NORTH CAROLINA DEER HUNTING AND MANAGEMENT SURVEY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) administered a county-level quantitative survey of deer hunters as part of a multi-year deer season frameworks evaluation. This survey includes two parts aimed to: 1) focus on hunting experiences, perceptions, and desires, and 2) understand the management trade-offs hunters would make to achieve certain biological outcomes. This is an executive summary of both Part I and Part II of this survey.

Methodology

Sampling

We selected a sample of hunters 18 years of age or older from the population of license-exempt and standard Big Game Harvest Report Card (BGHRC) holders during the 2015-2016 hunting season (N=418,020). We provided each hunter a unique access code needed to complete a web-based survey (Sawtooth Software, Orem, UT). Respondents were invited to complete the survey three times by email (n=109,535), push-to-web postcard (n=60,161), or both email and postcard (n=27,074) between the months of July and September 2016. We received 33,750 valid survey responses for an overall response rate of 17%.

Analysis

In addition to multiple choice, rating, and ranking questions, the survey instrument included a trade-off evaluations component. Trade-off evaluations were conducted through choice modeling. Choice modeling studies asks respondents to value a "product" by deciding their preferred option from a set of two or more choice tasks. Tasks are comprised of a set of attributes sub-divided by a set of levels. Five key regulatory attributes that influence herd demographics were chosen with corresponding levels based on current regulatory frameworks and levels needed to meet all WRC biological objectives for deer throughout the state. Respondents were presented with eight randomly generated choice tasks, and results were analyzed using Sawtooth Software.

Results

Respondent Characteristics

- Most respondents indicated that they hunted deer in NC (91%). Respondents that indicated they do not deer hunt in NC were not permitted to continue the survey.

- Respondents mainly indicated the county where they had the most interest in deer management was in the current Eastern season zone (48%), followed by Central (25%), Northwestern (14%), and Western (13%) season zones.

- Respondents represented a range of time spent hunting, with most hunting 11-21 days a year (26%), followed by 22-41 days a year (20%), 6-10 days (18%), 2-5 days (16%), < 2 days (12%), and >41 days (9%).

- The sample included mostly males (91%) with an average age of 51. Most respondents were employed full time (56%), followed by those retired (22%) and self-employed (14%).

- Most respondents had a high school (26%), Bachelor's (24%), Associate's (18%), or technical degree (17%).

- The sample self-reported as mainly White (94%), followed by Hispanic (2%), African-American (2%), American Indian (1%), Other (0.7%), Asian (0.3%), and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (0.1%).

- Respondents had a mean reported annual household income before taxes of US$50,000–$79,999.

Hunter Methods

- Hunters were asked to indicate which weapons they used. Most hunters used a gun (93%), followed by blackpowder (44%), bow and arrow (34%), and crossbow (23%).

- In the last three years, respondents mostly hunted on private lands (70%), followed by mostly private but also game lands (17%), evenly on private and game lands (4%), mostly game lands but also private (4%), only game lands (4%), and did not hunt (2%).

- Respondents hunting private lands mainly hunted on 21-100 acres (32%), followed by 101-500 acres (28%), >0-20 acres (15%), 501-1000 (9%), 1,001-2,000 acres (4%), and > 5,000 acres (3%).

- Most hunters only still hunt (84%), followed by mostly still hunting but also with dogs (7%), most often with dogs but also still hunt (4%), still hunt and hunt with dogs about the same (3%), and hunted only with dogs (1%).

Hunter Viewpoints

- Respondents reported their agreement with hunting deer over bait, hunting deer with dogs, and re-implementing physical tags to affix to harvested deer, using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *strongly disagree*, 5 is *strongly agree*. Respondents favored hunting deer over bait, with a mean score of 3.84, were unsupportive of hunting with dogs, with a mean score of 2.41, and generally neutral regarding re-implementing physical tags, with a mean score of 2.85.

- Deer hunters ranked their perception of the top three threats to the state's deer herd. *Predators* ranked highest, followed by *loss of huntable lands*, and *poaching*.

- Respondents reported their motivations for hunting deer using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *not at all important* and 5 is *very important*. Respondents mean ratings were as follows:

Motivation	Mean
Putting "meat in the freezer"	3.89
Being with hunting companions	3.46
Possibility of killing a trophy deer	3.40
Getting away from everyday problems	3.84
Seeing deer or their sign	4.08
Getting outdoors/Enjoy nature	4.53
Using my hunting skills	4.01

Timing of Archery, Blackpowder, and Either-Sex Harvest

- Respondents reported their views about the length of the archery season, using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *much too short*, 5 is *much too long*. *Unsure* responses were excluded. Respondents mean score was 2.94, indicating that they view the season is about the right length.

- Respondents provided their views about the timing of the archery season, using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *much too early*, 5 is *much too late. Unsure* responses were excluded. Respondents mean ratings were 2.52, indicating that they view the season timing is a little too early or about right.

- Respondents ranked five preferences for the timing of blackpowder season. Respondents ranked *immediately before gun season* the highest, *I have no preference* second, and *multiple weeks before gun season* and *immediately after gun season* tied for third.

- Western deer season hunters (n=3,981) expressed their level of support to shift either-sex harvest days earlier in the blackpowder season in areas where either-sex harvest is currently restricted, using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *strongly oppose*, 5 is *strongly support*. Hunters supported this shift, with a mean score of 3.60.

- Western deer season hunters also indicated level of support for shifting either-sex harvest days to earlier within the western gun season, using a using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *strongly oppose*, 5 is *strongly support*. Hunters supported this shift, with a mean score of 3.74.

- Western deer season hunters indicated level of support for limiting either-sex harvest days during the western archery season, using a using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *strongly oppose*, 5 is *strongly support*. Hunters were generally neutral to this strategy, with a mean score of 2.75.

Deer Numbers / Doe Management

- Thirty-six percent of hunters indicated that the deer population has decreased, 28% indicated it has remained the same, and 24% indicated the population has increased during the past three years. In comparison, hunters in the 2006 Deer Hunter Survey most commonly responded the deer population had increased (39%).

- Hunters provided their views on their desire for both deer density and herd health/condition. Most respondents (79%) preferred a moderate deer density with good herd health/condition.

- Hunters provided their views on their desire for deer population numbers using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *a significant increase* and 5 is *a significant decrease. Unsure* responses were excluded. Respondents mean ratings were 2.55, indicating hunters would like a slight increase or numbers to remain at the current level.

- Respondents ranked five techniques they would support for increasing antlerless deer harvest. Respondents ranked *establish an antlerless-only harvest season during a portion of the firearms season*

the highest, *increase the number of either-sex harvest days* second highest, followed by *"Earn-a-Buck" after 1st buck is harvested* third.

- Hunters also ranked six techniques that would support to decrease antlerless deer harvest. Respondents ranked *I do not want to decrease antlerless deer harvest* the highest, *reduce the season antlerless bag limit to four* second highest, and *eliminate "Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards"* third.

Antlered Buck Management

- We asked respondents to assess the current number of mature bucks (older than 1.5 years old) using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *much too few* and 5 is *far too many*. *Unsure* responses were excluded. Respondents mean ratings were 1.85, indicating they believe there are a little too few mature bucks in North Carolina.

- Respondents ranked six antlered buck management techniques they would support to reduce young buck harvest. Respondents ranked *no antler restriction for 1st buck harvested with antler restrictions for each additional buck harvested* as their top choice, *antler restrictions on each antlered buck* as the second highest choice, closely followed by *reduce antlered buck season bag limit* as the third highest choice.

- Hunters provided their views on how the WRC should manage antlered bucks on <u>private</u> lands. Most respondents (55%) preferred to continue to allow private landowners to manage bucks on their property to achieve landowner goals within the current regulations.

- Hunters provided their views on how the WRC should manage antlered bucks on <u>public</u> lands. Most respondents (58%) favored increased restrictions on game lands. *Further limiting antlered buck harvest to achieve a more balanced buck age structure on all game lands* was the most preferred restrictive option.

Satisfaction and Acceptance to Change

- Respondents reported their degree of satisfaction of the WRC's management of deer, using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is *very unsatisfied*, and 5 is *very satisfied*. Respondents tended to be neither unsatisfied or satisfied with a mean score of 3.16. In comparison, a mean score of 3.63 in the 2006 Deer Hunter Survey indicates a decline in hunter satisfaction.

- Respondents provided their perspective on whether the deer season should be altered by the WRC. Respondents indicated they are willing to make minor (42%) or any (39%) changes necessary to improve herd condition.

Trade-Off Evaluations

- We obtained 25,508 valid responses for the trade-off evaluations portion of the survey.

- Estimation of attribute importance for the sample revealed that gun season length was most important to hunters in each season zone across the state. Statewide, gun season length was 2 times more important than any other attribute.

- Antlerless and antlered bag limits were the next most important attributes to hunters across the state.
- Moving west to east across the state, the importance of gun season length increased while importance of blackpowder season length and bag limits generally decreased.
- The timing of the opening of gun season was the least important attribute to hunters in each zone.
- Examining part-worth utilities revealed that hunters tended to prefer current blackpowder and gun season lengths or desire gun seasons that are two weeks longer.
- Hunters in each season zone preferred a 2-antlered buck bag limit, and to take fewer antlerless deer than are currently allowed.

Management Implications

These results demonstrate there are varied perceptions, expectations, and desires for deer management both across the state and within the same areas of the state. However, hunter satisfaction has declined over the past decade, and the vast majority of hunters are willing to make changes to improve the condition of the deer herd. The choice-modeling results shed light on potential trade-offs hunters could make in hunting opportunities and traditions to achieve what they desire in the state's deer herd, and will be key to development of management options to improve both hunter satisfaction and herd condition.

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Successful deer management relies on the desires of hunters and their willingness to make trade-offs to achieve certain biological outcomes. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) concluded a biological evaluation of the state's deer herd in 2015. Findings indicated that the state's current deer season frameworks are not the best biological fit for the existing deer population. Notable changes to deer management will require understanding and integrating hunter perspectives; however, the WRC last surveyed deer hunters in 2006. This study provided valuable insights into hunter perspectives at that time, but changes in land-use, deer population demographics, and deer hunter demographics have likely led to changes in perceptions, expectations, and values over the last decade. To assess potential changes in deer hunter perspectives about the state's deer management, the WRC administered a county-level quantitative survey of deer hunters. This study had two parts: 1) a focus on hunting experience, perceptions, and desires, and 2) understanding the management trade-offs hunters would make to achieve certain biological outcomes. We present hunter experiences, perceptions, and desires herein.

Methodology

Sampling

We selected a sample of hunters 18 years of age or older from the population of license-exempt and standard Big Game Harvest Report Card (BGHRC) holders during the 2015-2016 hunting season (N=418,020). We employed a stratified sampling strategy to ensure that adult deer hunters were represented in all 100 counties. We sampled a pre-determined number of hunters based on their county of residence to allow the research team to make inferences within ±10% error at 90% confidence at the county level, and ±5% error at 95% confidence at the state, deer season, and biological deer management unit levels. It was assumed that the county of residence would be highly correlated with the defining sampling unit for the survey project, the county where deer management was most important to the hunter. Seven counties required oversampling to meet our sampling goals due to lower than expected survey response rates. Oversampled hunters [n=534] were removed from statewide mean scores. We provided each hunter a unique access code needed to complete a web-based survey using SSI Web 8.4.8 (Sawtooth Software, Orem, UT). Respondents were invited to complete the survey three times by email (n=109,535), push-to-web postcard (n=60,161), or both email and postcard (n=27,074) between the months of July and September 2016. Refusals, mail returns, and deceased participant responses were removed from our analyses.

- We received 33,750 valid survey responses for an overall response rate of 17%.

- We examined differences between postcard and email respondents, and noted no difference in responses to the majority of questions. Statistically significant differences occurred in responses to 2 of 23 questions examined; however, the magnitude of these differences were small, overall response tendencies were similar, and final summary results were not affected.

Reponses Rate, Non-Response Check, and Modes of Contact Comparison. To account for potential coverage bias, we mailed 1,000 non-response mail surveys, and then compared responses between samples.

- We received 152 responses for the non-response check for a 15% response rate.

- Non-respondents hunted slightly less and were generally more satisfied with WRC management than respondents. However, closer inspection of mean responses to questions with management implications did not indicate any differences from survey respondents.

- The most common reasons for not participating in the study were: "Forgot to get around to it" (33%), "Didn't receive invitation" (25%), and "Do not deer hunter" (20%). Only 6% indicated they did not respond due to lack of access to a device or internet.

Sampling Accuracy and Precision

- Despite sampling design differences between the 2006 and 2016 surveys, both surveys provide comparable estimates with each other and provide statistically representative estimates of deer hunter's opinions across the state.

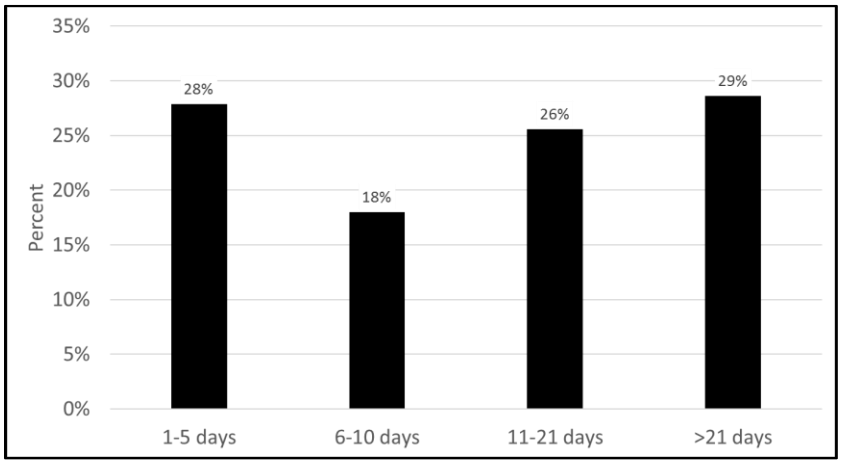
- Sampling error for the overall sample and each season zone were:

	Sampling Error	N	n
Statewide	0.51%	418,020	33,750
Eastern	0.76%	176,537	15,355
Central	1.04%	96,672	8,146
Northwestern	1.39%	62,731	4,577
Western	1.46%	62,53	4,184

Note: N=total population of hunters with a Big Game Harvest Report Card in 2015-2016.
Note: n=count of valid survey responses.

- Standard error of the statewide mean response is < 0.025 for all questions.

Results



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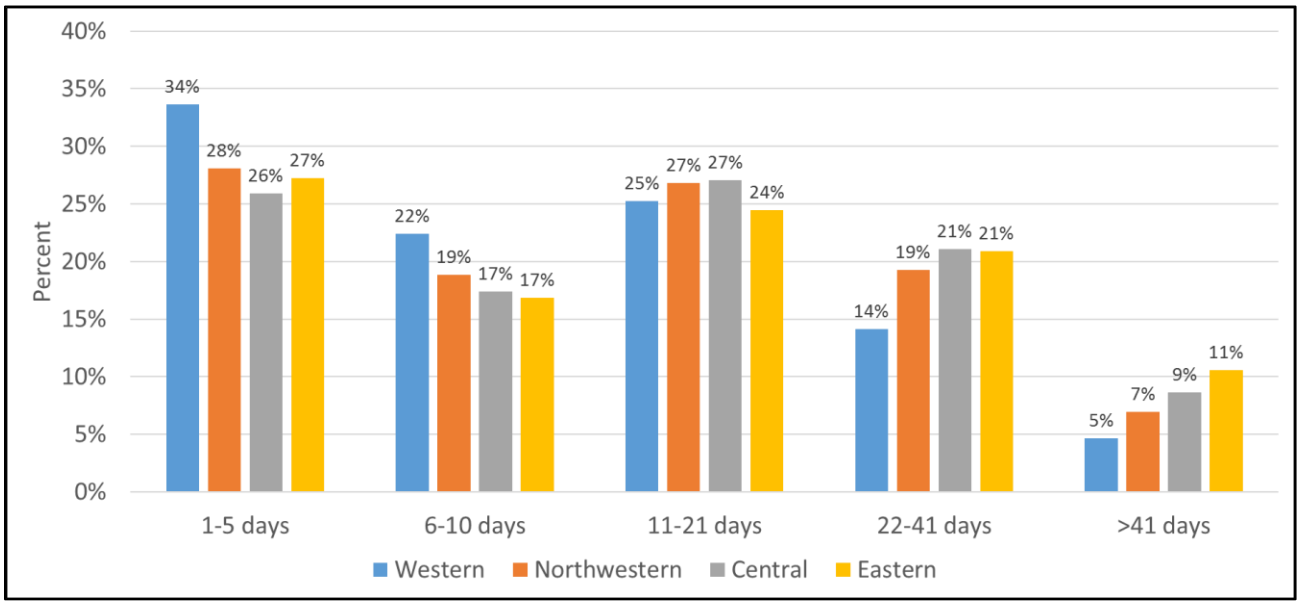

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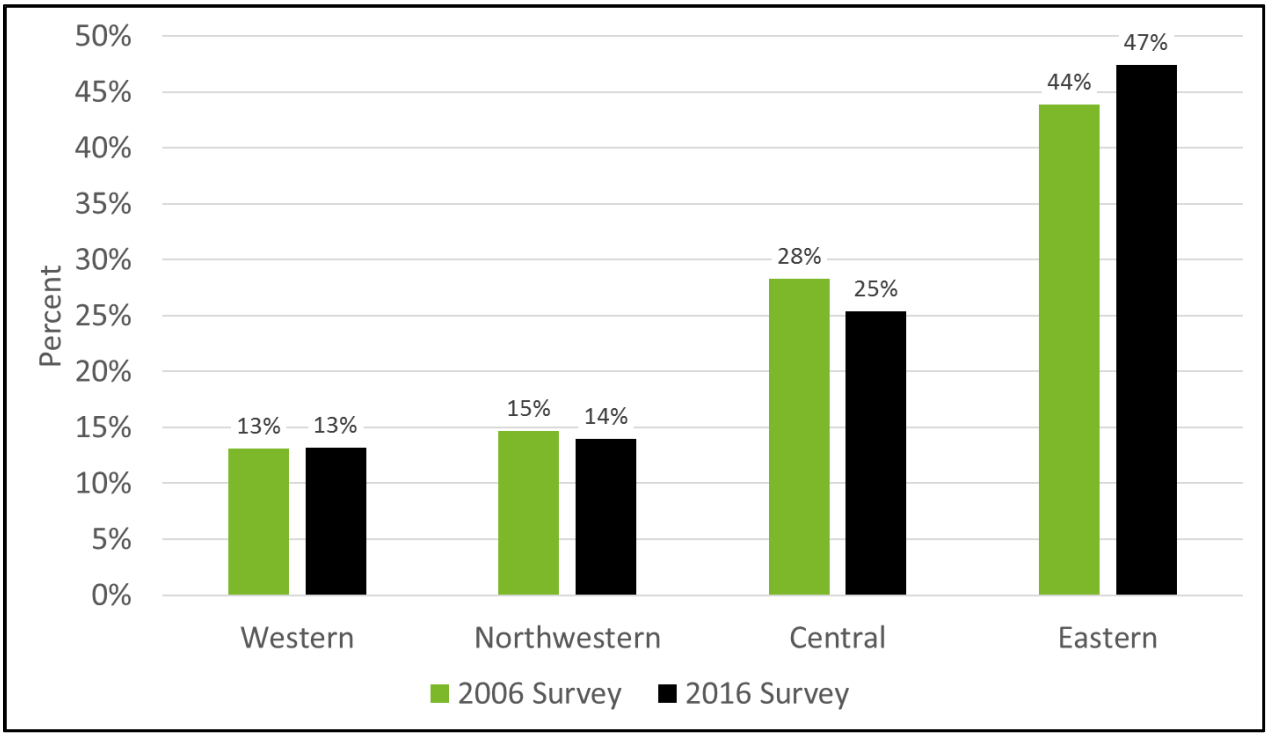

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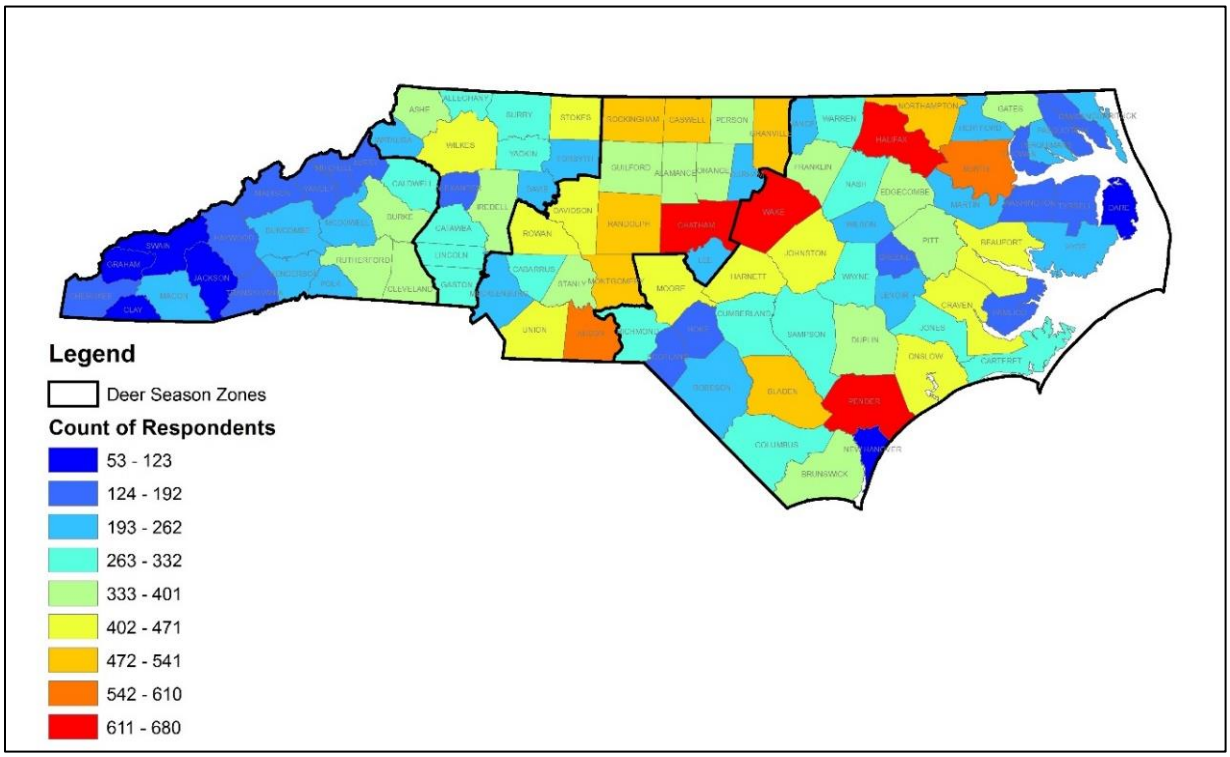

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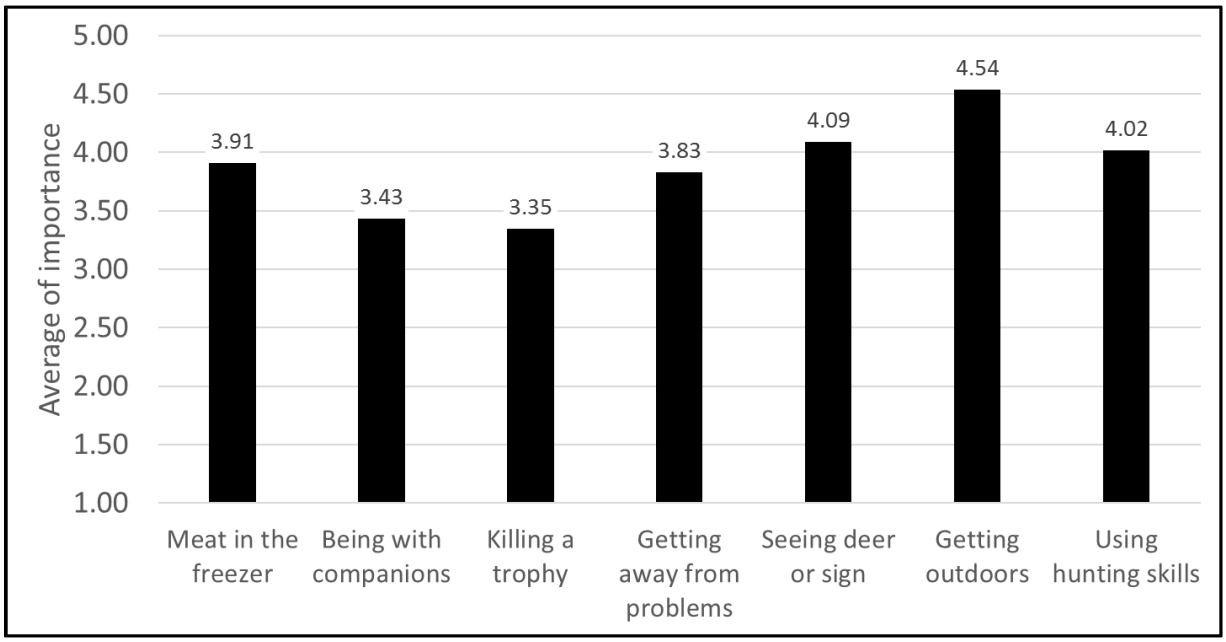

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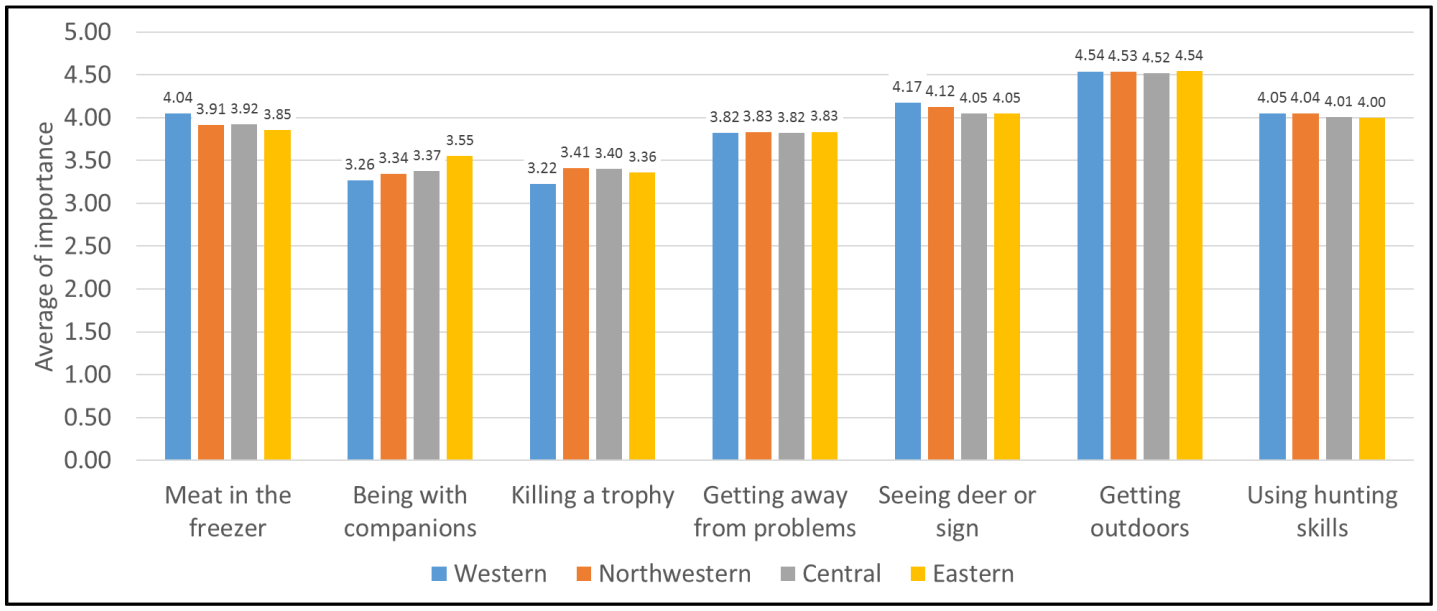

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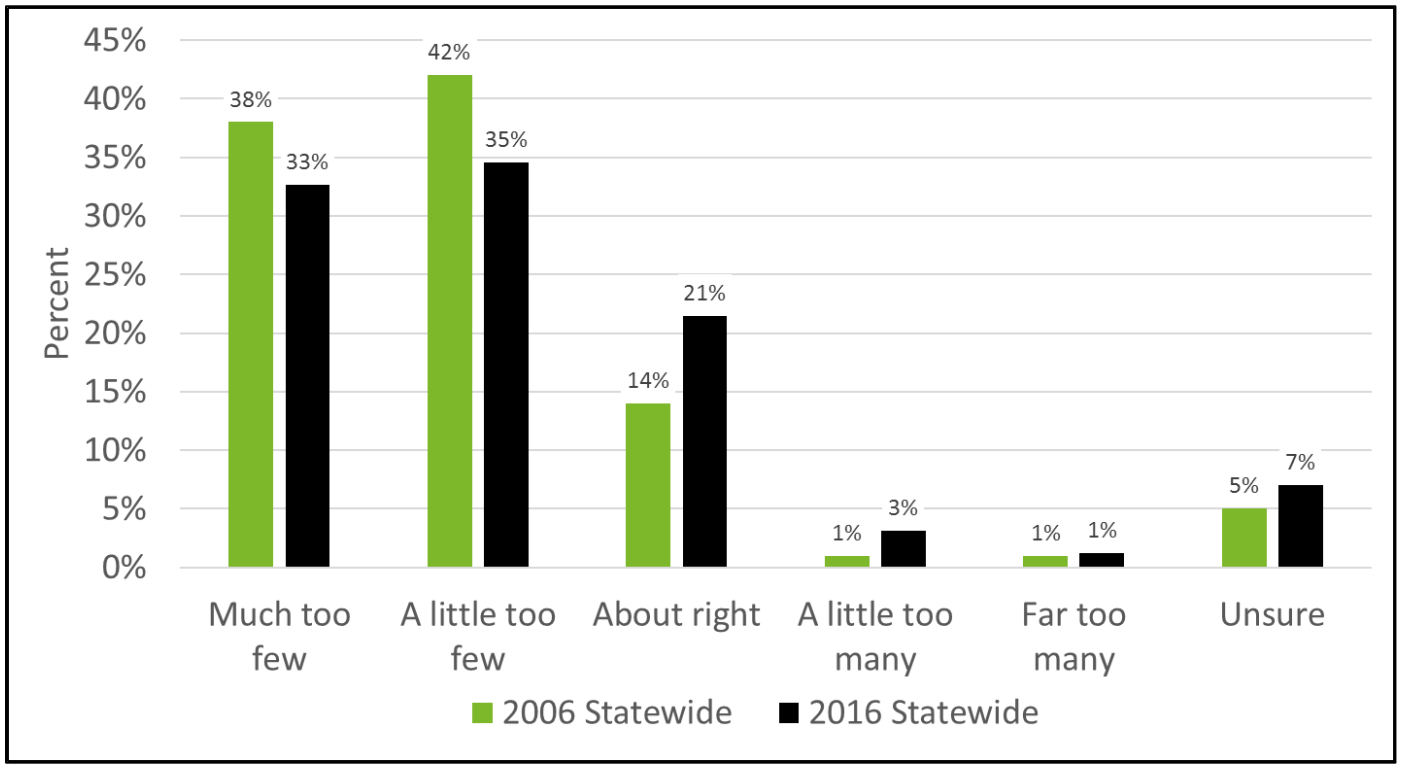

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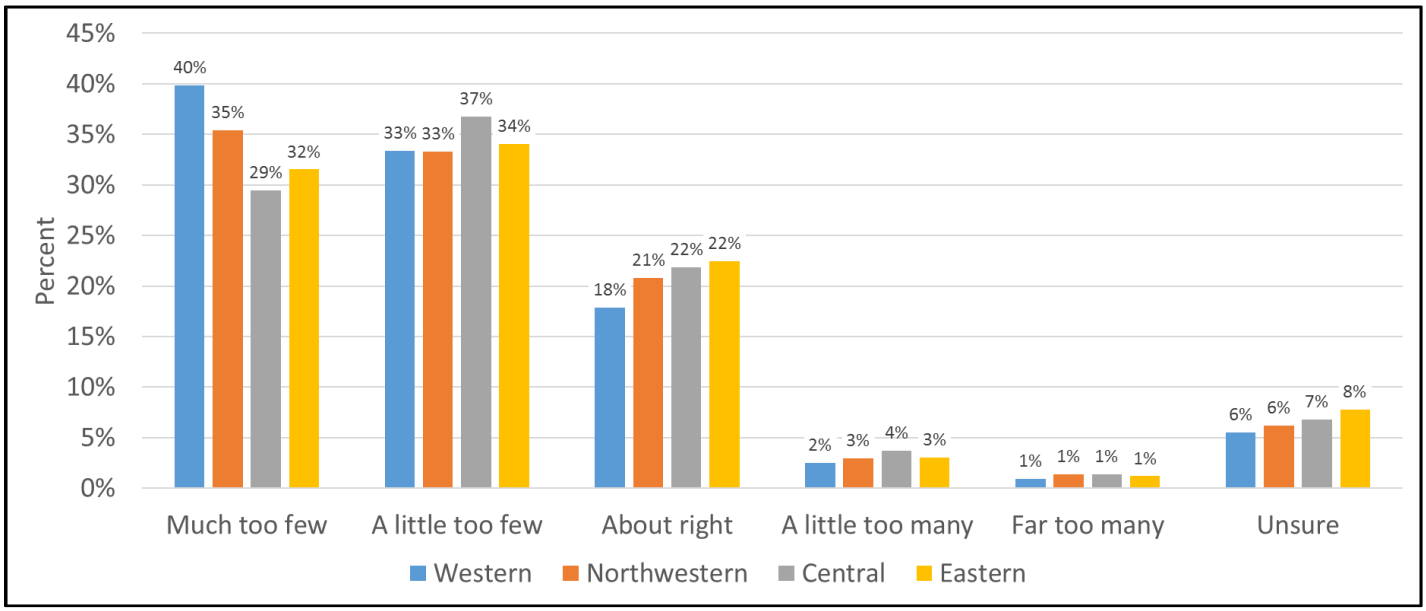

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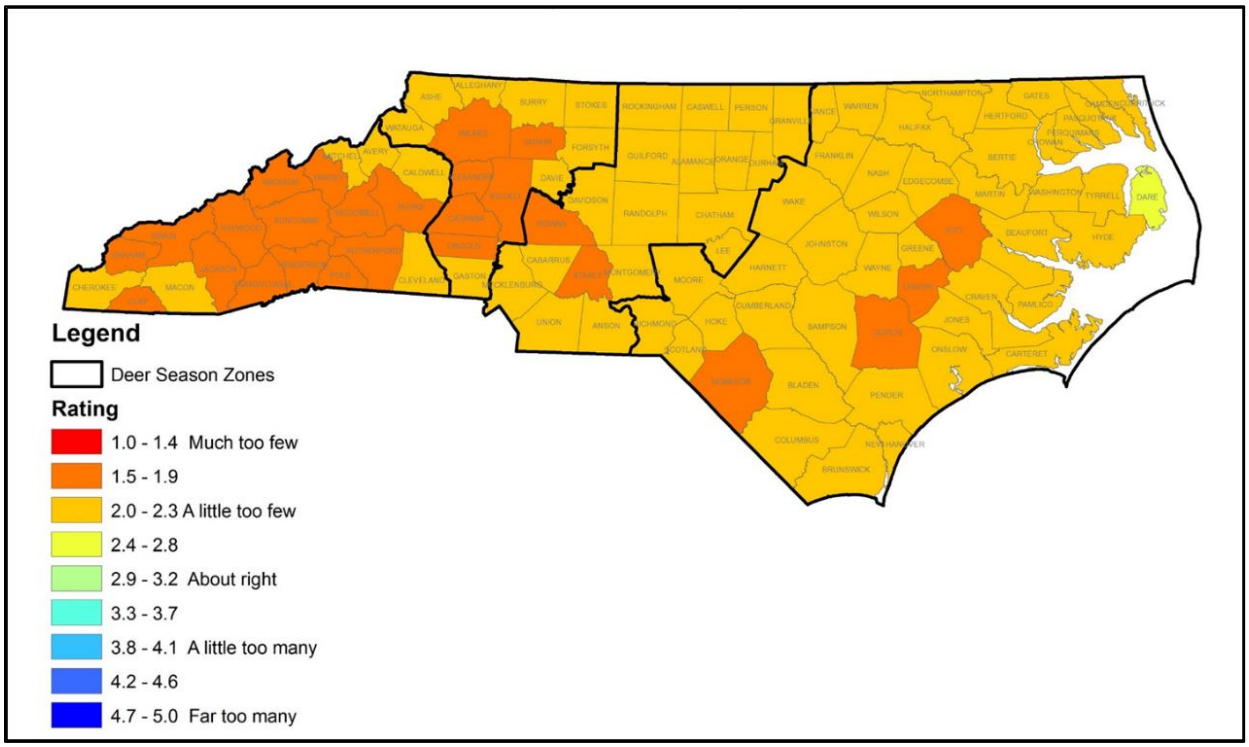

