when required staff are available to support the open recreation areas. In 2025, PCMS reopened for the opener of pronghorn archery and remained open until there was a government appropriations funding lapse from Oct. 1, 2025-Nov. 12, 2025. PCMS reopened on Nov. 15 for hunting and other downrange recreation. Several seasons were impacted by the closure.

There continues to be a prolonged drought that is likely having an impact on the pronghorn population at PCMS.

Overall, downrange pass and individual recreationists numbers were lower in past years. There were a total of 1,913 downrange passes and 285 recreationists. This is likely due to several complete season closures. There were no failed checkouts.

Overall Customer Types

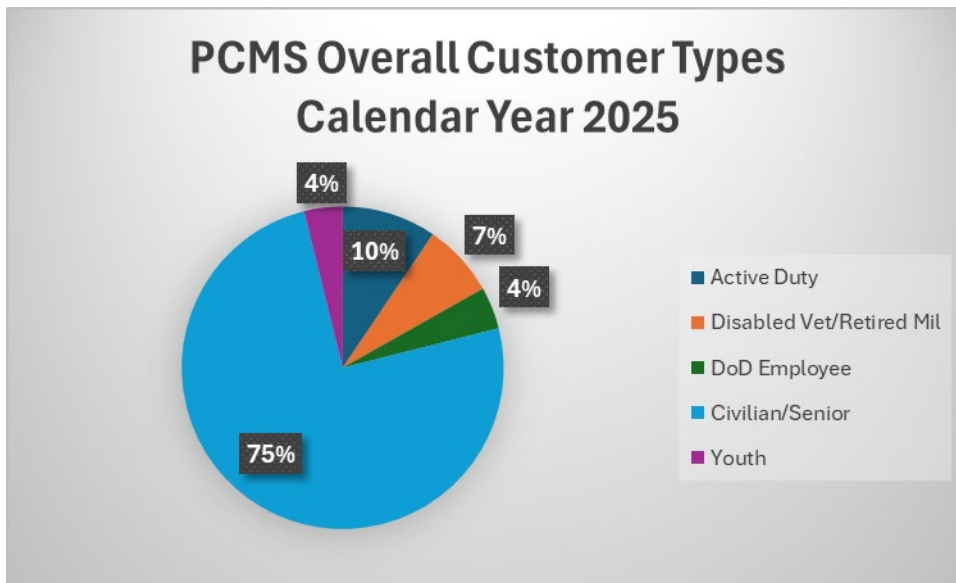


Figure 1. Percentage of customer types during deer archery. Active Duty = 10%, Disabled Vet/ Retired Military =7%, DoD Employee = 4%, Civilian/Senior= 75%, and Youth= 4%.

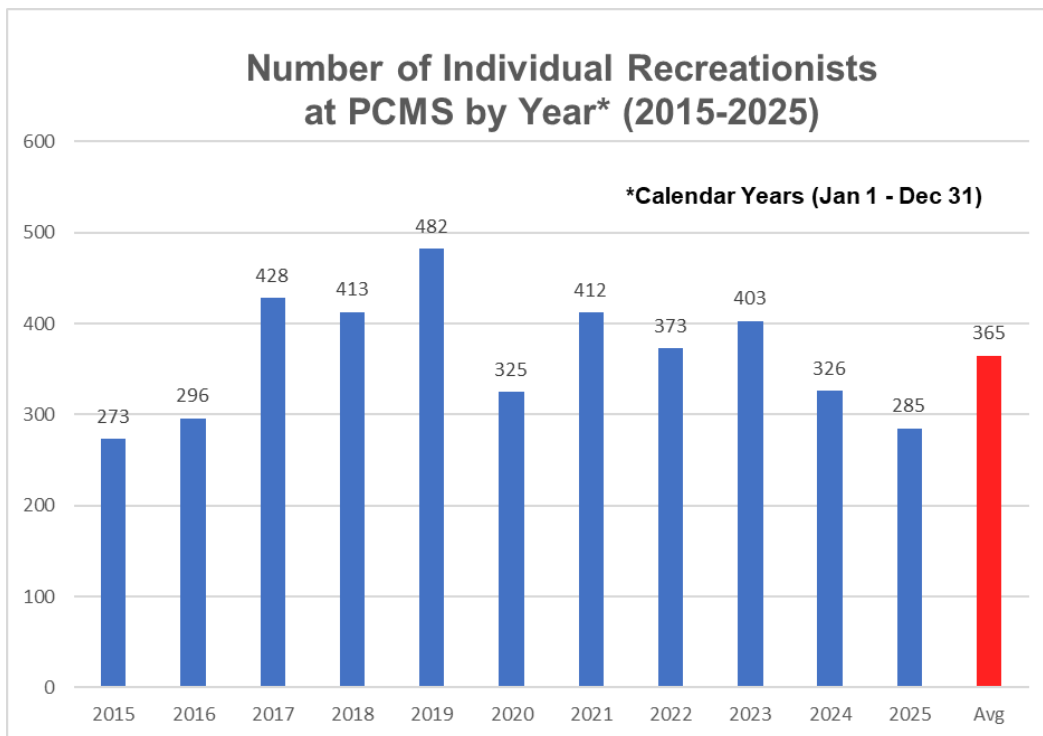


Figure 2. Total number of individual recreationists by calendar year from 2015-2025.

Customer Types	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Active Duty	22	56	52	52	40	50	38	27	133
Civilian - Retired Military	0	1	1	10	16	10	8	4	40
Colorado Veteran(Disabled Discounted Permit)	22	31	29	29	26	30	23	17	207
DOD Employee	17	21	10	14	12	9	11	12	106
Civilian	300	319	202	260	244	256	208	192	991
Senior Discount - Senior (64 to 79 y/o)	30	39	18	32	24	36	30	22	103
Youth Discount - Youth (ages 12 to 17 years)	8	16	13	15	12	12	17	11	51
Grand Total	399	482	325	412	373	403	326	285	1,510

Table 1. Summary of all the customer types from 2018-2025.

PCMS 2025 Harvest Data Summary

Deer

In 2025, PCMS was closed during the muzzleloader season (Oct. 11-19) due to the government appropriations funding lapse from Oct. 1, 2025-Nov. 12, 2025. PCMS reopened on November 15 and remained open for the rest of the hunting seasons. Summary of 2025 deer harvest data is in Table 2 below.

Season	# Bucks and # Does	Deer Harvested	Hunters	Passes	% of hunters harvested
DRAW Archery(142)	7 bucks, 1 doe	8	32	297	25%
DRAW Muzzleloader(142) Total		0	0	0	N/A
DRAW Rifle(142) Total		21	38	185	55%
Total		29	70	482	41%
	Draw Tags	Harvested	% of tags filled		
Archery					
Either-Sex	35	8	23%		
Muzzleloader					
Buck	15	0	N/A		
Doe	15	0	N/A		
Rifle					
Buck	20	13	65%		
Doe	20	8	40%		

Table 2. Summary of all deer data for 2025-2026 on PCMS.

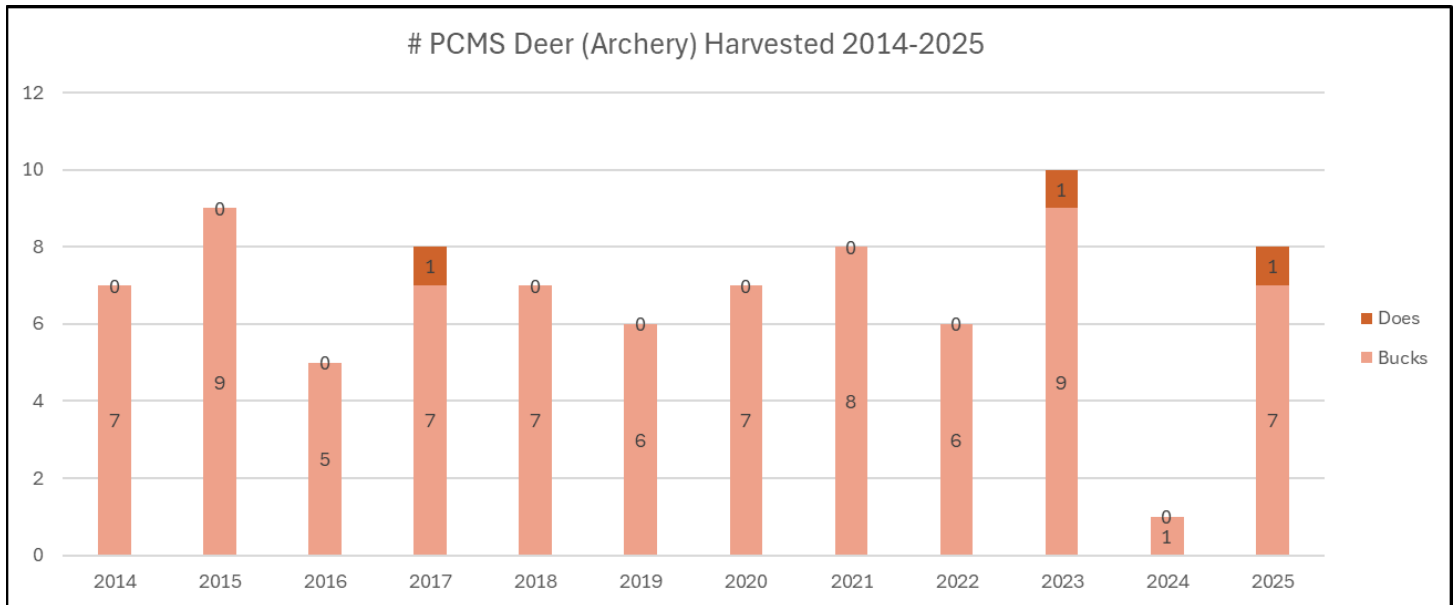


Figure 3. Total number of deer harvested during the archery season since 2014. Number of bucks are in light orange (bottom) and the number of does are in dark orange (top).

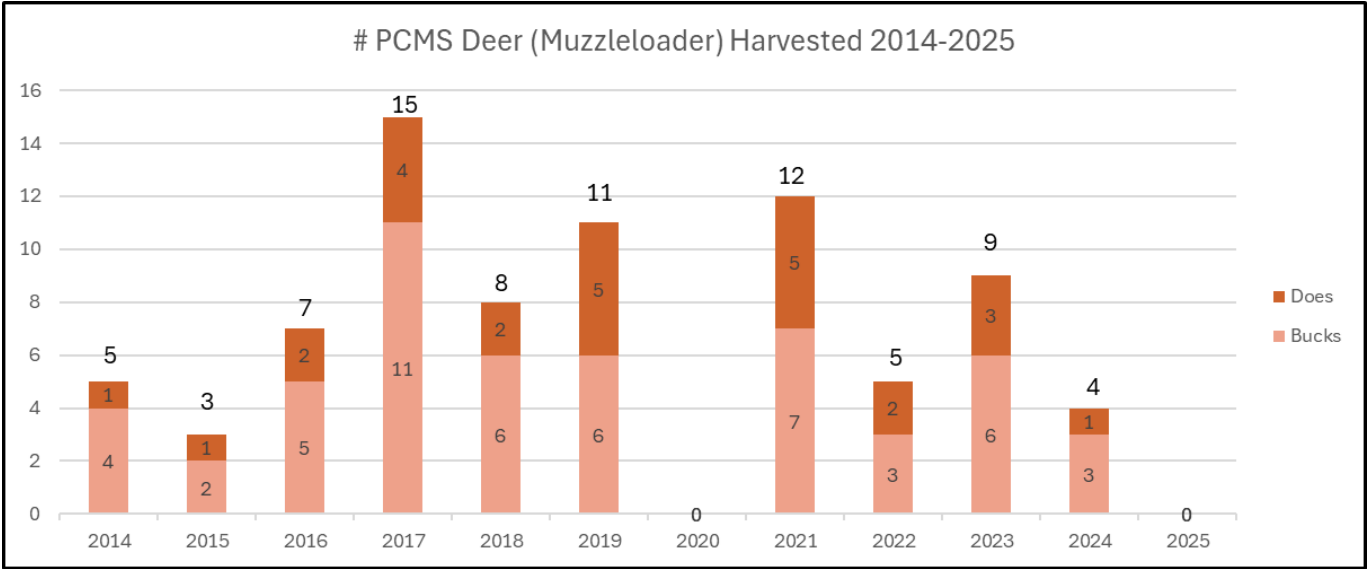


Figure 4. Total number of deer harvested during the muzzleloader season since 2014. Number of bucks are in light orange (bottom) and the number of does are in dark orange (top).

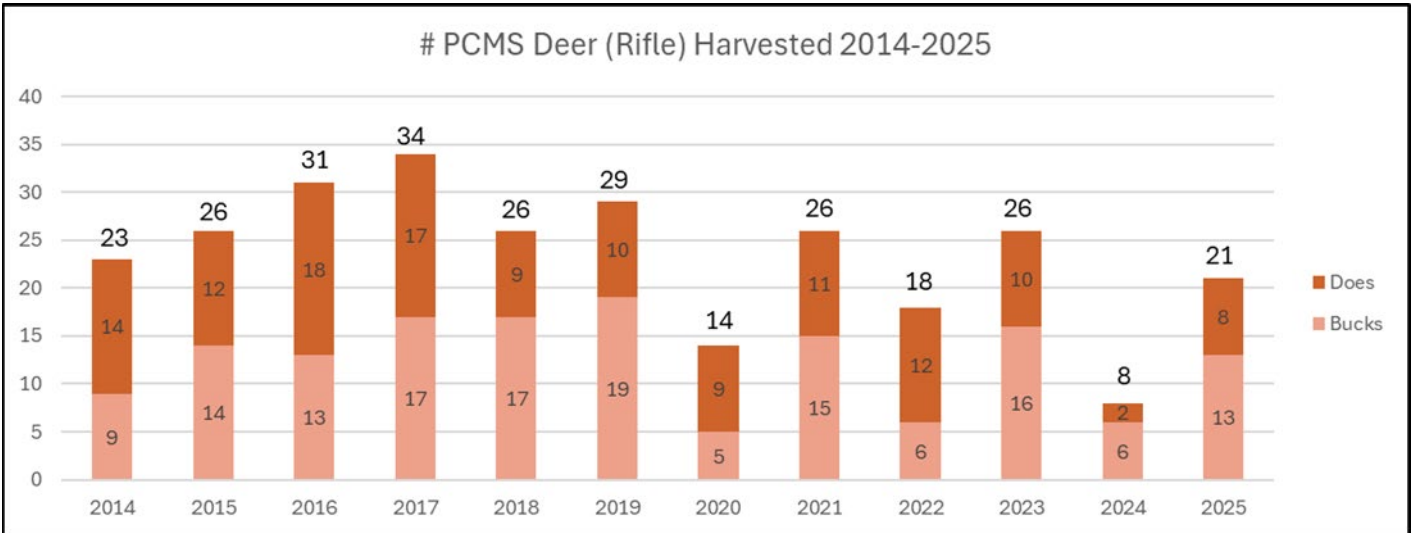


Figure 5. Total number of deer harvested during the rifle season since 2014. Number of bucks are in light orange (bottom) and the number of does are in dark orange (top).

Elk

Elk archery and second and third rifle seasons are unlimited, over-the-counter (OTC) tags, which are shared with multiple GMUs statewide. Elk muzzleloader and fourth rifle draw tags are valid in GMUs 133, 134, 141 and 142. Because the staff doesn't know how many animals were harvested in the other GMUs, the percent of tags filled only reflects the percentage of tags that were filled on PCMS out of number of tags issued, not the overall success rate. Only the GMU 142 specific cow elk rifle tags reflect the overall success rate for the license. The success rate for the cow license was 36%.

There was a government appropriations funding lapse from Oct. 1, 2025-Nov. 12, 2025. There was no hunting or downrange recreation during this timeframe. The reduction in bull harvest during second rifle season can be explained by this closure. The discrepancy in number of hunters and total tags issued for the late rifle cow season may be explained by both youth hunters and their mentor checking in or friends and family members checking in under cow elk late season instead of scouting or being a non- participant. The extended youth season may have also contributed to this discrepancy. Summary of elk data is in Table 3 below.

Season	Multiple GMU Tag	# Cows and # Bulls	Elk Harvested	Hunters	Passes	% of hunters harvested
OTC Archery (Either-Sex & Cow Only)	Many	1 Bull	1	13	72	8%
DRAW Muzzleloader	133,134,141,142	1 Bull	1	3	14	33%
OTC 2nd Rifle Bull	Many		0	0	0	N/A
OTC 3rd Rifle Bull	Many		4	33	96	12%
DRAW 4th Rifle Bull	133,134,141,142		4	18	83	22%
DRAW Rifle Cow			9	46	381	20%
Total			19	113	646	17%
	Draw Tags	Harvested	% of tags filled			
Muzzleloader						
Either-Sex	10	1	10%			
Cow	10	0	0%			
Rifle						
4th Rifle Bull	30	6	20%			
Cow	25	9	36%			

Table 3. Summary of all elk data for 2025-2026 on PCMS.

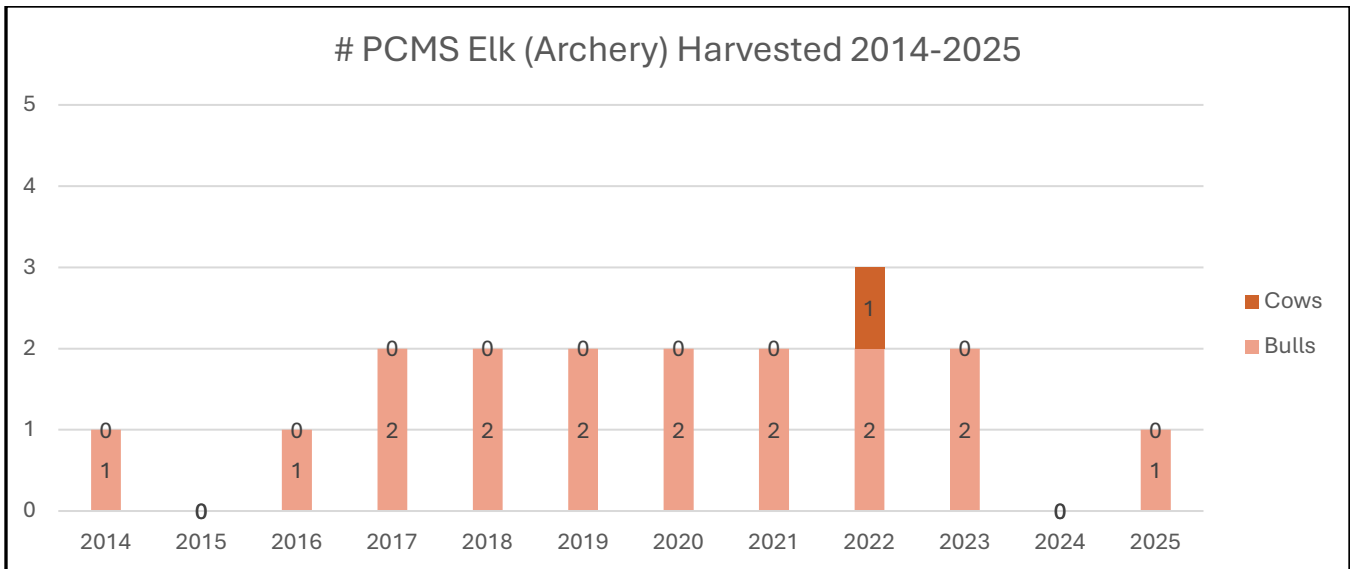


Figure 6. Total number of elk harvested during the archery season since 2014. Number of bulls are in light orange (bottom) and the number of cows are in dark orange (top).

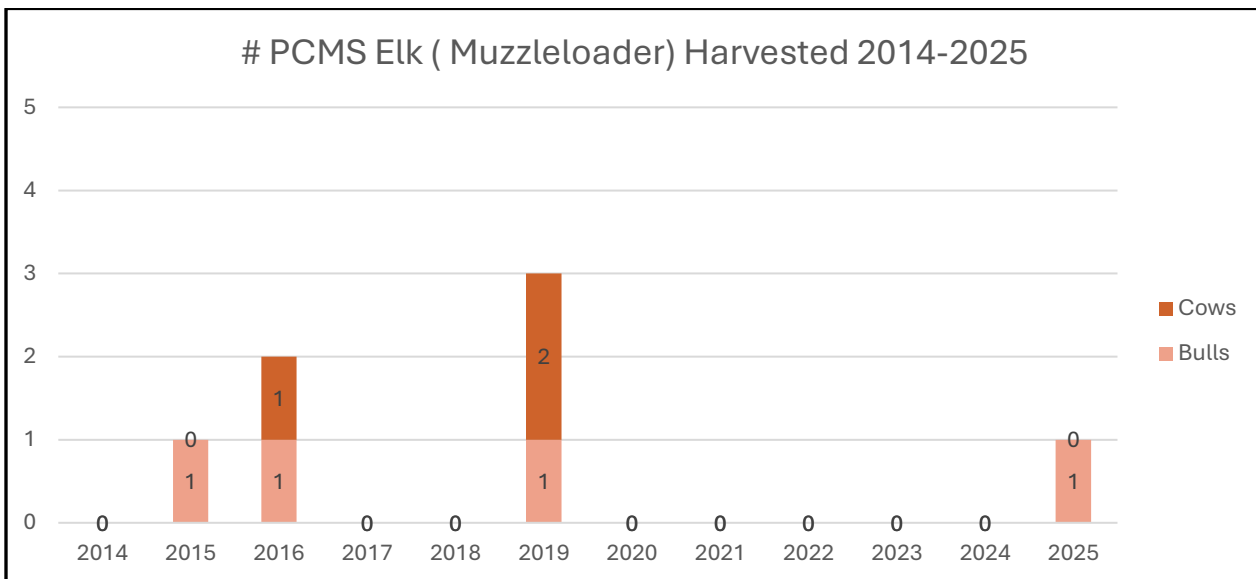


Figure 7. Total number of elk harvested during the muzzleloader season since 2014. Number of bulls are in light orange (bottom) and the number of cows are in dark orange (top).

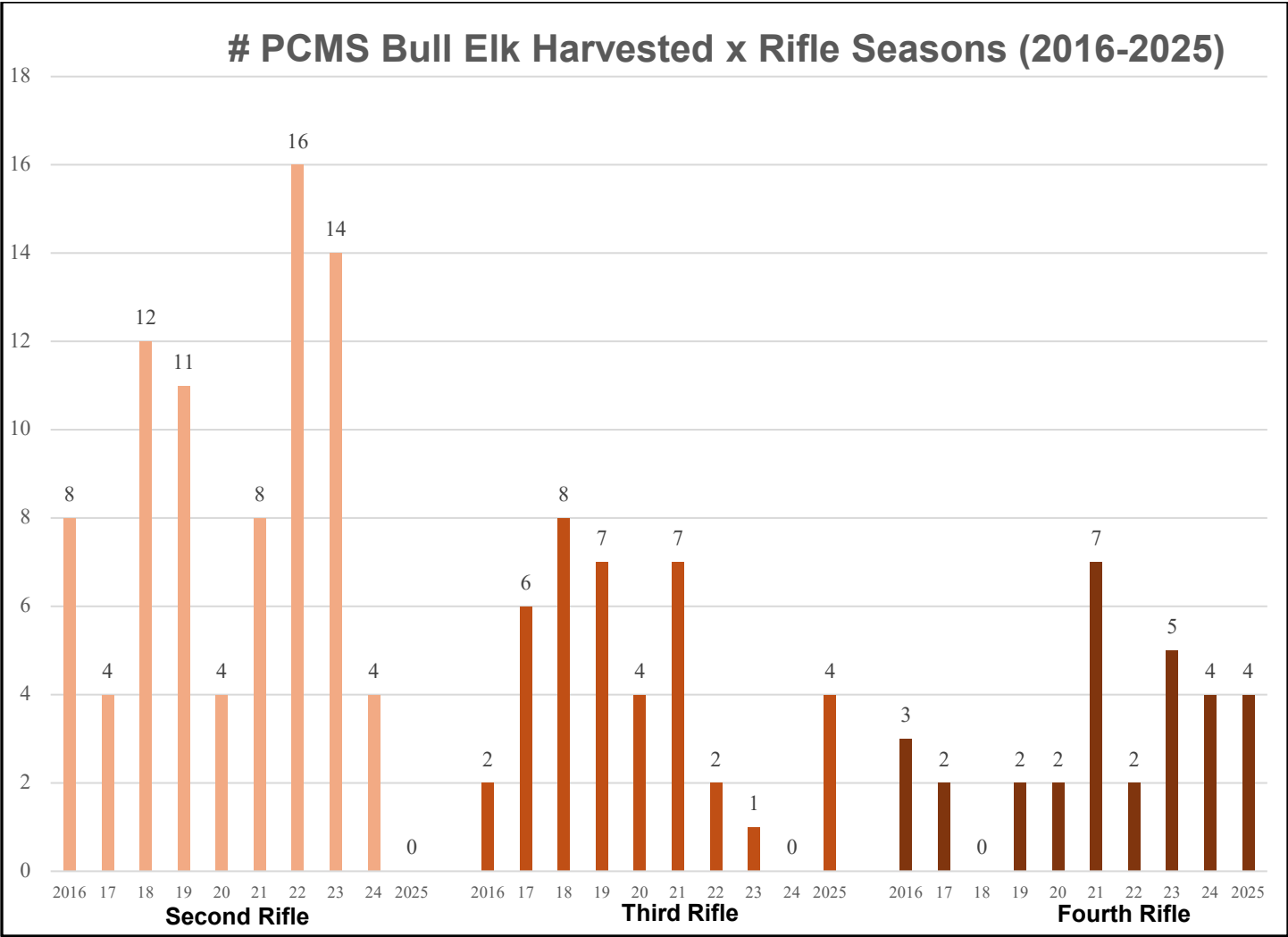


Figure 8. Total number of bulls harvested during the rifle seasons since 2016.

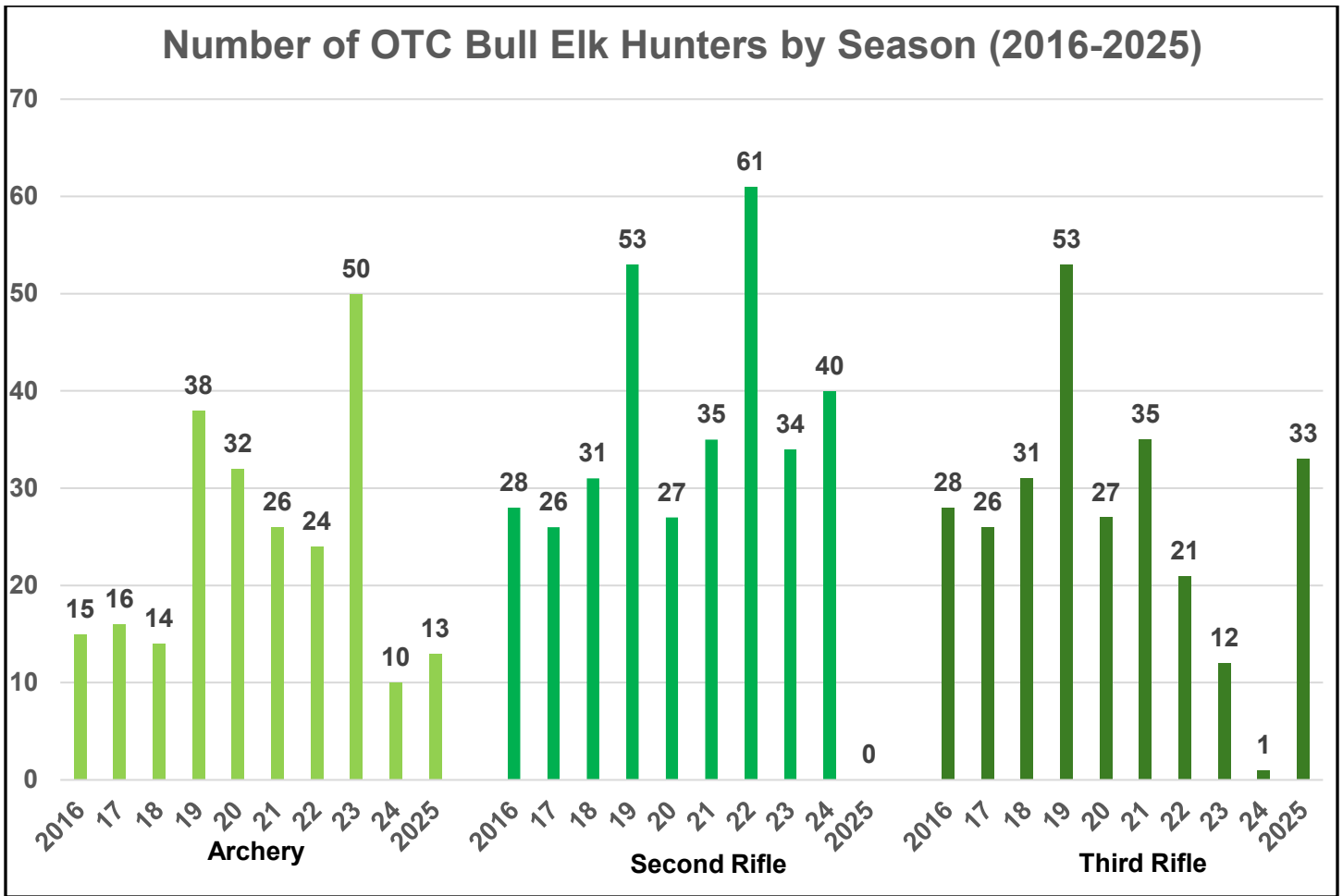


Figure 9. Total number of bull hunters during the rifle seasons since 2016.

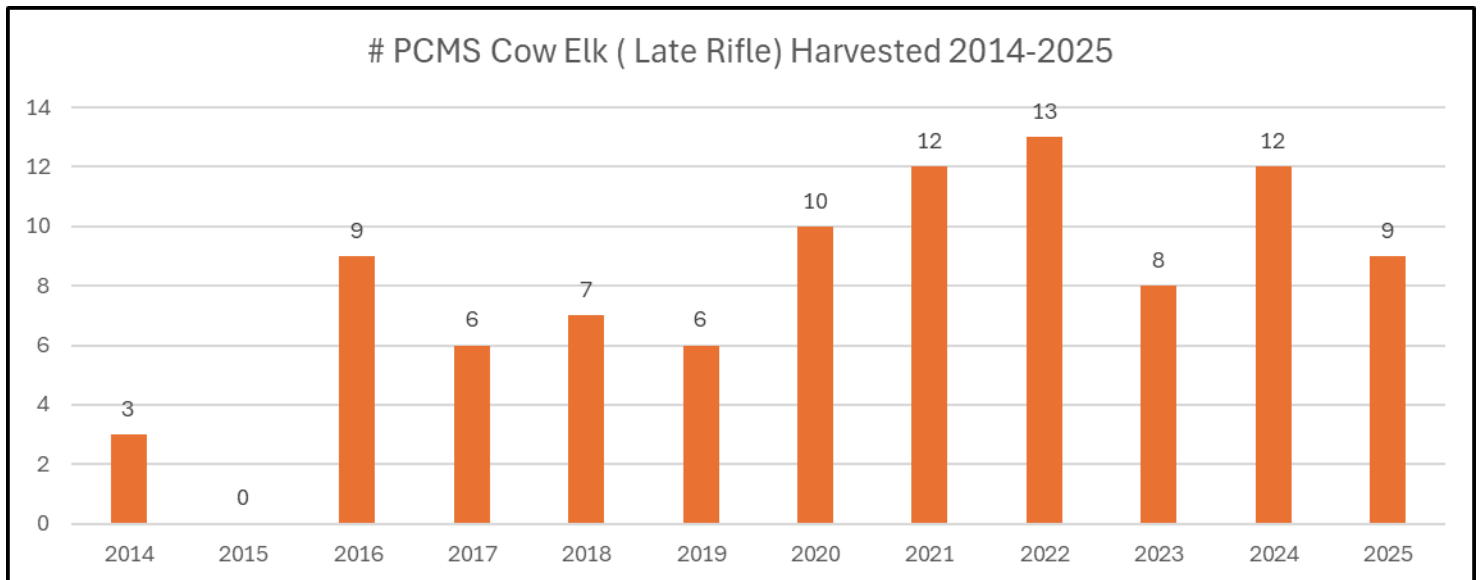


Figure 10. Total number of cow elk harvested during the late rifle season since 2014.

Pronghorn

Pronghorn either-sex archery is an unlimited, OTC tag that is valid for multiple GMUs statewide. All muzzleloader and rifle pronghorn draw tags are valid for GMU 142. Because the staff doesn't know how many animals were harvested in the other GMUs, the percentage of tags filled only reflects the percentage of tags that were filled on PCMS out of number of tags issued, not the overall success rate. Only the GMU 142 specific tags reflect the overall success rate for the license. There was a government appropriations funding lapse from Oct. 1, 2025-Nov. 12, 2025. There was no hunting or downrange recreation during the rifle pronghorn season. Summary of pronghorn data is in Table 4 below.