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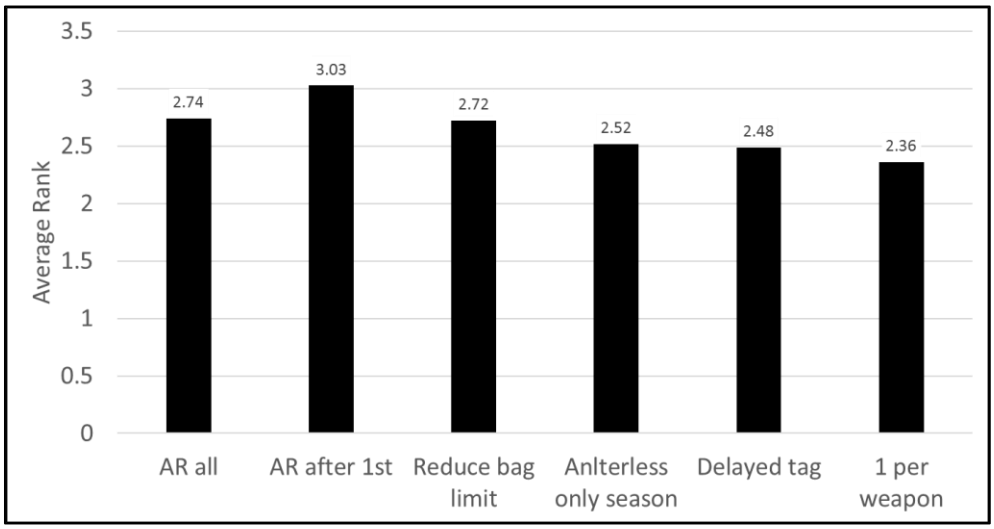

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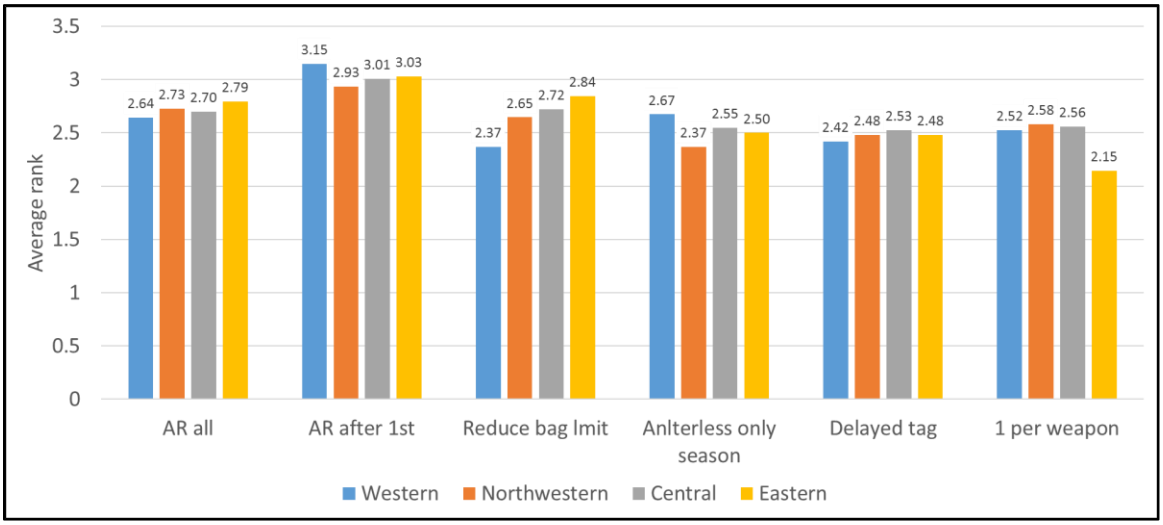

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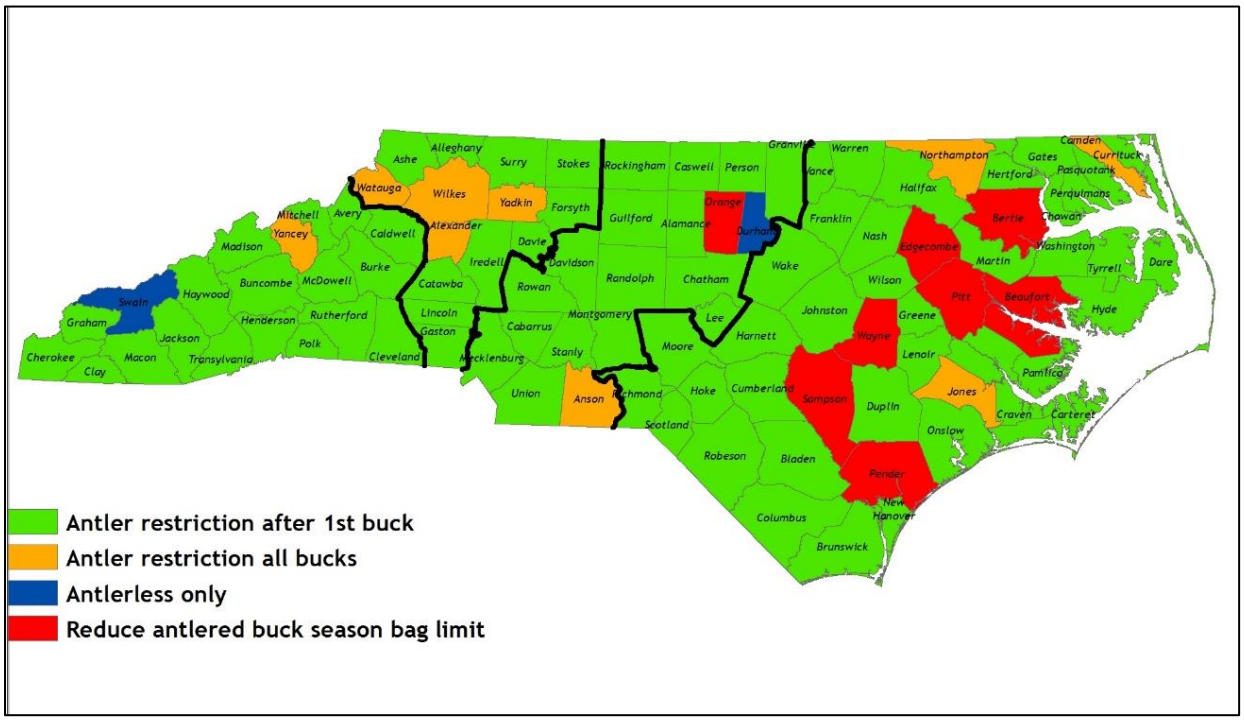

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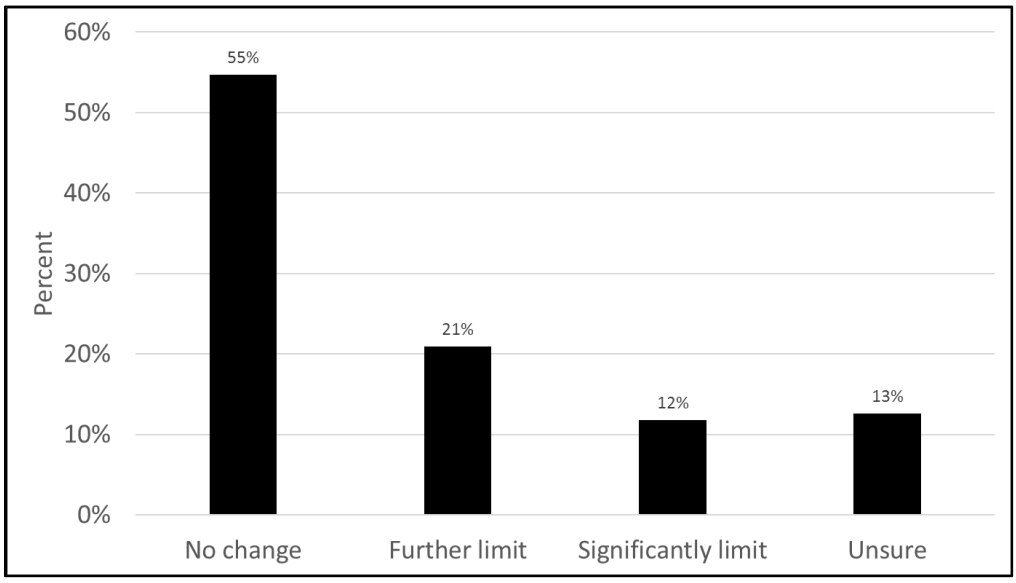

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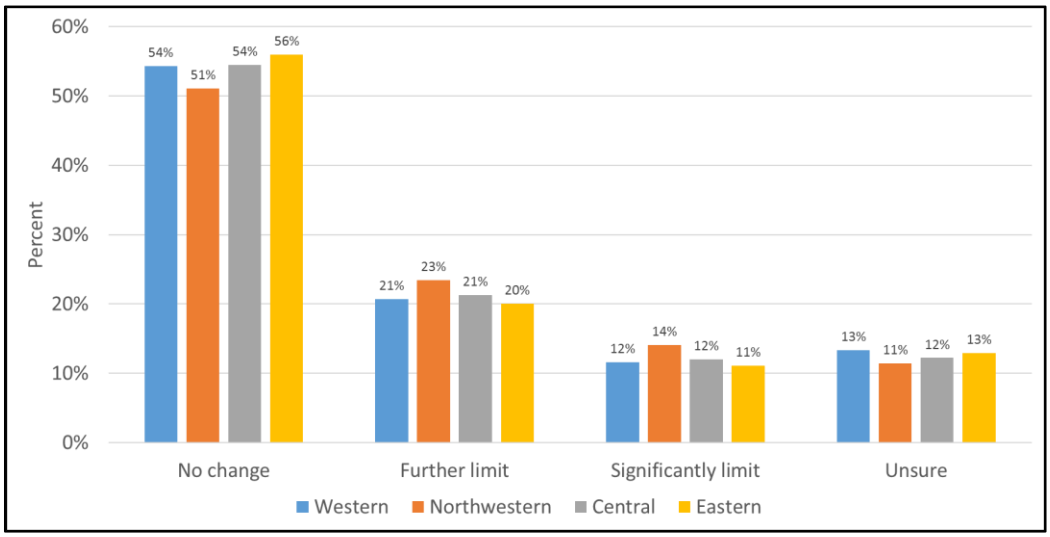

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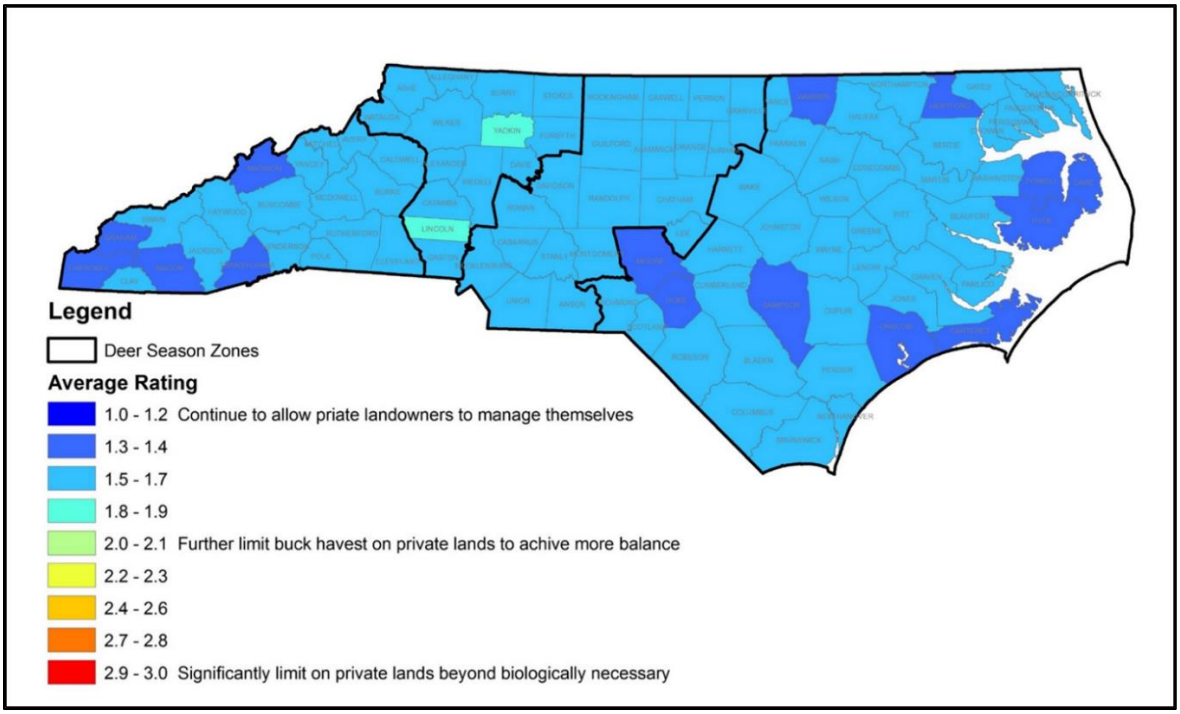

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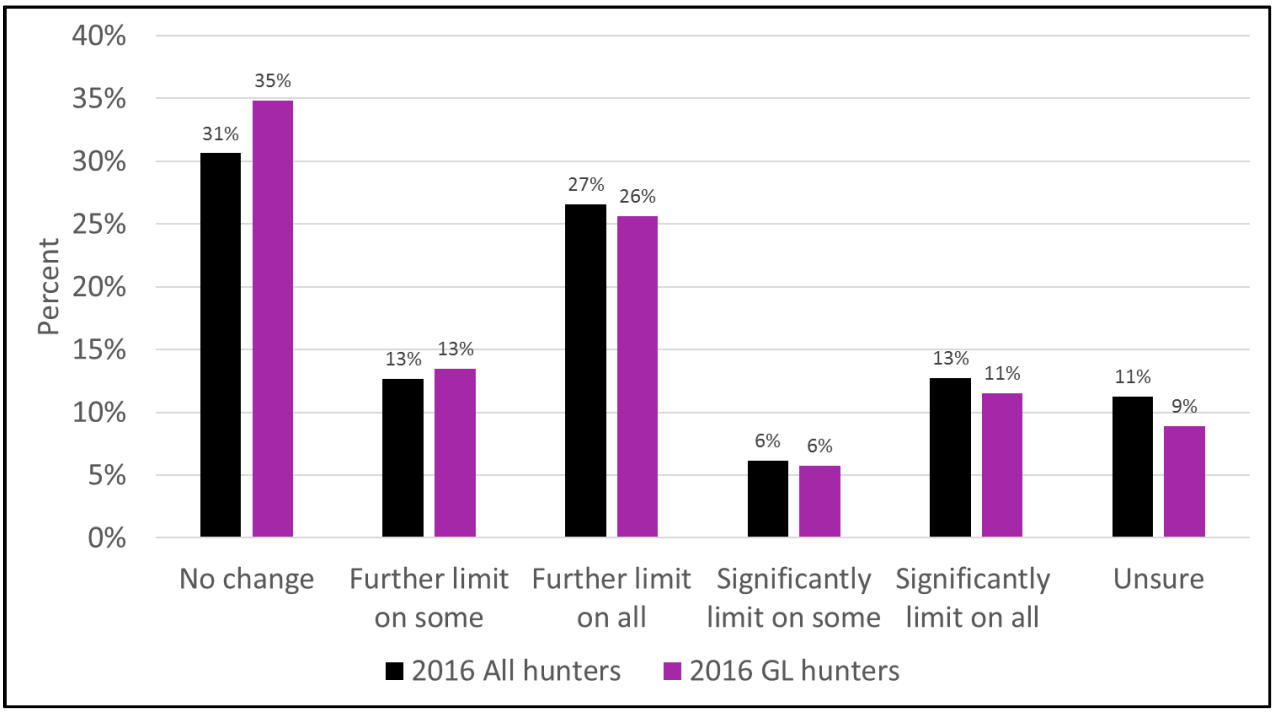

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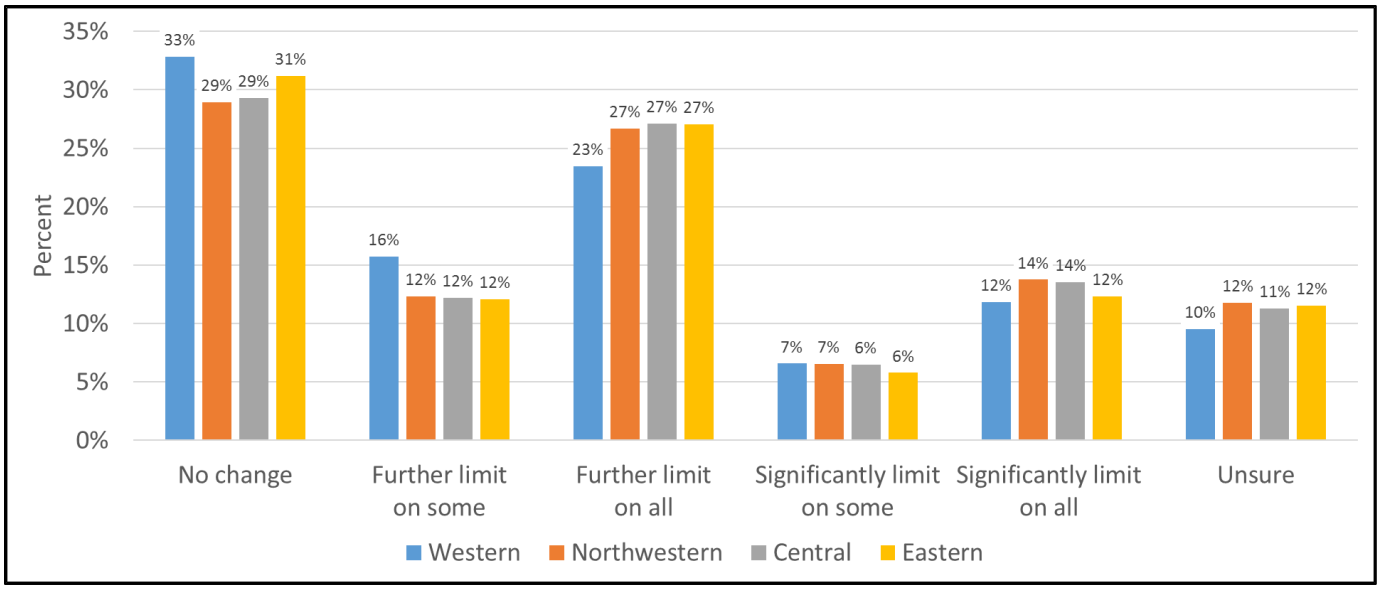

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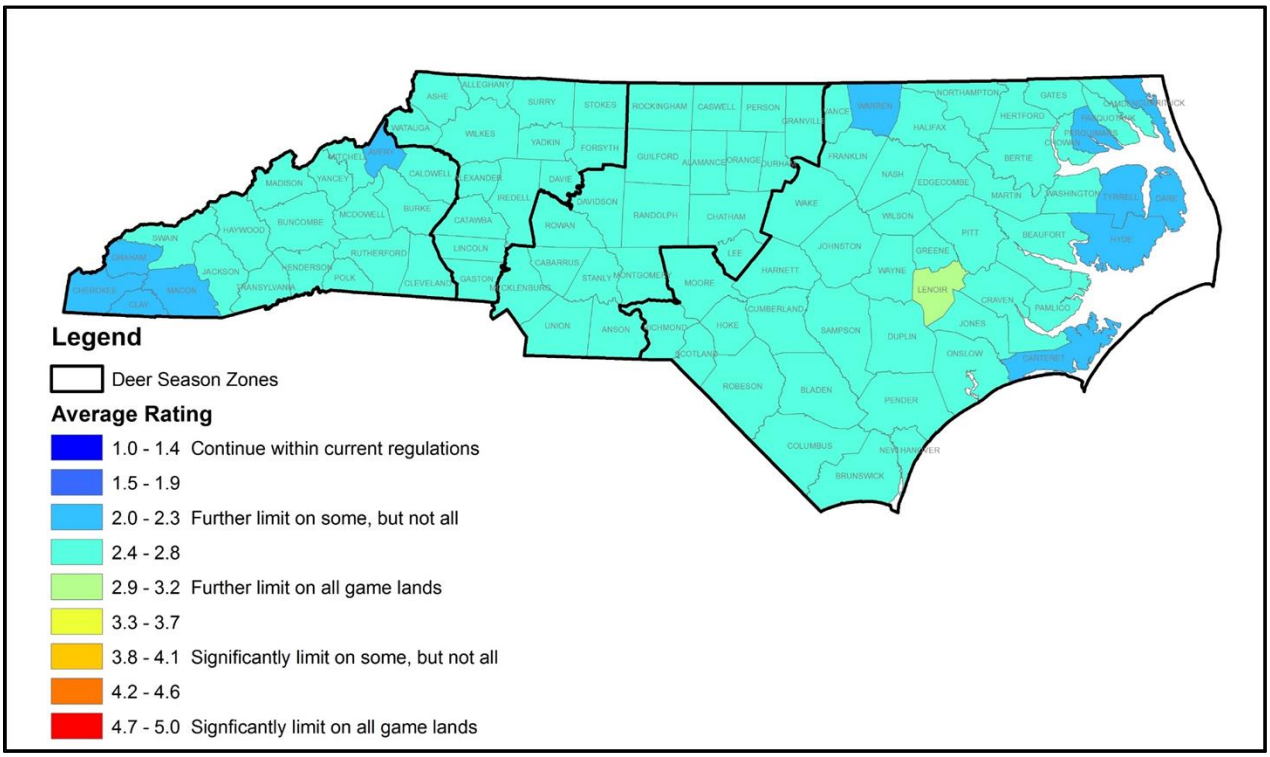

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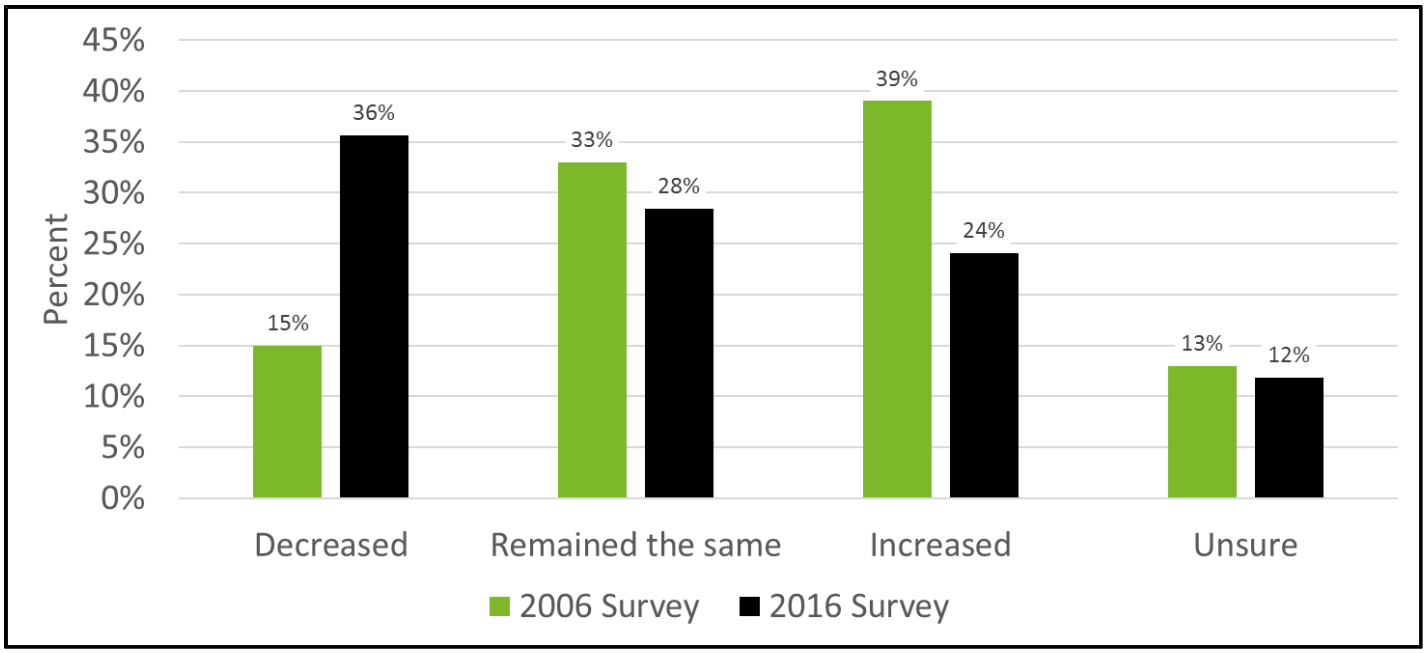

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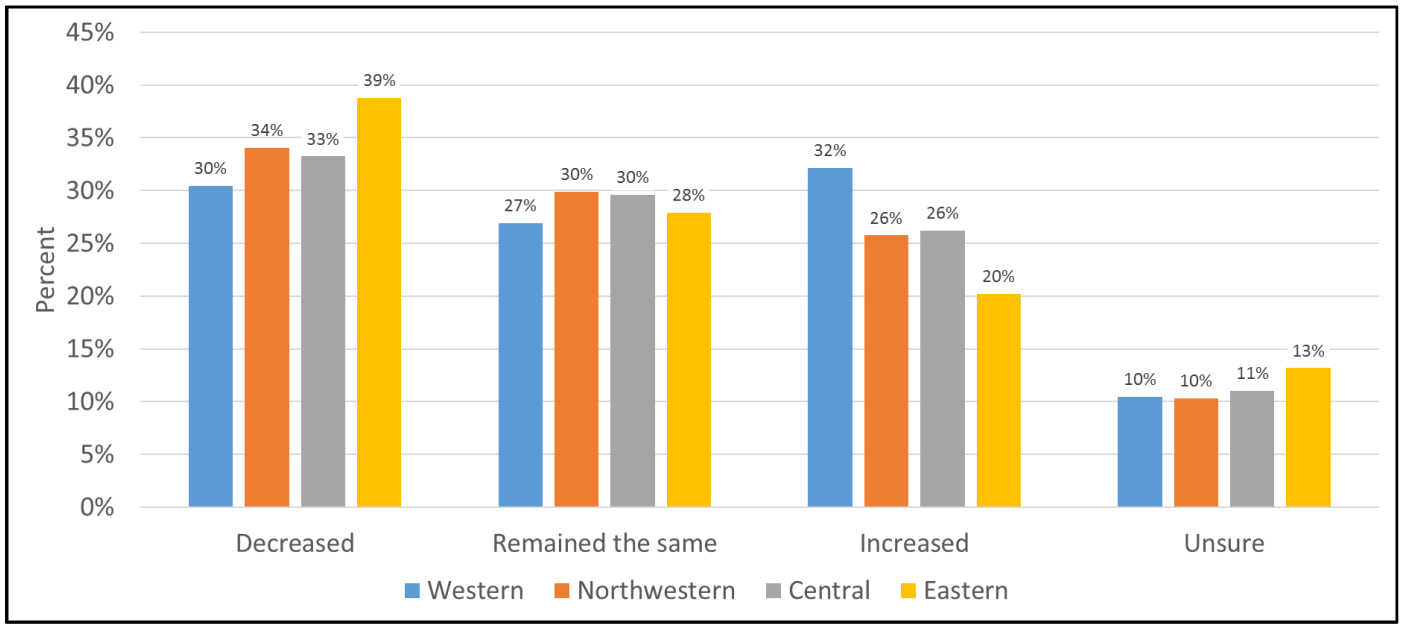

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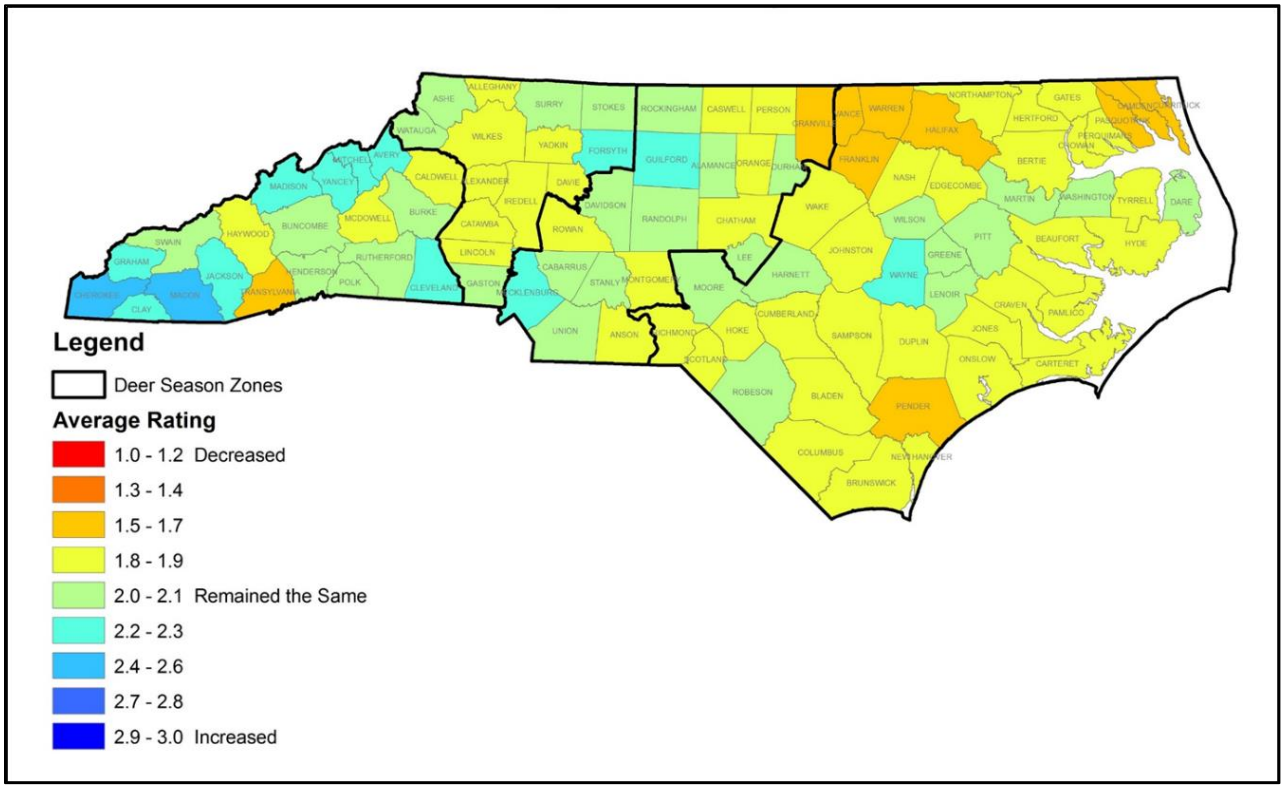

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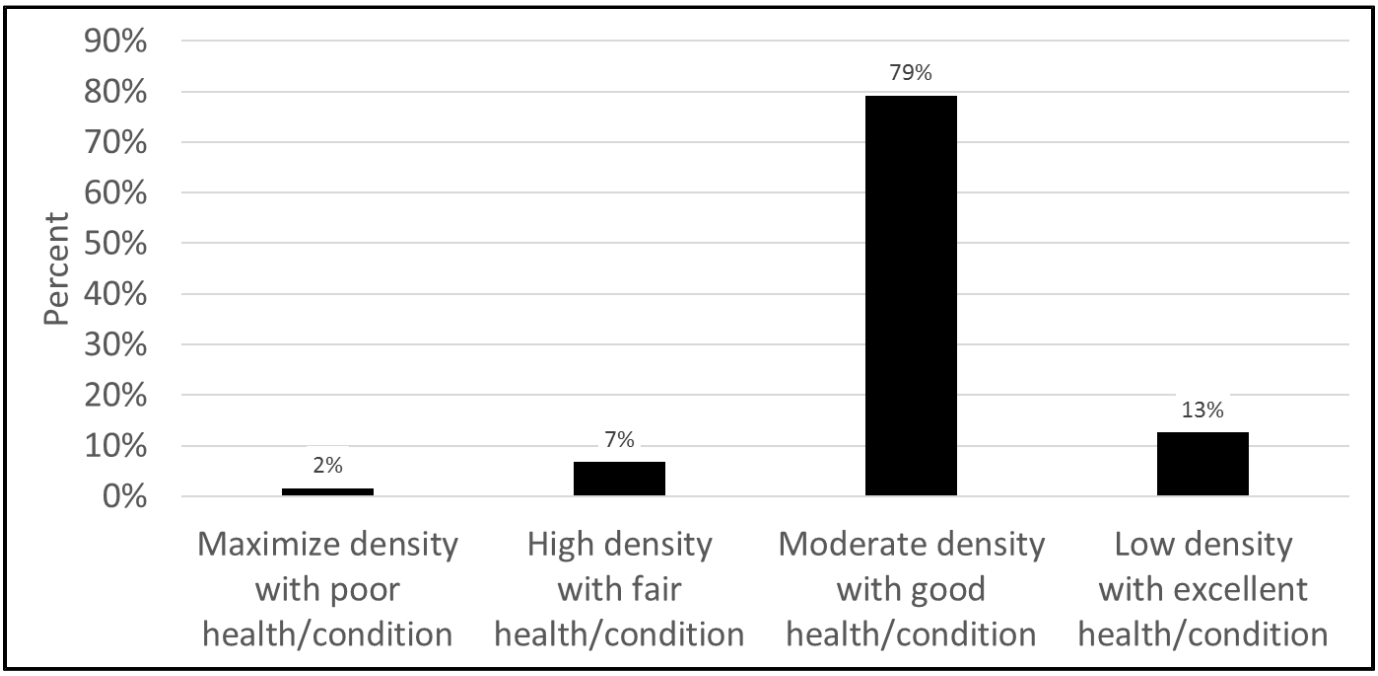

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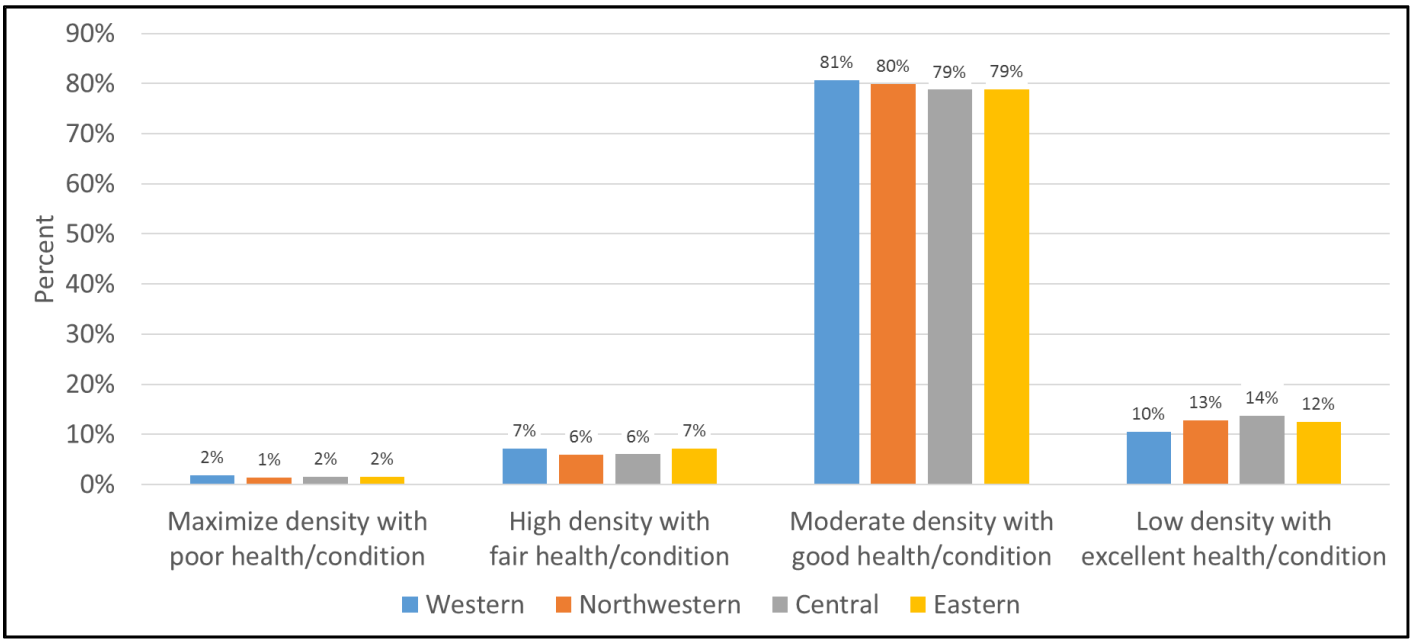