Season	Multiple GMU Tag	# Bucks and # Does	Pronghorn Harvested	Hunters	Passes	% of hunters harvested
OTC Archery Either- Sex	Many	1 doe	1	21	83	5%
DRAW Muzzleloader(142) Total			9	23	87	39%
DRAW Rifle(142) Total			0	0	0	N/A
Total			10	44	170	23%
	Draw Tags	Harvested	% of tags filled			
Muzzleloader						
Buck	15	5	33%			
Doe	15	4	27%			
Rifle						
Buck	20	0	0%			
Doe	20	0	0%			

Table 4. Summary of all pronghorn data for 2025-2026 on PCMS

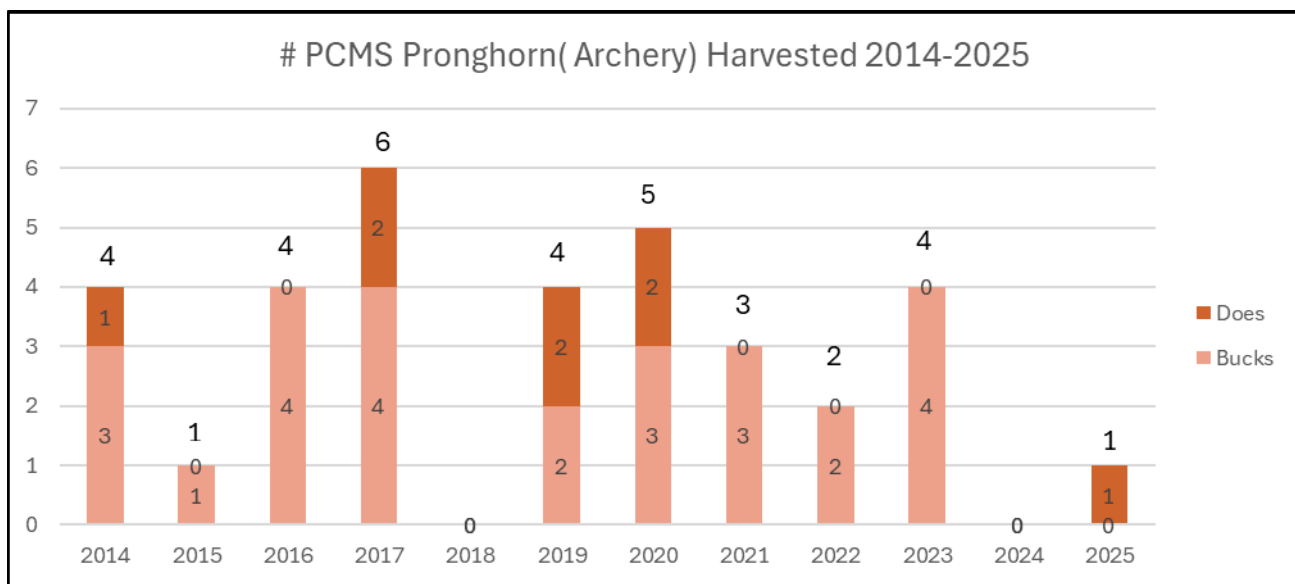


Figure 11. Total number of pronghorns harvested during the archery season since 2014. Number of bucks are in light orange (bottom) and the number of does are in dark orange (top).

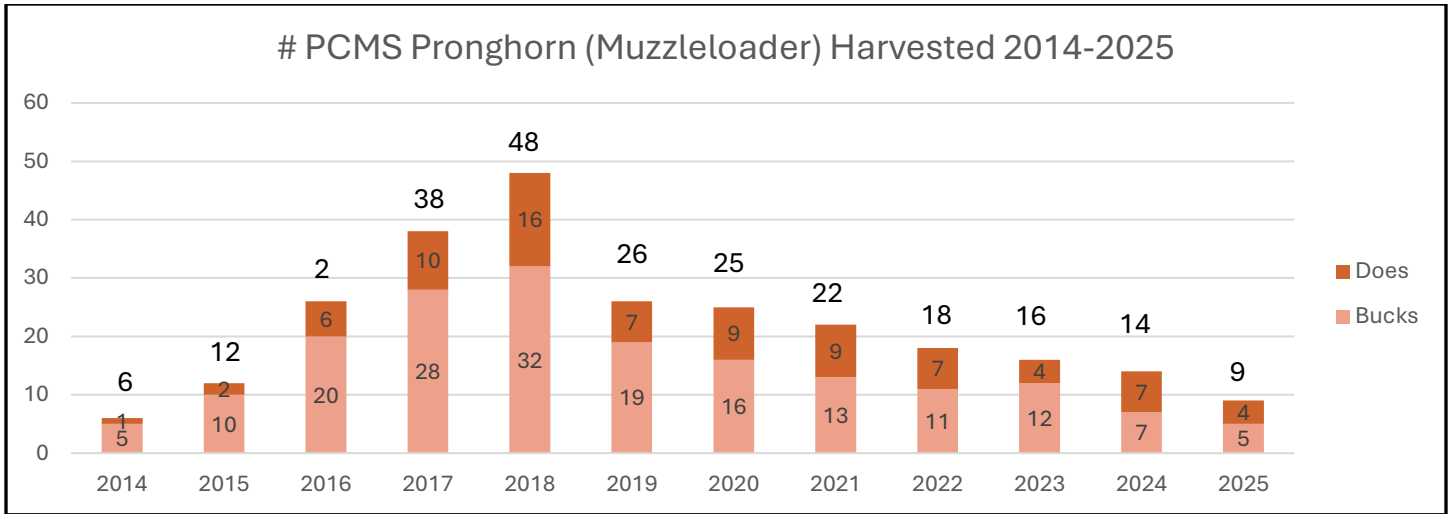


Figure 12. Total number of pronghorns harvested during the muzzleloader season since 2014. Number of bucks are in light orange (bottom) and the number of does are in dark orange (top).

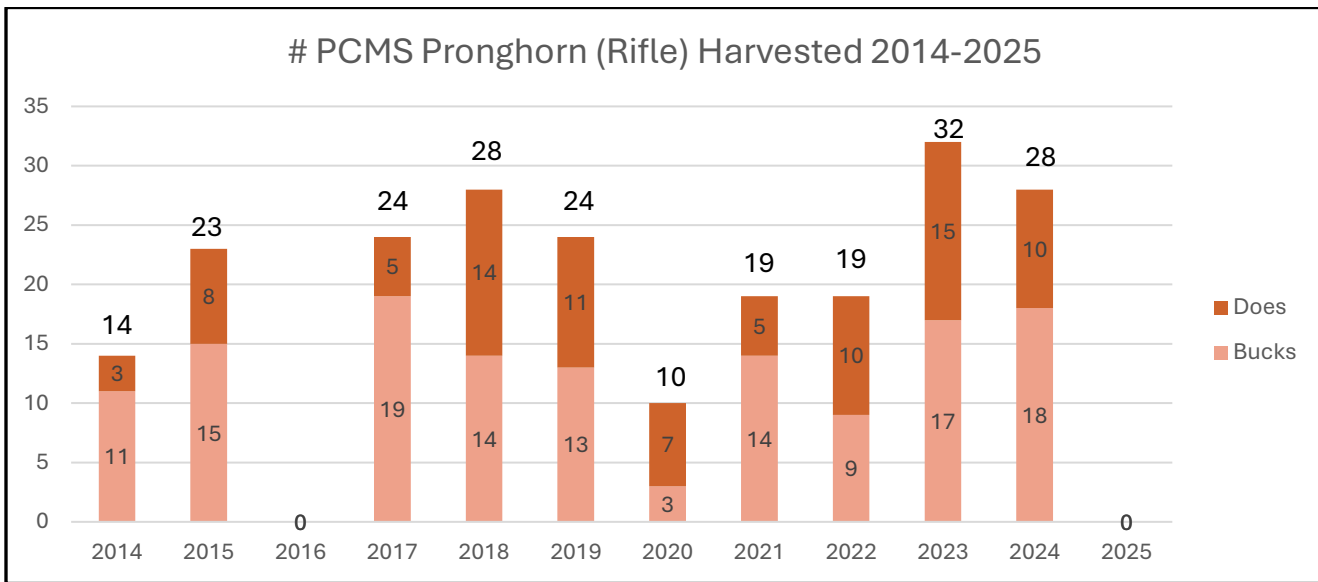


Figure 13. Total number of pronghorns harvested during the rifle season since 2014. Number of bucks are in light orange (bottom) and the number of does are in dark orange (top).

Bighorn Sheep

In 2025, two bighorn sheep were harvested and there were 49 downrange passes generated. There are currently four licenses for S61.

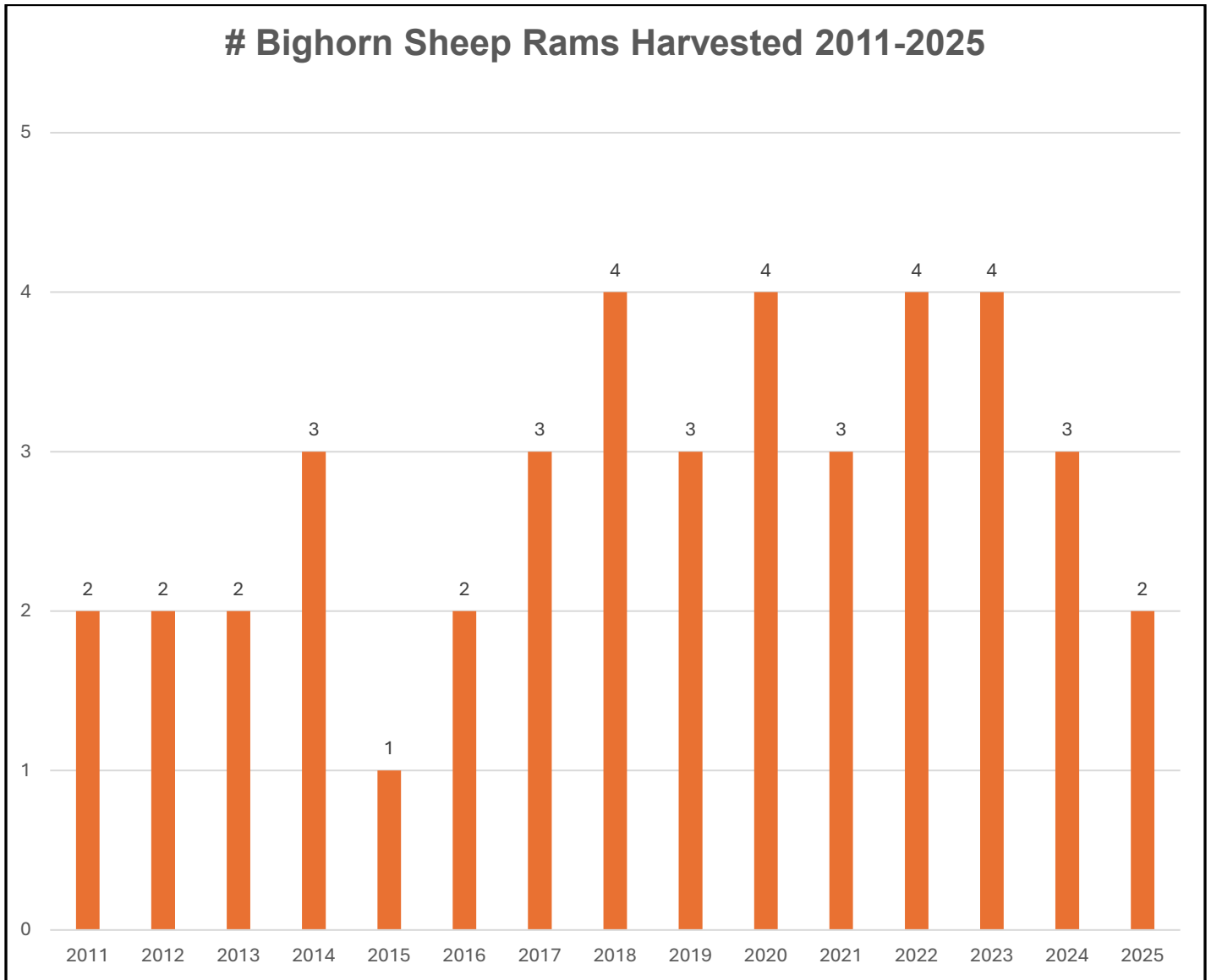


Figure 14. Total number of bighorn sheep rams harvested since 2011.

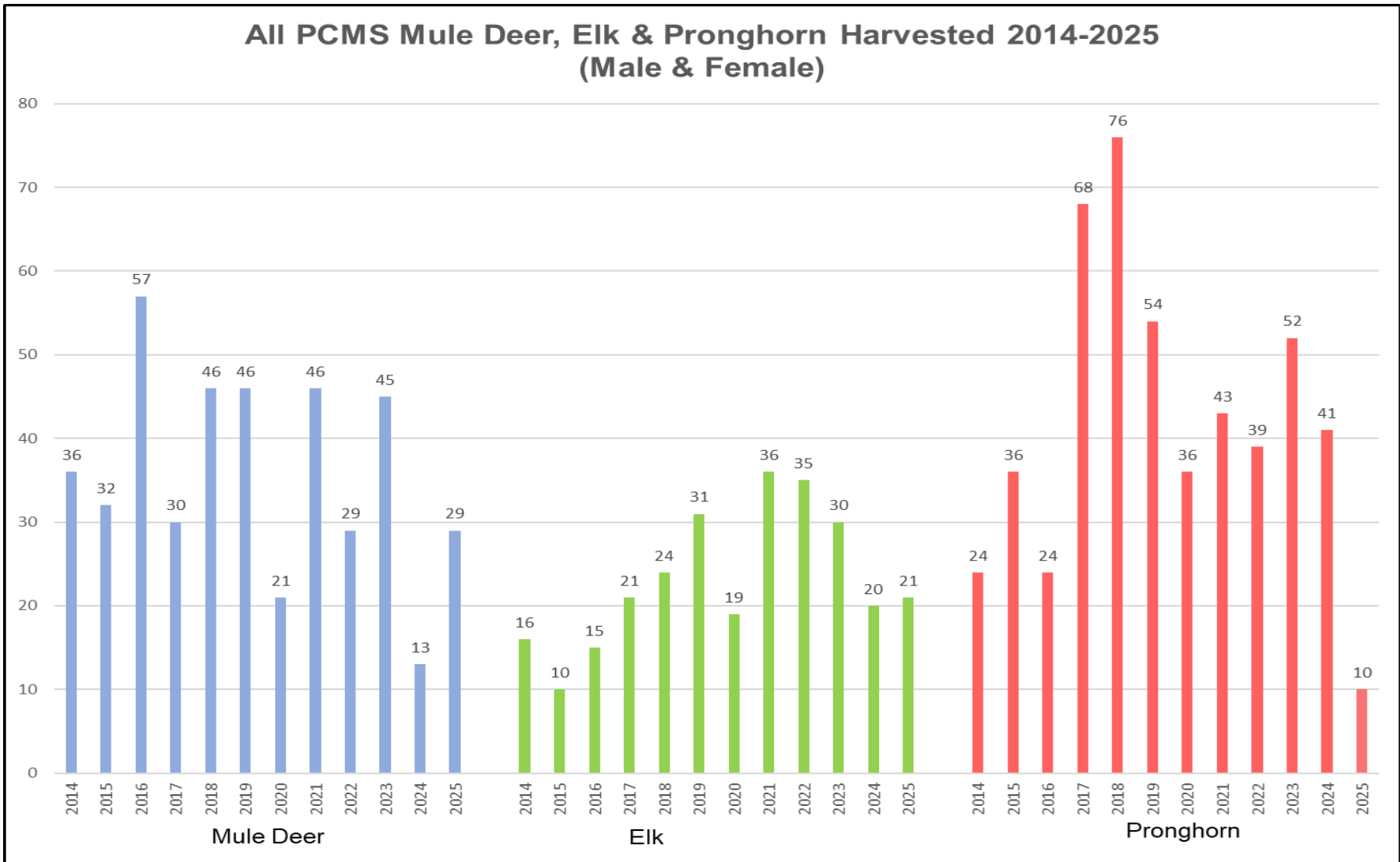


Figure 15. Total number of mule deer, elk, and pronghorn harvested per year since 2014

Bear

There were no bears harvested on PCMS in 2025.

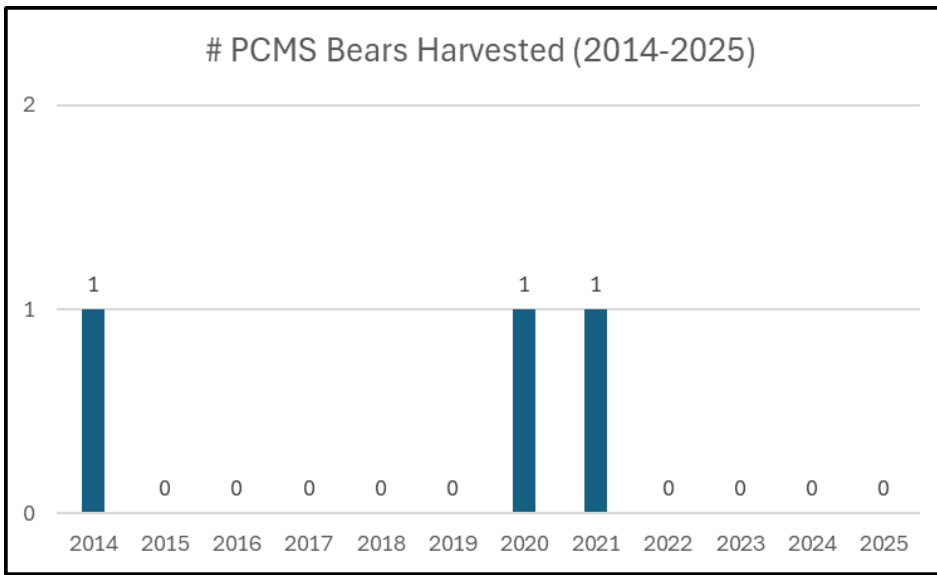


Figure 17. Total number of bears harvested since 2014.

Turkey

In 2025, two turkeys were harvested during the spring season. No turkeys were harvested during the fall season.

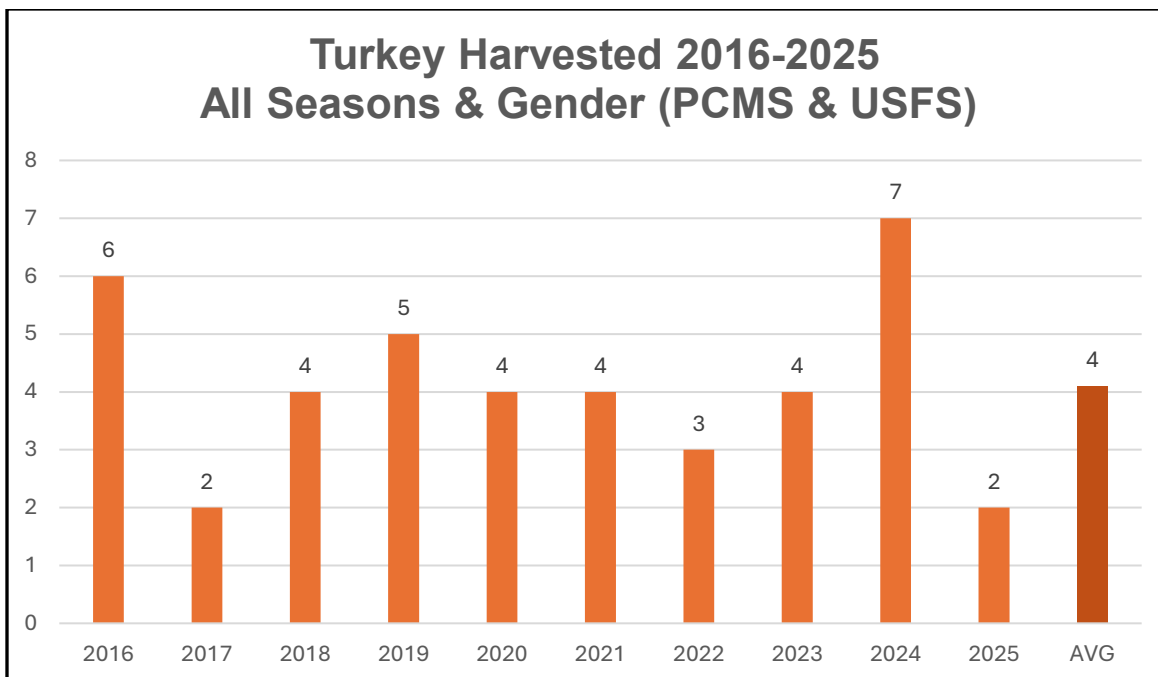


Figure 18. Total number of turkeys harvested since 2016.

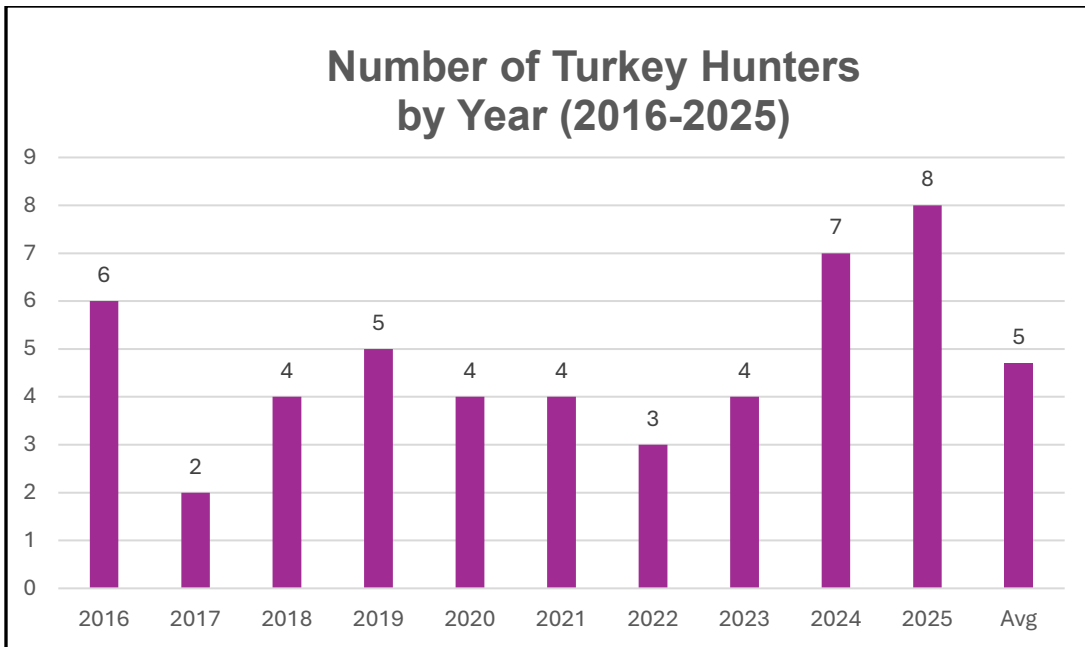


Figure 19. Total number of turkeys hunters per year since 2016.

Mountain Lion

No mountain lions were harvested in 2025.

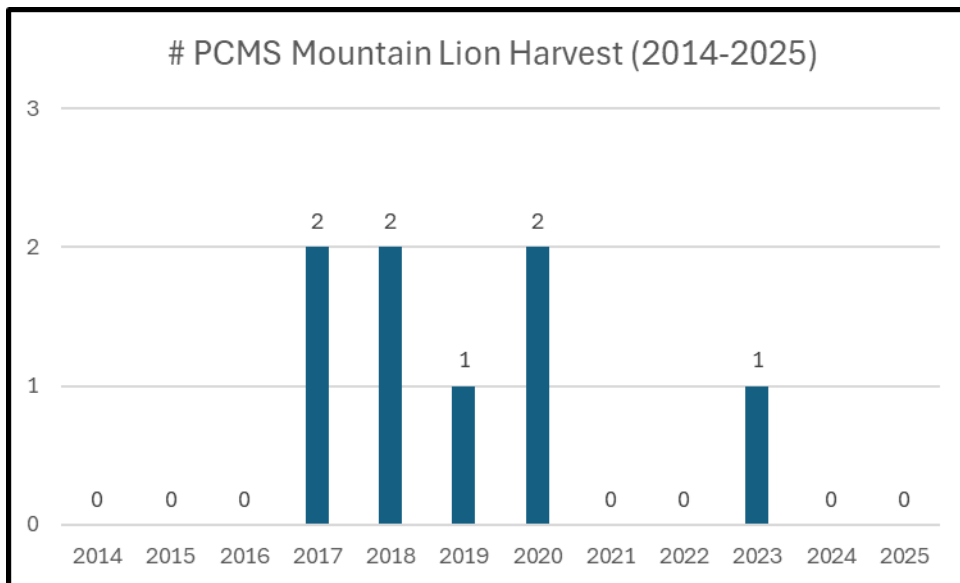


Figure 20. Total number of mountain lions harvested since 2014.

Small Game:

Six coyotes

One rabbit

Downrange Passes

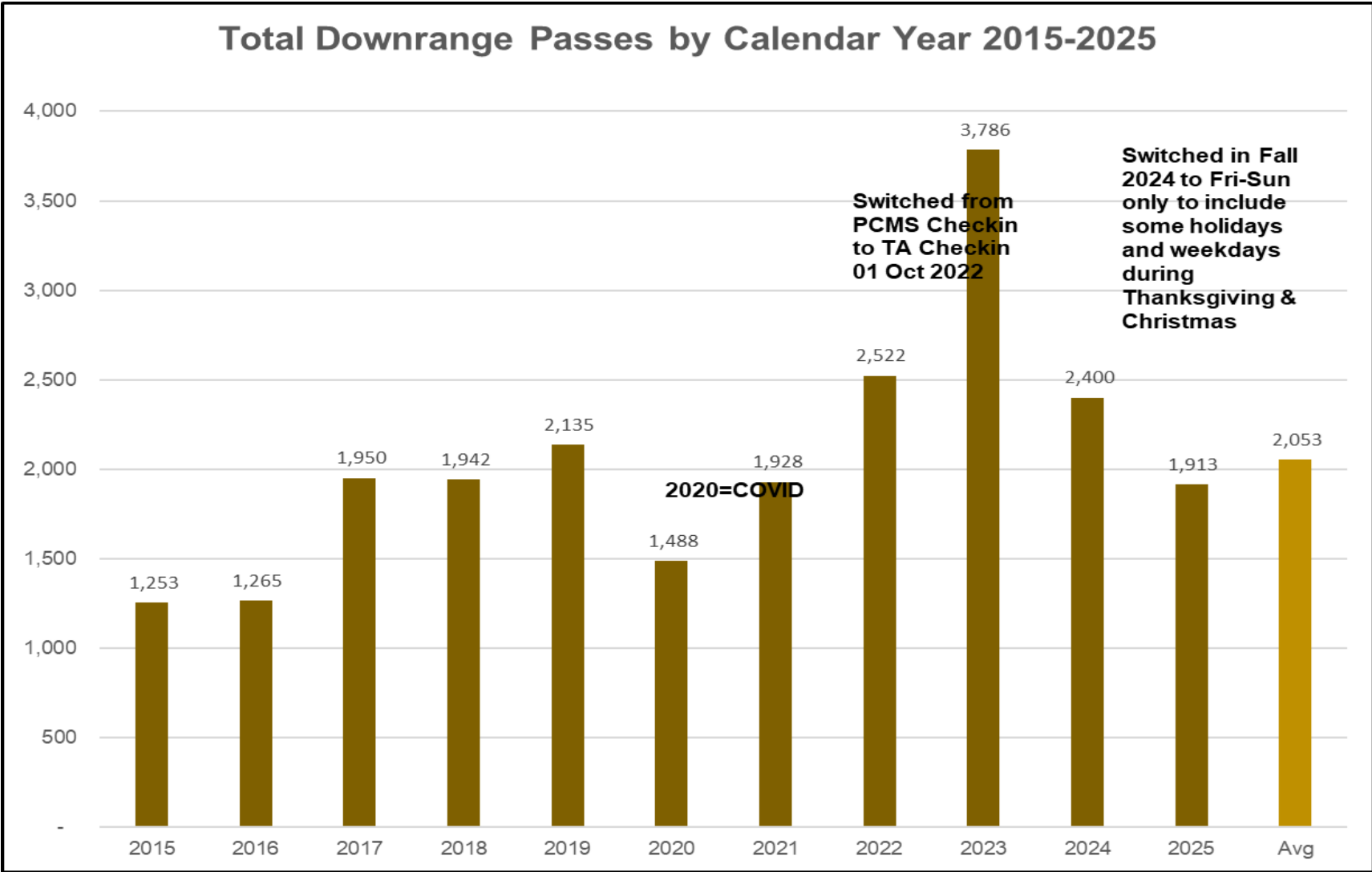


Figure 21. Total number of downrange passes by calendar year from 2015-2025

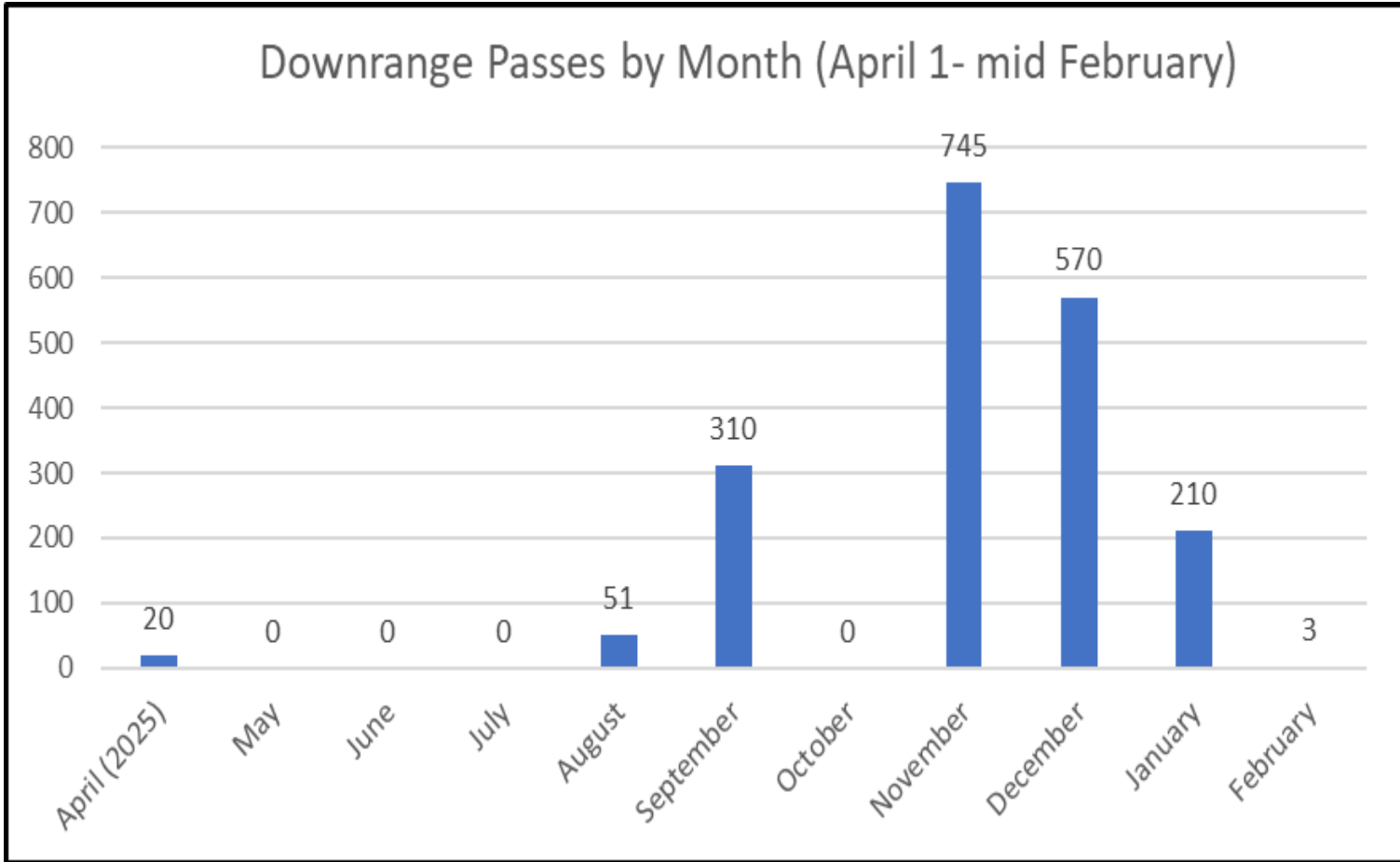


Figure 22. Total number of downrange passes by month from April 1, 2025 – mid-February 2026.