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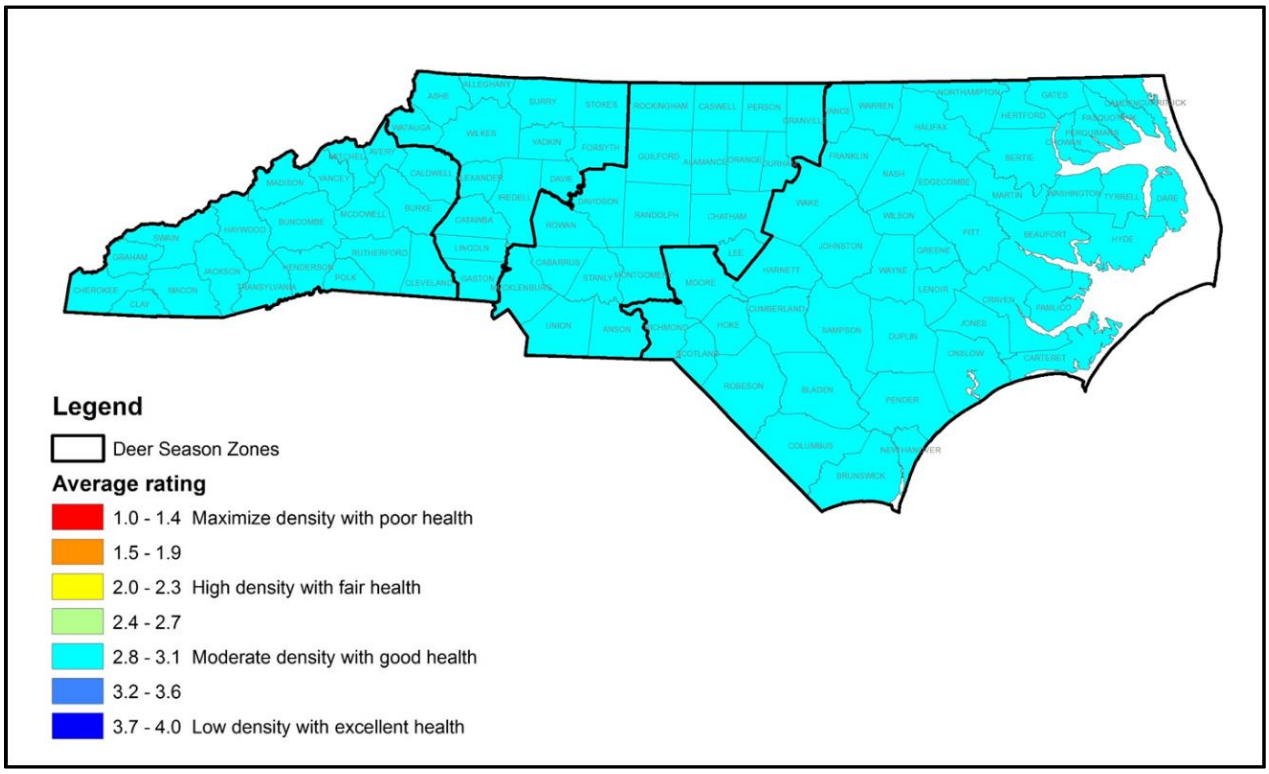

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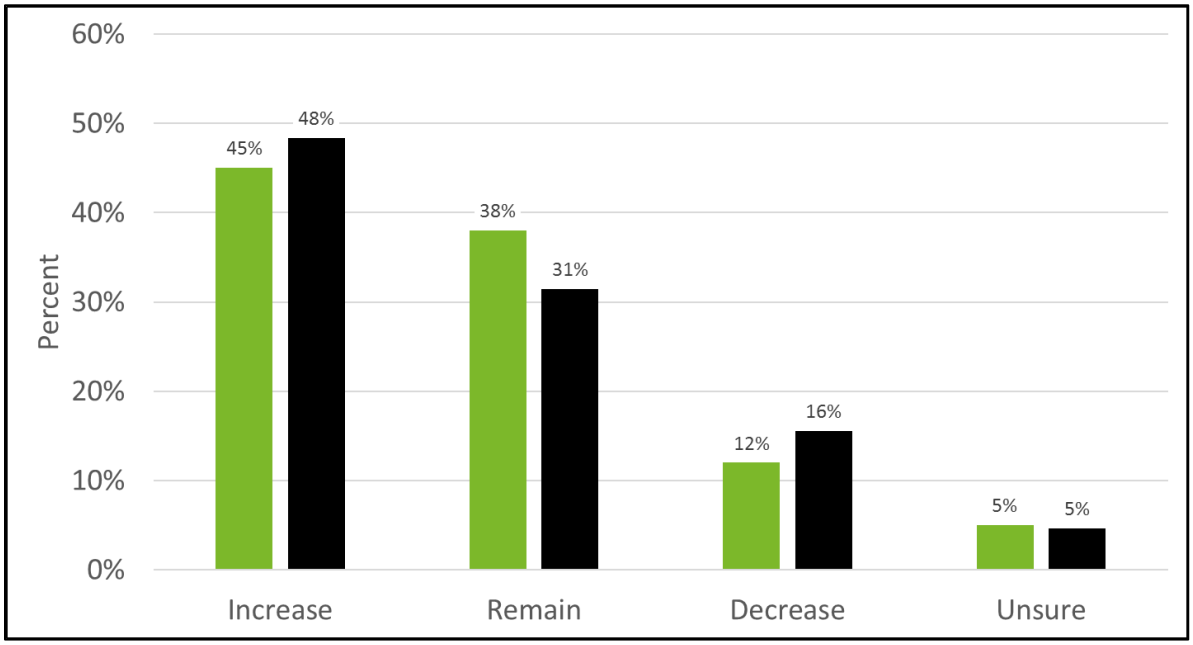

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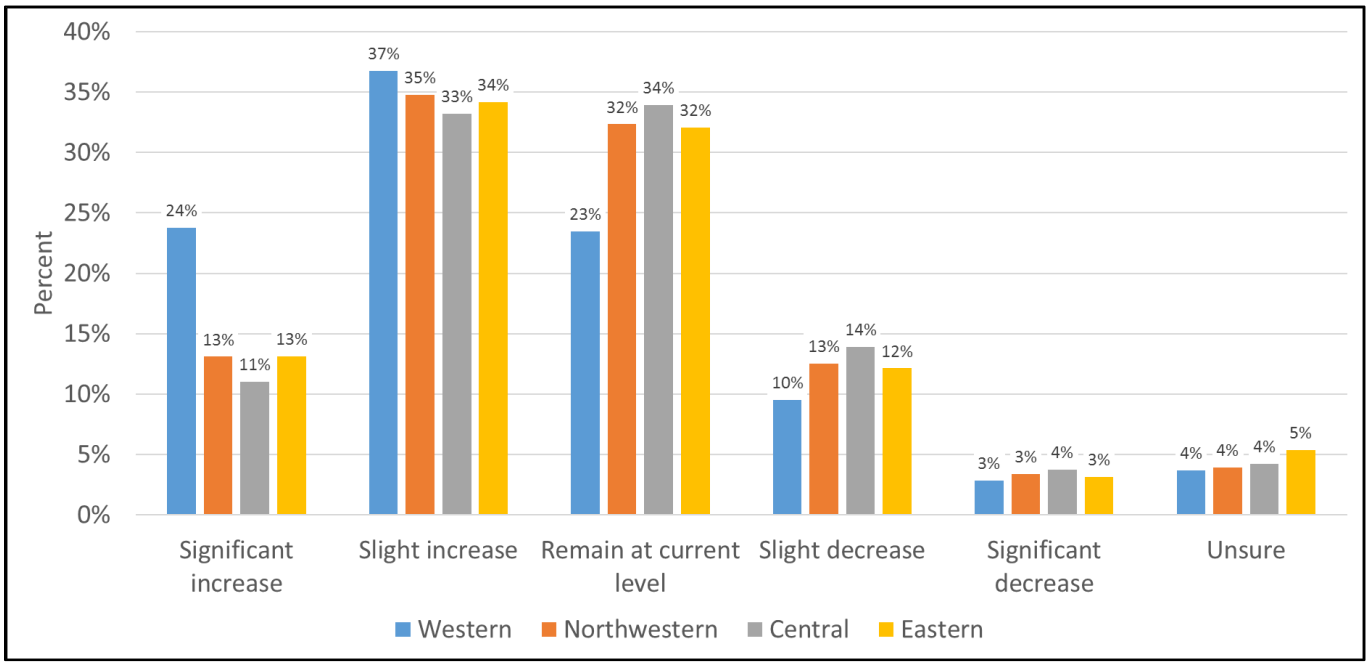

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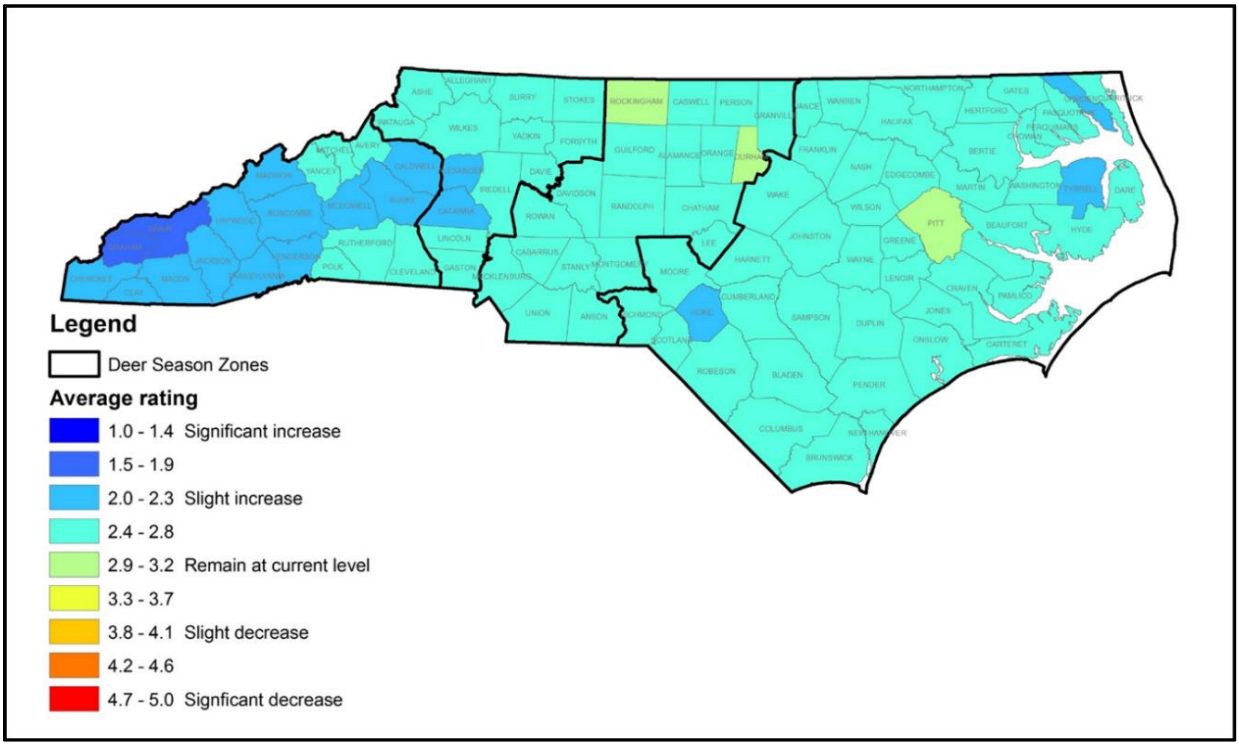

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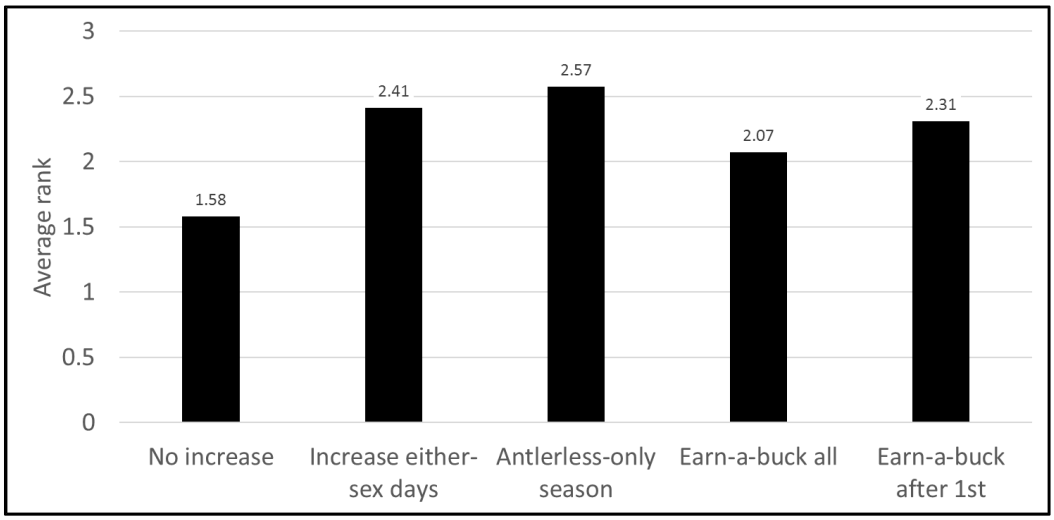

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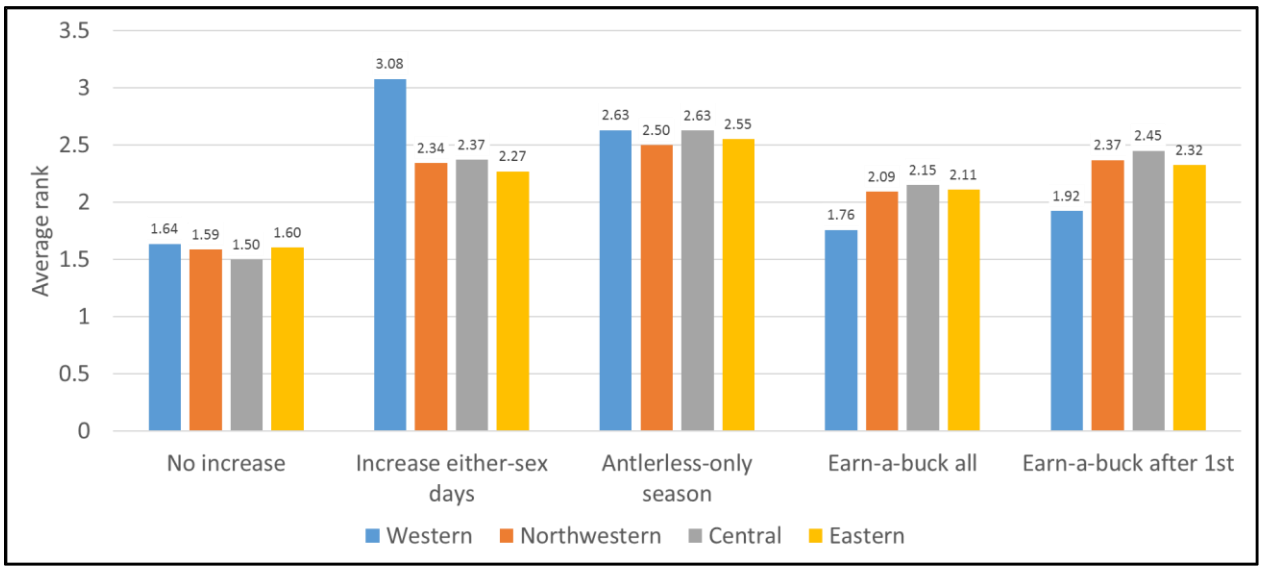

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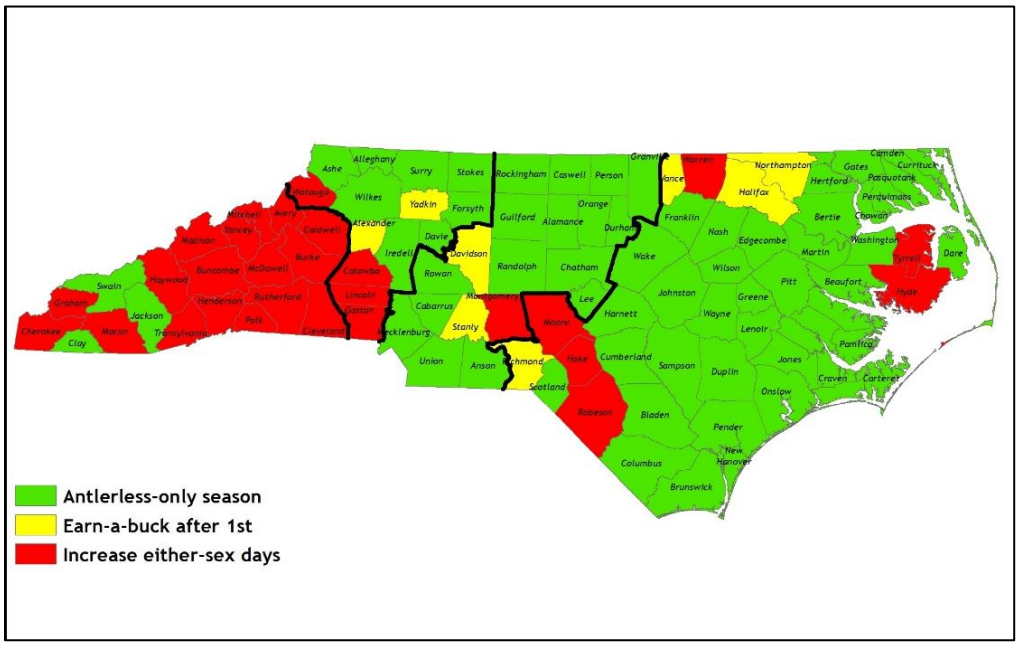

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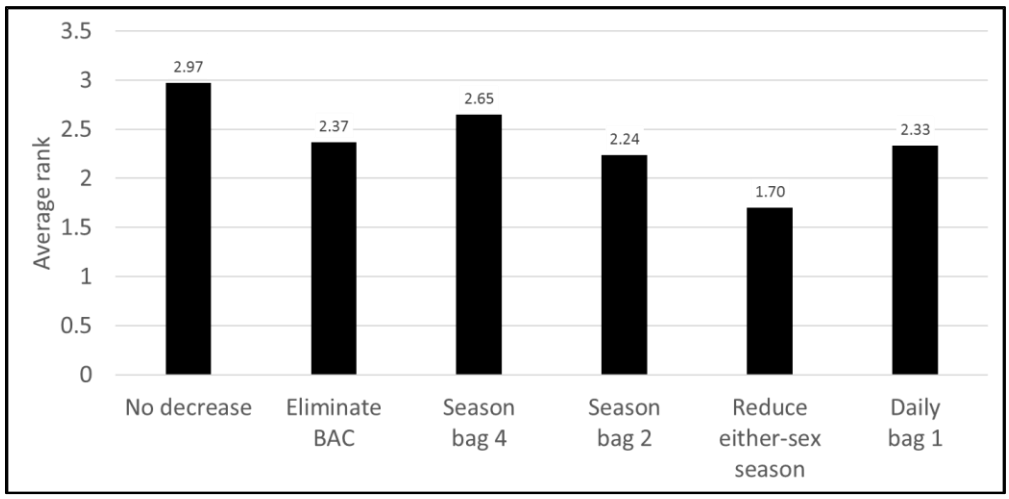

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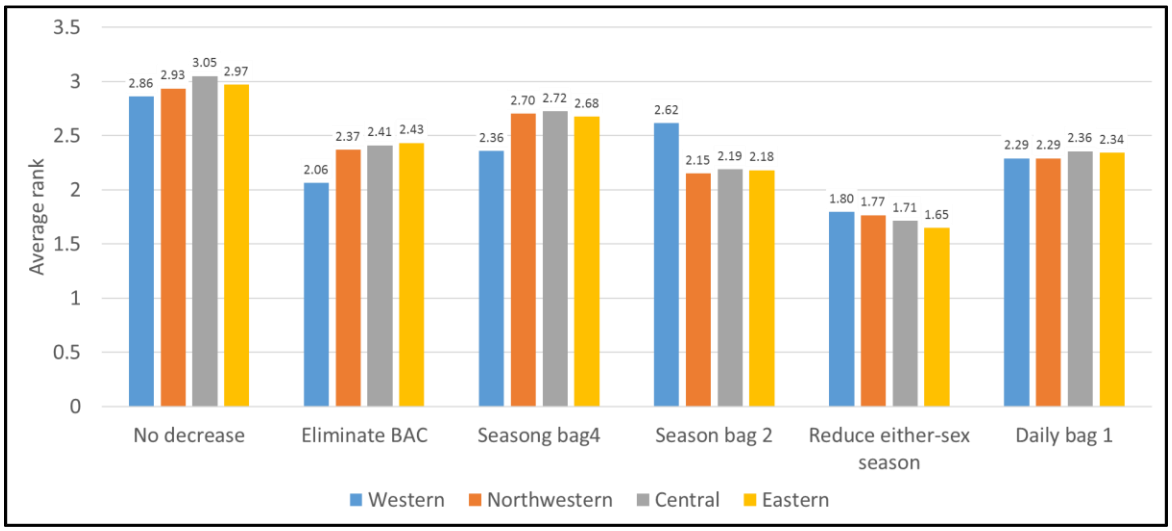

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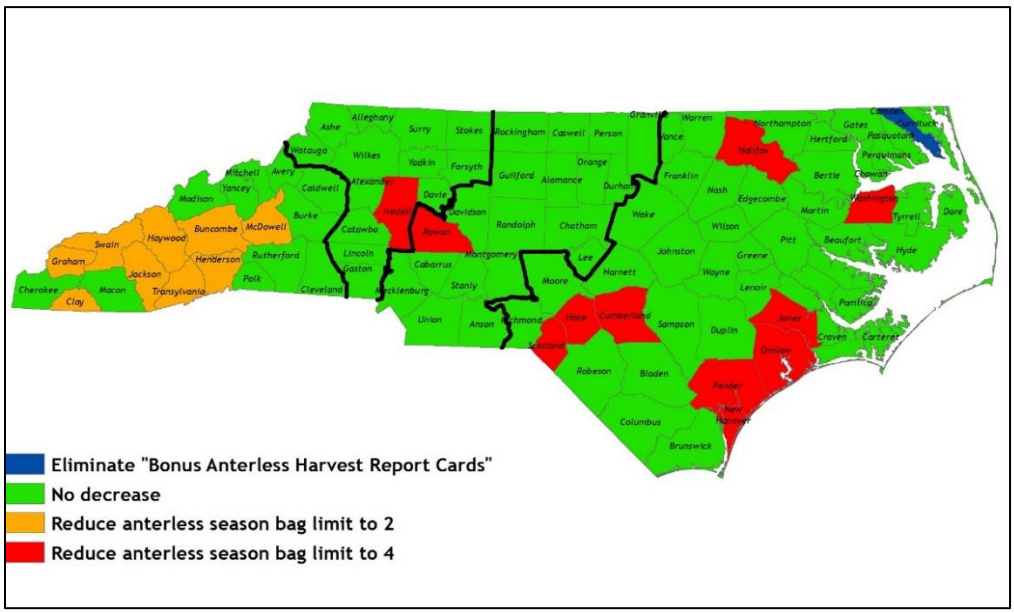

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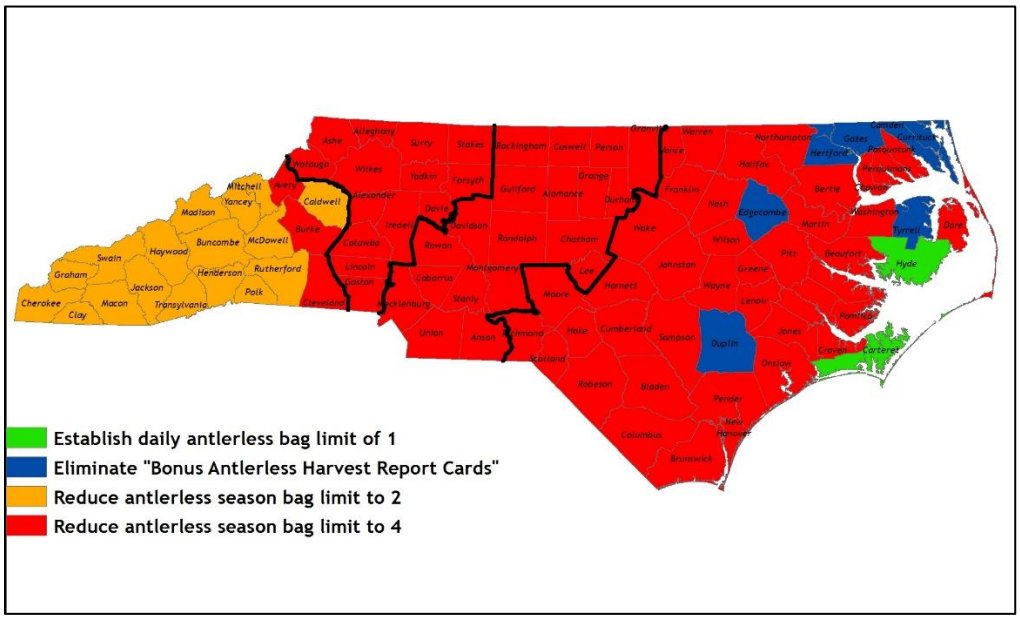

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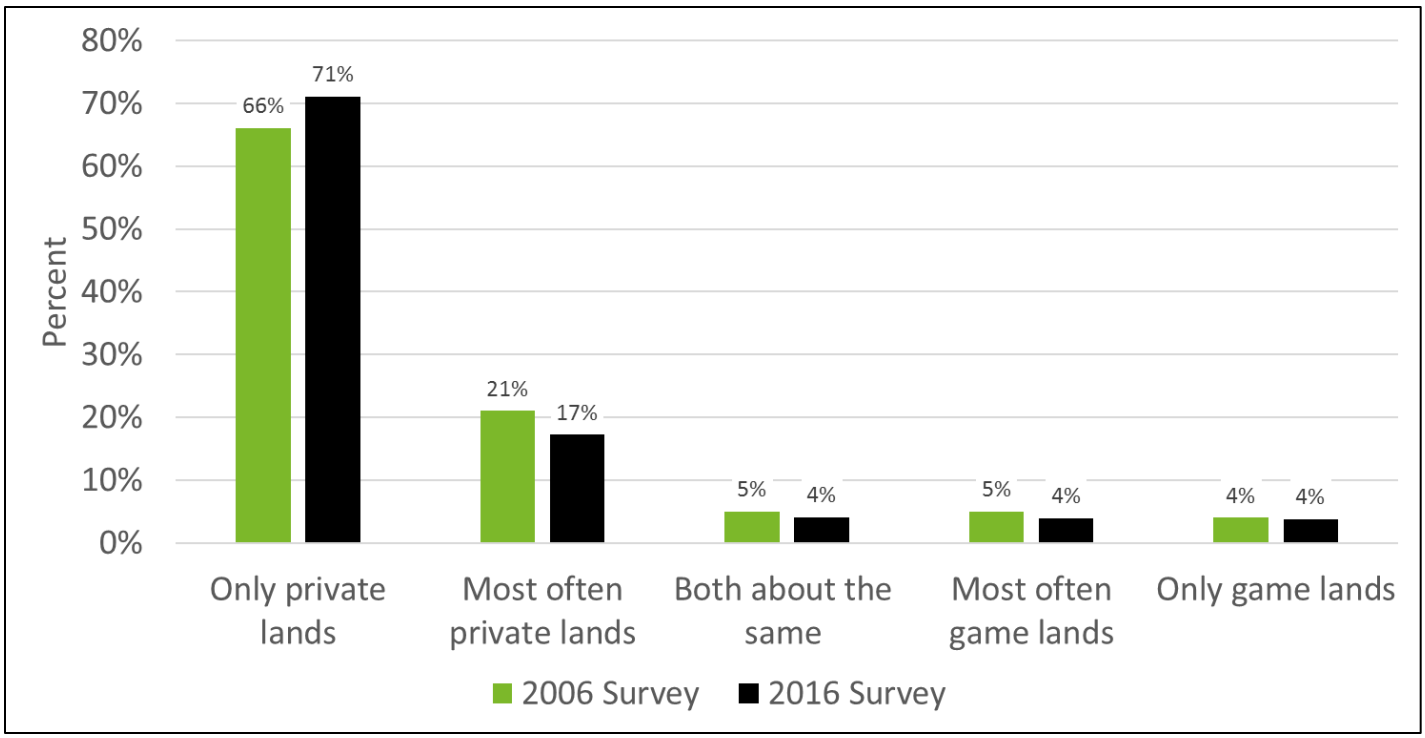

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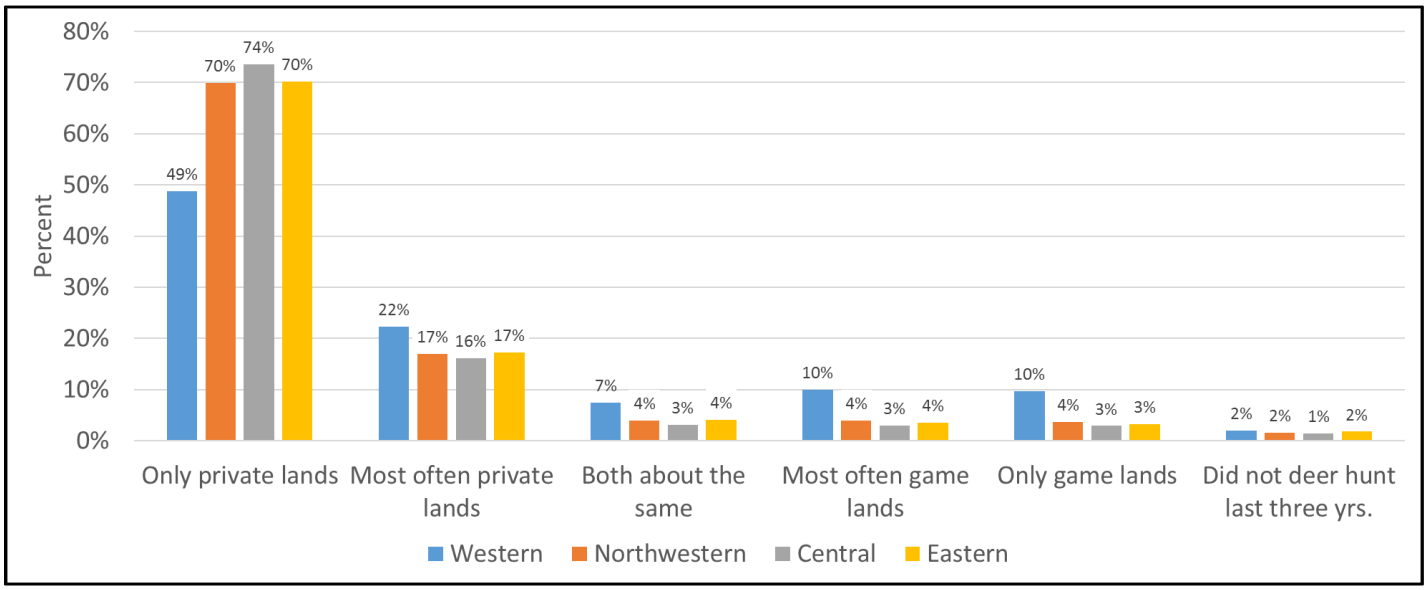

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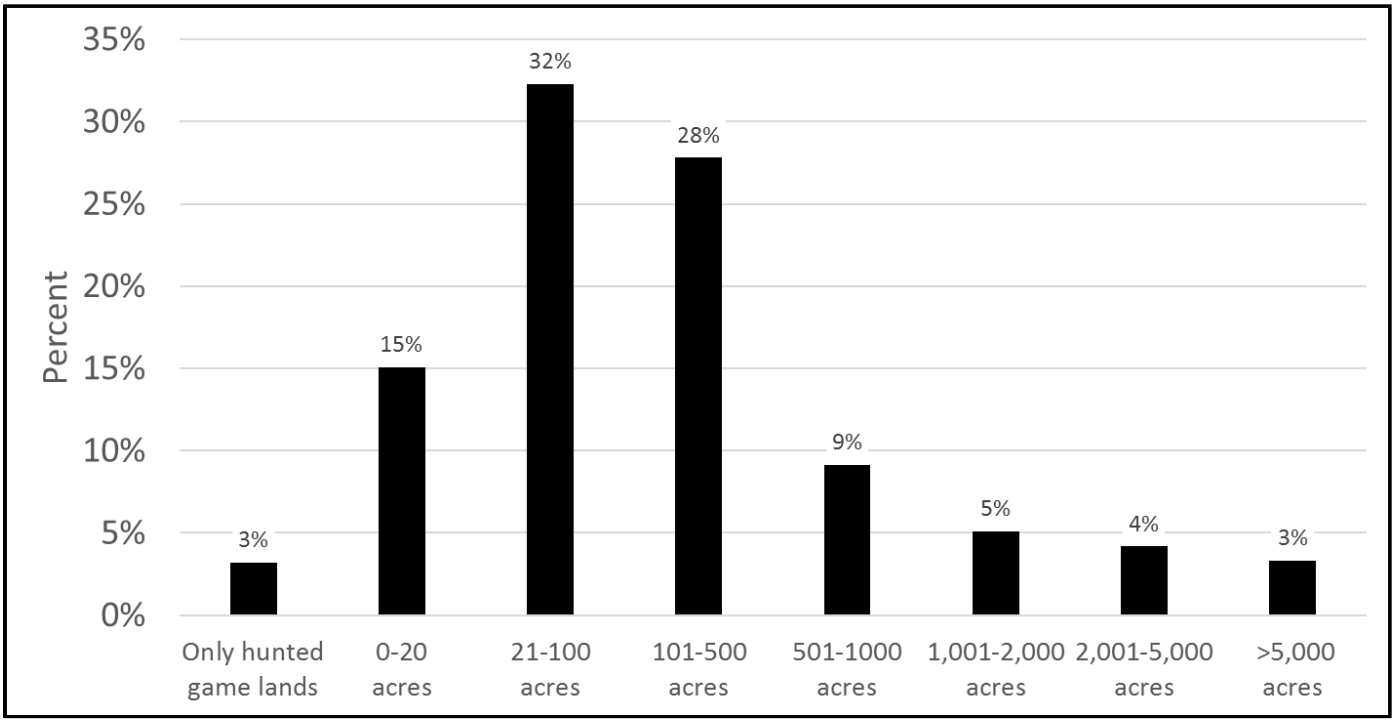

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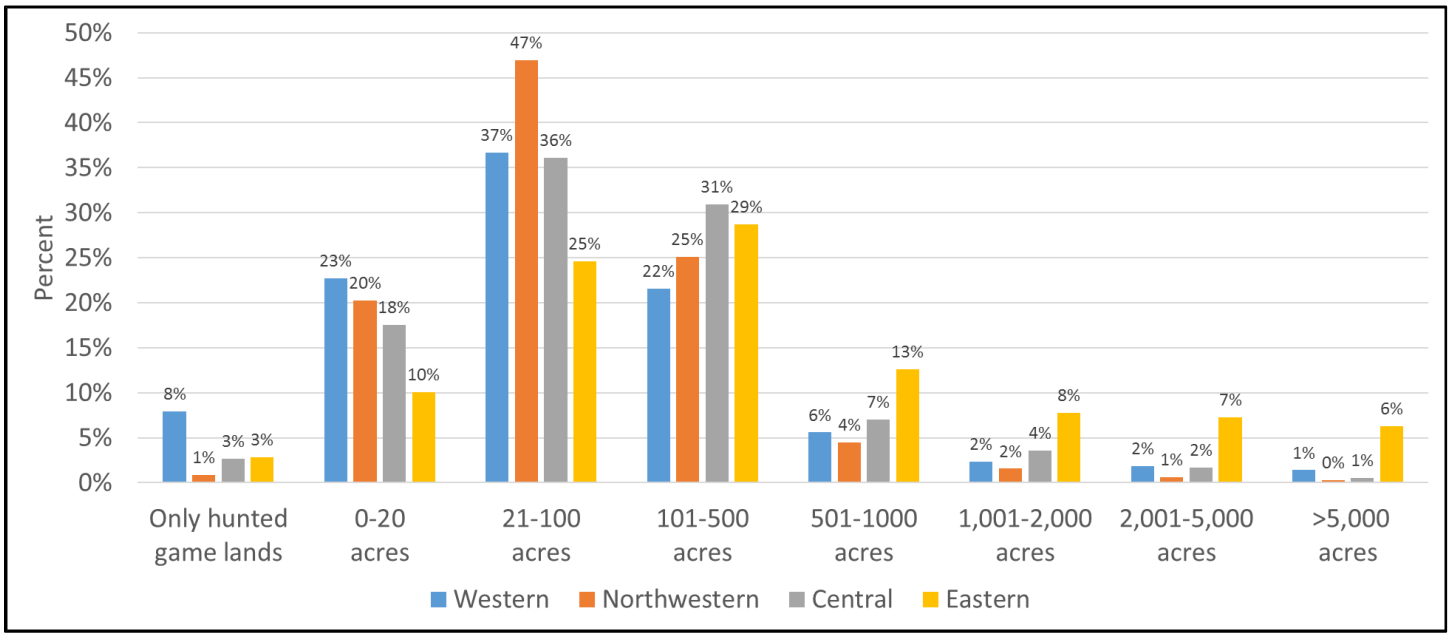

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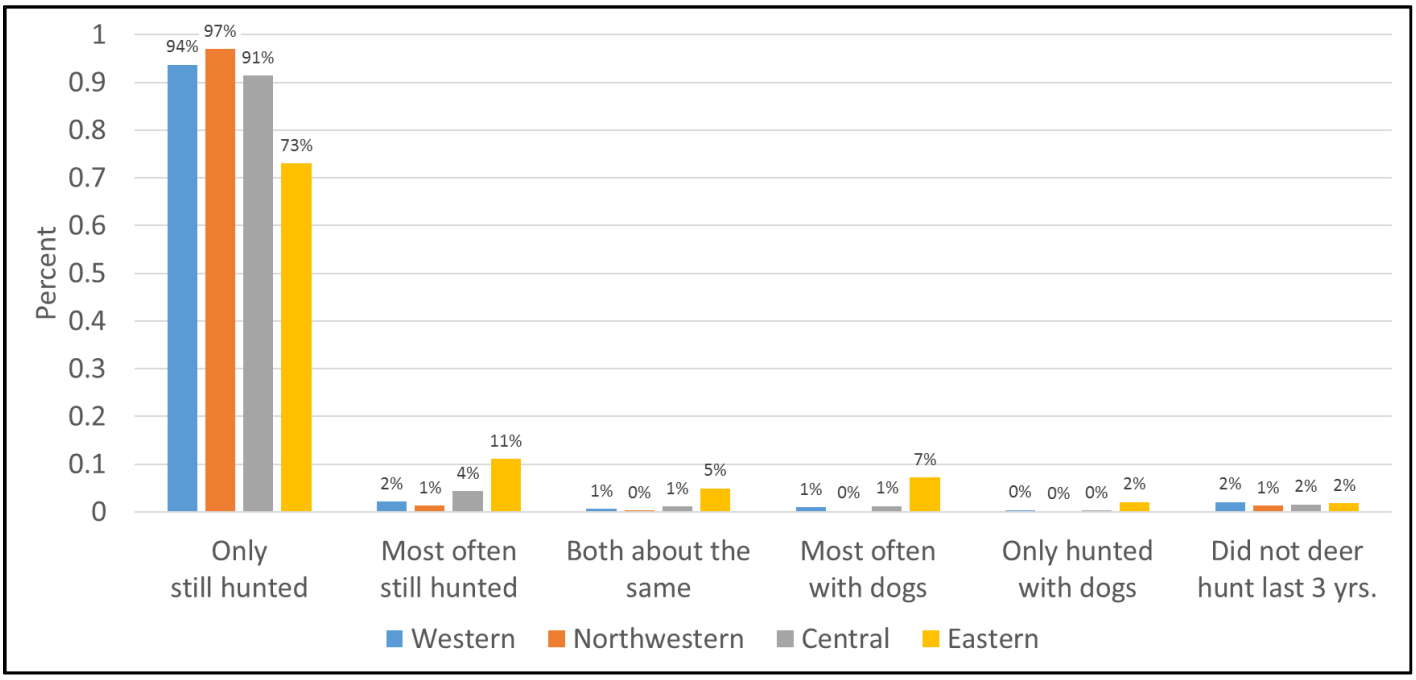

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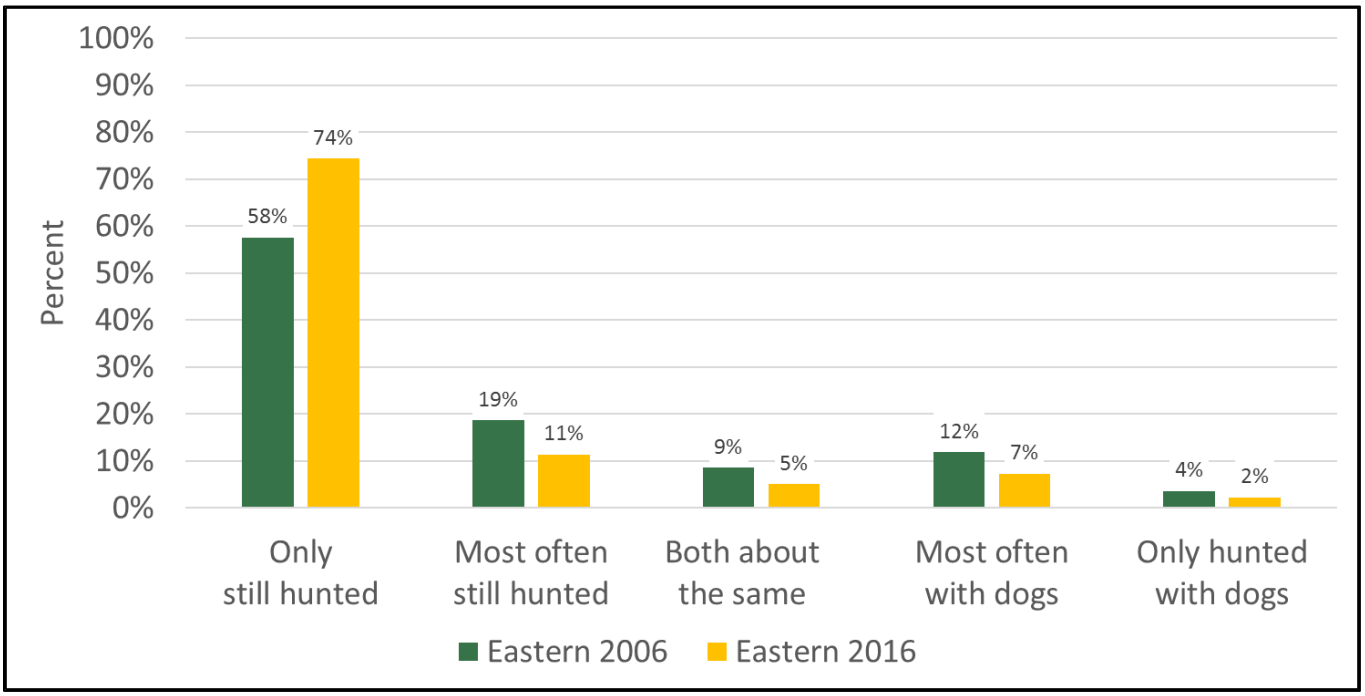

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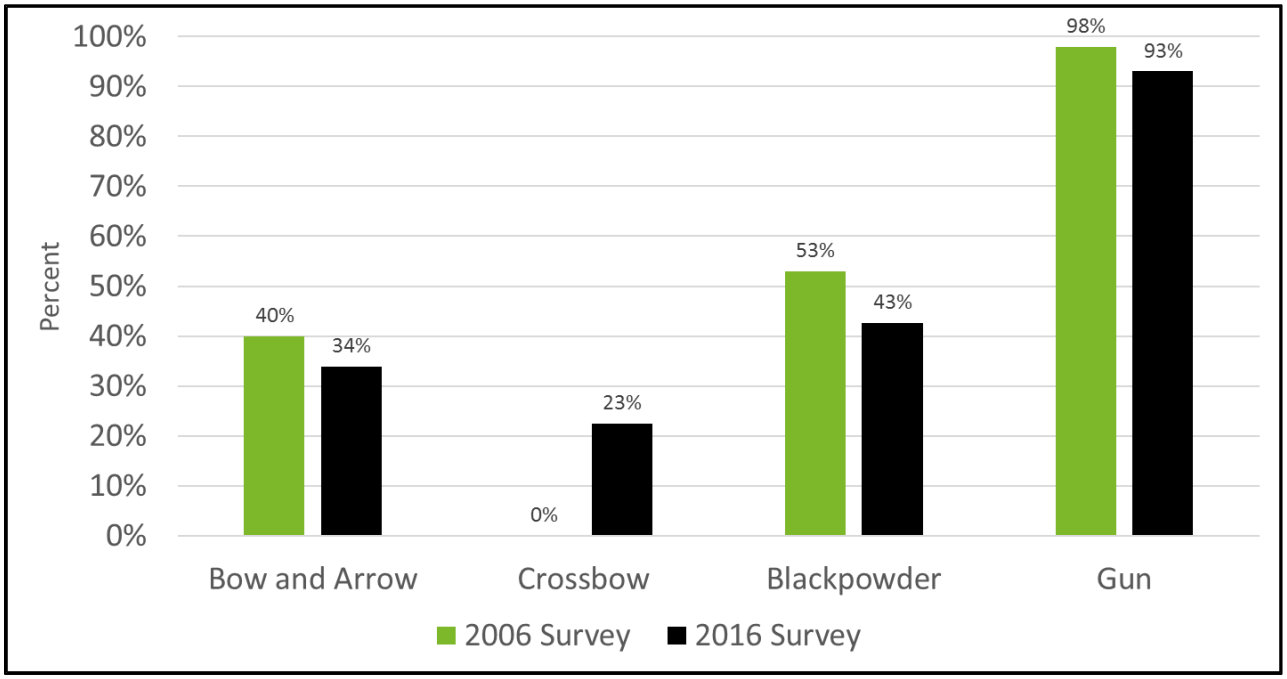

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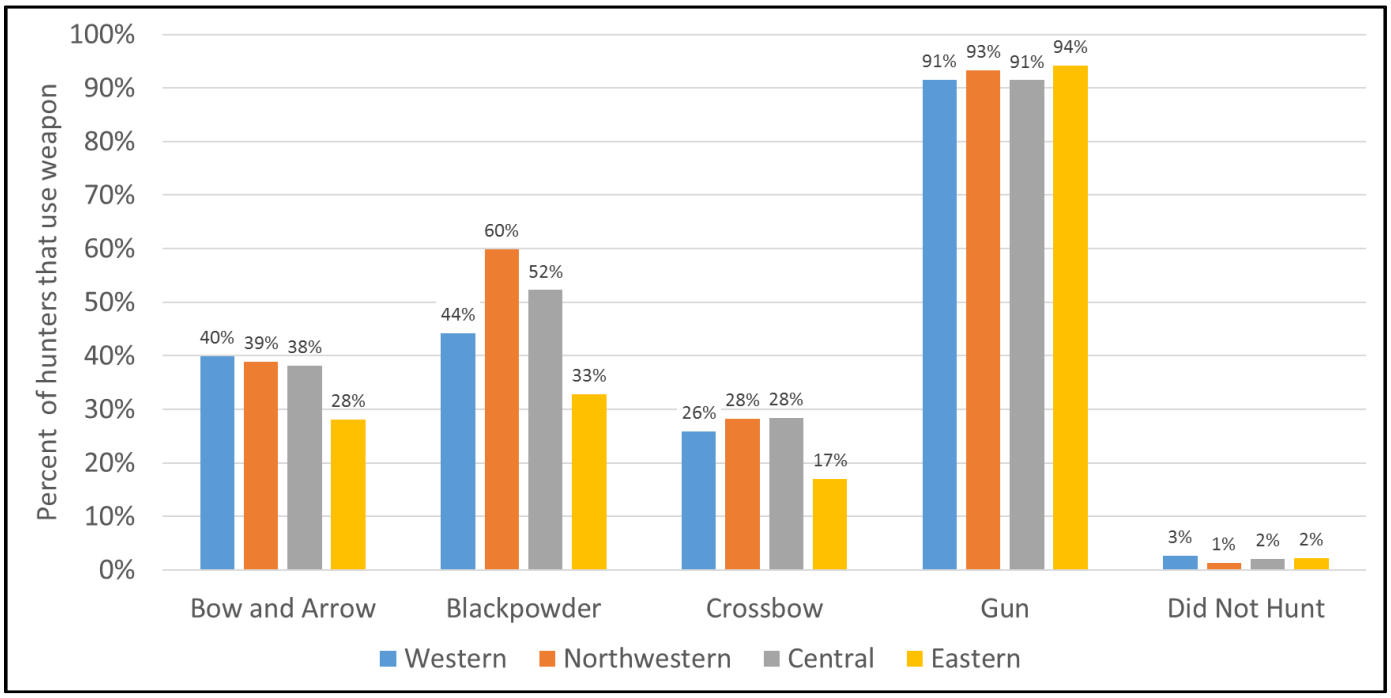

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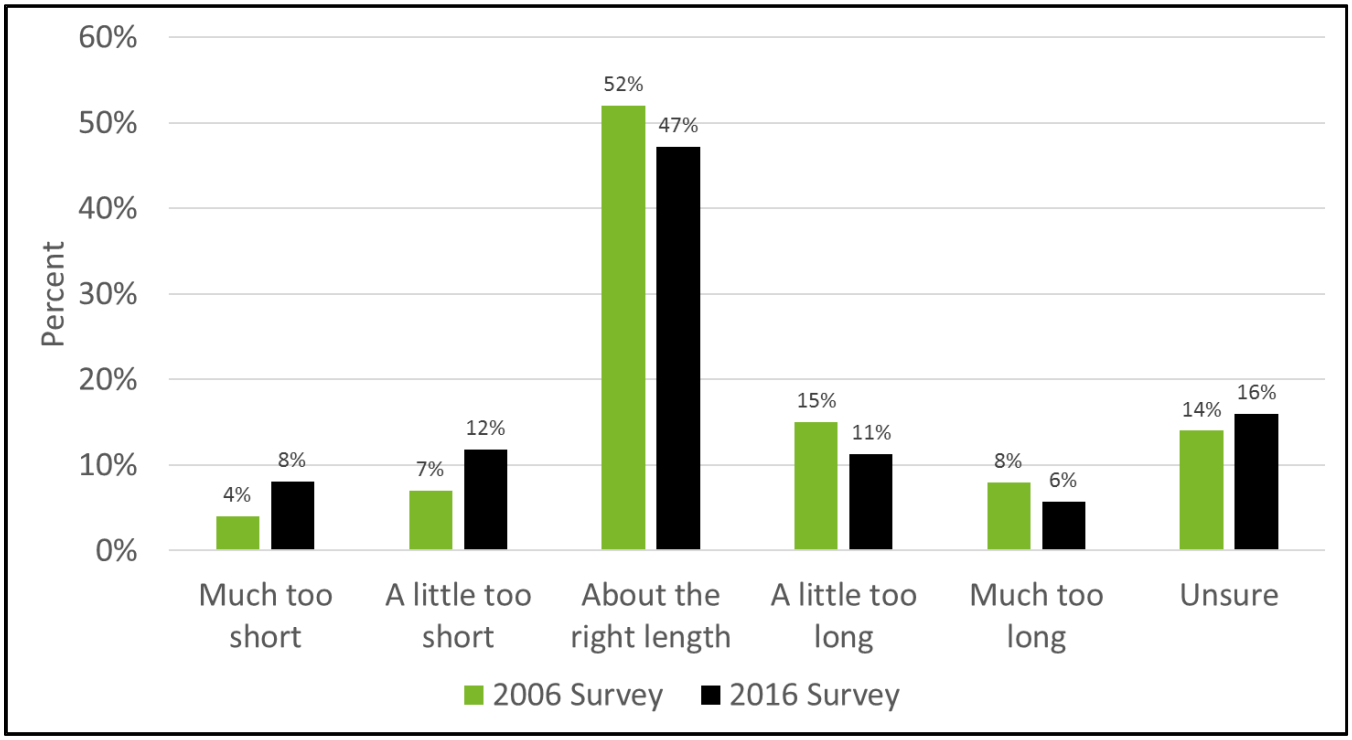

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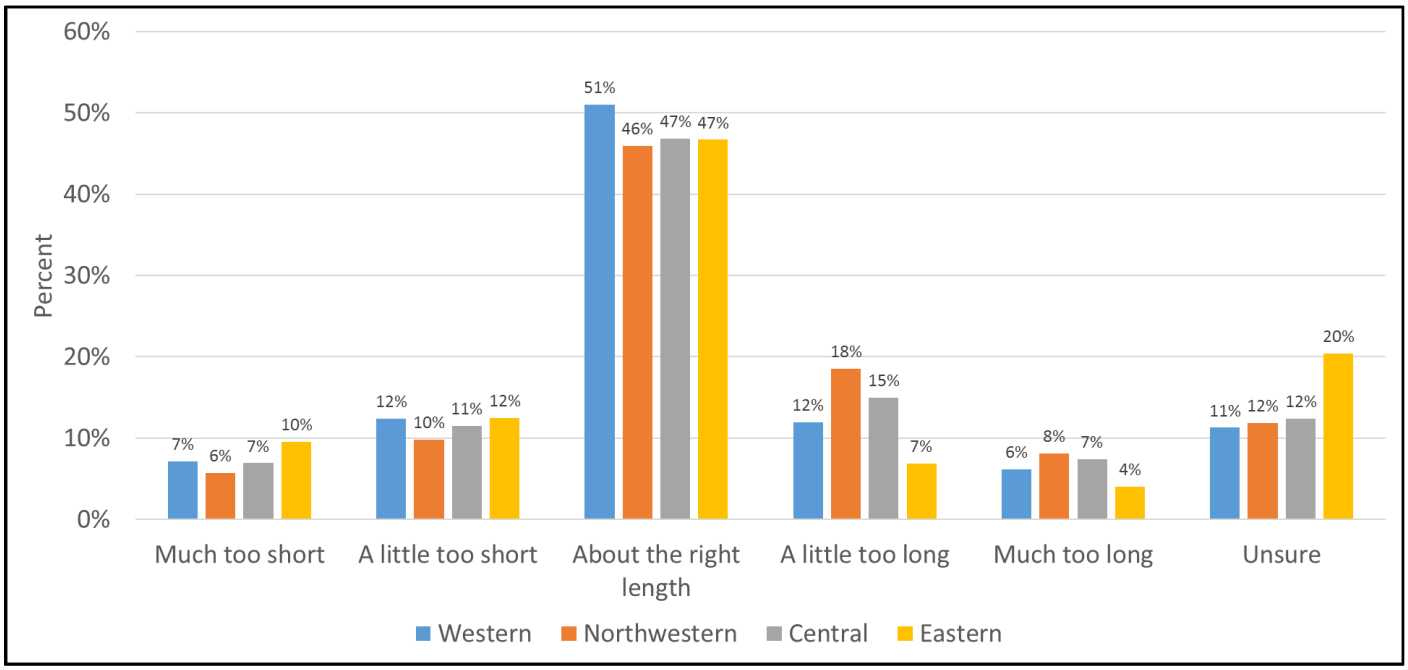

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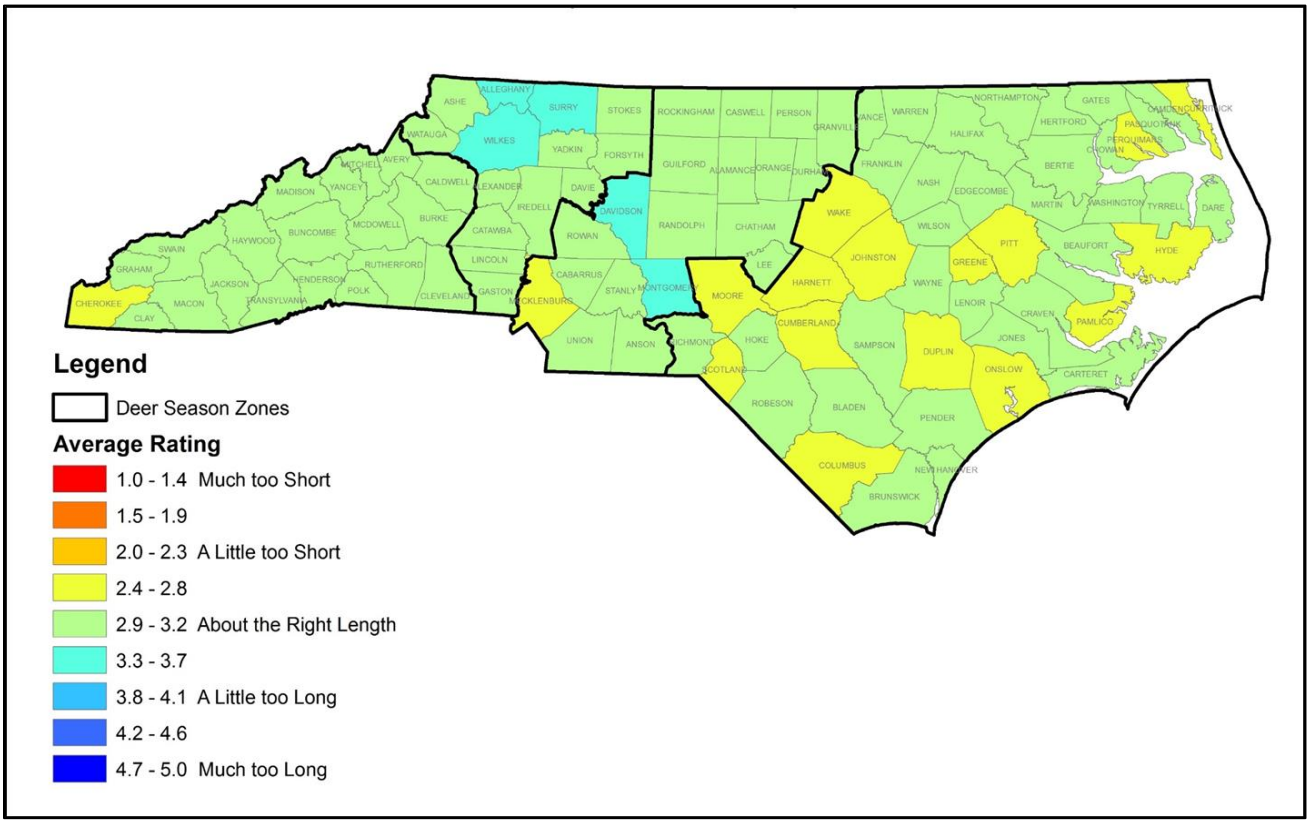

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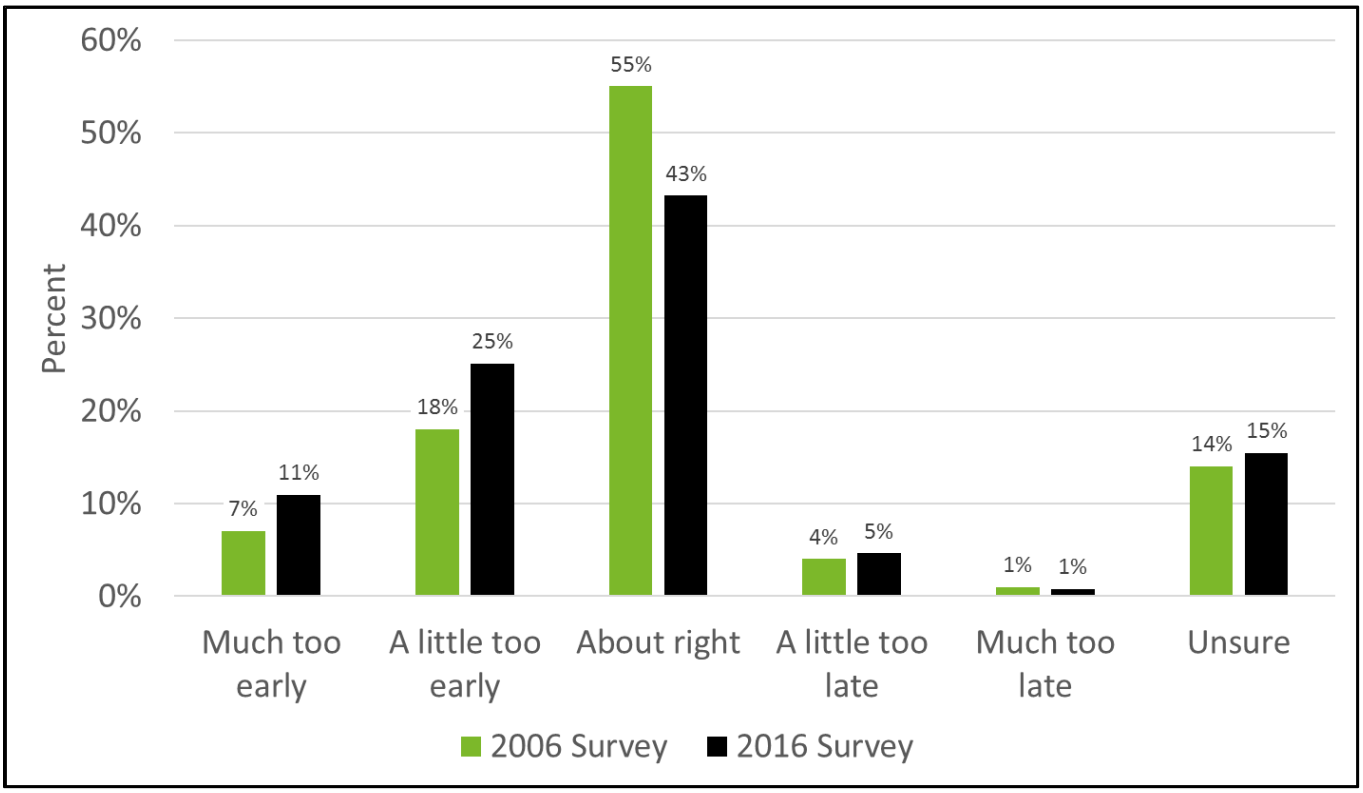

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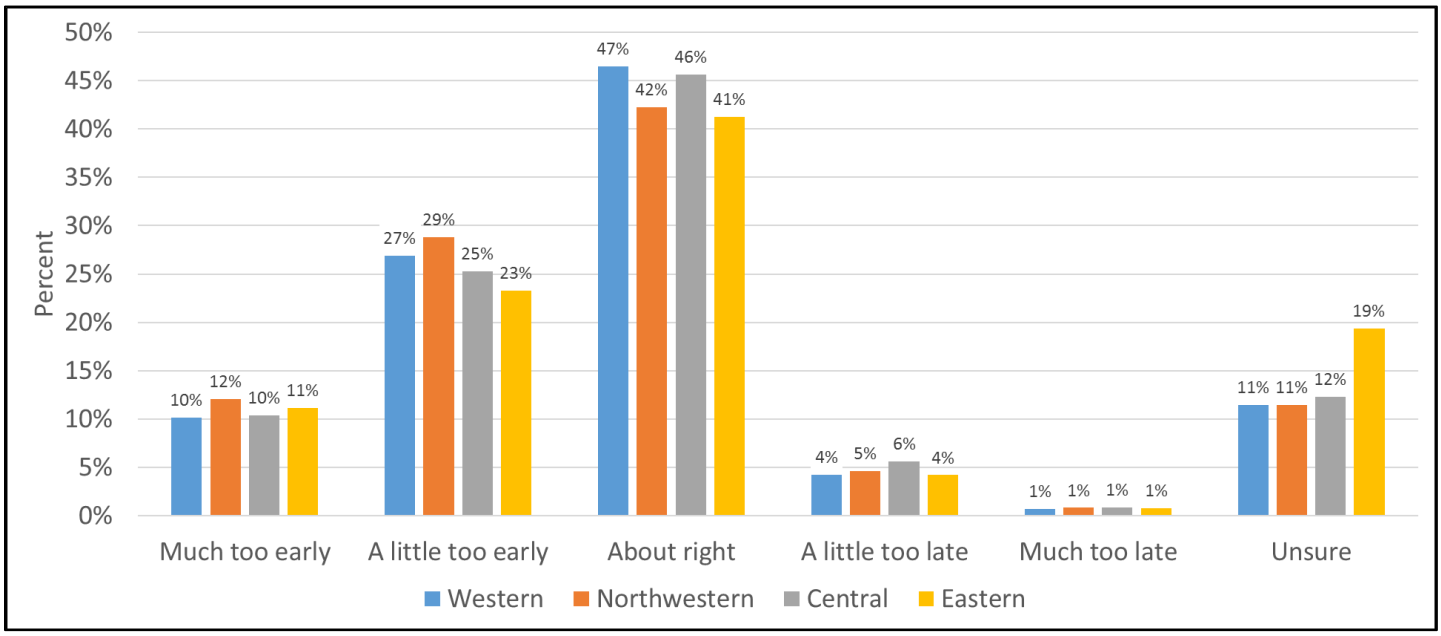

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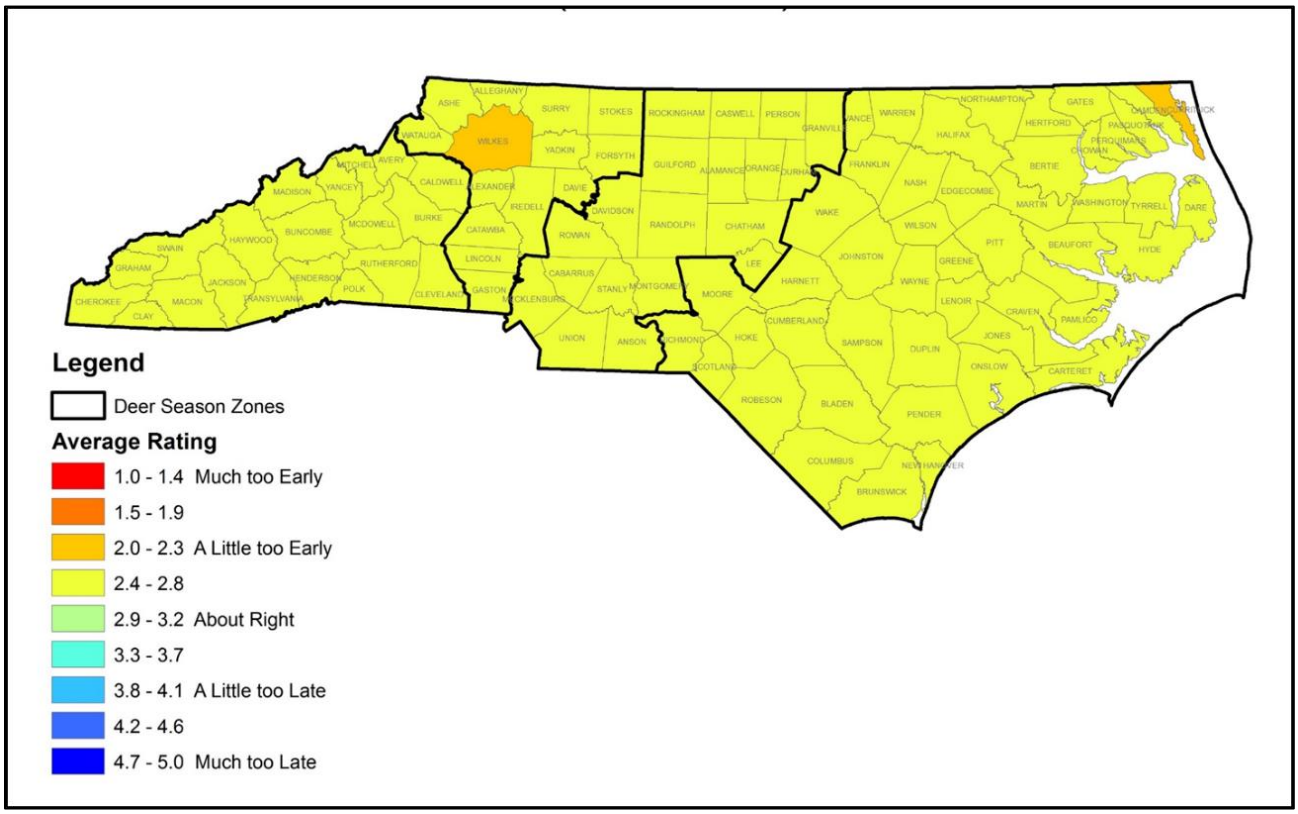

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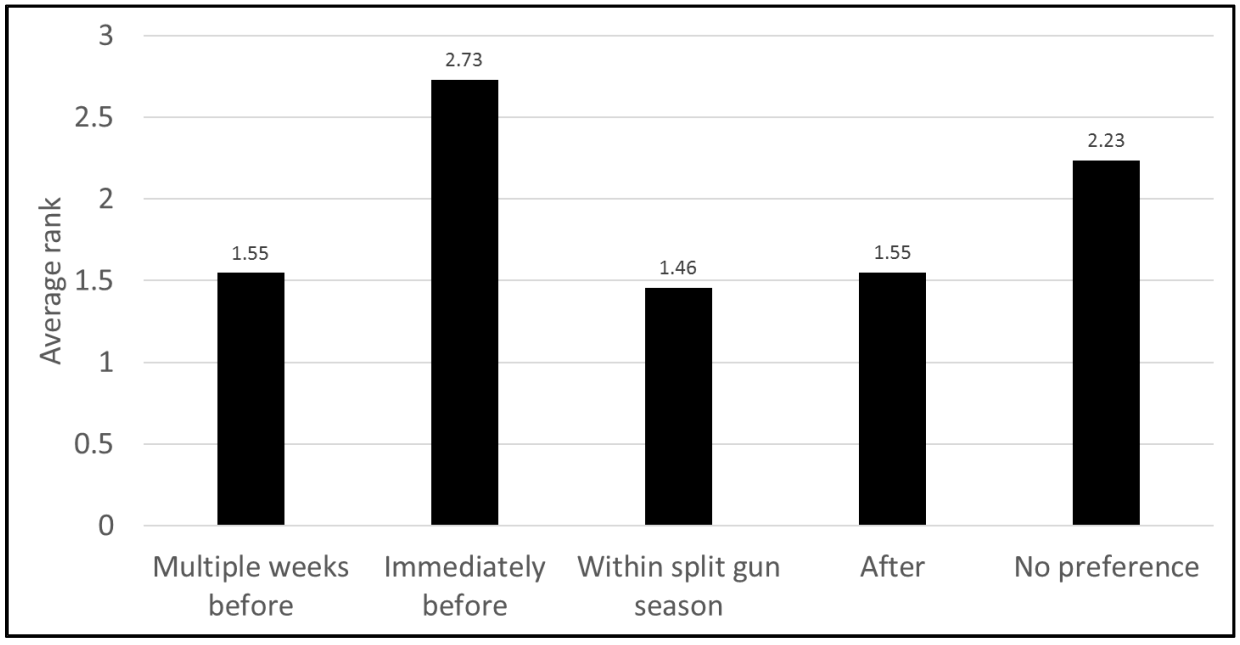

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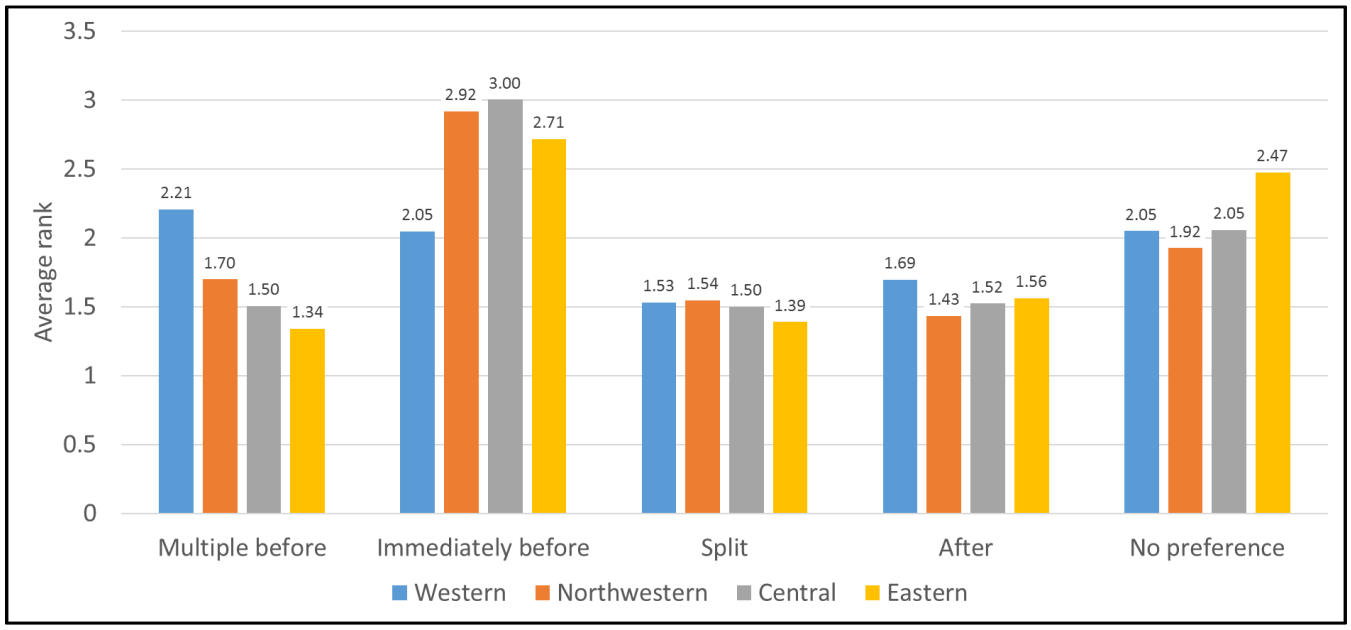