Deer Downrange Passes

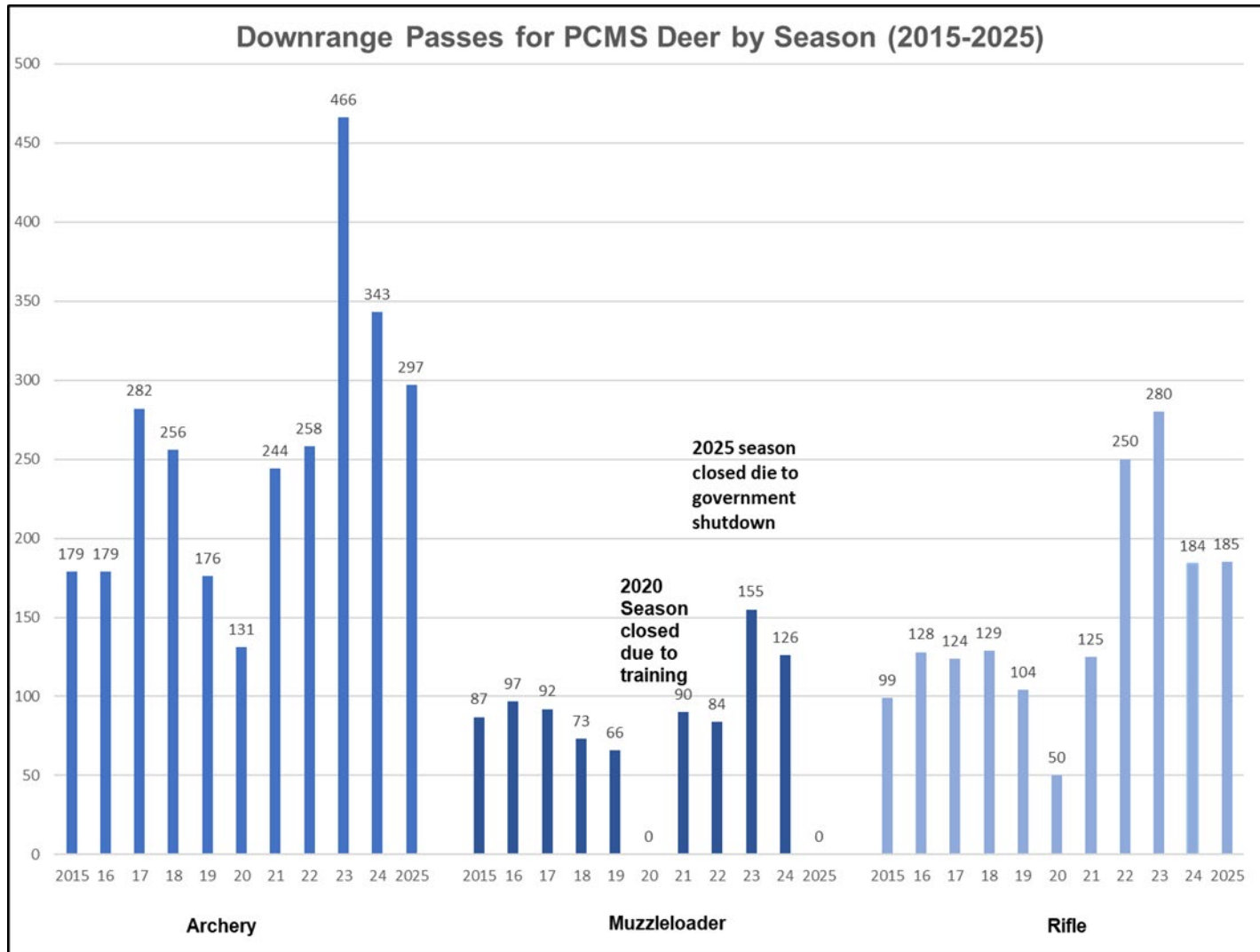


Figure 23. Total number of downrange passes for all deer seasons from 2015-2025

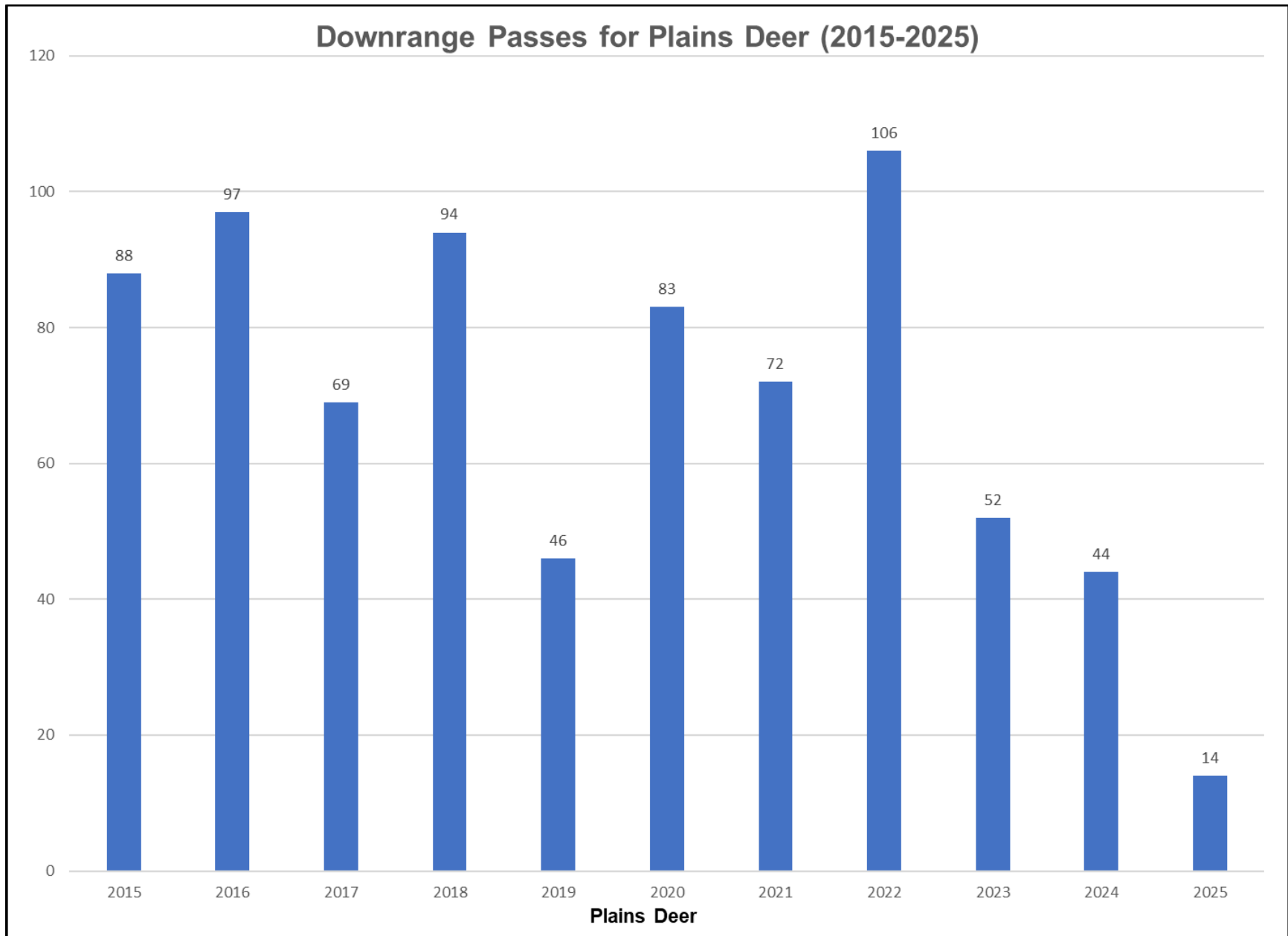


Figure 24. Total number of downrange passes for plains deer from 2015-2025.

Elk Downrange Passes

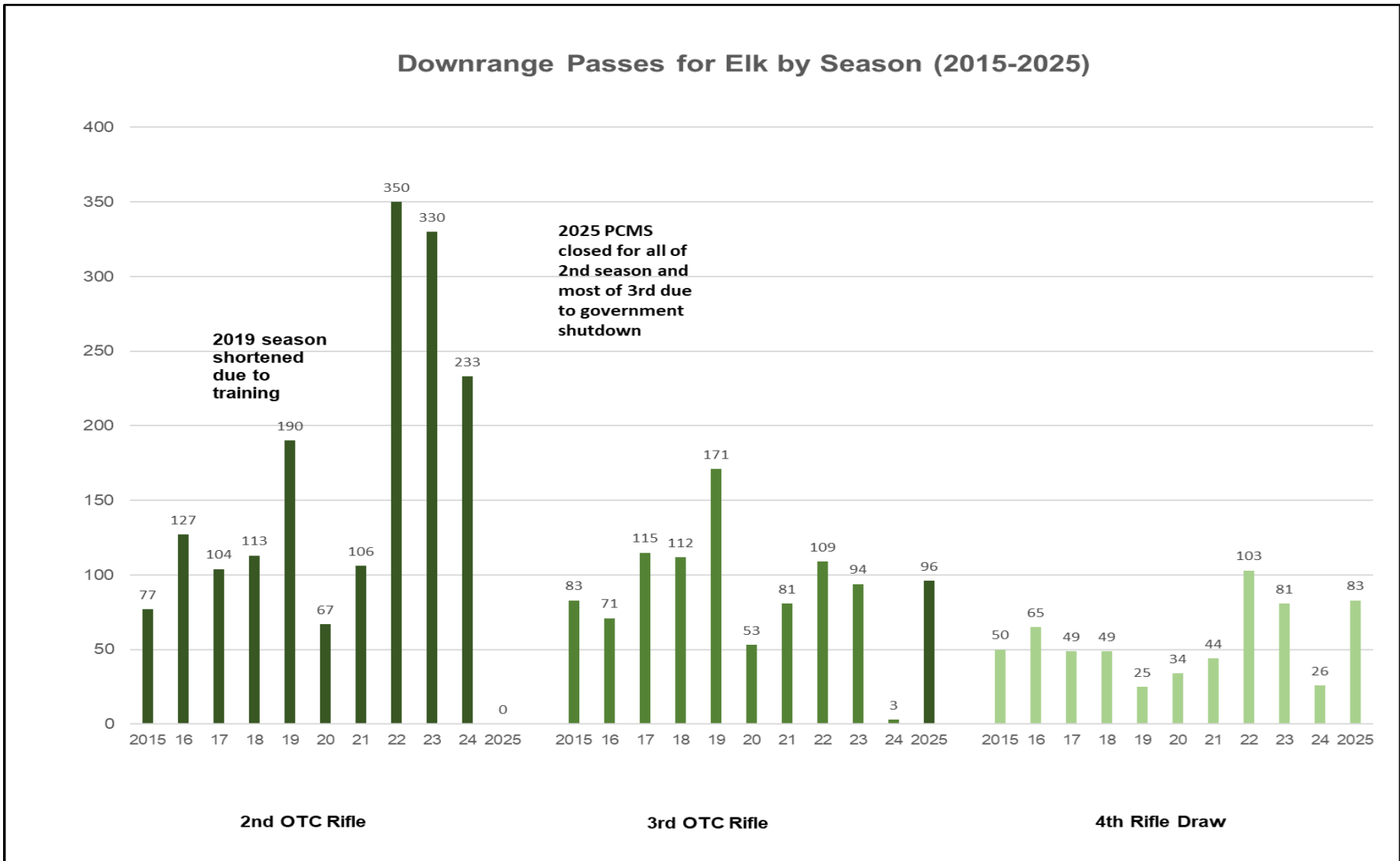


Figure 25. Total number of downrange passes for bull elk rifle seasons from 2015-2025

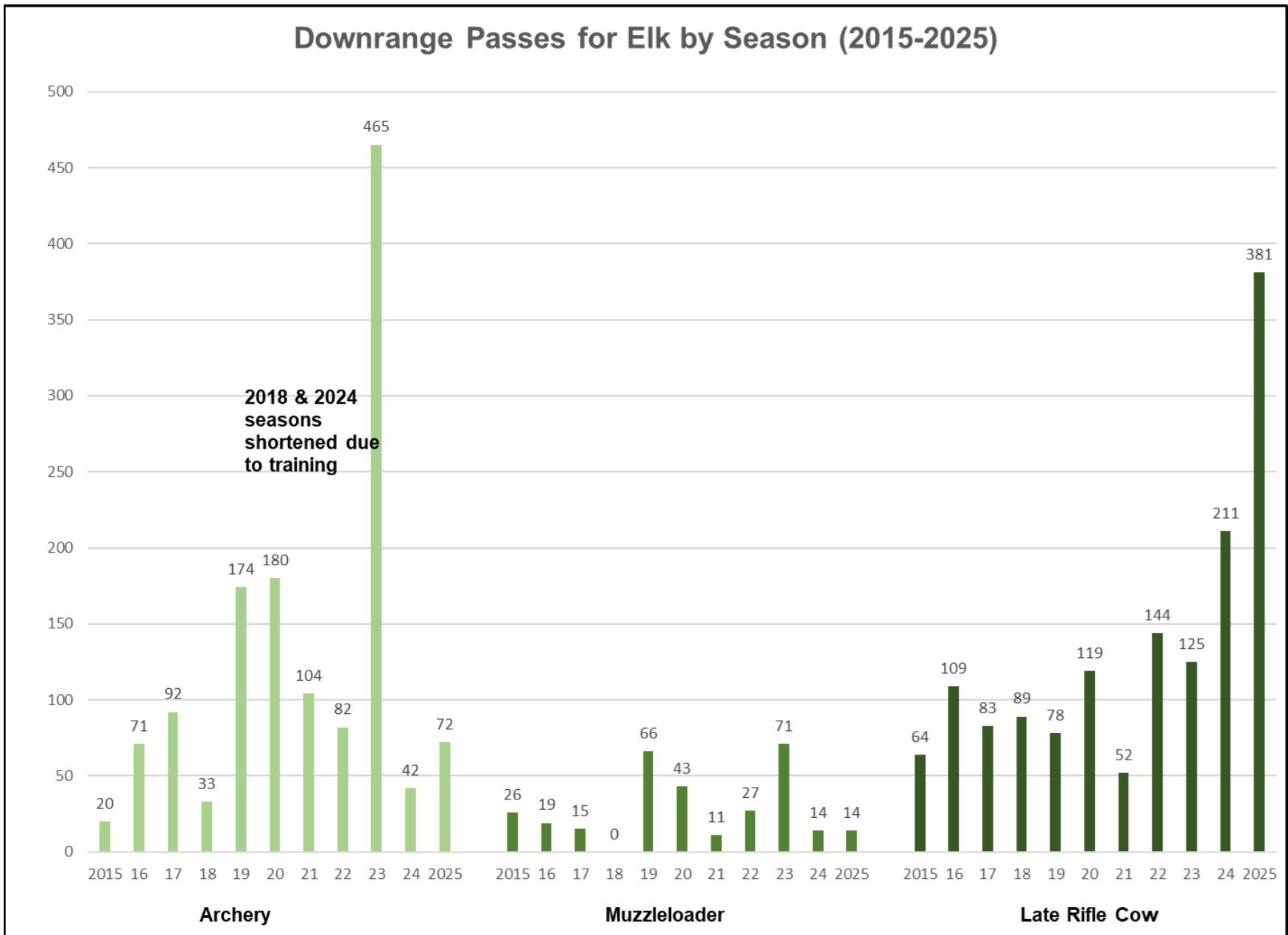


Figure 26. Total number of downrange passes for elk archery, muzzleloader and late rifle seasons from 2015-2025

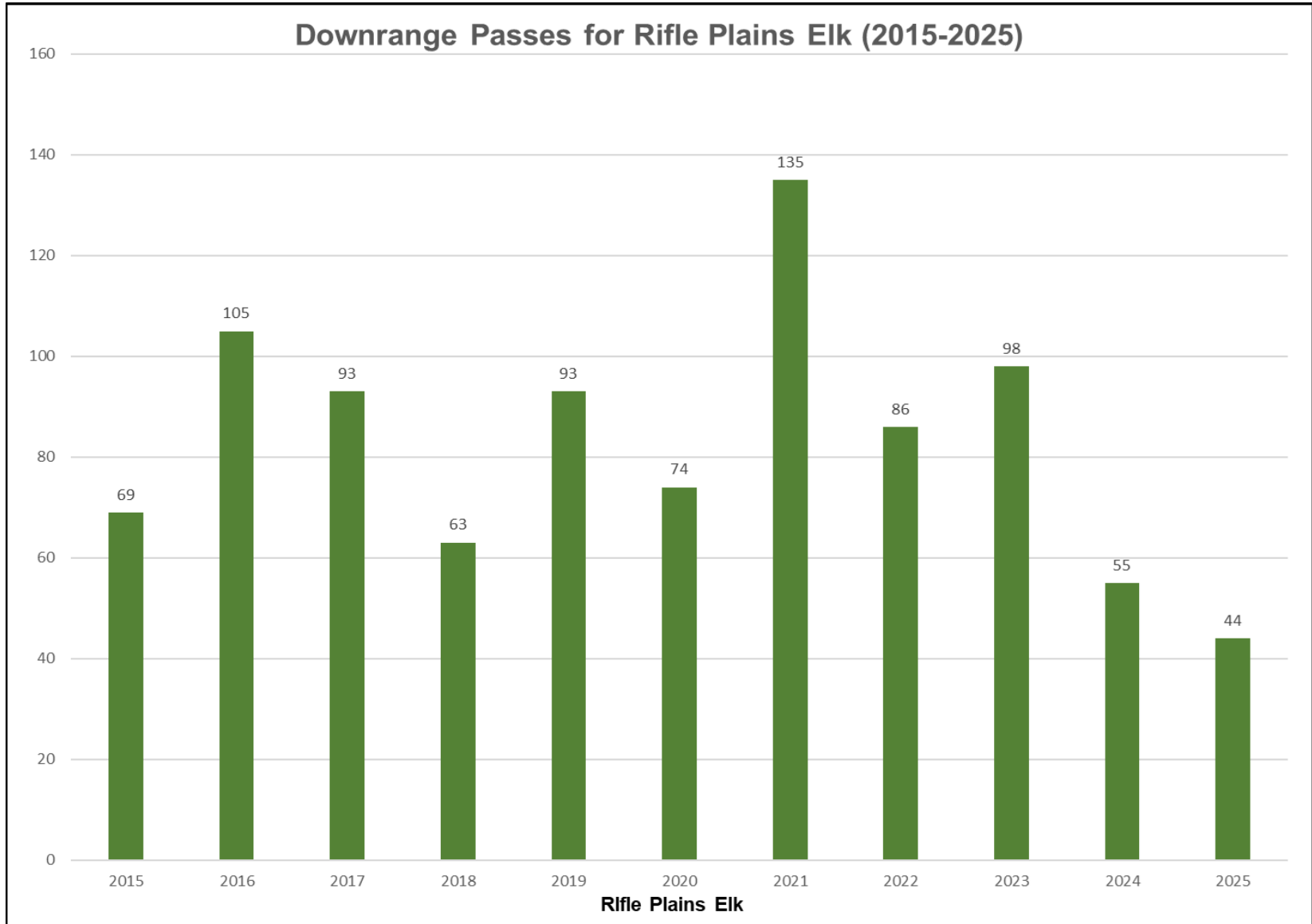


Figure 27. Total number of downrange passes for plains elk from 2015-2025.