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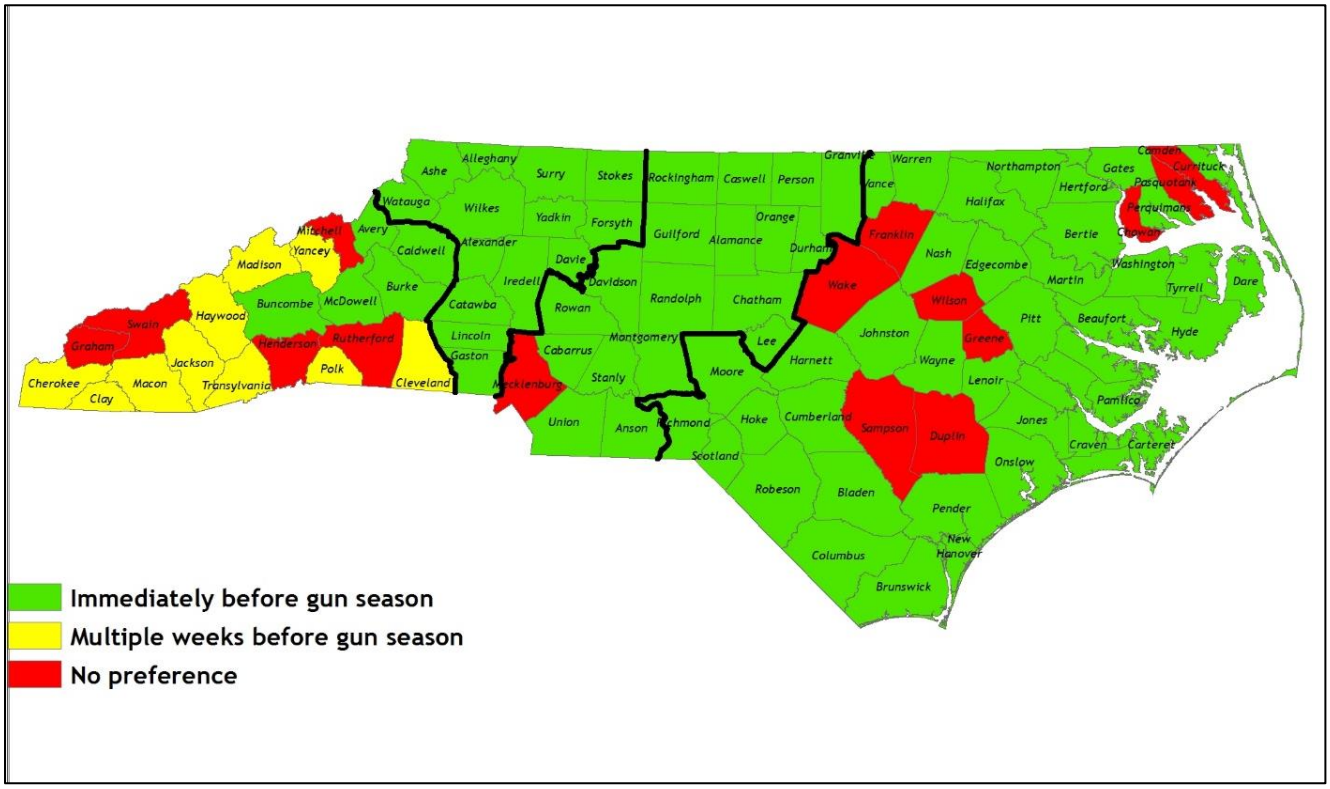

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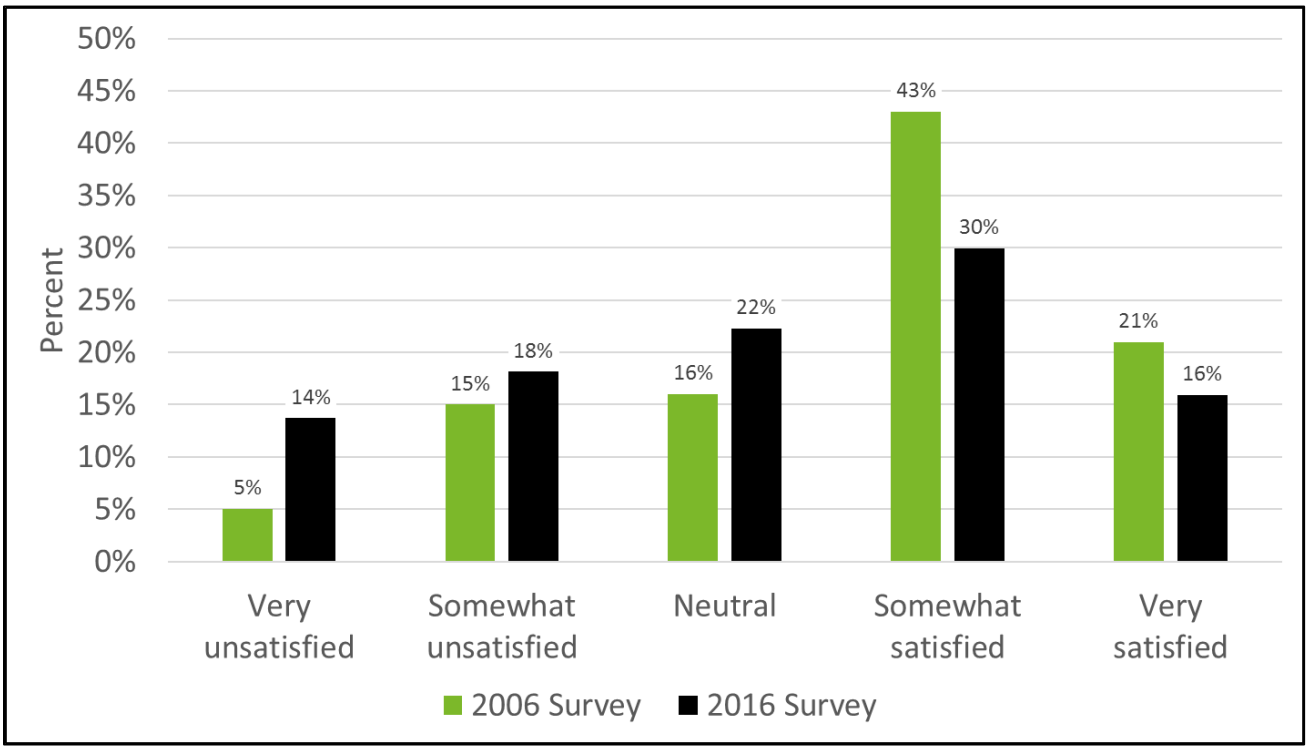

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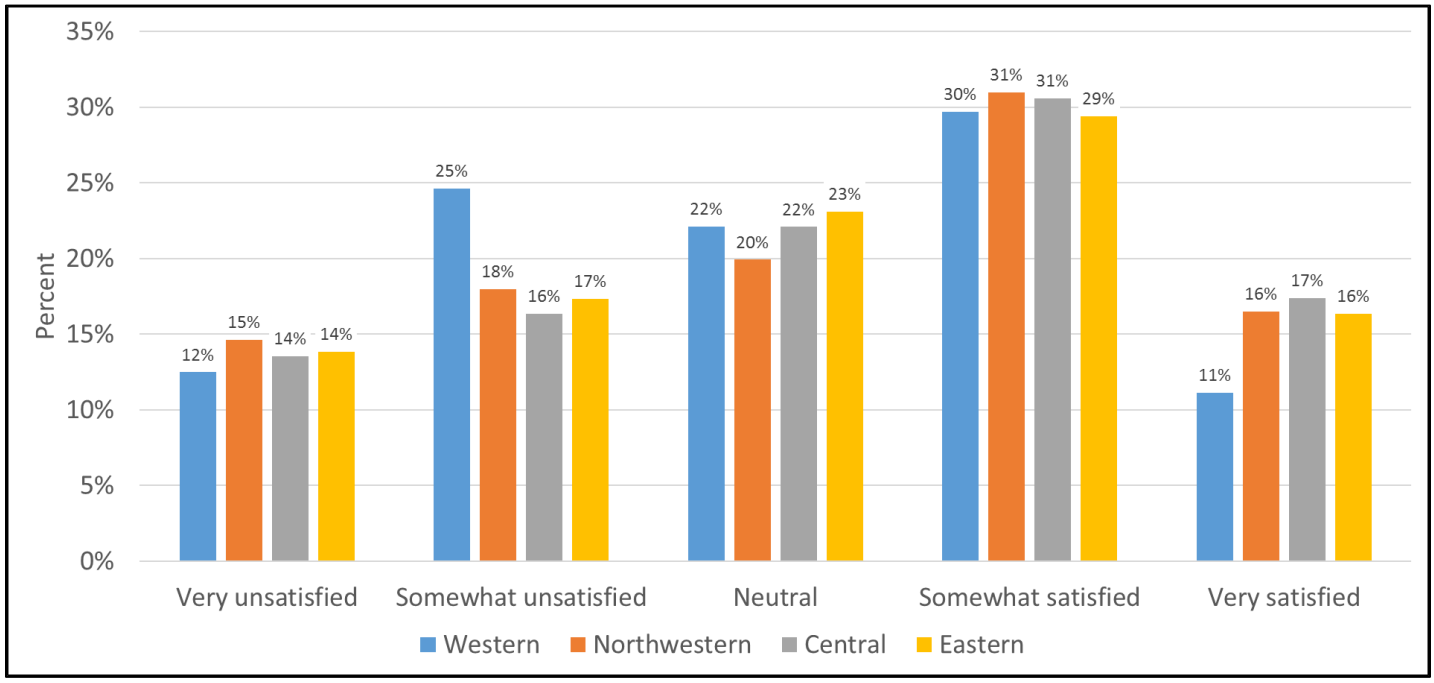

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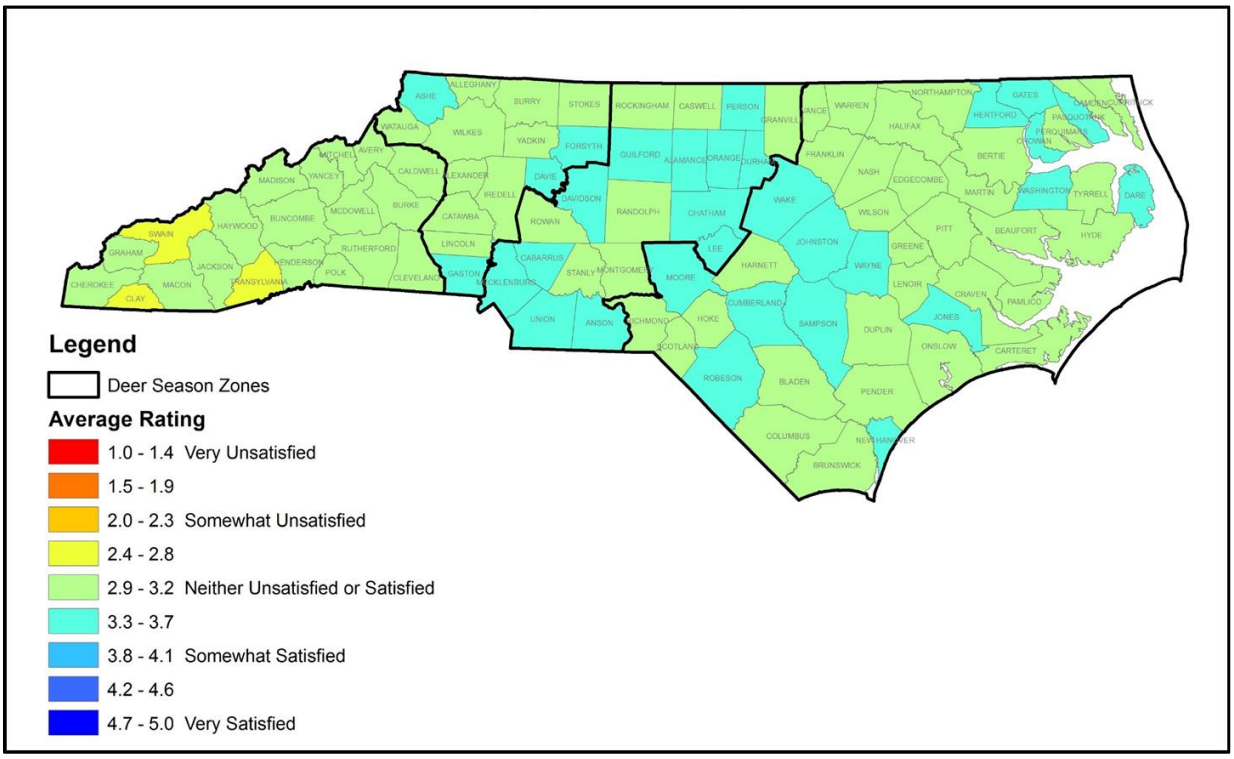

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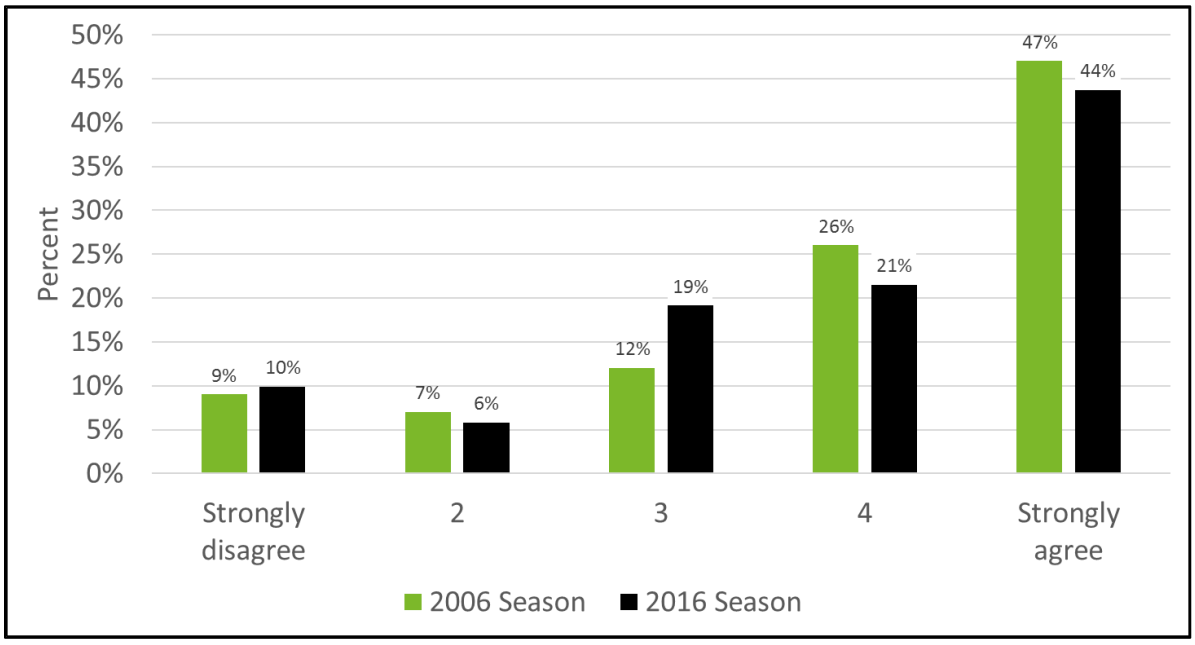

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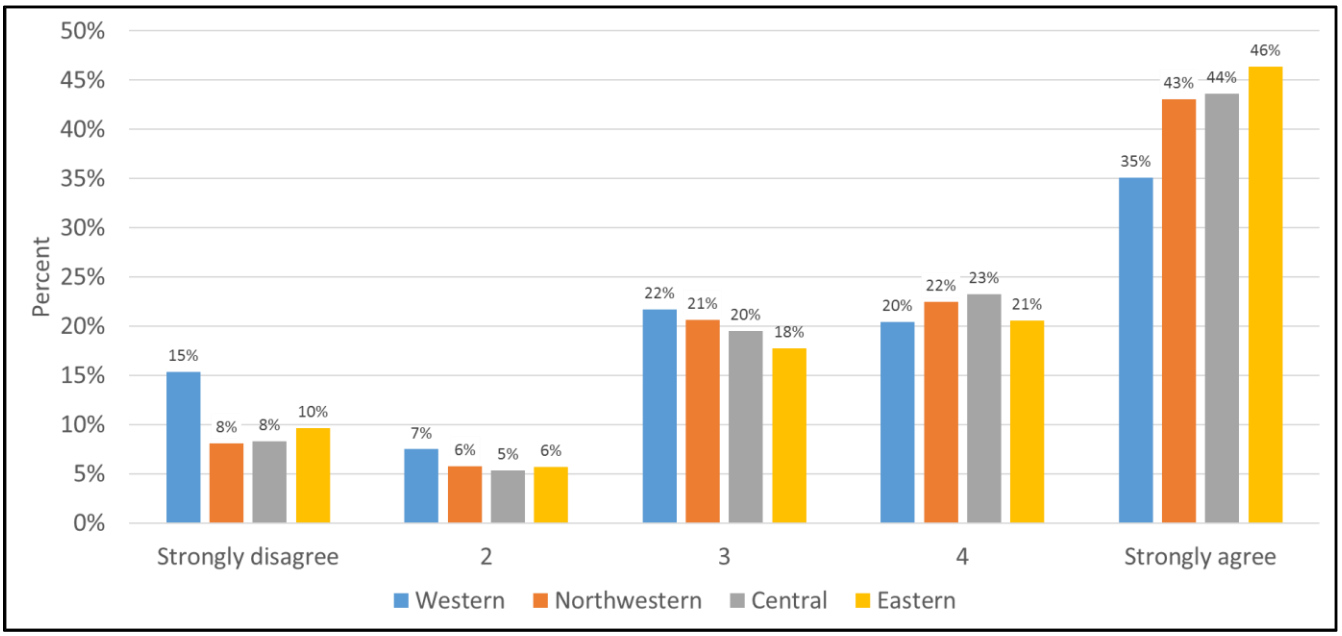

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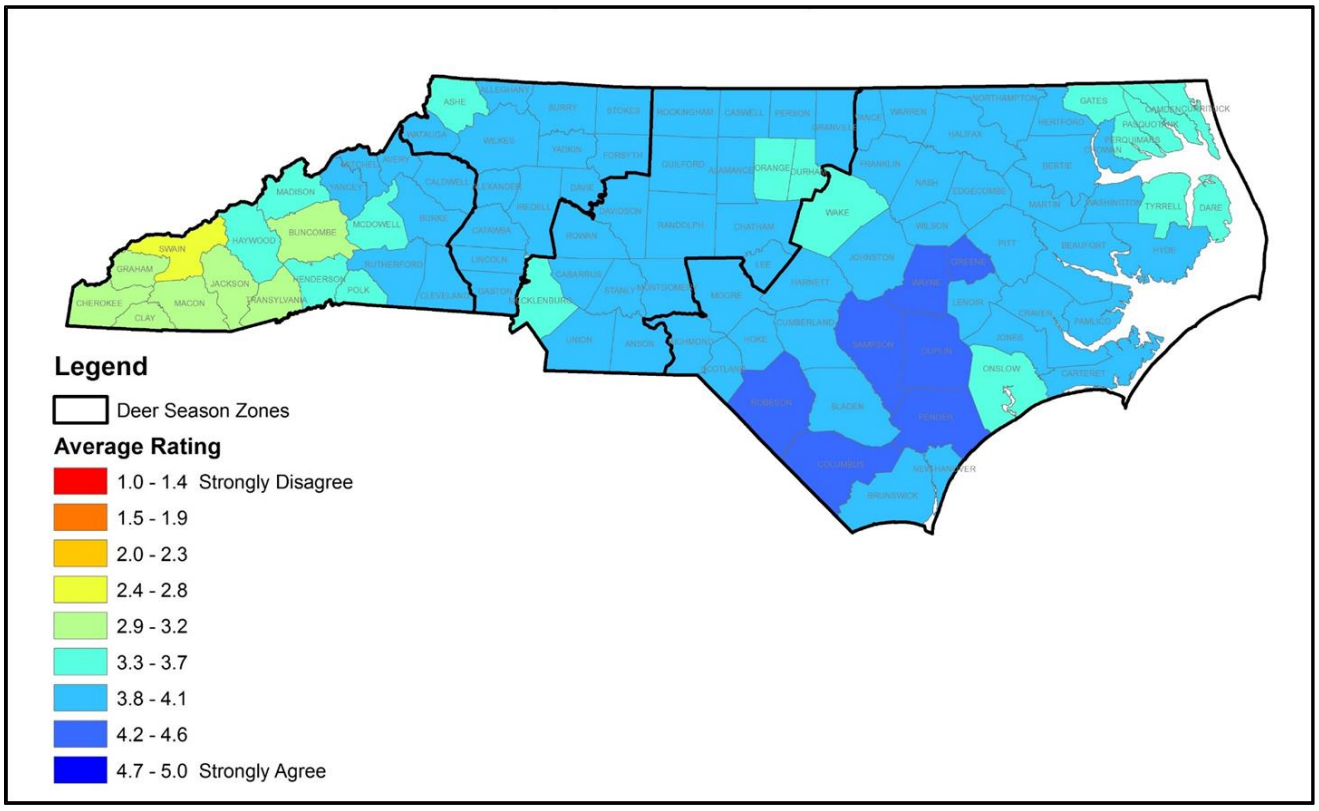

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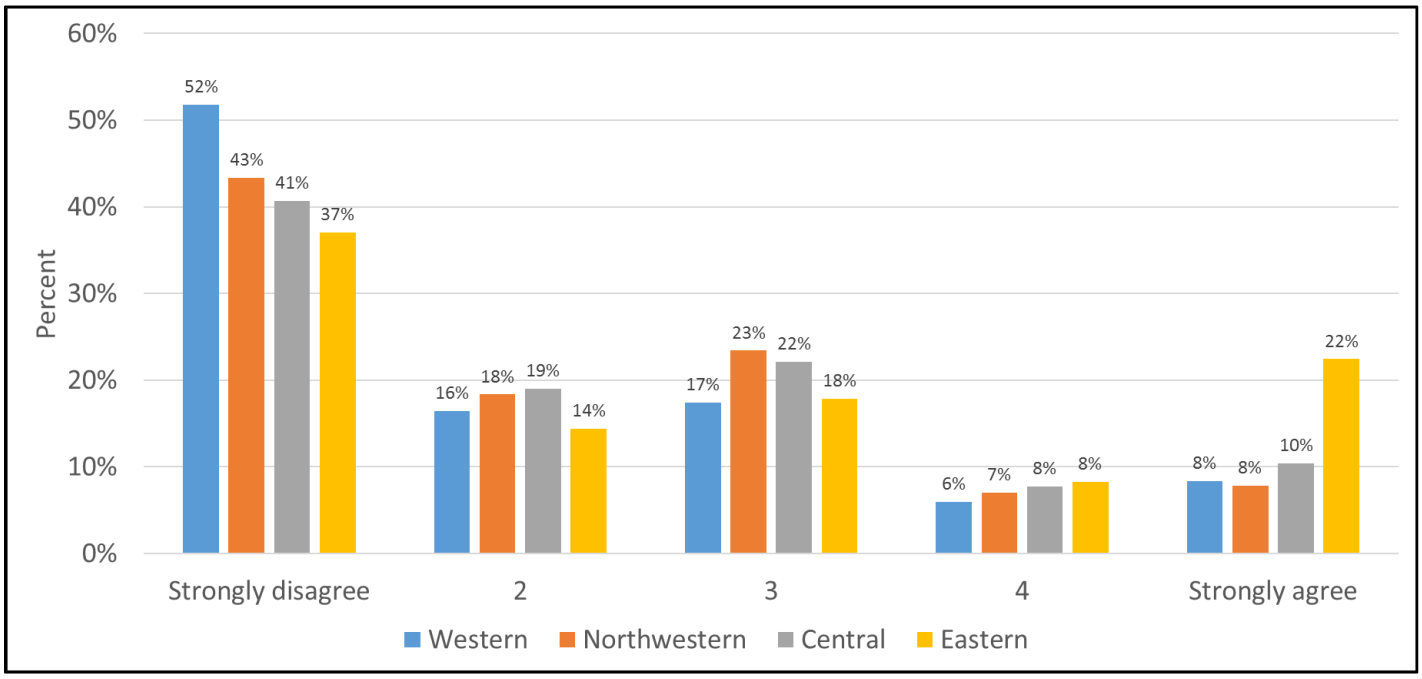

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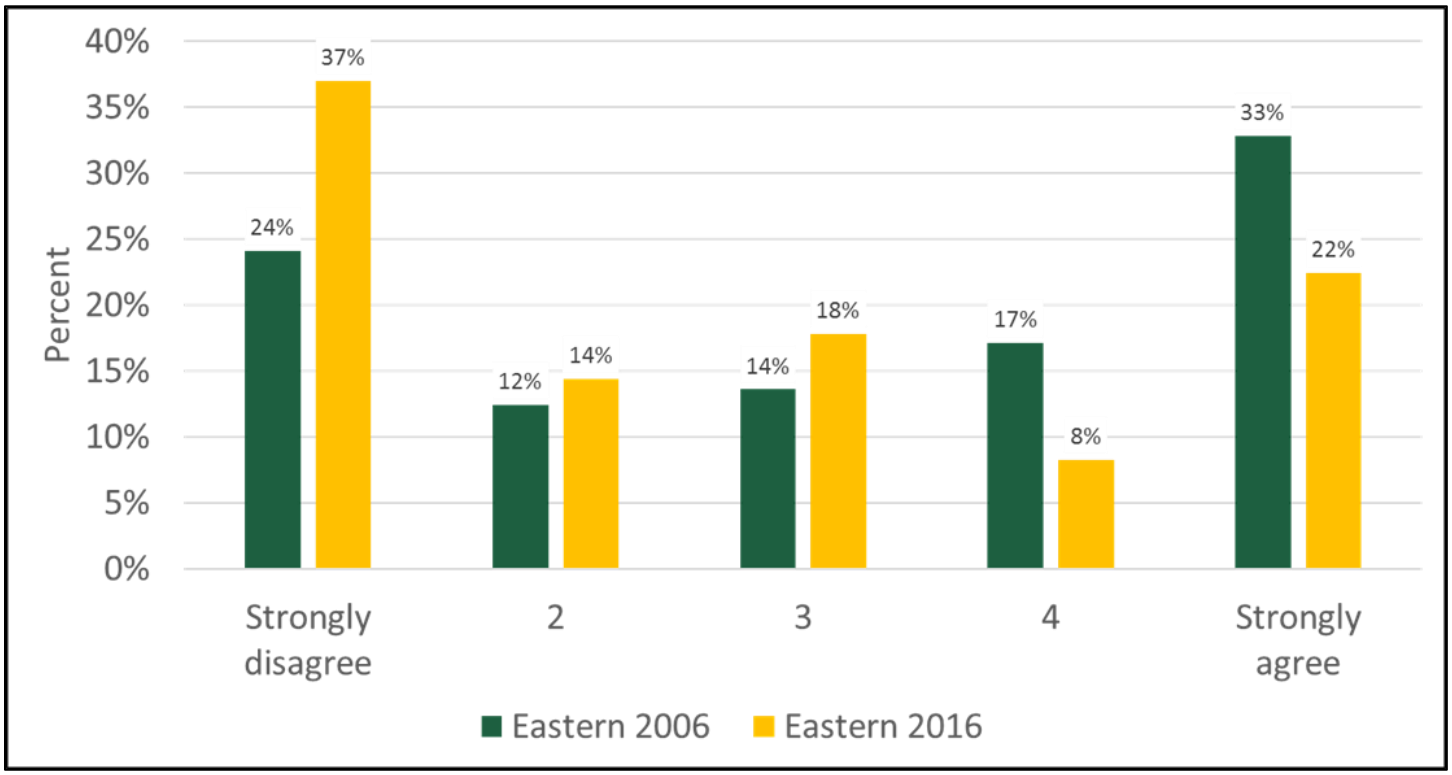

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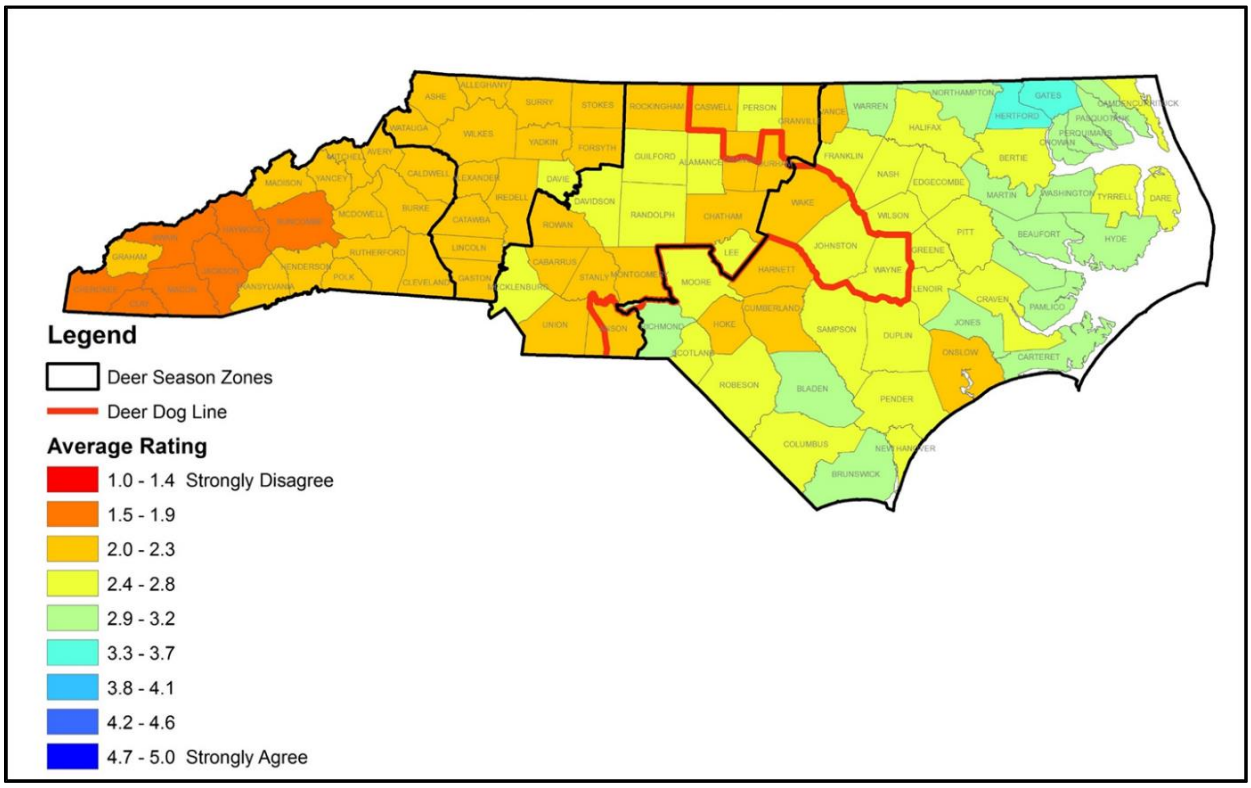

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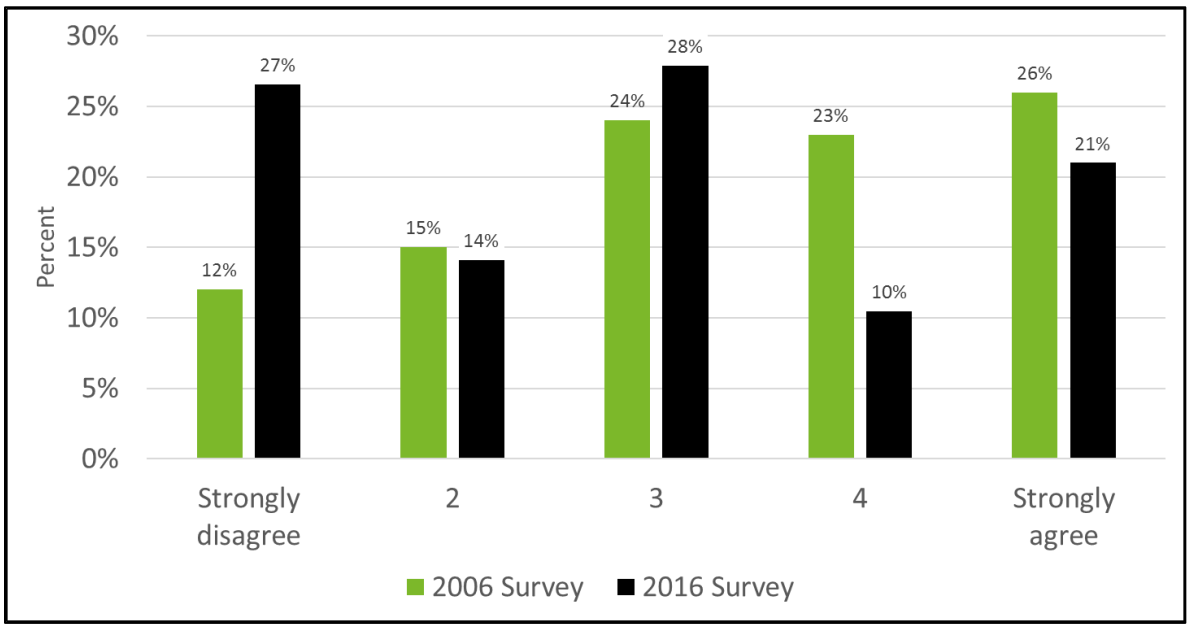

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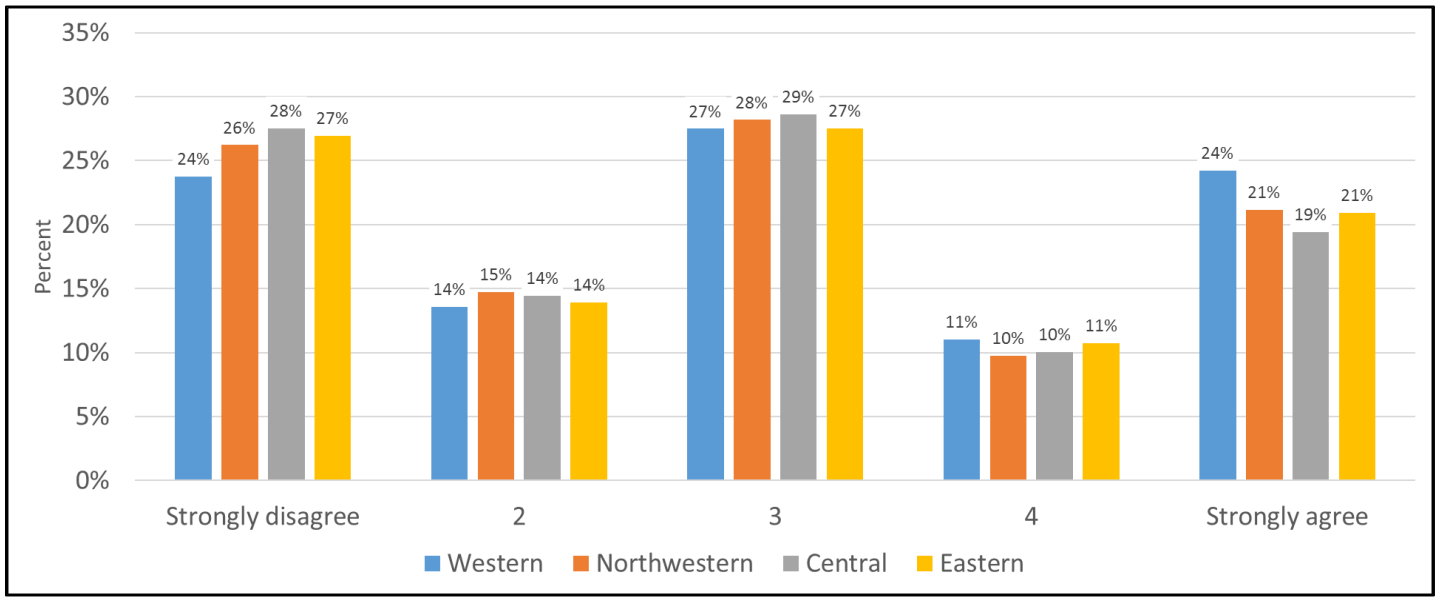

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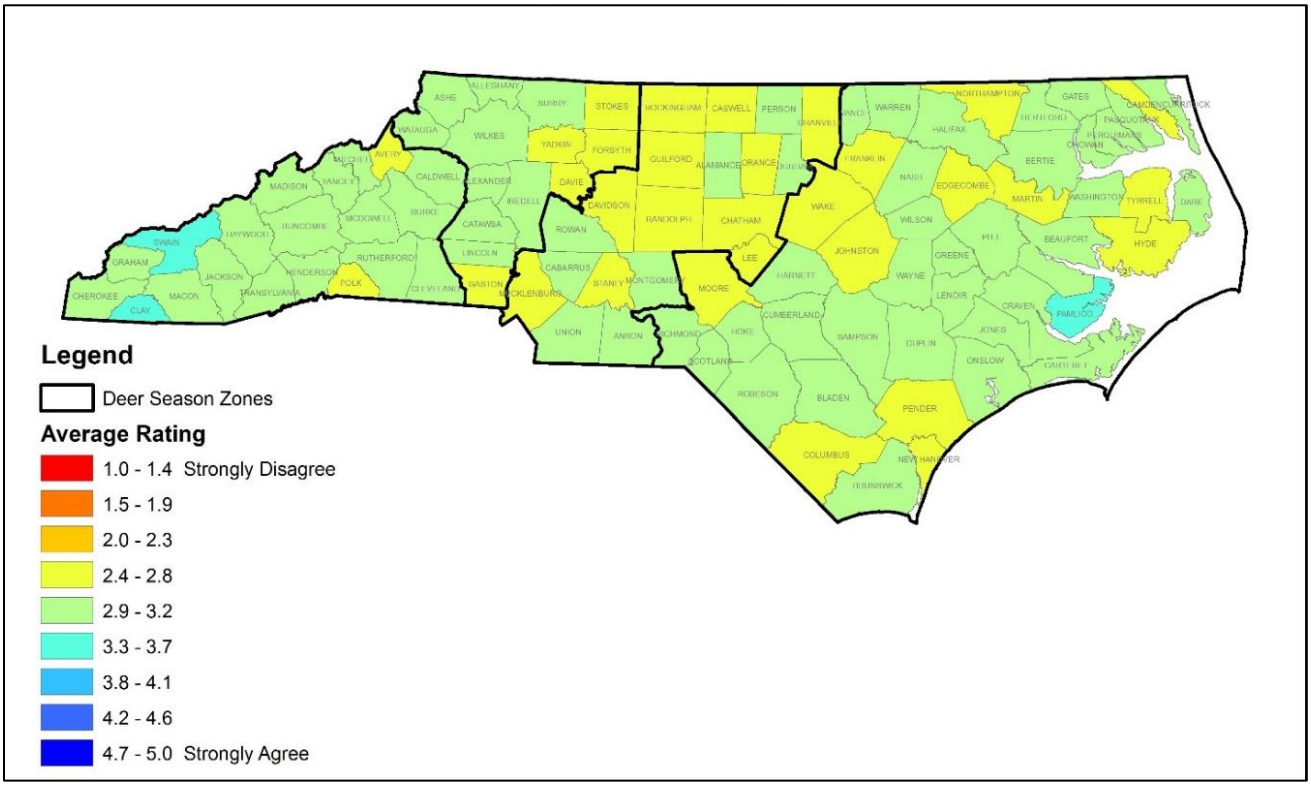

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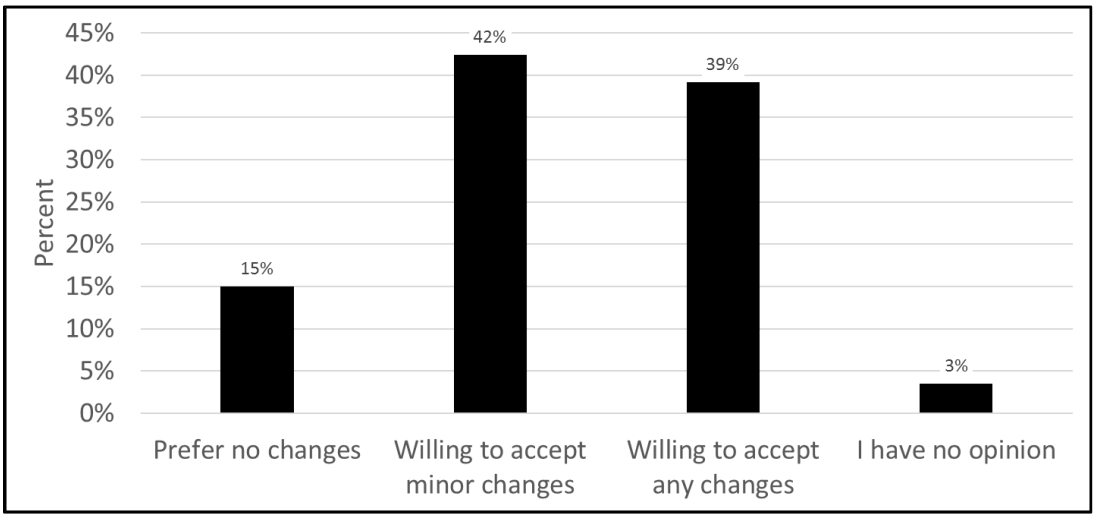

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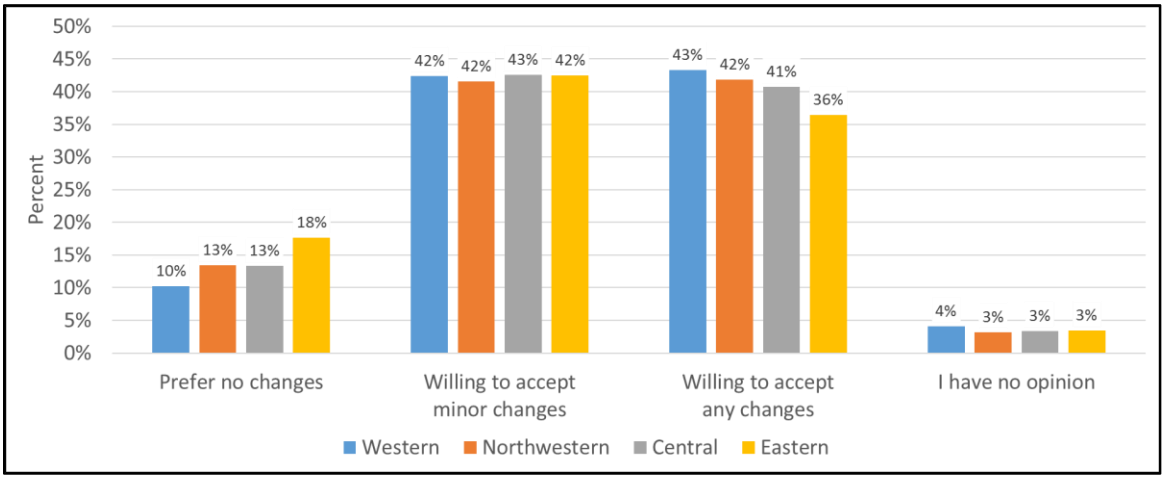

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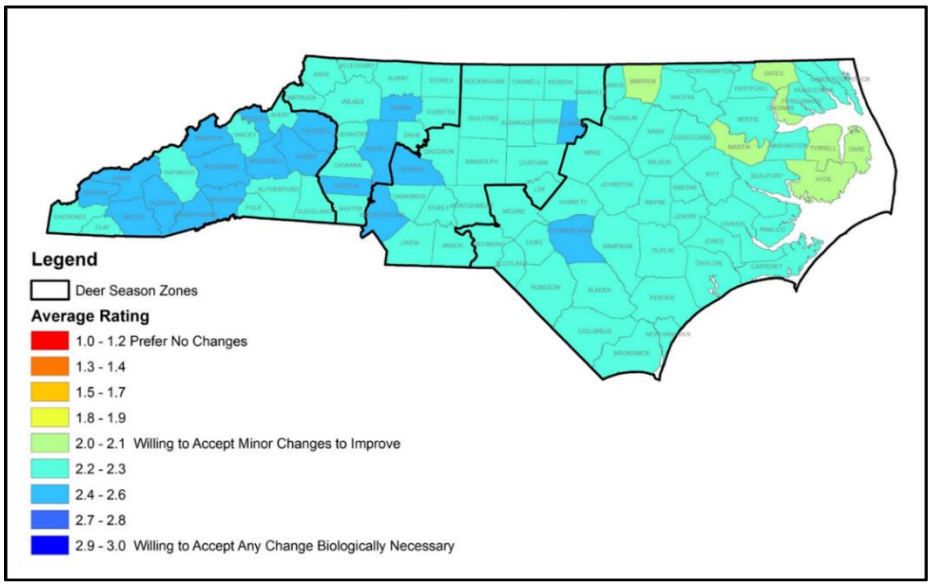

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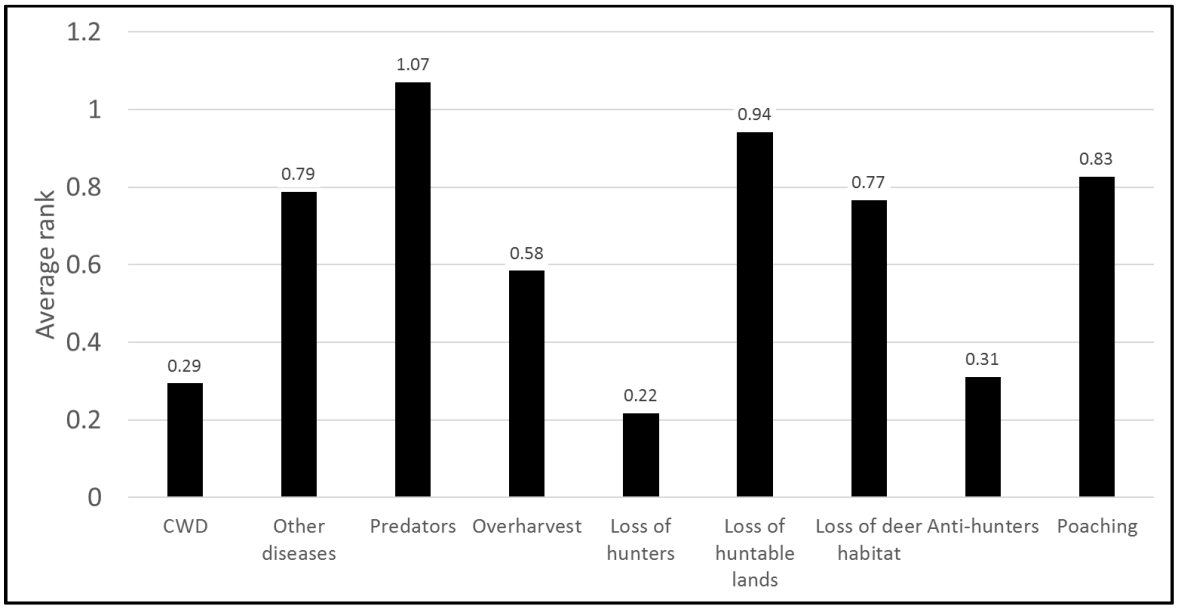

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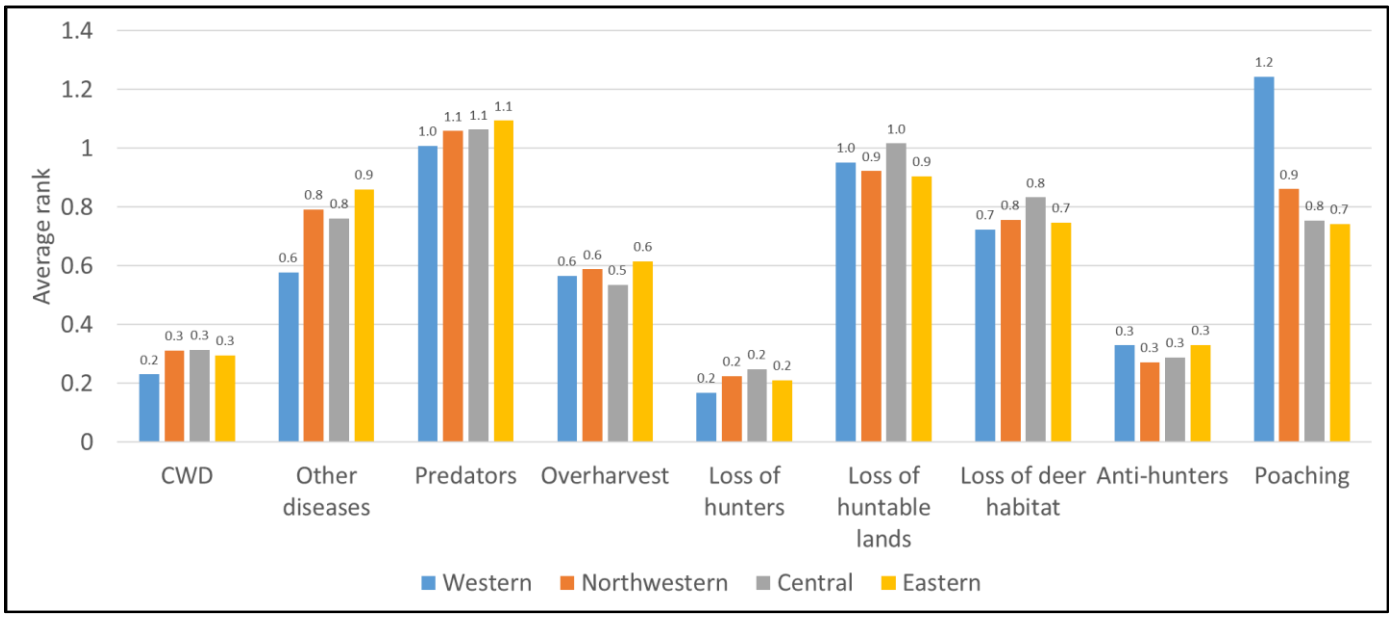

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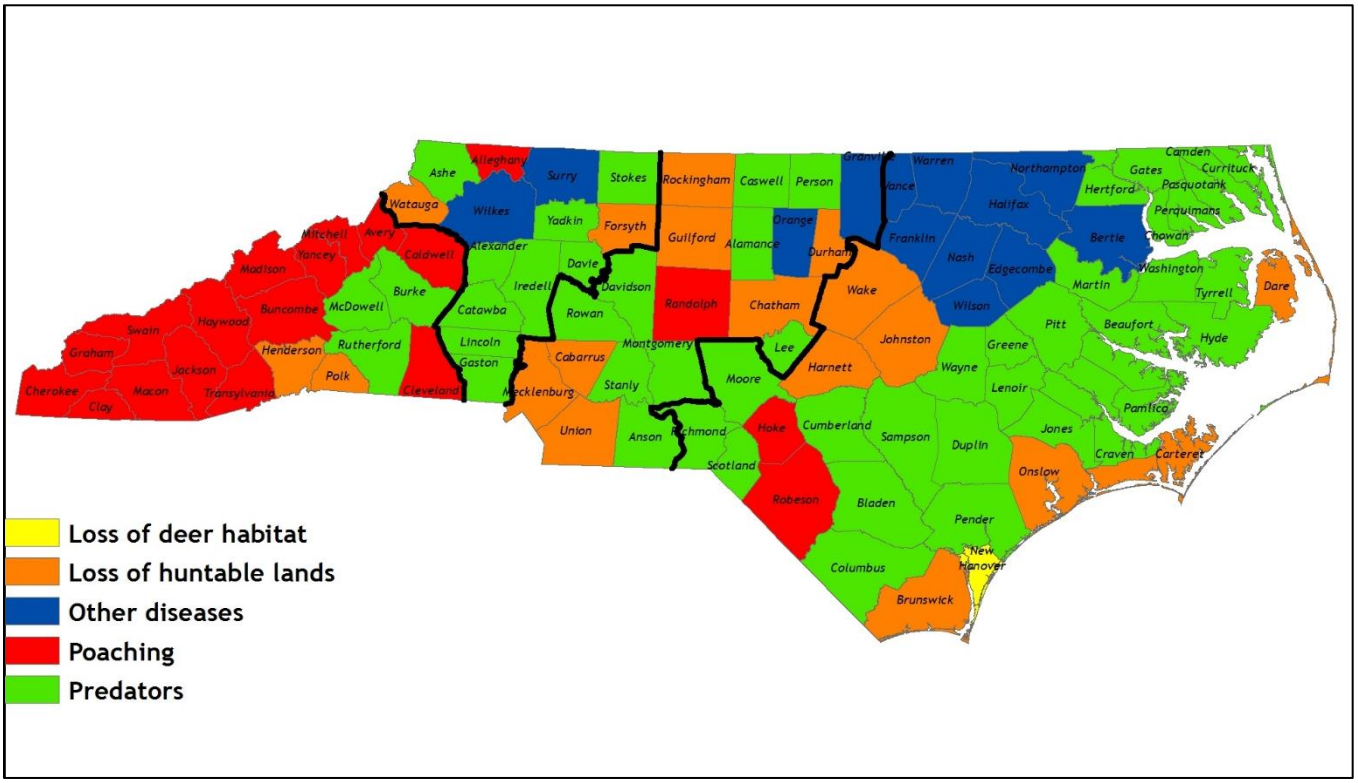

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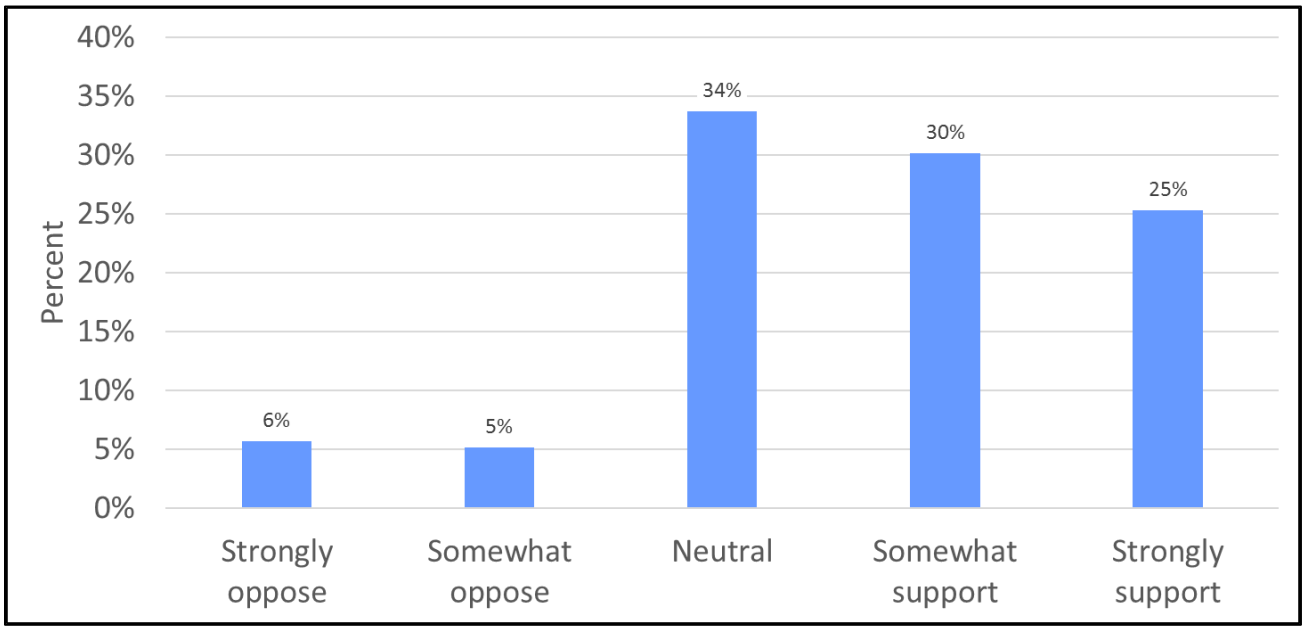

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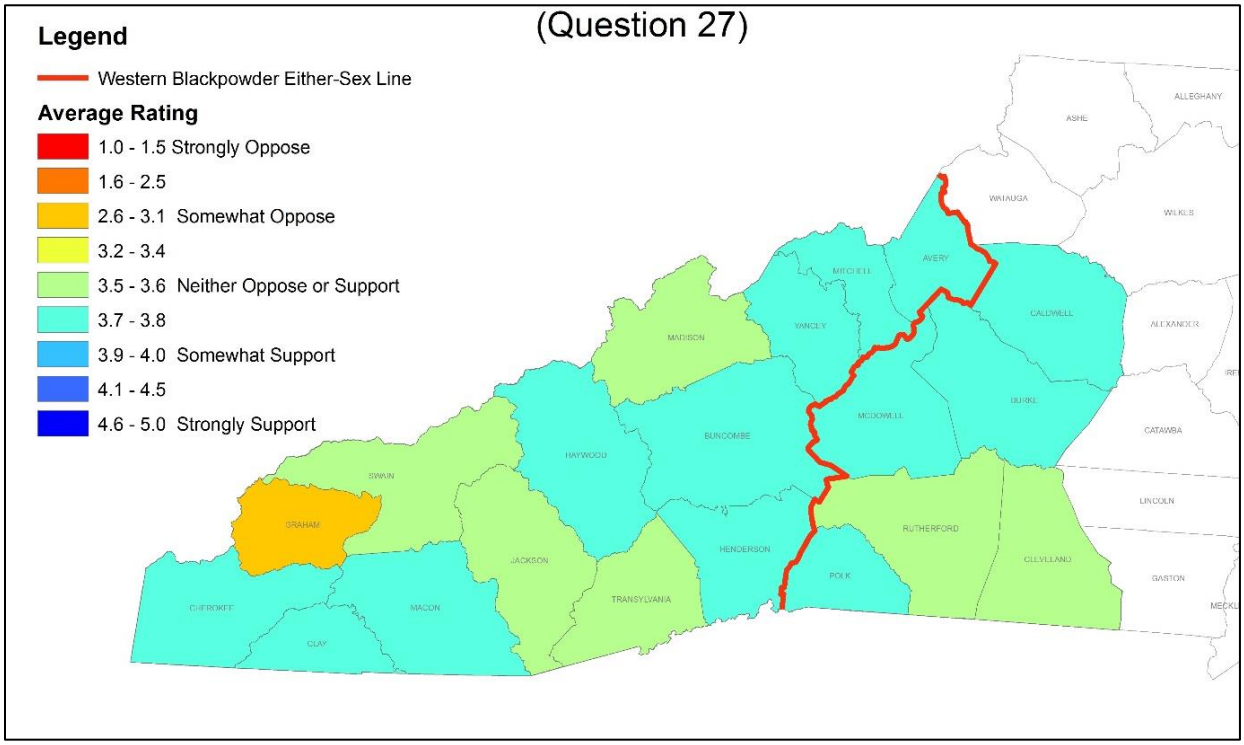

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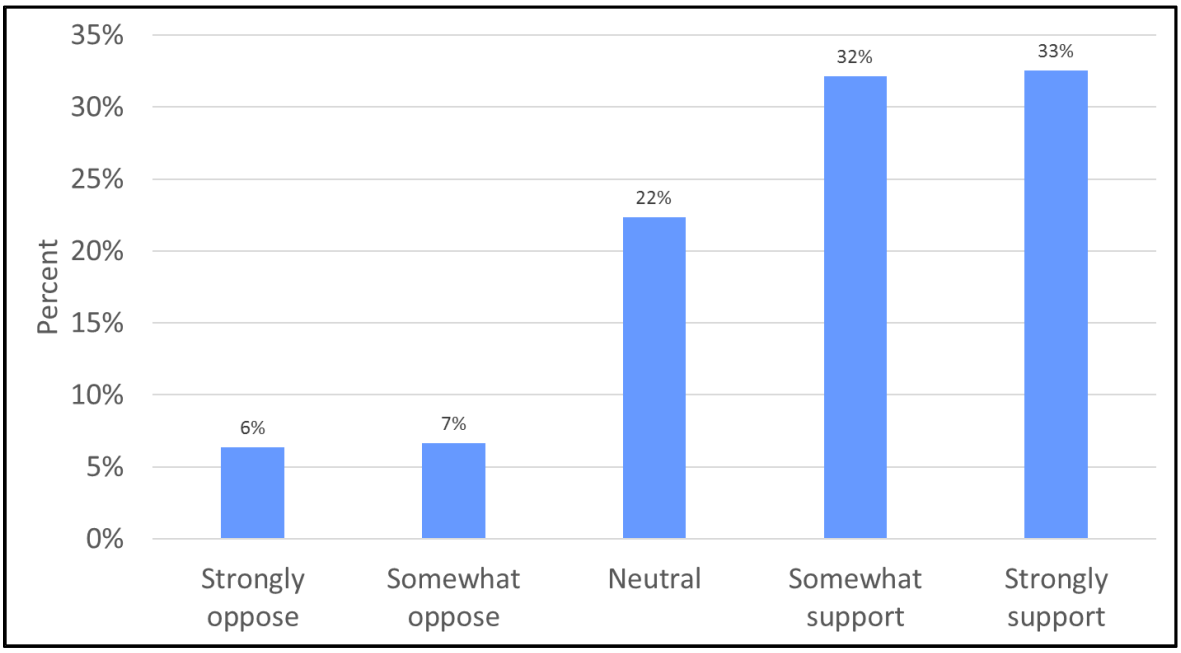

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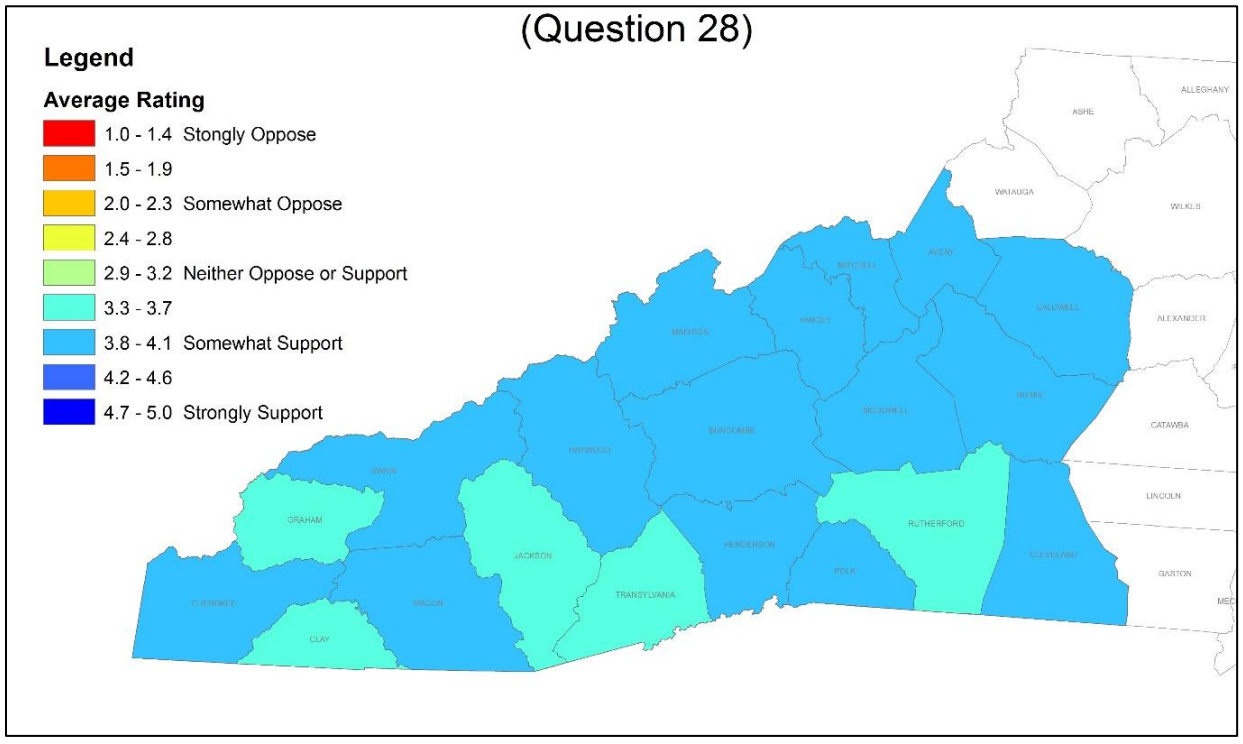

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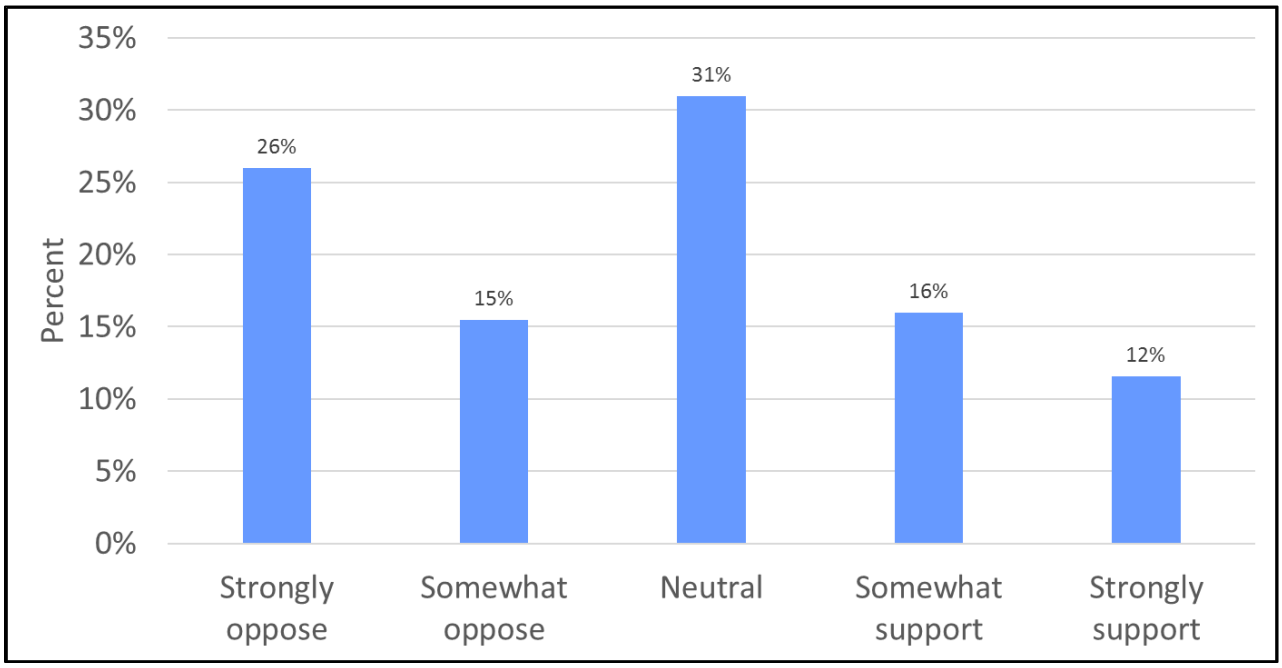

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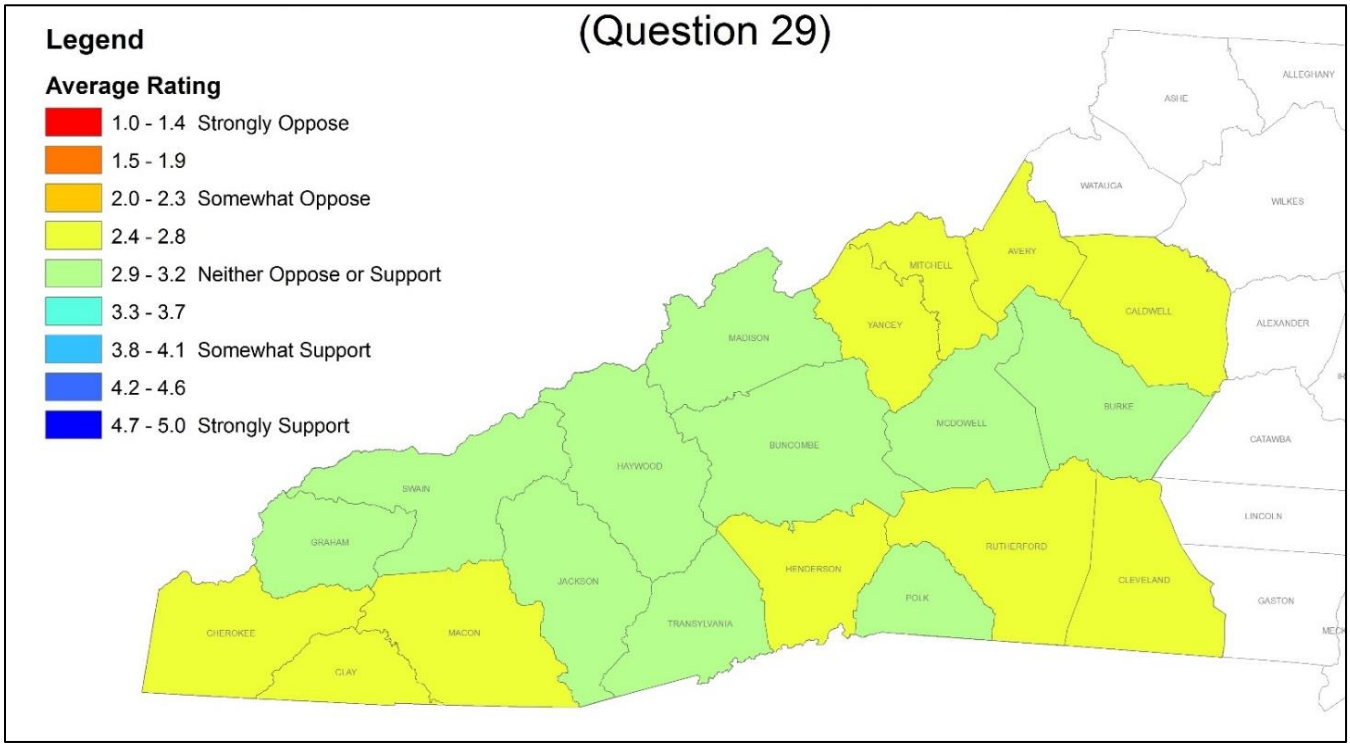

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Management Implications

These results demonstrate there are varied perceptions, expectations, and desires for deer management both across the state and within the same areas of the state. However, hunter satisfaction has declined over the past decade, and the vast majority of hunters are willing to make changes to improve the condition of the deer herd. The choice-modeling results presented in Part II of the Deer Hunting and Management Survey shed light on potential trade-offs hunters could make in hunting opportunities and traditions to achieve what they desire in the state's deer herd, and will be key to development of management options to improve both hunter satisfaction and herd condition.

NORTH CAROLINA DEER HUNTING AND MANAGEMENT SURVEY

PART II – TRADE-OFF EVALUATIONS

Introduction

Successful deer management relies on the desires of hunters and their willingness to make trade-offs to achieve certain biological outcomes. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) concluded a biological evaluation of the state's deer herd in 2015. Findings indicated that the state's current deer season frameworks are not the best biological fit for the existing deer population. Notable changes to deer management will require understanding and integrating hunter perspectives; however, the WRC last surveyed deer hunters in 2006. This study provided valuable insights into hunter perspectives at that time, but changes in land-use, deer population demographics, and deer hunter demographics have likely led to changes in perceptions, expectations, and values over the last decade. To assess potential changes in deer hunter perspectives about the state's deer management, the WRC administered a county-level quantitative survey of deer hunters. This study had two aims: 1) focus on hunting experience, perceptions, and desires, and 2) understanding the management trade-offs hunters would make to achieve certain biological outcomes. We present hunter trade-off evaluations herein.

Methodology

Sampling

We selected a sample of hunters 18 years of age or older from the population of license-exempt and standard Big Game Harvest Report Card (BGHRC) holders during the 2015-2016 hunting season (N=418,020). We employed a stratified sampling strategy to ensure that adult deer hunters were represented in all 100 counties. We sampled a pre-determined number of hunters based on their county of residence to allow the research team to make inferences within ±10% error at 90% confidence at the county level, and ±5% error at 95% confidence at the state, deer season, and biological deer management unit levels. It was assumed that the county of residence would be highly correlated with the defining sampling unit for the survey project, the county where deer management was most important to the hunter. Seven counties required oversampling to meet our sampling goals due to lower than expected survey response rates. Oversampled hunters [n=534] were removed from statewide mean scores. We provided each hunter a unique access code needed to complete a web-based survey using SSI Web 8.4.8 (Sawtooth Software, Orem, UT). Respondents were invited to complete the survey three times by email (n=109,535), push-to-web postcard (n=60,161), or both email and postcard (n=27,074) between the months of July and September 2016. Refusals, mail returns, and deceased participant responses were removed from our analyses.