Pronghorn Downrange Passes

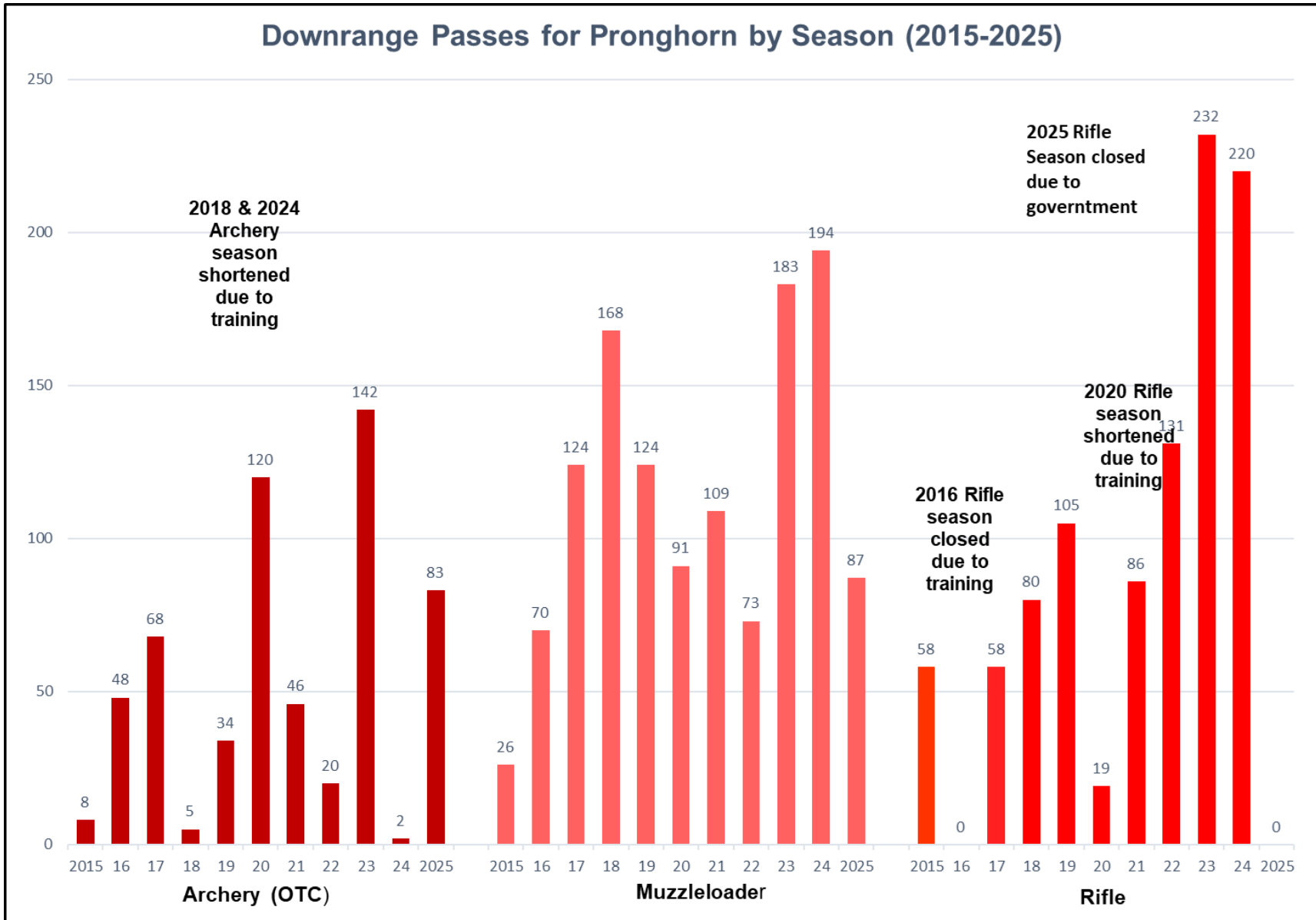


Figure 28. Total number of downrange passes for all pronghorn seasons from 2015-2025

Total Downrange Passes For Species

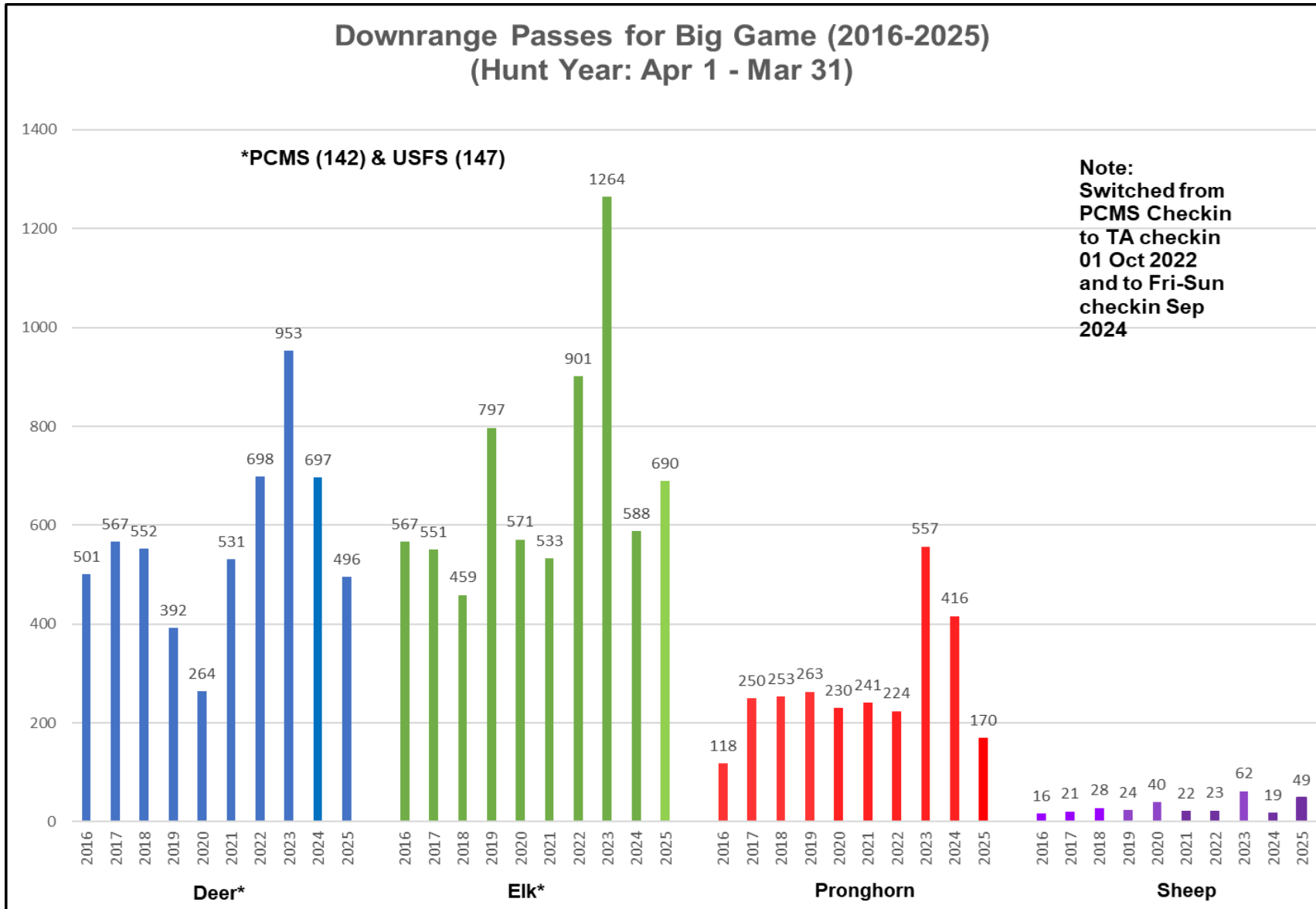


Figure 29. Total number of downrange passes for all big game from 2015-2025

Downrange Passes for Turkey, Lion & Bear (2016-2025) (Hunt Year: Apr 1- Mar 31)

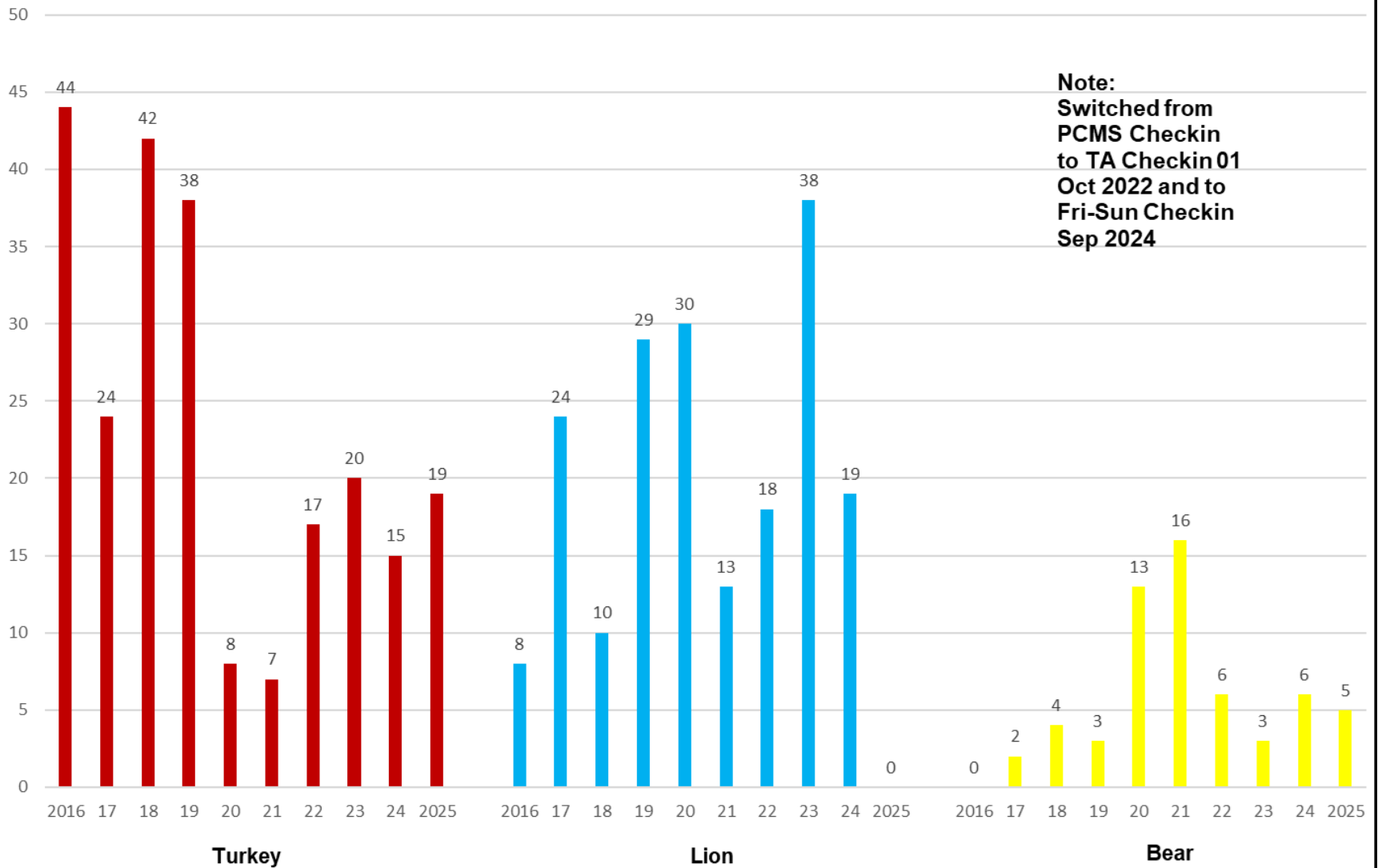


Figure 30. Total number of downrange passes for turkey, lion and bear from 2015-2025

**Downrange Passes for Coyote, Bobcat & Other Small Game
(2016-2025)
(Hunt Year: Apr 1- Mar 31)**

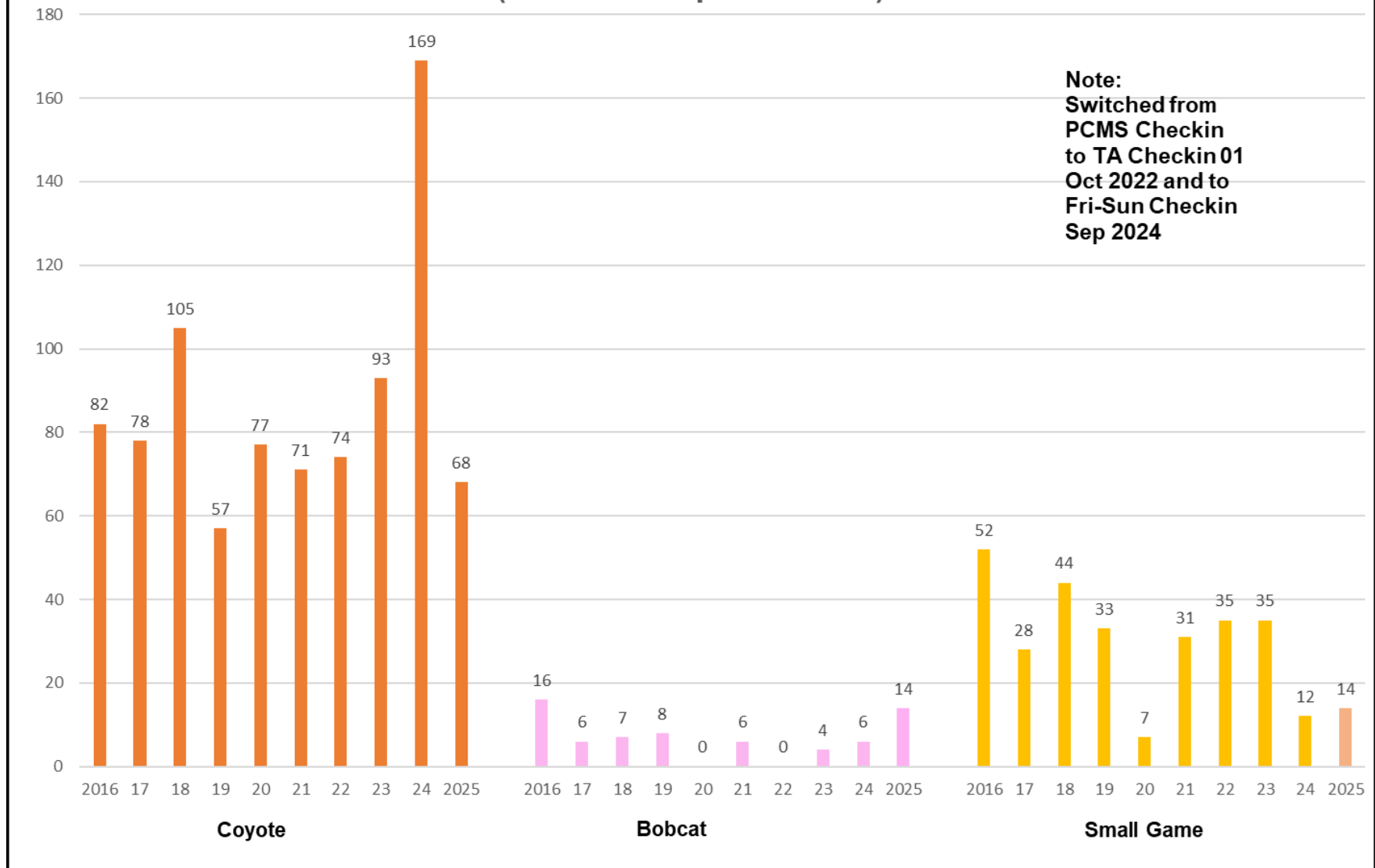


Figure 31. Total number of downrange passes for coyote, bobcat, and small game from 2015-2025.