- We received 33,750 valid survey responses for an overall response rate of 17%.

- We examined differences between postcard and email respondents, and noted no difference in responses to the majority of questions. Statistically significant differences occurred in responses to 2 of 23 questions examined; however, the magnitude of these differences were small, overall response tendencies were similar, and final summary results were not affected.

Reponses Rate, Non-Response Check, and Modes of Contact Comparison. To account for potential coverage bias, we mailed 1,000 non-response mail surveys, and then compared responses between samples using appropriate statistical tests.

- We received 152 responses for the non-response check for a 15% response rate.

- Non-respondents hunted slightly less and were generally more satisfied with WRC management than respondents. However, closer inspection of mean responses did not indicate any differences in questions with management implications from survey respondents.
- The most common reasons for not participating in the study were: "Forgot to get around to it" (33%), "Didn't receive invitation" (25%), and "Do not deer hunter" (20%). Only 6% indicated they did not respond due to lack of access to a device or internet.

Choice Modeling

Trade-off evaluations were conducted through choice modeling. Choice modeling studies asks respondents to value a "product" by deciding their preferred option from a set of two or more choice tasks. Tasks are comprised of a set number attributes that characterize the product, more than two and usually no more than five, sub-divided by a set of levels. Conjoint analysis, a type of choice modeling, asks respondents to make trade-offs which will then reveal which attributes presented to respondents are most important in determining their selection. We used the most popular method, choice-based conjoint (CBC). CBC asks the respondent to compare attributes and a randomly generated combination of levels horizontally and then choose the most appealing option, resulting in analysis of complex decision making, which is not characteristic of rating or ranking measures. Choice modeling is emerging as a method ideally suited to provide decision makers with detailed estimations about sportsmen preferences for management changes.

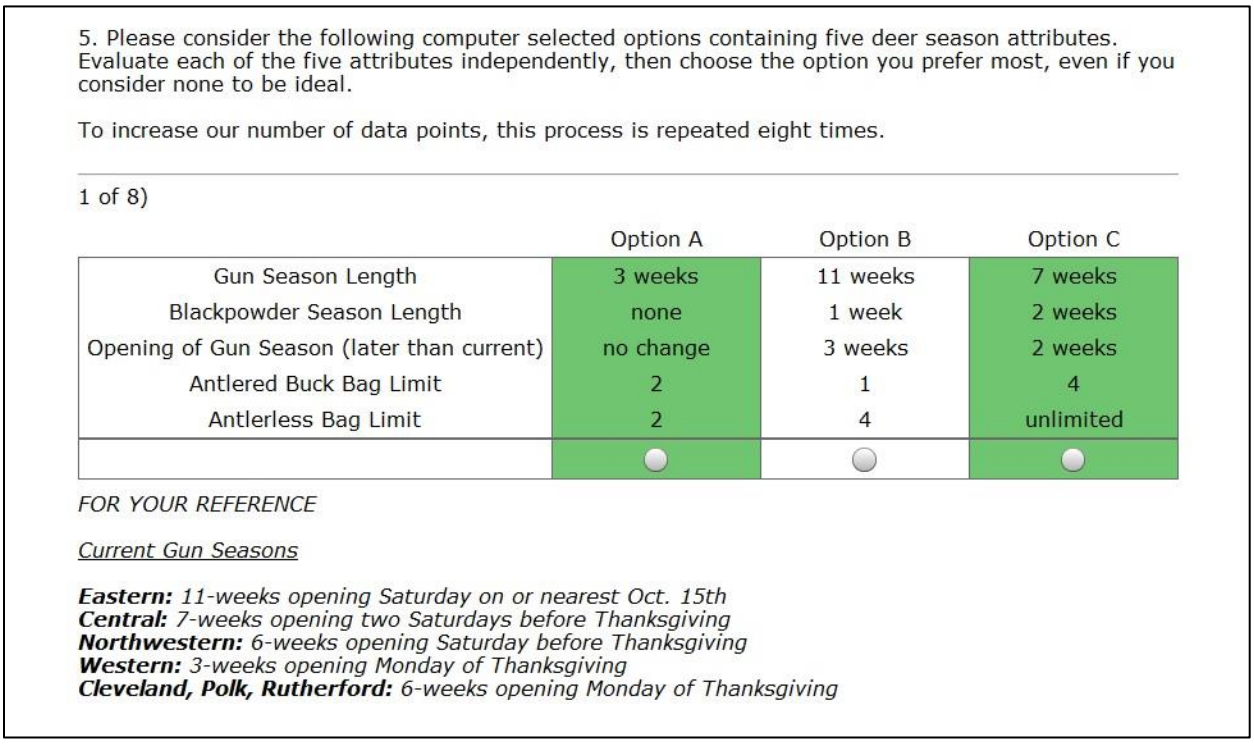
The research team, comprised of WRC biologists and a social scientist, developed the choice experiment for the CBC method by identifying five key regulatory attributes that influence herd demographics. For each attribute, corresponding levels were identified based on regulatory frameworks within current deer seasons zones in North Carolina and levels needed to meet all WRC biological objectives for deer throughout the state.

Table 1. Attributes and Levels for Choice Experiment

• Gun season length (weeks)	3, 5, 7, 9, 11
• Blackpowder season length	none, 1 week, 2 weeks
• Opening of gun season (later than current; weeks)	no change, 1, 2, 3
• Antlered buck limit	1; 2; 4
• Antlerless buck limit	2; 4; 6; unlimited

Respondents were presented with eight randomly generated choice tasks with five key attributes. After pilot testing the survey with NC deer hunters and WRC staff and leadership, the team favored a design that included

three concepts per task (i.e., options) and without a "None" option. We preceded the choice experiment with text to help identify the aims of the study, reason for using the CBC approach, and brief instructions (Figure 1) before asking them to complete choice tasks. We also provided a reference at the bottom of the choice task to help the respondent reference timing of current gun seasons across the state.



5. Please consider the following computer selected options containing five deer season attributes. Evaluate each of the five attributes independently, then choose the option you prefer most, even if you consider none to be ideal.

To increase our number of data points, this process is repeated eight times.

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	Option A	Option B	Option C
Gun Season Length	3 weeks	11 weeks	7 weeks
Blackpowder Season Length	none	1 week	2 weeks
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	no change	3 weeks	2 weeks
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	2	1	4
Antlerless Bag Limit	2	4	unlimited
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Current Gun Seasons

Eastern: *11-weeks opening Saturday on or nearest Oct. 15th*
Central: *7-weeks opening two Saturdays before Thanksgiving*
Northwestern: *6-weeks opening Saturday before Thanksgiving*
Western: *3-weeks opening Monday of Thanksgiving*
Cleveland, Polk, Rutherford: *6-weeks opening Monday of Thanksgiving*

Figure 1. Example of a choice task presented to hunters.

Potential Deer Season Zone Development

North Carolina's deer season zones were established through the 1970s to accommodate a rapidly expanding deer population, and have remained relatively unchanged since their creation. In 2015, the WRC delineated Biological Deer Management Units (BDMUs) to account for geographic variability in key biological deer management variables to better guide surveys, research, management, and monitoring efforts (Figure 2). These five BDMUs represent groupings of counties where deer are biologically similar, while current deer season zones are primarily regulatory units, and represent areas where hunting traditions are similar. Both hunting traditions and deer biology are critical components of deer management, and should be accounted for to effectively manage deer populations.

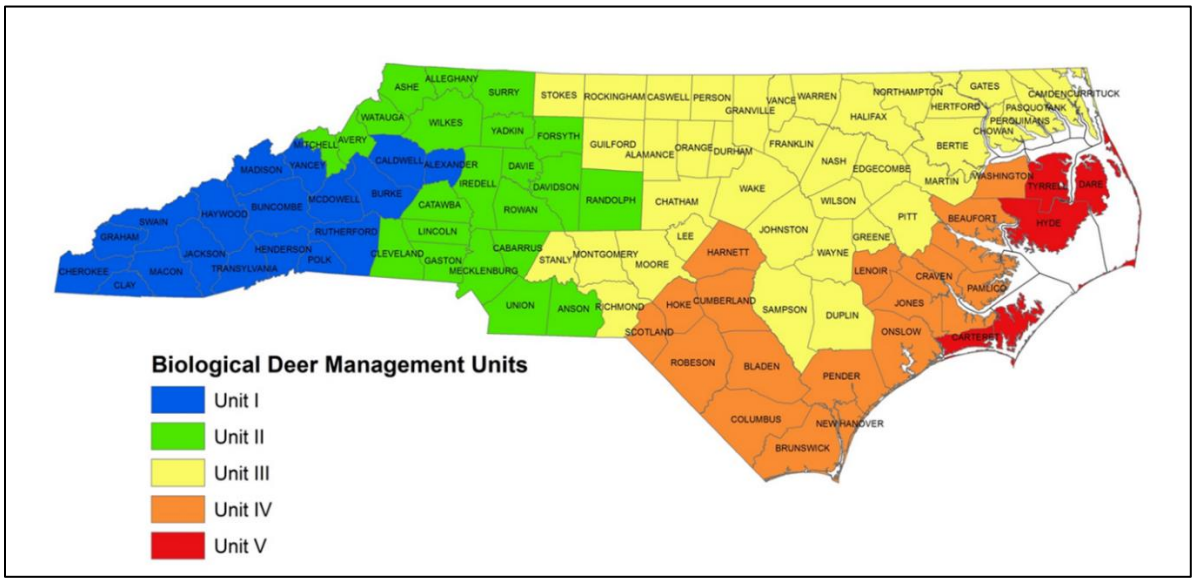


Figure 2. Biological Deer Management Units developed in 2015 to guide management decisions.

An overlay of BDMUs with current deer season zones creates a cross section of 12 geographic units with similar biological deer herds and hunting traditions. These base units were carefully examined for geospatial similarities in initial CBC analysis results. Twelve units are not necessary or desirable for regulatory purposes, so WRC biologist consolidated units into 5 potential (i.e., new) deer season zones (Western [W], Northwestern [NW], Central [C], Northeastern [NE], Southeastern [SE]) (Figure 3). These potential deer season zones increase biological variability captured while maintaining groupings of counties with similar hunter traditions and preferences, and served as the final unit for CBC analysis.

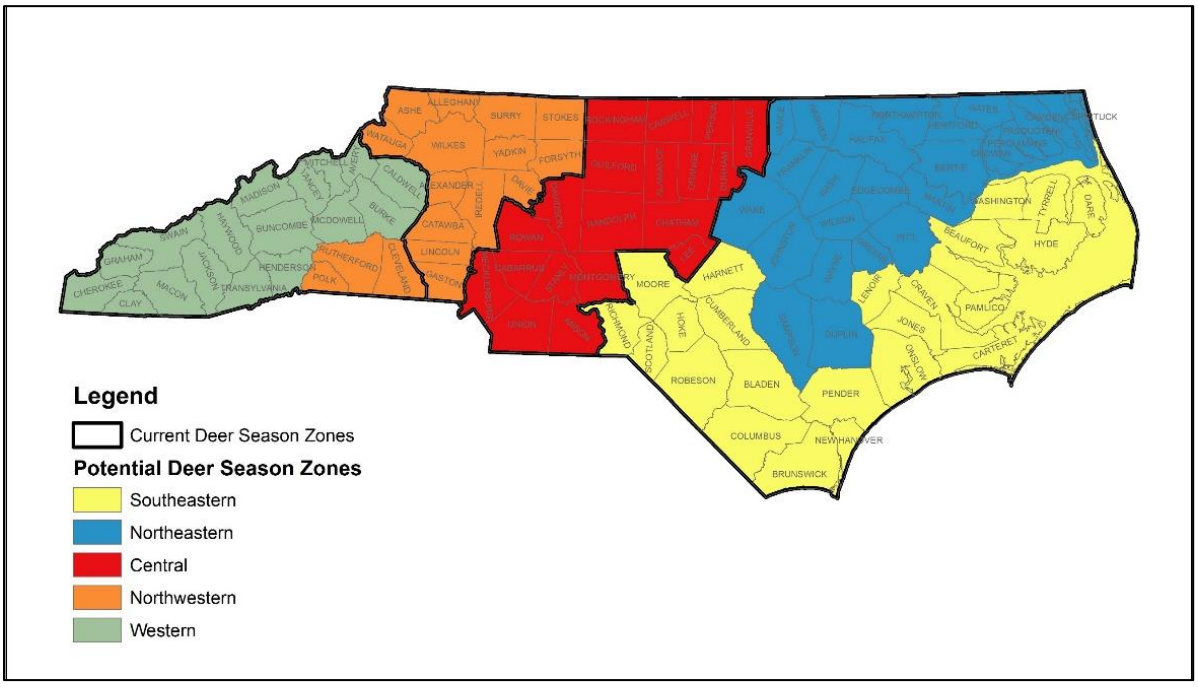


Figure 3. Five potential deer season zones were developed from a 2015 Biological Evaluation of Deer Hunting Season Structures and Management Units, and preliminary results from the Deer Hunting and Management

Survey. The Eastern Deer Season Zone was split into Northeastern and Southeastern Season Zones to better account for biological variability. Cleveland, Rutherford, and Polk Counties were merged with the Northwestern Season Zone to better align with hunter traditions and preferences.

Analysis

We employed stated choice modeling for conjoint analysis using statistical estimation to extract individual utility scores for respondents within these five potential deer season zones. We also present conjoint importance scores which measure the percent importance of the five attributes in the respondent's choice that was made. The importance score is calculated by dividing the utility score range for each attribute by the total utility range and then multiplying by 100.

Sawtooth Software's CBC method allowed us to measure respondents' preferences for various management strategies and trade-offs using Sawtooth's simulator. We explored the attractiveness of multiple policy packages in each potential deer season zone, and developed two final packages to compare through simulations, the Status Quo (SQ) and Balanced Option (B) (Table 2). The SQ package represented the current deer season frameworks, and the Balanced represented a balance between hunter preference and the biological optimum level need to meet all the WRC's stated biological objectives for a "well-managed" deer herd in the 2015 Biological Evaluation of Deer Hunting Season Structures and Management Units. We engaged in a sensitivity analysis (varying all attribute levels to achieve practical fit) to fine-tune our packages. The program uses utility scores to calculate respondents' preferences for policy packages (i.e., profiles). Policy simulation results are interpreted as percent share of preferences to estimate support for guidelines and policy.

Table 2. Attribute levels for Status Quo (SQ) and Balanced Option (B) packages.

	Western		Northwestern		Central		Southeastern		Northeastern	
	SQ	B	SQ	B	SQ	B	SQ	B	SQ	B
Blackpowder Length (weeks)	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
Opening of Gun (weeks later)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Gun Length (weeks)	3	6	6	7	7	8	11	10	11	11
Antlerless Bag	6	4	Unlimited	4	Unlimited	4	Unlimited	4	Unlimited	4
Antlered Bag	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	4	2

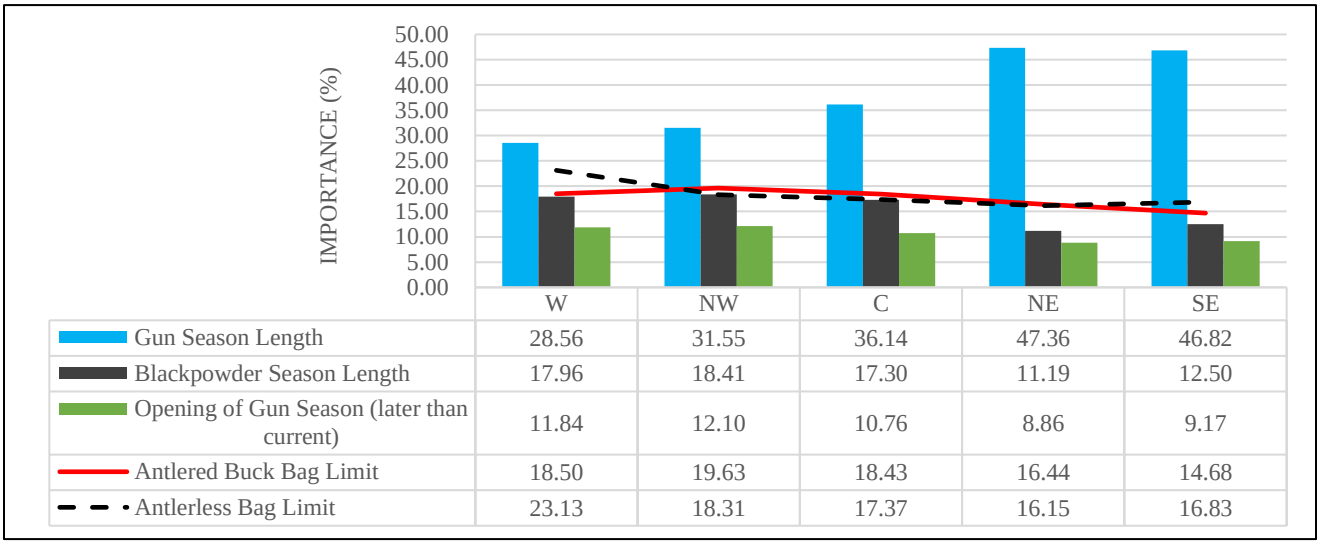
Note: Unlimited antlerless bag limit includes an antlerless bag limit of 6 plus unlimited opportunity to purchase bonus antlerless harvest report cards.
Note: Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk Counties were included in the Northwestern Season Zone for this analysis.

Results

Importance and Utility Scores

- We obtained 25,508 valid responses for trade-off evaluations/CBC analysis (SE: 5,700; NE: 6,617; W: 2,607; NW: 4,385; C: 6,199).

- Estimation of attribute importance for the sample revealed that gun season length followed by antlerless and antlered bag limit were the most important attributes to hunters (Figure 4).



	W	NW	C	NE	SE
Gun Season Length	28.56	31.55	36.14	47.36	46.82
Blackpowder Season Length	17.96	18.41	17.30	11.19	12.50
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	11.84	12.10	10.76	8.86	9.17
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	18.50	19.63	18.43	16.44	14.68
Antlerless Bag Limit	23.13	18.31	17.37	16.15	16.83

Figure 4. Comparison of attribute importance by potential season zone.

- Moving west to east across the state, the importance of gun increased, while importance of bag limits and black powder season length decreased.

- The timing of the opening of gun season was the least important attribute to hunters in each zone.

- Examining part-worth utilities revealed that hunters tended to prefer current blackpowder and gun season lengths (NE & SE) or favor gun seasons that are two weeks longer (W, C, NW) (Table 3).

- Southeastern hunters preferred gun season open one week later, while the remainder of the sample preferred no change.

- Hunters in each potential season zone preferred a 2-antlered buck bag limit, and to take fewer antlerless deer than they currently are allowed.

Table 3. Utility scores for hunters segmented by deer season zone hunted.

Gun Season Length	Utility	Black Powder Season Length	Utility	Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	Utility	Antlered Buck Limit	Utility	Antlerless Bag Limit	Utility
3 Weeks		**None**		**No Change**		1		**2**	
Northeastern	-120.3	Northeastern	-25.2	Northeastern	4.5	Northeastern	-14.2	Northeastern	-28.2
Central	-87.2	Central	-39.3	Central	14.2	Central	-3.5	Central	-27.9
Northwestern	-66.4	Northwestern	-45.1	Northwestern	20.5	Northwestern	0.95	Northwestern	-23.3
Southeastern	-116.9	Southeastern	-30.1	Southeastern	2.2	Southeastern	-14.5	Southeastern	-25.1
Western	-26.3	Western	-43.8	Western	7.8	Western	-2.4	Western	6.9
5 Weeks		**1 Week**		**1 Week**		**2**		**4**	
Northeastern	-44.7	Northeastern	9.4	Northeastern	1.8	Northeastern	21.9	Northeastern	9.2
Central	-17.5	Central	12.6	Central	7.1	Central	26.7	Central	9.6
Northwestern	-2.7	Northwestern	14.1	Northwestern	5.3	Northwestern	25.4	Northwestern	12.4
Southeastern	-42.3	Southeastern	10.6	Southeastern	3.7	Southeastern	17.8	Southeastern	10.9

Western	16.4	Western	15.2	Western	4.3	Western	25.7	Western	21.5
7 Weeks		**2 Weeks**		**2 Weeks**		**4**		**6**	
Northeastern	19.7	Northeastern	15.9	Northeastern	2.0	Northeastern	-7.8	Northeastern	14.6
Central	28.8	Central	26.7	Central	-2.3	Central	-23.2	Central	15.8
Northwestern	25.3	Northwestern	31.0	Northwestern	-5.5	Northwestern	-26.3	Northwestern	14.7
Southeastern	16.8	Southeastern	19.5	Southeastern	2.7	Southeastern	-3.3	Southeastern	14.3
Western	15.8	Western	28.5	Western	-0.2	Western	-23.4	Western	7.5
9 Weeks				**3 Weeks**				**Unlimited**	
Northeastern	58.6			Northeastern	-8.3			Northeastern	4.5
Central	40.4			Central	-19.0			Central	2.5
Northwestern	27.0			Northwestern	-20.3			Northwestern	-3.9
Southeastern	55.7			Southeastern	-8.5			Southeastern	-.05
Western	9.2			Western	-11.9			Western	-35.9
11 Weeks									
Northeastern	86.7								
Central	35.6								
Northwestern	16.8								
Southeastern	86.6								
Western	-15.0								

Note: Only levels *within* an attribute can be compared.
Note: Central (n=6,199); Northeastern (n=6,617); Northwestern (n=4,385); Southeastern (n=5,700); Western (n=2,607)

Policy Simulations

We ran two sets of simulations in each zone because the research team determined that the Balanced or SQ packages for zones often hinged upon a gun season length that was not measured in our survey. Gun season length levels measured in the survey included 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 weeks. The SQ for the NW zone, and Balanced for the W, C, and NE zones included 6, 6, 8 and 10 weeks of gun season respectively. Therefore, one simulation set rounded up gun season length to the nearest measured level (Figure 4), and the other rounded down (Figure 5). Staff determined that both sets could provide some semblance of hunter preference for the Balanced over the SQ.

Comparing Status Quo (SQ) and Balanced packages revealed that W and SE zone hunters preferred the Balanced over SQ. Preference for the Balanced was greater than the SQ when SQ gun length was rounded down to 5 weeks in the Northwestern zone, and when the Balanced gun length was rounded up to 9 weeks in the Central, and rounded up to 11 weeks in the Northeastern zones. These simulations represent predicted hunter preference for packages comprised of five key regulatory attributes of a deer season. This is a conservative estimate of the true preference for the Balanced packages for each zone as some additional proportion of hunters may prefer the Balanced over the SQ if benefits to the condition of the deer herd are fully understood.

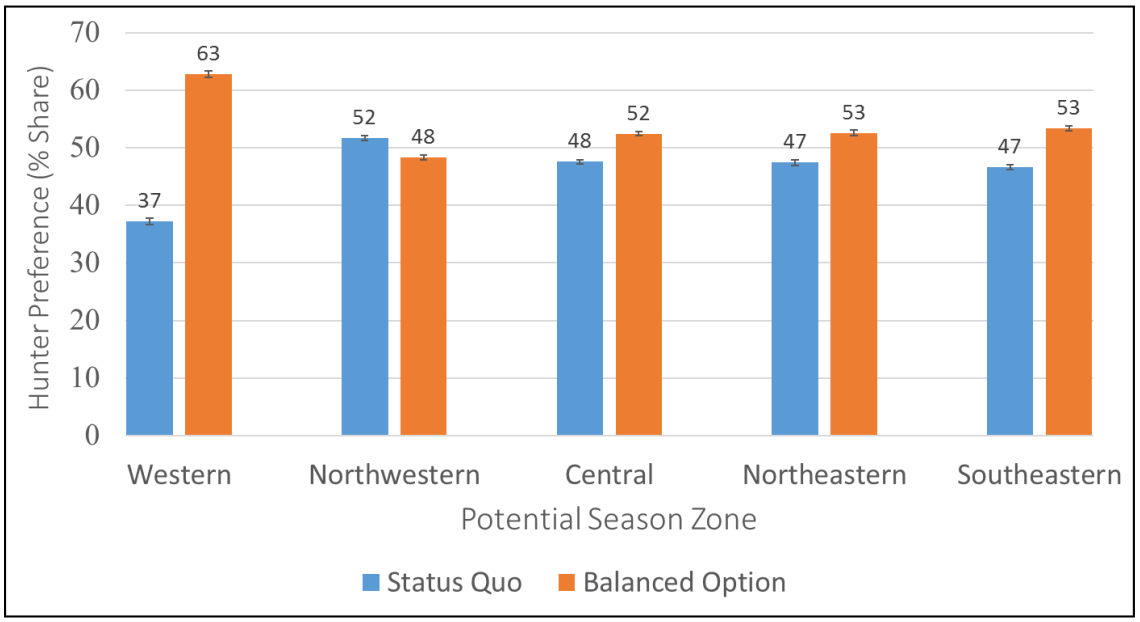


Figure 4. Simulation results comparing hunter preference for Status Quo and Balanced Option packages as measured by percent share. Gun season length is rounded up to the nearest measured level for the NW (7 weeks) Status Quo package and W (7 weeks), C (9 weeks) and NE (11 weeks) Balanced Option package.

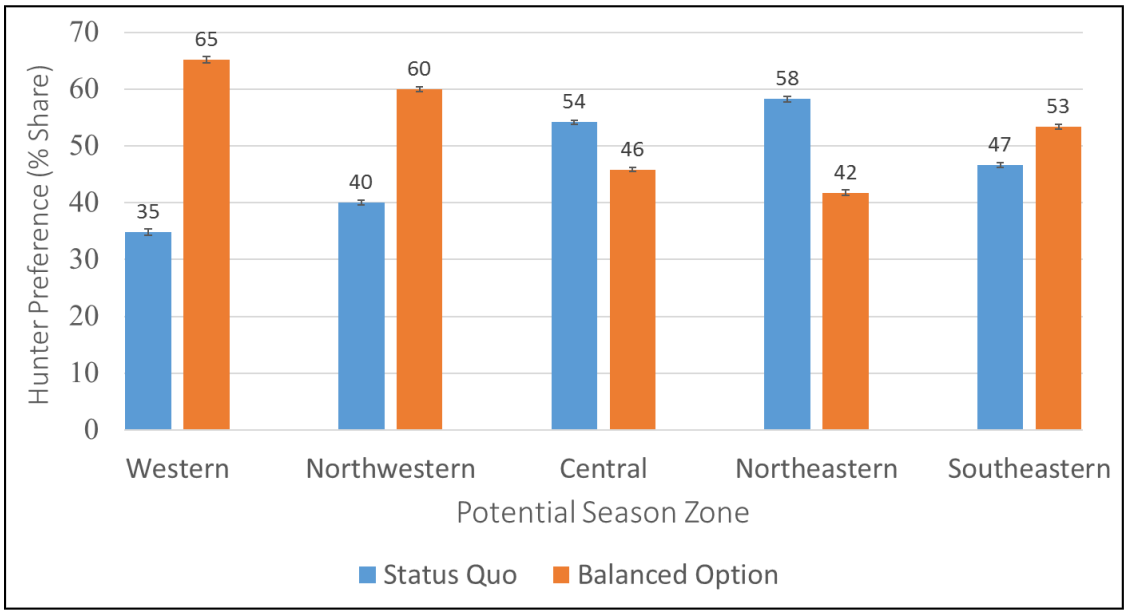


Figure 5. Simulation results comparing hunter preference for Status Quo and Balanced Option packages as measured by percent share. Gun season length is rounded down to the nearest measured level for the NW (5 weeks) SQ package and W (5 weeks), C (7 weeks) and NE (9 weeks) Balanced package.

Management Implications

These results demonstrate the relative importance of attributes of a deer season and preferences for levels within those attributes can vary across the state, and within the same areas of the state. The length of the gun season is the most important attribute to most hunters, and they prefer a gun season length that is as long or longer than current gun season lengths. However, hunter satisfaction has declined over the past decade, and the vast majority of hunters are willing to make changes to improve the condition of the deer herd. The choice-modeling results shed light on potential trade-offs hunters could make in hunting opportunities and traditions to achieve what they desire in the state's deer herd. While a significant reduction in the gun season length is not a trade-off most hunters are willing to make, this evaluation demonstrates that hunters may be willing to adjust blackpowder season length, timing of gun season, and bag limits in parts of the state to improve both long-term hunter satisfaction and herd condition.

APPENDIX I – Tables of County Level Results

Table 1. (Question 2) How many days did you deer hunt in 2015?

County	n	<2 days	2-5 days	6-10 days	11-21 days	22-41 days	>41 days
ALAMANCE	395	12.2%	14.9%	16.5%	25.6%	23.0%	7.8%
ALEXANDER	168	10.7%	12.5%	16.1%	31.0%	22.6%	7.1%
ALLEGHANY	290	13.8%	13.8%	23.1%	22.8%	19.0%	7.6%
ANSON	563	4.4%	11.0%	16.9%	32.1%	25.8%	9.8%
ASHE	390	14.6%	19.0%	17.7%	25.9%	17.4%	5.4%
AVERY	145	8.3%	20.0%	15.2%	32.4%	17.2%	6.9%
BEAUFORT	414	12.6%	13.8%	19.3%	22.5%	20.3%	11.6%
BERTIE	573	7.3%	15.9%	18.2%	26.9%	20.6%	11.2%
BLADEN	520	9.2%	14.6%	14.0%	24.6%	26.7%	10.8%
BRUNSWICK	367	18.8%	14.2%	13.1%	18.8%	22.3%	12.8%
BUNCOMBE	254	16.5%	28.7%	22.4%	16.9%	13.4%	2.0%
BURKE	373	11.0%	18.2%	24.4%	30.0%	12.6%	3.8%
CABARRUS	289	14.5%	14.2%	17.6%	26.3%	20.4%	6.9%
CALDWELL	279	12.2%	22.2%	21.5%	26.5%	13.3%	4.3%
CAMDEN	160	15.0%	23.8%	16.3%	21.9%	16.3%	6.9%
CARTERET	281	16.7%	18.9%	21.0%	18.9%	16.4%	8.2%
CASWELL	472	9.3%	15.3%	20.3%	26.5%	20.6%	8.1%
CATAWBA	281	14.6%	16.7%	19.2%	26.0%	16.7%	6.8%
CHATHAM	638	10.5%	16.5%	16.6%	27.4%	20.5%	8.5%
CHEROKEE	170	17.1%	19.4%	20.6%	24.7%	13.5%	4.7%
CHOWAN	166	12.0%	19.9%	18.1%	22.3%	21.1%	6.6%
CLAY	116	7.8%	33.6%	19.0%	27.6%	8.6%	3.4%
CLEVELAND	358	10.9%	15.6%	24.3%	28.8%	15.4%	5.0%
COLUMBUS	286	13.3%	14.3%	15.4%	23.8%	22.7%	10.5%
CRAVEN	415	14.0%	14.2%	17.6%	23.1%	18.8%	12.3%
CUMBERLAND	296	17.6%	13.9%	11.5%	23.0%	21.3%	12.8%
CURRITUCK	193	17.1%	19.2%	21.8%	21.2%	14.0%	6.7%
DARE	98	28.6%	24.5%	14.3%	16.3%	11.2%	5.1%
DAVIDSON	429	10.5%	13.1%	18.2%	28.4%	21.7%	8.2%
DAVIE	236	13.1%	19.5%	19.1%	26.7%	15.7%	5.9%
DUPLIN	345	6.1%	15.1%	20.9%	22.9%	20.6%	14.5%
DURHAM	254	23.2%	19.7%	17.3%	18.9%	13.0%	7.9%
EDGECOMBE	349	8.9%	16.3%	14.6%	23.5%	24.9%	11.7%
FORSYTH	233	18.0%	15.0%	17.2%	23.6%	20.6%	5.6%
FRANKLIN	379	12.4%	16.1%	14.8%	33.0%	15.8%	7.9%
GASTON	278	12.6%	11.9%	19.8%	26.3%	23.7%	5.8%
GATES	377	13.8%	9.5%	15.6%	28.9%	24.4%	7.7%
GRAHAM	53	20.8%	20.8%	34.0%	18.9%	5.7%	0.0%
GRANVILLE	533	9.0%	14.1%	18.4%	30.8%	20.1%	7.7%

Table 1. Cont.

County	n	<2 days	2-5 days	6-10 days	11-21 days	22-41 days	>41 days
GREENE	176	10.2%	12.5%	20.5%	25.6%	22.7%	8.5%
GUILFORD	363	19.6%	15.7%	12.7%	23.7%	22.3%	6.1%
HALIFAX	679	7.4%	16.8%	15.9%	26.8%	23.3%	9.9%
HARNETT	408	10.5%	13.2%	16.2%	27.9%	21.3%	10.8%
HAYWOOD	189	12.7%	25.9%	26.5%	19.6%	13.2%	2.1%
HENDERSON	205	14.1%	27.8%	24.4%	24.9%	8.3%	0.5%
HERTFORD	216	8.8%	13.0%	16.2%	27.8%	24.1%	10.2%
HOKE	175	11.4%	13.7%	18.3%	22.9%	21.7%	12.0%
HYDE	222	17.6%	21.6%	17.1%	18.5%	13.1%	12.2%
IREDELL	393	15.0%	15.8%	17.6%	26.2%	19.8%	5.6%
JACKSON	117	26.5%	23.1%	23.9%	18.8%	6.0%	1.7%
JOHNSTON	464	13.4%	15.3%	17.9%	22.2%	22.4%	8.8%
JONES	266	13.2%	13.5%	16.2%	23.7%	22.2%	11.3%
LEE	208	13.9%	14.4%	14.4%	30.8%	16.8%	9.6%
LENOIR	208	11.5%	11.1%	16.8%	29.8%	21.2%	9.6%
LINCOLN	279	13.6%	20.1%	19.7%	22.2%	19.7%	4.7%
MCDOWELL	202	16.8%	13.9%	22.8%	22.8%	20.3%	3.5%
MACON	231	12.1%	24.7%	26.0%	27.3%	7.8%	2.2%
MADISON	186	12.4%	16.7%	23.1%	26.9%	13.4%	7.5%
MARTIN	249	8.4%	9.2%	18.1%	22.5%	26.1%	15.7%
MECKLENBURG	212	21.7%	18.4%	19.3%	21.7%	11.8%	7.1%
MITCHELL	155	12.9%	18.1%	14.2%	28.4%	16.1%	10.3%
MONTGOMERY	516	6.8%	11.0%	15.7%	31.6%	23.6%	11.2%
MOORE	459	11.1%	13.9%	14.6%	26.1%	23.7%	10.5%
NASH	326	8.6%	16.3%	20.9%	26.4%	19.3%	8.6%
NEW HANOVER	59	20.3%	35.6%	15.3%	11.9%	8.5%	8.5%
NORTHAMPTON	533	6.2%	10.3%	16.9%	27.6%	23.6%	15.4%
ONSLOW	428	15.0%	14.5%	16.4%	21.3%	21.5%	11.4%
ORANGE	394	9.6%	18.3%	20.8%	24.6%	20.1%	6.6%
PAMLICO	186	12.4%	14.0%	16.1%	23.7%	23.1%	10.8%
PASQUOTANK	135	23.0%	16.3%	23.7%	20.0%	13.3%	3.7%
PENDER	631	14.3%	14.9%	17.0%	21.9%	20.9%	11.1%
PERQUIMANS	201	13.4%	15.4%	14.4%	23.4%	23.4%	10.0%
PERSON	358	9.5%	19.8%	14.0%	28.8%	20.9%	7.0%
PITT	354	11.6%	15.3%	17.2%	28.0%	18.6%	9.3%
POLK	203	12.3%	23.2%	22.2%	22.2%	16.3%	3.9%
RANDOLPH	473	9.9%	11.8%	16.1%	27.5%	25.4%	9.3%
RICHMOND	300	7.3%	11.7%	11.3%	24.7%	31.0%	14.0%
ROBESON	197	10.7%	13.7%	17.8%	23.9%	18.8%	15.2%
ROCKINGHAM	476	8.8%	16.2%	17.4%	23.9%	23.5%	10.1%
ROWAN	408	14.5%	17.4%	19.6%	22.8%	17.9%	7.8%

Table 1. Cont.