Downrange Passes for Scouting & Other Activities (2016-2025) (Hunt Year: Apr 1 - Mar 31)

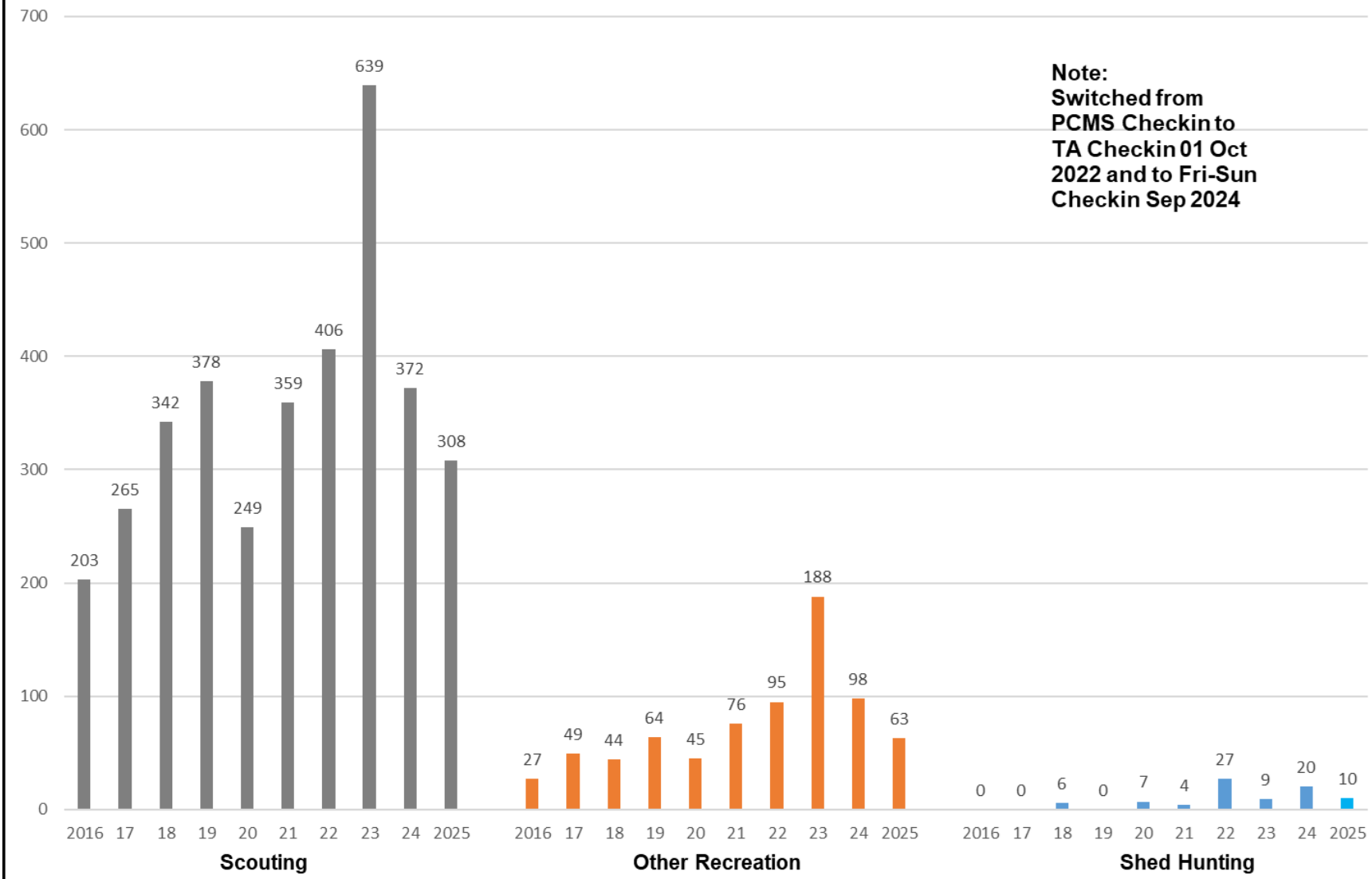


Figure 32. Total number of downrange passes for scouting, other recreation, and shed collecting from 2016-2025

Boone & Crockett Scores

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- PCMS is not managed as a trophy unit.
- All Boone and Crockett (B&C) data was collected by the individual hunter, not PCMS biologists or official scorers and are consequently subject to variation.
- All B&C numbers used in this report are derived from the gross scores and not the final (adjusted) scores. Final scores are usually lower than gross scores because points are deducted for asymmetry in the final score. The exception to this is when scoring an atypical animal.
- The average was calculated using all the acceptable B&C scores. For elk, spike animals were not included. This year 100% of hunters turned in their B&C data.
- This report was prepared solely to share hunting data collected on PCMS and not to provide any statistical analysis. Statistical analysis was not performed because the sample sizes (n) were generally too small, and there was too great a degree of variation in the data collection method to provide accurate statistical analysis.

2025 Average B&C Scores

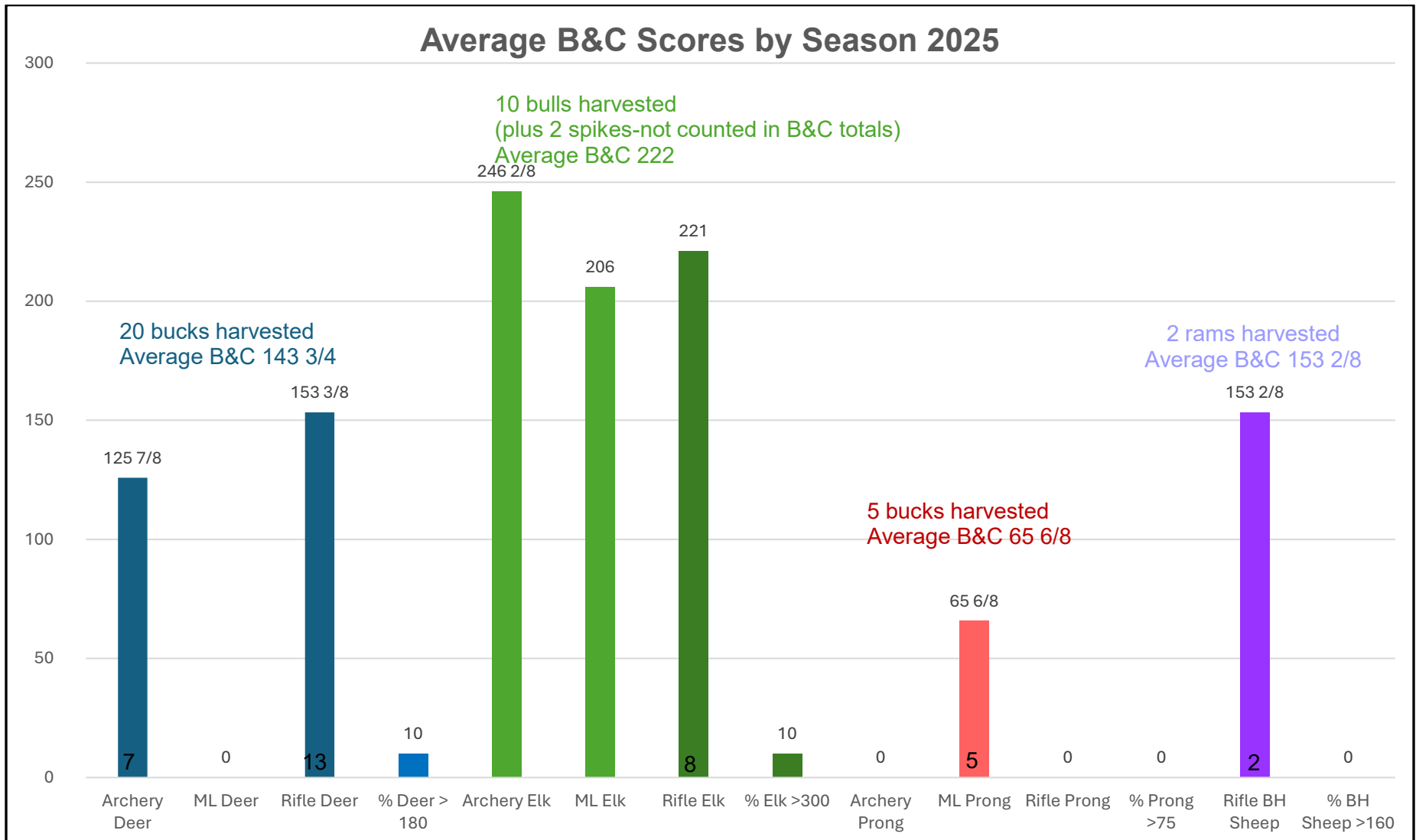


Figure 33. Average B&C Scores for the 2025 seasons.

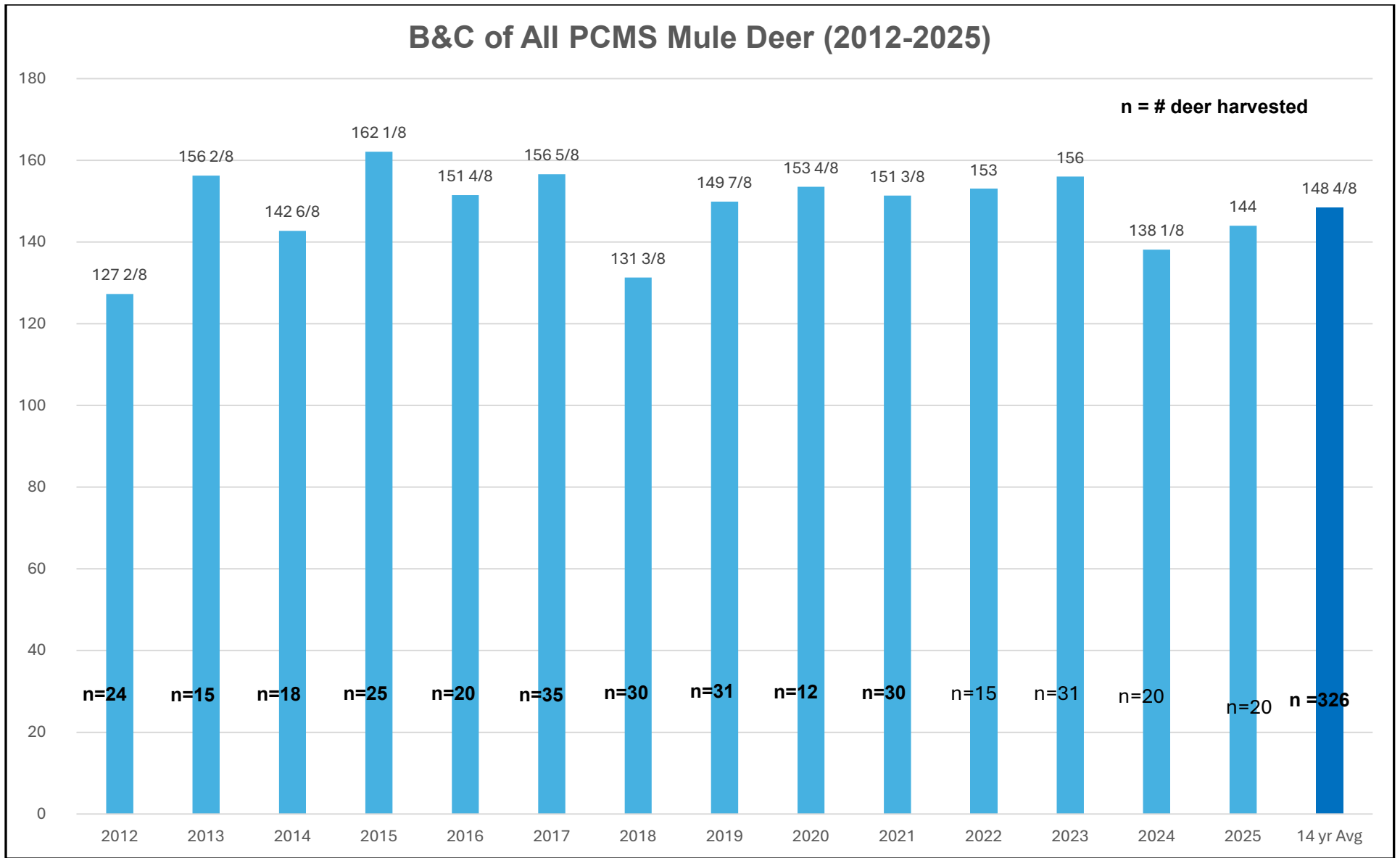


Figure 34. Average B&C Scores for mule deer 2012-2025

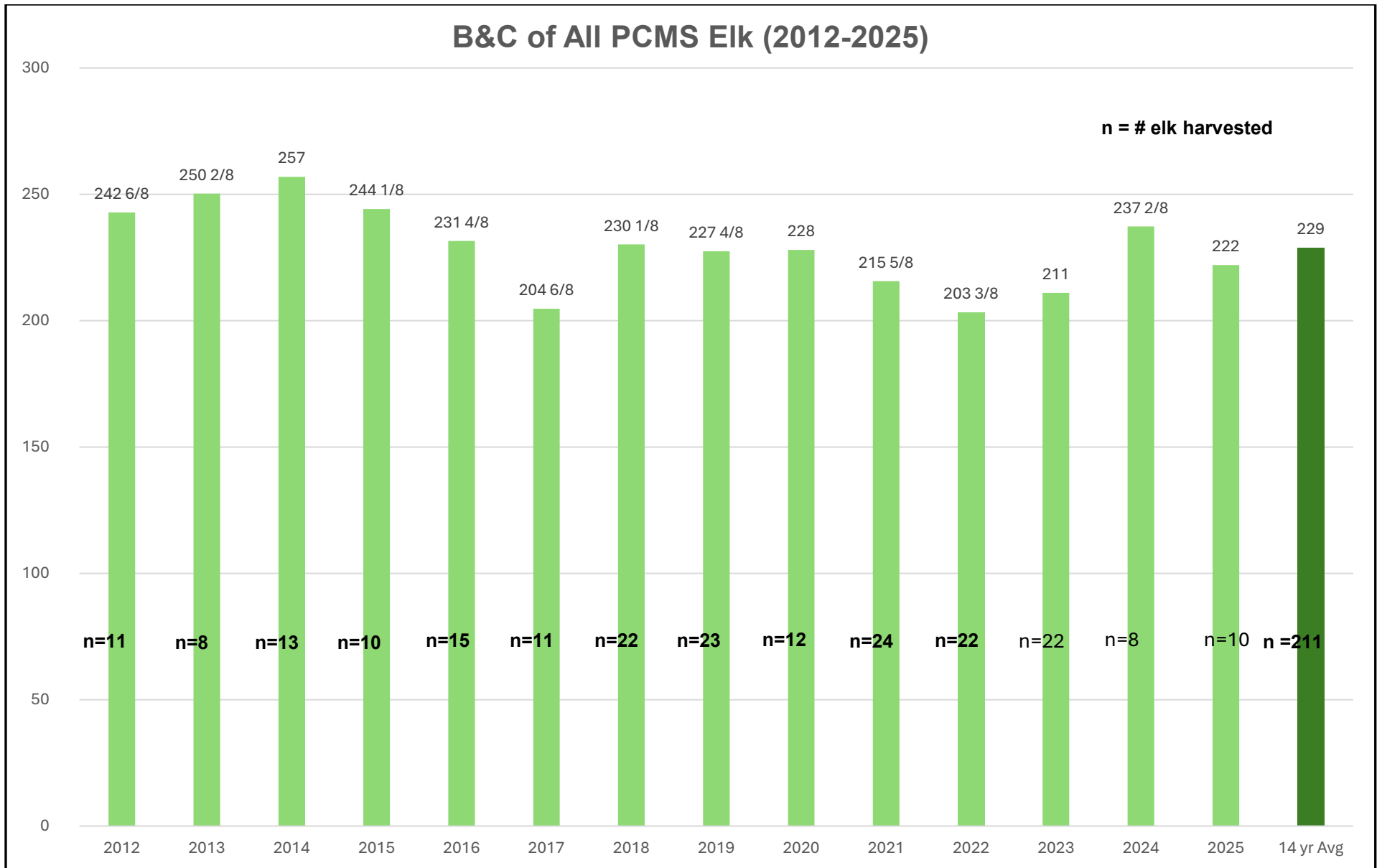


Figure 35. Average B&C Scores for elk 2012-2025

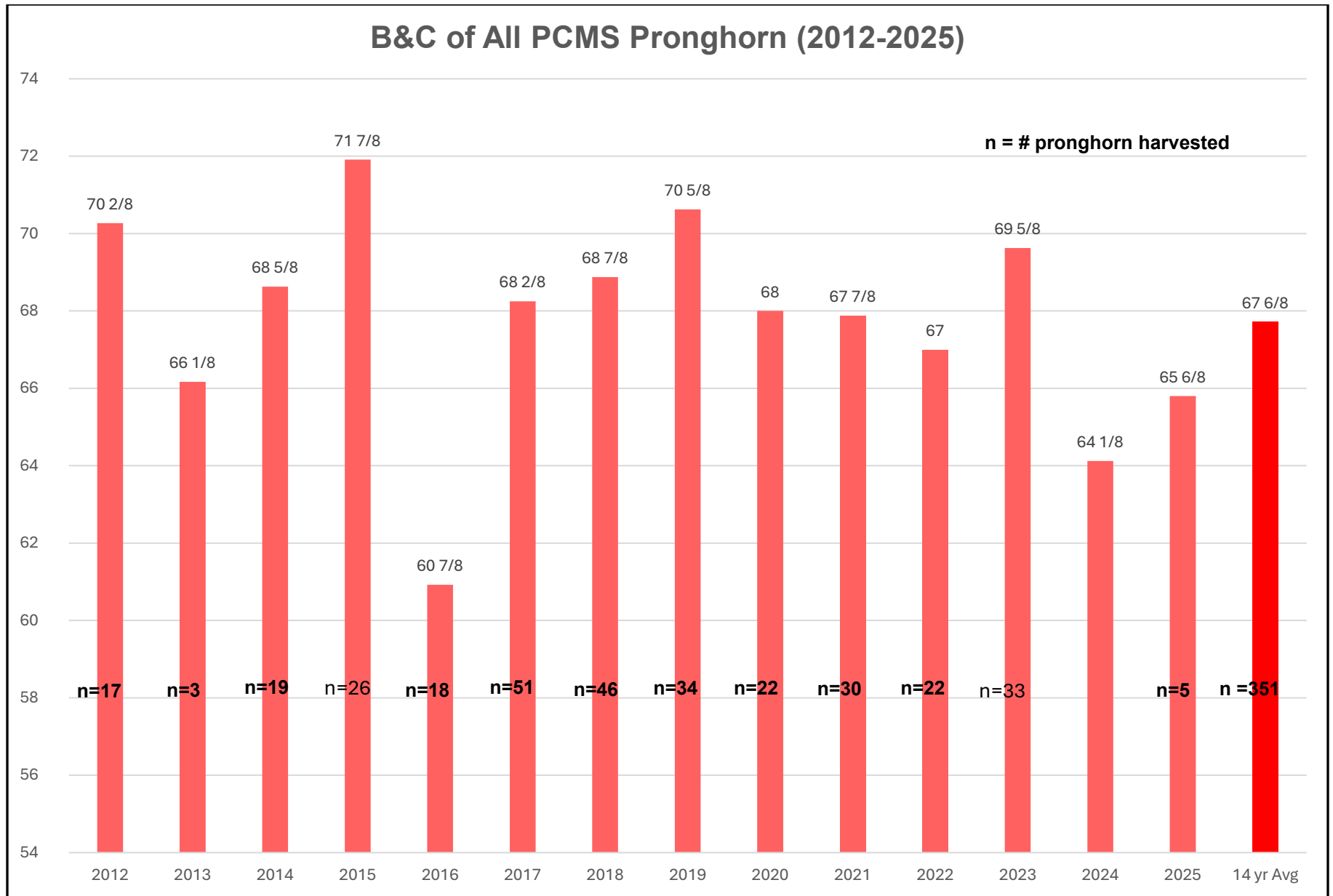


Figure 36. Average B&C Scores for pronghorn 2012-2025

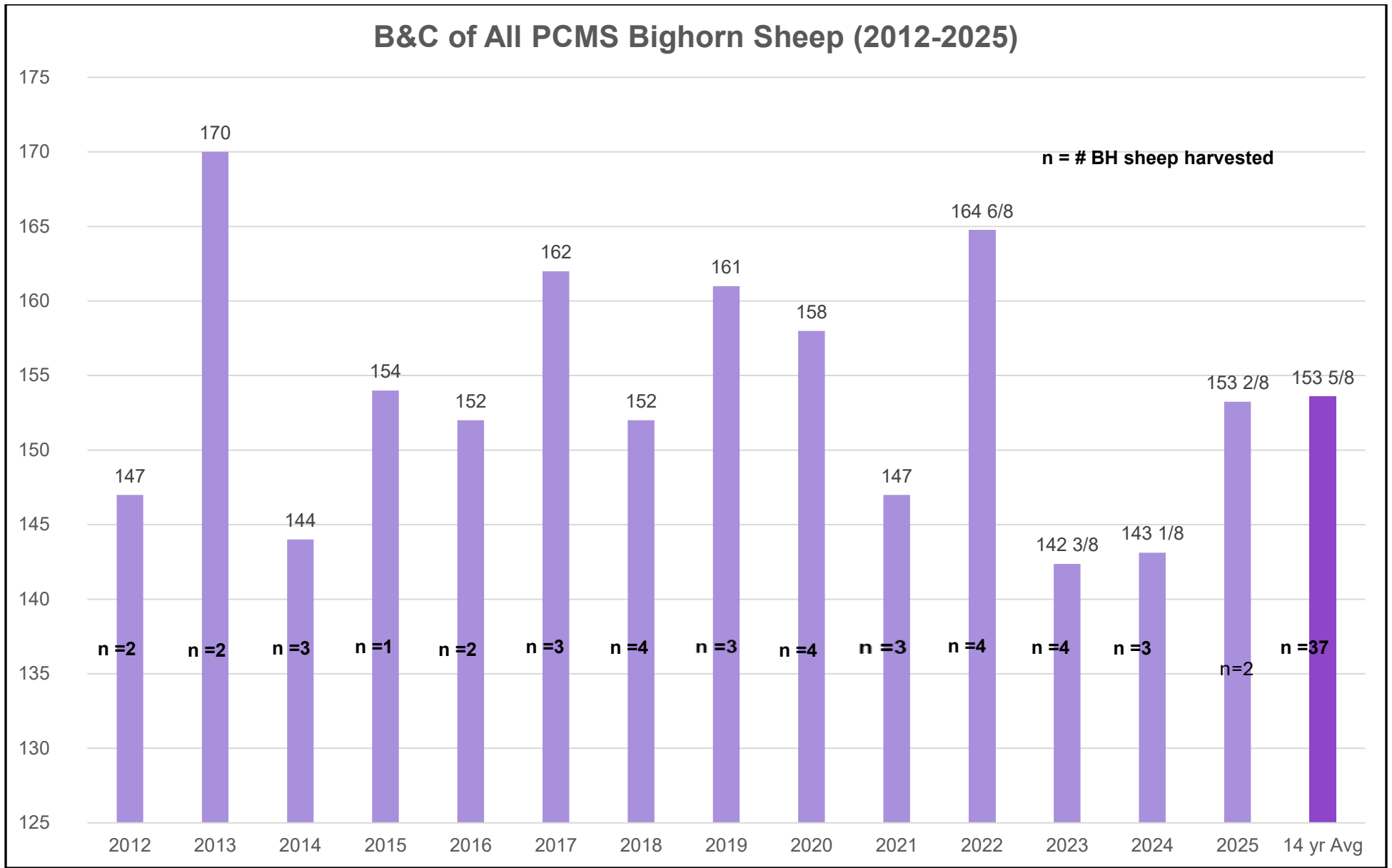


Figure 37. Average B&C Scores for bighorn sheep 2012-2025

2025 Mule Deer Boone & Crockett Scores (Gross)

Archery Mule Deer (7)

168 2/8

124 4/8

127 6/8

157 5/8

113 6/8

98 7/8

90 4/8

125 7/8 Avg

Muzzleloader Mule Deer (0)

Rifle Mule Deer (13)

163 1/8

170 0/8

157 0/8

167 1/8

135 0/8

163 4/8

134 6/8

151 6/8

168 6/8

185 2/8

187 1/8

93 0/8

118 2/8

153 3/8 Avg

Rifle Avg B&C (13)	153 3/8
Archery Avg B&C (7)	125 7/8
%>180	10%

Combined (Archery, Muzzleloader and Rifle) B&C Average: 139 5/8* Mule Deer Bucks

Harvested: 20*

***Does not include Plains Deer**

Plains Mule Deer (0)

Plains White-tailed Deer (0)

2025 Elk Boone & Crockett Scores (Gross)

Elk Archery (1)

246 2/8

Third Bull Elk Rifle (4)

231 0/8

217 6/8

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224 3/8 Avg

Elk Muzzleloader (1)

206 0/8

Fourth Bull Elk Rifle (4)

206 1/8

212 0/8

127 4/8

265 4/8

202 6/8 Avg

Second Bull Elk Rifle

(0)

Plains Elk (2)

208 0/8

300 0/8

254 0/8 Avg

Rifle (8)	221 0/8
Muzzle (1)	206 0/8
Archery (1)	246 2/8
%>300	10%

Combined (Archery, Muzzleloader and Rifle) B&C Average: 224 6/8* Bull Elk

Harvested:10*

*** Does not include Plains Elk ** Spikes not included**

2025 Pronghorn Boone & Crockett Scores (Gross)

Archery Pronghorn (0)

Rifle Pronghorn (0)

Muzzleloader Pronghorn (5)

67 6/8

65 2/8

64 3/8

60 3/8

71 2/8

65 6/8 Avg

Muzzle (5)	65 6/8
%>75	0

Combined (Archery, Muzzleloader and Rifle) B&C Average: 65 6/8 Pronghorn Bucks

Harvested: 5

2025 Bighorn Sheep Boone & Crockett Scores (Gross)

Rifle Bighorn Sheep (2)

155 6/8

150 6/8

153 2/8 Avg

Rifle (2)	153 2/8
%>160	0

PCMS Historical B&C Data and Harvest Numbers for Buck Deer

	Archery Deer		Muzzleloader Deer		Rifle Deer		Total Deer	
	<i>n</i>	<i>Gross Avg</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Gross Avg</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Gross Avg</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Gross Avg</i>
2011	2	137 2/8	-	-	12	136 7/8	14	137 1/8
2012	7*	112 3/8	7	132 1/8	10*	137 1/8	24	127 2/8
2013	3	142 1/8	3	131 3/8	10	168 2/8	15	156 2/8
2014	7	141 7/8	4*	114 4/8	9	153 5/8	18	142 6/8
2015	9	159 2/8	2	140	14	167 1/8	25	162 1/8
2016	5	131 7/8	5	155 6/8	10	159 1/8	20	151 4/8
2017	7	150 4/8	11	148 4/8	17	164 2/8	35	156 5/8
2018	7	123 5/8	6	124	17	137 1/8	40	131 3/8
2019	6	128 2/8	6	154 3/8	19	166 7/8	31	149 7/8
2020	7	140 4/8	**	N/A	5	171 5/8	12	153 4/8
2021	8	149 5/8	7	166	15	153 2/8	30	151 3/8
2022	6	161 5/8	3	160 7/8	6	140 3/8	15	153
2023	9	143 4/8	6	168 3/8	16	159 2/8	31	156
2024	1	158 4/8	3	120 2/8	6	143 5/8	10	138 1/8
2025	7	125 7/8	**	N/A	13	153 3/8	20	139 5/8

Table 5. *Some scores were missing. **No hunt due to training/shutdown

PCMS Historical B&C Data and Harvest Numbers for Bull Elk

	Archery Elk		Muzzleloader Elk		OTC & Draw Rifle Elk		Total Elk	
	n	Gross Avg	n	Gross Avg	n	Gross Avg	n	Gross Avg
2011	1	*	1	*	2	*	4	-
2012	1	258	1	297 4/8	9	235	11	263 4/8
2013	0	0	2	272 6/8	5	241 2/8	8**	255 4/8
2014	1	281 6/8	0	0	12***	253 7/8	13	257
2015	0	0	1*	*	9	244 1/8	10	244 1/8
2016	1	172	1	205 2/8	13	238 5/8	15	232
2017	1	226 5/8	0	0	10	202 4/8	11	204 6/8
2018	2	261 2/8	****	****	20***	226	22	230 1/8
2019	2	278	1	205	20***	222 5/8	23	227 4/8
2020	2	212 4/8	0	0	8	224 2/8	10	222 7/8
2021	2	182	0	0	22	219 1/8	24	215 5/8
2022	2	297 4/8	0	0	20***	192 2/8	22	203 7/8
2023	2	212 1/8	0	0	20***	201 7/8	22	211
2024	0	0	0	0	8	237 2/8	8	237 2/8
2025	1	246 2/8	1	206 0/8	8	221 0/8	10	224 6/8

Table 6. *No B&C scores collected **Some scores were missing * Includes spikes (no B&C) ****No hunt due to training/shutdown**

PCMS Historical B&C Data and Harvest Numbers for Buck Pronghorn

	Archery Pronghorn		Muzzleloader Pronghorn		Rifle Pronghorn		Total Pronghorn	
	n	Gross Avg	n	Gross Avg	n	Gross Avg	n	Gross Avg
2011	2	*	5	*	14	*	21	*
2012	2	72	2	60	13	70 7/8	17	67 5/8
2013	2	64	1	70 4/8	**	**	3	66 1/8
2014	3	65 3/8	5	65 6/8	11	70 6/8	19	68 2/8
2015	1	58 6/8	10	71	15	73 3/8	26	71 7/8
2016	4	54 1/8	14	63	***	***	18	58 4/8
2017	4	55 6/8	28	67 2/8	19	72 3/8	51	68 2/8
2018	***	***	32	69 5/8	14	67 5/8	46	68 6/8
2019	2	70 6/8	19	72 1/8	13	68 3/8	34	70 5/8
2020	3	75 4/8	16	65 7/8	3****	70 5/8	22	67 7/8
2021	3	64	13	65 3/8	14	65 4/8	30	65 3/8
2022	2	64 2/8	11	68 5/8	9****	65 6/8	22	66 2/8
2023	4	63 6/8	12	72 5/8	17	69 0/8	33	69 5/8
2024	0	N/A	7	66 3/8	18	62 7/8	25	64 1/8
2025	0	N/A	5	65 6/8	***	N/A	5	65 6/8

Table 7. * No B&C score collected. ** No rifle hunt due to government shut down. ***No hunt due to training/shutdown. ****Limited season

PCMS Historical Pronghorn Horn Length Data (Rifle)

Rifle Pronghorn Horn Length 1989-1997									
Year	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
# Pronghorns Measured	27	38	33	41	36	37	36	n/a	28
Avg. Horn Length	10 4/8	12	12 1/8	12 1/8	12 4/8	12 4/8	12 2/8	n/a	12 2/8
Rifle Pronghorn Horn Length 2012-2020									
Year	2012	2013*	2014	2015	2016**	2017	2018	2019	2020***
# Pronghorns Measured	13	n/a	11	15	n/a	19	14	13	3
Avg. Horn Length	12 7/8	n/a	13 3/8	13 3/8	n/a	13 3/8	12 4/8	12 6/8	12 3/8
Rifle Pronghorn Horn Length 2021-2029									
Year	2021	2022***	2023	2024	2025*	2026	2027	2028	2029
# Pronghorns Measured	14	9	17	20	0				
Avg. Horn Length	11 7/8	12 4/8	12 4/8	11 7/8	0				

Table 8. *Cancelled due to government shutdown. **Cancelled due to training. ***Partial Season due

training NOTES:

From 1989 to 1997, the B&C scores were calculated by adding the horn lengths, basal circumferences and length of prongs.

The B&C score method eventually changed to include the above and the circumferences at four points along each horn, tip to tip spread and the inside spread. To compare this historical data and the current data, only the horn lengths are used