County	n	<2 days	2-5 days	6-10 days	11-21 days	22-41 days	>41 days
RUTHERFORD	337	9.8%	18.7%	21.1%	27.3%	16.3%	6.8%
SAMPSON	286	13.6%	10.8%	17.5%	26.2%	22.0%	9.8%
SCOTLAND	185	10.3%	13.0%	10.8%	28.1%	23.8%	14.1%
STANLY	329	7.6%	12.2%	20.4%	28.6%	19.8%	11.6%
STOKES	410	7.1%	11.2%	15.6%	32.9%	22.0%	11.2%
SURRY	306	12.1%	14.1%	21.6%	26.8%	18.0%	7.5%
SWAIN	70	22.9%	28.6%	27.1%	10.0%	10.0%	1.4%
TRANSYLVANIA	172	13.4%	26.2%	23.3%	26.7%	8.1%	2.3%
TYRRELL	128	7.8%	21.9%	21.1%	22.7%	17.2%	9.4%
UNION	456	11.6%	14.0%	17.5%	25.9%	20.2%	10.7%
VANCE	237	11.8%	13.9%	18.6%	25.3%	20.3%	10.1%
WAKE	667	18.9%	20.8%	18.4%	21.7%	14.1%	6.0%
WARREN	289	8.7%	8.7%	15.9%	30.1%	22.5%	14.2%
WASHINGTON	185	11.9%	14.6%	18.4%	24.3%	22.7%	8.1%
WATAUGA	241	10.0%	18.3%	19.5%	26.6%	19.1%	6.6%
WAYNE	302	11.6%	13.6%	19.9%	23.8%	18.2%	12.9%
WILKES	454	9.5%	17.8%	17.2%	30.2%	19.2%	6.2%
WILSON	193	11.9%	16.1%	13.5%	22.3%	24.4%	11.9%
YADKIN	319	10.7%	14.4%	21.6%	25.7%	17.2%	10.3%
YANCEY	162	8.6%	17.9%	22.2%	29.6%	17.9%	3.7%

Note: Results presented as sample size (n) and percent frequency of response.

Table 2. (Question 3) In which county is deer management most important to you?

County	n	Reside in county
ALAMANCE	396	77%
ALEXANDER	168	74%
ALLEGHANY	291	49%
ANSON	566	27%
ASHE	391	48%
AVERY	146	64%
BEAUFORT	415	57%
BERTIE	577	24%
BLADEN	521	43%
BRUNSWICK	372	69%
BUNCOMBE	255	81%
BURKE	375	73%
CABARRUS	291	77%
CALDWELL	279	71%
CAMDEN	160	64%
CARTERET	281	81%
CASWELL	473	39%
CATAWBA	283	84%
CHATHAM	639	46%
CHEROKEE	170	82%
CHOWAN	166	61%
CLAY	116	87%
CLEVELAND	358	77%
COLUMBUS	286	59%
CRAVEN	418	71%
CUMBERLAND	300	80%
CURRITUCK	195	72%
DARE	100	81%
DAVIDSON	433	83%
DAVIE	237	73%
DUPLIN	350	55%
DURHAM	256	68%
EDGECOMBE	352	38%
FORSYTH	236	79%
FRANKLIN	379	54%
GASTON	280	85%
GATES	378	48%
GRAHAM	53	83%
GRANVILLE	534	46%
GREENE	176	63%
GUILFORD	366	79%
HALIFAX	680	25%

Table 2. Cont.

County	n	Reside in county
HARNETT	409	70%
HAYWOOD	190	81%
HENDERSON	207	83%
HERTFORD	217	44%
HOKE	177	75%
HYDE	223	40%
IREDELL	394	75%
JACKSON	117	85%
JOHNSTON	467	75%
JONES	267	38%
LEE	208	69%
LENOIR	208	73%
LINCOLN	280	71%
MCDOWELL	235	74%
MACON	186	58%
MADISON	252	55%
MARTIN	203	77%
MECKLENBURG	213	73%
MITCHELL	155	66%
MONTGOMERY	517	33%
MOORE	463	68%
NASH	326	64%
NEW HANOVER	60	77%
NORTHAMPTON	535	30%
ONSLOW	432	86%
ORANGE	395	58%
PAMLICO	188	64%
PASQUOTANK	138	85%
PENDER	636	45%
PERQUIMANS	201	66%
PERSON	359	64%
PITT	356	75%
POLK	205	60%
RANDOLPH	474	80%
RICHMOND	302	54%
ROBESON	199	73%
ROCKINGHAM	478	65%
ROWAN	410	75%
RUTHERFORD	337	68%
SAMPSON	287	54%
SCOTLAND	186	66%
STANLY	332	75%

Table 2. Cont.

County	n	Reside in county
STOKES	414	51%
SURRY	308	61%
SWAIN	71	76%
TRANSYLVANIA	173	76%
TYRRELL	128	42%
UNION	458	79%
VANCE	239	67%
WAKE	668	80%
WARREN	291	44%
WASHINGTON	185	56%
WATAUGA	241	75%
WAYNE	302	82%
WILKES	454	51%
WILSON	193	73%
YADKIN	321	73%
YANCEY	163	66%

Note: Results presented as count of responses (n) and percent frequency of responders that reside in the county where deer management is most important to them.

Table 3. (Question 4.1) Importance of putting meat in the freezer.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	396	4.8%	7.8%	19.9%	19.7%	47.7%	3.98	0.06
ALEXANDER	168	4.2%	9.5%	16.7%	24.4%	45.2%	3.97	0.09
ALLEGHANY	290	4.5%	7.9%	21.7%	15.9%	50.0%	3.99	0.07
ANSON	559	5.2%	11.4%	19.0%	20.2%	44.2%	3.87	0.05
ASHE	390	4.9%	10.8%	18.7%	20.0%	45.6%	3.91	0.06
AVERY	146	2.7%	5.5%	19.2%	22.6%	50.0%	4.12	0.09
BEAUFORT	411	6.1%	8.5%	21.4%	20.2%	43.8%	3.87	0.06
BERTIE	570	8.8%	12.3%	22.8%	19.5%	36.7%	3.63	0.06
BLADEN	518	6.4%	13.7%	19.9%	18.1%	41.9%	3.75	0.06
BRUNSWICK	369	5.4%	11.4%	17.1%	23.6%	42.5%	3.86	0.06
BUNCOMBE	251	3.6%	8.8%	16.7%	22.7%	48.2%	4.03	0.07
BURKE	373	7.2%	8.6%	20.9%	22.5%	40.8%	3.81	0.07
CABARRUS	290	5.9%	7.9%	17.9%	23.1%	45.2%	3.94	0.07
CALDWELL	278	4.3%	10.1%	17.3%	20.5%	47.8%	3.97	0.07
CAMDEN	158	9.5%	9.5%	21.5%	21.5%	38.0%	3.69	0.11
CARTERET	280	3.9%	7.5%	25.4%	18.6%	44.6%	3.93	0.07
CASWELL	471	6.6%	11.0%	17.6%	21.9%	42.9%	3.83	0.06
CATAWBA	282	5.3%	12.4%	23.8%	26.6%	31.9%	3.67	0.07
CHATHAM	632	7.4%	9.0%	19.3%	21.5%	42.7%	3.83	0.05
CHEROKEE	168	4.2%	3.6%	17.9%	17.3%	57.1%	4.20	0.09
CHOWAN	165	6.1%	8.5%	13.3%	24.8%	47.3%	3.99	0.10
CLAY	114	5.3%	8.8%	16.7%	25.4%	43.9%	3.94	0.11
CLEVELAND	356	4.2%	9.8%	15.2%	21.3%	49.4%	4.02	0.06
COLUMBUS	283	7.8%	7.4%	23.7%	23.7%	37.5%	3.76	0.07
CRAVEN	415	6.0%	8.7%	16.9%	25.5%	42.9%	3.91	0.06
CUMBERLAND	298	9.1%	8.1%	16.4%	18.5%	48.0%	3.88	0.08
CURRITUCK	192	7.8%	6.8%	18.8%	20.8%	45.8%	3.90	0.09
DARE	99	8.1%	5.1%	18.2%	20.2%	48.5%	3.96	0.13
DAVIDSON	432	6.7%	11.3%	15.5%	19.0%	47.5%	3.89	0.06
DAVIE	234	4.7%	10.7%	18.4%	21.4%	44.9%	3.91	0.08
DUPLIN	346	8.7%	10.7%	20.5%	19.7%	40.5%	3.73	0.07
DURHAM	254	5.5%	8.3%	15.7%	16.5%	53.9%	4.05	0.08
EDGECOMBE	352	8.2%	11.6%	24.1%	20.7%	35.2%	3.63	0.07
FORSYTH	234	7.3%	5.1%	19.7%	14.5%	53.4%	4.02	0.08
FRANKLIN	376	4.8%	9.8%	19.7%	22.6%	43.1%	3.89	0.06
GASTON	276	5.4%	7.2%	17.4%	18.8%	51.1%	4.03	0.07
GATES	376	7.7%	10.6%	21.0%	18.4%	42.3%	3.77	0.07
GRAHAM	53	1.9%	5.7%	15.1%	13.2%	64.2%	4.32	0.14
GRANVILLE	530	4.3%	10.4%	20.9%	22.1%	42.3%	3.88	0.05
GREENE	173	10.4%	12.1%	18.5%	16.8%	42.2%	3.68	0.11

Table 3. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
GUILFORD	363	5.0%	9.9%	16.5%	20.4%	48.2%	3.97	0.06
HALIFAX	676	8.6%	11.7%	23.4%	20.0%	36.4%	3.64	0.05
HARNETT	407	3.2%	8.6%	22.4%	20.6%	45.2%	3.96	0.06
HAYWOOD	189	1.1%	14.3%	13.2%	22.2%	49.2%	4.04	0.08
HENDERSON	206	3.9%	7.3%	18.9%	21.8%	48.1%	4.03	0.08
HERTFORD	216	5.1%	15.3%	21.8%	23.6%	34.3%	3.67	0.08
HOKE	176	3.4%	11.4%	17.6%	19.9%	47.7%	3.97	0.09
HYDE	221	3.2%	5.9%	18.1%	20.4%	52.5%	4.13	0.07
IREDELL	392	7.4%	12.8%	23.0%	20.7%	36.2%	3.66	0.06
JACKSON	117	6.8%	6.0%	14.5%	12.8%	59.8%	4.13	0.12
JOHNSTON	462	5.0%	10.4%	18.0%	23.8%	42.9%	3.89	0.06
JONES	267	7.5%	12.0%	19.9%	19.9%	40.8%	3.75	0.08
LEE	206	7.3%	9.2%	18.0%	19.9%	45.6%	3.87	0.09
LENOIR	208	7.2%	5.8%	15.9%	23.1%	48.1%	3.99	0.09
LINCOLN	278	5.8%	14.7%	15.8%	18.7%	45.0%	3.82	0.08
MCDOWELL	201	3.5%	10.0%	17.9%	25.9%	42.8%	3.95	0.08
MACON	234	3.8%	6.4%	16.7%	22.6%	50.4%	4.09	0.07
MADISON	184	3.3%	3.8%	17.4%	14.7%	60.9%	4.26	0.08
MARTIN	247	5.3%	10.1%	17.8%	22.7%	44.1%	3.90	0.08
MECKLENBURG	211	6.2%	7.1%	13.7%	28.0%	45.0%	3.99	0.08
MITCHELL	155	5.2%	5.8%	20.6%	21.9%	46.5%	3.99	0.09
MONTGOMERY	513	5.5%	9.7%	20.3%	19.3%	45.2%	3.89	0.05
MOORE	461	4.6%	10.0%	22.1%	22.3%	41.0%	3.85	0.06
NASH	323	6.5%	10.2%	22.9%	19.5%	40.9%	3.78	0.07
NEW HANOVER	60	8.3%	8.3%	15.0%	15.0%	53.3%	3.97	0.17
NORTHAMPTON	532	10.5%	14.1%	21.1%	20.1%	34.2%	3.53	0.06
ONSLOW	431	4.2%	7.4%	16.0%	21.8%	50.6%	4.07	0.06
ORANGE	393	4.8%	7.9%	16.3%	27.2%	43.8%	3.97	0.06
PAMLICO	187	7.5%	13.9%	16.0%	20.9%	41.7%	3.75	0.10
PASQUOTANK	136	11.0%	8.1%	18.4%	16.9%	45.6%	3.78	0.12
PENDER	633	6.6%	11.7%	20.4%	19.3%	42.0%	3.78	0.05
PERQUIMANS	201	6.5%	7.0%	16.4%	23.9%	46.3%	3.97	0.09
PERSON	357	7.6%	9.2%	23.0%	18.8%	41.5%	3.77	0.07
PITT	355	5.6%	9.3%	18.6%	24.8%	41.7%	3.88	0.06
POLK	204	3.9%	6.9%	20.1%	19.1%	50.0%	4.04	0.08
RANDOLPH	473	6.3%	9.3%	18.6%	17.8%	48.0%	3.92	0.06
RICHMOND	301	5.6%	10.6%	20.9%	21.3%	41.5%	3.82	0.07
ROBESON	199	7.5%	6.0%	20.6%	19.6%	46.2%	3.91	0.09
ROCKINGHAM	474	4.4%	9.9%	19.0%	19.6%	47.0%	3.95	0.06
ROWAN	408	5.9%	10.0%	18.9%	20.6%	44.6%	3.88	0.06

Table 3. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
RUTHERFORD	336	3.9%	10.1%	18.8%	18.8%	48.5%	3.98	0.07
SAMPSON	286	9.4%	13.3%	19.6%	22.0%	35.7%	3.61	0.08
SCOTLAND	186	4.8%	11.3%	28.5%	17.7%	37.6%	3.72	0.09
STANLY	332	6.3%	8.7%	15.7%	22.9%	46.4%	3.94	0.07
STOKES	413	5.3%	7.7%	16.5%	17.4%	53.0%	4.05	0.06
SURRY	307	4.9%	9.4%	19.9%	16.9%	48.9%	3.95	0.07
SWAIN	71	2.8%	4.2%	14.1%	23.9%	54.9%	4.24	0.12
TRANSYLVANIA	171	2.3%	8.2%	21.6%	20.5%	47.4%	4.02	0.08
TYRRELL	128	1.6%	7.0%	13.3%	24.2%	53.9%	4.22	0.09
UNION	453	4.4%	8.2%	14.1%	23.8%	49.4%	4.06	0.05
VANCE	238	6.7%	9.2%	17.6%	22.3%	44.1%	3.88	0.08
WAKE	662	4.5%	9.8%	16.0%	21.3%	48.3%	3.99	0.05
WARREN	288	6.9%	10.4%	22.9%	22.2%	37.5%	3.73	0.07
WASHINGTON	184	7.1%	9.2%	21.2%	12.0%	50.5%	3.90	0.10
WATAUGA	238	3.8%	8.4%	14.7%	20.2%	52.9%	4.10	0.08
WAYNE	296	6.4%	6.1%	21.6%	24.3%	41.6%	3.89	0.07
WILKES	453	5.5%	8.8%	23.4%	21.6%	40.6%	3.83	0.06
WILSON	193	5.7%	8.3%	20.2%	20.2%	45.6%	3.92	0.09
YADKIN	319	5.0%	9.4%	18.5%	26.0%	41.1%	3.89	0.07
YANCEY	163	3.1%	7.4%	17.8%	23.9%	47.9%	4.06	0.09

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Not at all important, 5=Very important.

Table 4. (Question 4.2) Importance of being with hunting companions

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	387	13.4%	14.5%	21.7%	25.8%	24.5%	3.34	0.07
ALEXANDER	164	14.6%	15.2%	20.1%	29.9%	20.1%	3.26	0.10
ALLEGHANY	277	15.9%	11.2%	22.4%	21.7%	28.9%	3.36	0.08
ANSON	542	9.2%	10.9%	18.5%	23.2%	38.2%	3.70	0.06
ASHE	364	14.3%	14.3%	22.0%	23.1%	26.4%	3.33	0.07
AVERY	141	12.1%	11.3%	22.7%	25.5%	28.4%	3.47	0.11
BEAUFORT	391	9.2%	13.6%	19.4%	24.8%	33.0%	3.59	0.07
BERTIE	550	5.8%	8.4%	20.5%	24.7%	40.5%	3.86	0.05
BLADEN	498	8.8%	9.2%	16.7%	26.5%	38.8%	3.77	0.06
BRUNSWICK	356	13.5%	11.8%	19.7%	25.6%	29.5%	3.46	0.07
BUNCOMBE	242	13.6%	11.6%	21.5%	27.7%	25.6%	3.40	0.09
BURKE	349	10.3%	12.6%	23.8%	24.9%	28.4%	3.48	0.07
CABARRUS	277	19.1%	11.2%	24.5%	24.5%	20.6%	3.16	0.08
CALDWELL	272	12.5%	15.1%	18.8%	29.4%	24.3%	3.38	0.08
CAMDEN	150	12.7%	12.0%	17.3%	30.7%	27.3%	3.48	0.11
CARTERET	264	11.7%	15.9%	15.5%	23.5%	33.3%	3.51	0.09
CASWELL	448	10.9%	10.9%	17.0%	26.1%	35.0%	3.63	0.06
CATAWBA	266	13.9%	13.5%	18.4%	28.9%	25.2%	3.38	0.08
CHATHAM	610	13.4%	14.4%	22.5%	21.5%	28.2%	3.37	0.06
CHEROKEE	160	14.4%	18.1%	25.6%	21.9%	20.0%	3.15	0.10
CHOWAN	159	10.7%	12.6%	18.2%	22.6%	35.8%	3.60	0.11
CLAY	108	20.4%	17.6%	23.1%	17.6%	21.3%	3.02	0.14
CLEVELAND	341	13.5%	14.4%	22.3%	27.9%	22.0%	3.30	0.07
COLUMBUS	271	8.9%	11.4%	17.7%	29.9%	32.1%	3.65	0.08
CRAVEN	395	11.1%	13.2%	21.5%	20.5%	33.7%	3.52	0.07
CUMBERLAND	287	11.8%	10.8%	21.3%	25.4%	30.7%	3.52	0.08
CURRITUCK	186	10.2%	12.4%	22.0%	26.9%	28.5%	3.51	0.10
DARE	94	12.8%	10.6%	23.4%	28.7%	24.5%	3.41	0.14
DAVIDSON	415	11.6%	12.5%	23.9%	21.7%	30.4%	3.47	0.07
DAVIE	219	14.2%	15.1%	21.9%	23.3%	25.6%	3.31	0.09
DUPLIN	335	11.3%	11.3%	19.4%	26.3%	31.6%	3.56	0.07
DURHAM	250	17.6%	17.6%	22.0%	20.8%	22.0%	3.12	0.09
EDGECOMBE	337	6.8%	8.6%	17.8%	26.4%	40.4%	3.85	0.07
FORSYTH	220	15.5%	17.3%	17.3%	27.7%	22.3%	3.24	0.09
FRANKLIN	363	10.7%	12.4%	20.7%	28.7%	27.5%	3.50	0.07
GASTON	269	12.6%	9.7%	23.8%	26.4%	27.5%	3.46	0.08
GATES	356	9.6%	10.4%	21.3%	26.4%	32.3%	3.62	0.07
GRAHAM	50	22.0%	18.0%	24.0%	14.0%	22.0%	2.96	0.21
GRANVILLE	512	8.8%	11.5%	18.2%	28.5%	33.0%	3.65	0.06

Table 4. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
GREENE	163	9.8%	8.0%	22.1%	22.7%	37.4%	3.70	0.10
GUILFORD	341	12.3%	10.9%	27.0%	21.7%	28.2%	3.43	0.07
HALIFAX	653	5.4%	6.1%	16.4%	28.6%	43.5%	3.99	0.05
HARNETT	394	14.7%	14.0%	20.8%	22.6%	27.9%	3.35	0.07
HAYWOOD	177	13.0%	11.3%	16.9%	26.0%	32.8%	3.54	0.10
HENDERSON	200	14.5%	16.0%	22.5%	21.0%	26.0%	3.28	0.10
HERTFORD	205	2.9%	9.3%	16.1%	27.3%	44.4%	4.01	0.08
HOKE	170	15.3%	14.1%	20.6%	25.3%	24.7%	3.30	0.11
HYDE	216	6.5%	8.3%	18.1%	27.8%	39.4%	3.85	0.08
IREDELL	380	12.9%	15.0%	16.6%	25.8%	29.7%	3.44	0.07
JACKSON	114	14.0%	15.8%	23.7%	20.2%	26.3%	3.29	0.13
JOHNSTON	444	11.7%	14.4%	22.5%	26.8%	24.5%	3.38	0.06
JONES	260	10.0%	9.6%	18.8%	29.2%	32.3%	3.64	0.08
LEE	196	14.8%	15.3%	27.0%	22.4%	20.4%	3.18	0.09
LENOIR	197	12.7%	15.7%	21.3%	21.3%	28.9%	3.38	0.10
LINCOLN	265	14.3%	18.1%	15.1%	26.4%	26.0%	3.32	0.09
MCDOWELL	194	17.5%	15.5%	23.2%	23.7%	20.1%	3.13	0.10
MACON	219	18.7%	16.0%	25.6%	17.8%	21.9%	3.08	0.09
MADISON	183	12.0%	15.8%	20.8%	19.7%	31.7%	3.43	0.10
MARTIN	237	13.1%	13.1%	14.3%	24.9%	34.6%	3.55	0.09
MECKLENBURG	207	11.6%	15.9%	24.2%	23.2%	25.1%	3.34	0.09
MITCHELL	148	12.8%	11.5%	23.6%	25.7%	26.4%	3.41	0.11
MONTGOMERY	487	10.1%	9.7%	18.9%	27.3%	34.1%	3.66	0.06
MOORE	435	15.6%	12.6%	17.9%	26.4%	27.4%	3.37	0.07
NASH	309	8.1%	12.0%	20.1%	26.5%	33.3%	3.65	0.07
NEW HANOVER	59	11.9%	16.9%	13.6%	27.1%	30.5%	3.47	0.18
NORTHAMPTON	515	7.8%	8.9%	18.6%	29.3%	35.3%	3.76	0.05
ONSLOW	418	13.9%	13.9%	20.8%	23.4%	28.0%	3.38	0.07
ORANGE	374	16.0%	13.9%	21.4%	24.1%	24.6%	3.27	0.07
PAMLICO	173	15.0%	12.7%	24.9%	22.5%	24.9%	3.29	0.10
PASQUOTANK	131	18.3%	8.4%	23.7%	19.8%	29.8%	3.34	0.13
PENDER	603	11.1%	13.8%	18.1%	28.4%	28.7%	3.50	0.05
PERQUIMANS	195	14.4%	13.8%	19.0%	25.1%	27.7%	3.38	0.10
PERSON	337	14.5%	10.7%	18.4%	24.6%	31.8%	3.48	0.08
PITT	342	9.9%	12.0%	19.6%	29.2%	29.2%	3.56	0.07
POLK	189	19.6%	15.9%	21.7%	19.6%	23.3%	3.11	0.10
RANDOLPH	442	13.6%	14.5%	23.5%	22.6%	25.8%	3.33	0.06
RICHMOND	284	10.2%	10.9%	20.4%	23.6%	34.9%	3.62	0.08
ROBESON	193	13.0%	13.0%	26.9%	22.3%	24.9%	3.33	0.10

Table 4. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
ROCKINGHAM	446	15.0%	11.7%	21.3%	22.6%	29.4%	3.40	0.07
ROWAN	389	17.7%	19.5%	22.4%	17.7%	22.6%	3.08	0.07
RUTHERFORD	317	18.9%	11.4%	24.0%	18.9%	26.8%	3.23	0.08
SAMPSON	275	10.5%	7.6%	18.9%	28.4%	34.5%	3.69	0.08
SCOTLAND	178	15.7%	7.3%	19.7%	27.5%	29.8%	3.48	0.10
STANLY	324	15.1%	17.0%	21.3%	21.0%	25.6%	3.25	0.08
STOKES	392	16.6%	13.3%	20.2%	19.4%	30.6%	3.34	0.07
SURRY	290	14.8%	9.7%	22.1%	23.8%	29.7%	3.44	0.08
SWAIN	69	18.8%	18.8%	21.7%	17.4%	23.2%	3.07	0.17
TRANSYLVANIA	169	11.8%	13.0%	21.9%	26.6%	26.6%	3.43	0.10
TYRRELL	123	7.3%	11.4%	17.9%	26.8%	36.6%	3.74	0.11
UNION	441	16.1%	17.7%	18.6%	22.2%	25.4%	3.23	0.07
VANCE	231	16.5%	13.4%	20.8%	26.4%	22.9%	3.26	0.09
WAKE	637	12.2%	13.5%	23.1%	26.2%	25.0%	3.38	0.05
WARREN	271	10.7%	8.1%	17.3%	23.6%	40.2%	3.75	0.08
WASHINGTON	178	11.2%	8.4%	19.1%	29.8%	31.5%	3.62	0.10
WATAUGA	224	13.8%	19.2%	20.5%	21.9%	24.6%	3.24	0.09
WAYNE	286	11.9%	14.0%	22.4%	25.5%	26.2%	3.40	0.08
WILKES	430	10.9%	15.6%	20.0%	25.8%	27.7%	3.44	0.06
WILSON	187	11.2%	13.4%	20.9%	20.9%	33.7%	3.52	0.10
YADKIN	304	15.1%	15.1%	20.7%	29.6%	19.4%	3.23	0.08
YANCEY	152	21.1%	17.1%	23.0%	21.1%	17.8%	2.97	0.11

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Not at all important, 5=Very important.

Table 5. (Question 4.3) Importance of killing a trophy.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	392	15.1%	13.5%	23.7%	18.6%	29.1%	3.33	0.07
ALEXANDER	168	13.7%	16.7%	21.4%	18.5%	29.8%	3.34	0.11
ALLEGHANY	286	14.7%	12.6%	19.2%	19.2%	34.3%	3.46	0.09
ANSON	553	8.5%	11.6%	20.1%	20.4%	39.4%	3.71	0.06
ASHE	381	11.8%	15.2%	20.7%	26.0%	26.2%	3.40	0.07
AVERY	140	8.6%	15.0%	28.6%	20.7%	27.1%	3.43	0.11
BEAUFORT	406	15.5%	15.5%	25.1%	20.2%	23.6%	3.21	0.07
BERTIE	565	7.8%	12.6%	21.4%	25.8%	32.4%	3.62	0.05
BLADEN	514	12.1%	13.6%	22.0%	22.0%	30.4%	3.45	0.06
BRUNSWICK	364	15.7%	16.8%	28.3%	17.9%	21.4%	3.13	0.07
BUNCOMBE	250	18.4%	15.6%	24.0%	18.8%	23.2%	3.13	0.09
BURKE	370	15.1%	9.7%	27.8%	20.5%	26.8%	3.34	0.07
CABARRUS	286	14.3%	12.2%	24.8%	20.6%	28.0%	3.36	0.08
CALDWELL	275	14.9%	11.3%	25.1%	20.7%	28.0%	3.36	0.08
CAMDEN	157	21.7%	20.4%	22.9%	14.0%	21.0%	2.92	0.11
CARTERET	272	19.5%	16.9%	23.5%	17.6%	22.4%	3.07	0.09
CASWELL	466	9.0%	11.6%	22.1%	25.3%	32.0%	3.60	0.06
CATAWBA	275	12.7%	14.5%	22.2%	22.5%	28.0%	3.39	0.08
CHATHAM	631	13.6%	13.0%	24.4%	21.6%	27.4%	3.36	0.05
CHEROKEE	168	16.1%	10.7%	30.4%	21.4%	21.4%	3.21	0.10
CHOWAN	163	11.7%	16.0%	29.4%	18.4%	24.5%	3.28	0.10
CLAY	112	14.3%	12.5%	26.8%	27.7%	18.8%	3.24	0.12
CLEVELAND	354	12.1%	11.9%	24.9%	22.6%	28.5%	3.44	0.07
COLUMBUS	277	12.3%	12.3%	22.4%	19.9%	33.2%	3.49	0.08
CRAVEN	412	12.6%	15.3%	24.5%	20.9%	26.7%	3.34	0.07
CUMBERLAND	298	14.1%	13.4%	24.8%	22.1%	25.5%	3.32	0.08
CURRITUCK	192	18.2%	13.5%	31.3%	18.8%	18.2%	3.05	0.10
DARE	99	24.2%	23.2%	26.3%	16.2%	10.1%	2.65	0.13
DAVIDSON	428	11.9%	13.6%	23.8%	22.9%	27.8%	3.41	0.06
DAVIE	228	15.4%	15.4%	22.8%	21.9%	24.6%	3.25	0.09
DUPLIN	348	9.5%	13.2%	23.3%	23.0%	31.0%	3.53	0.07
DURHAM	251	19.5%	15.5%	19.5%	19.1%	26.3%	3.17	0.09
EDGECOMBE	345	8.7%	12.5%	22.9%	24.3%	31.6%	3.58	0.07
FORSYTH	231	15.6%	15.6%	28.6%	16.9%	23.4%	3.17	0.09
FRANKLIN	371	12.7%	12.9%	26.4%	23.5%	24.5%	3.34	0.07
GASTON	276	10.5%	12.3%	21.0%	26.4%	29.7%	3.53	0.08
GATES	374	11.0%	11.8%	23.3%	23.0%	31.0%	3.51	0.07
GRAHAM	51	27.5%	11.8%	35.3%	13.7%	11.8%	2.71	0.19
GRANVILLE	526	9.7%	16.2%	21.3%	23.0%	29.8%	3.47	0.06
GREENE	173	8.7%	9.8%	20.8%	25.4%	35.3%	3.69	0.10
GUILFORD	357	13.4%	13.4%	28.6%	20.2%	24.4%	3.29	0.07

Table 5. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
HALIFAX	678	7.1%	9.4%	22.7%	27.0%	33.8%	3.71	0.05
HARNETT	407	8.4%	11.8%	25.6%	23.8%	30.5%	3.56	0.06
HAYWOOD	187	14.4%	16.0%	22.5%	27.8%	19.3%	3.21	0.10
HENDERSON	204	18.1%	18.6%	20.1%	22.5%	20.6%	3.09	0.10
HERTFORD	215	6.5%	9.8%	28.4%	19.1%	36.3%	3.69	0.08
HOKE	171	14.0%	12.9%	25.1%	18.1%	29.8%	3.37	0.11
HYDE	219	17.8%	21.0%	26.5%	19.6%	15.1%	2.93	0.09
IREDELL	387	9.8%	11.6%	24.8%	24.3%	29.5%	3.52	0.07
JACKSON	115	16.5%	17.4%	34.8%	15.7%	15.7%	2.97	0.12
JOHNSTON	459	11.3%	12.0%	24.2%	27.5%	25.1%	3.43	0.06
JONES	267	15.4%	15.4%	21.7%	20.6%	27.0%	3.28	0.09
LEE	204	15.7%	12.3%	27.0%	19.6%	25.5%	3.27	0.10
LENOIR	204	15.7%	8.8%	27.9%	18.6%	28.9%	3.36	0.10
LINCOLN	274	12.8%	14.6%	20.8%	19.3%	32.5%	3.44	0.08
MCDOWELL	200	12.0%	12.5%	25.5%	25.0%	25.0%	3.39	0.09
MACON	231	19.5%	14.3%	22.1%	18.6%	25.5%	3.16	0.10
MADISON	185	17.3%	13.5%	21.1%	18.9%	29.2%	3.29	0.11
MARTIN	248	11.7%	12.9%	24.6%	23.4%	27.4%	3.42	0.08
MECKLENBURG	209	15.8%	19.6%	24.9%	19.1%	20.6%	3.09	0.09
MITCHELL	155	13.5%	8.4%	23.9%	26.5%	27.7%	3.46	0.11
MONTGOMERY	509	10.2%	11.6%	23.4%	23.6%	31.2%	3.54	0.06
MOORE	456	13.6%	13.8%	24.6%	23.2%	24.8%	3.32	0.06
NASH	319	12.5%	14.1%	20.1%	27.9%	25.4%	3.39	0.07
NEW HANOVER	59	16.9%	11.9%	25.4%	18.6%	27.1%	3.27	0.19
NORTHAMPTON	532	5.3%	7.0%	20.3%	26.7%	40.8%	3.91	0.05
ONSLOW	425	18.8%	17.2%	26.1%	20.9%	16.9%	3.00	0.07
ORANGE	391	16.6%	14.1%	23.3%	23.8%	22.3%	3.21	0.07
PAMLICO	186	14.0%	17.7%	24.2%	21.5%	22.6%	3.21	0.10
PASQUOTANK	135	14.8%	13.3%	23.7%	25.2%	23.0%	3.28	0.12
PENDER	631	14.4%	14.6%	25.7%	20.9%	24.4%	3.26	0.05
PERQUIMANS	200	14.5%	15.0%	25.0%	19.5%	26.0%	3.28	0.10
PERSON	353	13.9%	10.2%	18.7%	25.8%	31.4%	3.51	0.07
PITT	349	11.5%	15.2%	25.2%	21.8%	26.4%	3.36	0.07
POLK	201	16.9%	18.4%	22.4%	19.4%	22.9%	3.13	0.10
RANDOLPH	469	9.0%	11.9%	24.9%	18.1%	36.0%	3.60	0.06
RICHMOND	296	8.8%	11.8%	24.7%	18.6%	36.1%	3.61	0.08
ROBESON	196	10.2%	11.2%	26.0%	18.4%	34.2%	3.55	0.10
ROCKINGHAM	470	11.9%	10.2%	22.8%	23.8%	31.3%	3.52	0.06
ROWAN	409	14.4%	13.9%	24.2%	21.0%	26.4%	3.31	0.07
RUTHERFORD	332	11.4%	14.5%	20.2%	21.1%	32.8%	3.49	0.08
SAMPSON	284	9.5%	10.9%	27.8%	24.3%	27.5%	3.49	0.07

Table 5. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
SCOTLAND	186	14.0%	6.5%	23.1%	20.4%	36.0%	3.58	0.10
STANLY	329	9.4%	12.8%	23.7%	21.9%	32.2%	3.55	0.07
STOKES	409	11.0%	14.9%	23.5%	20.0%	30.6%	3.44	0.07
SURRY	303	9.6%	13.5%	20.8%	22.1%	34.0%	3.57	0.08
SWAIN	70	25.7%	21.4%	25.7%	17.1%	10.0%	2.64	0.16
TRANSYLVANIA	170	11.2%	18.8%	32.4%	22.4%	15.3%	3.12	0.09
TYRRELL	127	20.5%	21.3%	20.5%	14.2%	23.6%	2.99	0.13
UNION	452	12.2%	17.5%	22.3%	23.0%	25.0%	3.31	0.06
VANCE	238	11.8%	10.1%	23.1%	22.7%	32.4%	3.54	0.09
WAKE	658	14.1%	16.0%	27.5%	21.0%	21.4%	3.20	0.05
WARREN	283	12.4%	10.6%	26.5%	17.3%	33.2%	3.48	0.08
WASHINGTON	182	15.9%	13.2%	24.2%	20.9%	25.8%	3.27	0.10
WATAUGA	236	14.0%	19.5%	21.6%	22.5%	22.5%	3.20	0.09
WAYNE	297	8.4%	12.8%	20.2%	27.6%	31.0%	3.60	0.07
WILKES	452	7.7%	12.4%	23.2%	25.7%	31.0%	3.60	0.06
WILSON	188	10.1%	12.2%	20.2%	25.5%	31.9%	3.57	0.10
YADKIN	320	11.6%	12.5%	22.8%	24.1%	29.1%	3.47	0.07
YANCEY	159	11.9%	9.4%	23.9%	24.5%	30.2%	3.52	0.11

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Not at all important, 5=Very important.

Table 6. (Question 4.4) Importance of getting away from everyday problems.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	392	9.4%	7.4%	15.3%	30.9%	37.0%	3.79	0.06
ALEXANDER	166	9.6%	7.8%	13.9%	18.7%	50.0%	3.92	0.10
ALLEGHANY	280	7.5%	6.4%	16.1%	28.9%	41.1%	3.90	0.07
ANSON	552	4.7%	7.6%	18.8%	25.4%	43.5%	3.95	0.05
ASHE	377	9.3%	6.6%	22.0%	27.6%	34.5%	3.71	0.06
AVERY	145	4.8%	2.1%	17.9%	38.6%	36.6%	4.00	0.09
BEAUFORT	407	9.6%	8.4%	17.0%	24.8%	40.3%	3.78	0.07
BERTIE	568	7.7%	7.4%	21.3%	27.1%	36.4%	3.77	0.05
BLADEN	517	7.0%	7.7%	19.1%	25.9%	40.2%	3.85	0.05
BRUNSWICK	366	9.0%	5.7%	20.2%	25.4%	39.6%	3.81	0.07
BUNCOMBE	248	11.3%	6.5%	17.3%	28.2%	36.7%	3.73	0.08
BURKE	369	6.0%	7.6%	19.0%	27.6%	39.8%	3.88	0.06
CABARRUS	288	10.1%	7.3%	16.0%	26.4%	40.3%	3.80	0.08
CALDWELL	274	6.9%	8.8%	17.2%	33.2%	33.9%	3.78	0.07
CAMDEN	156	10.9%	8.3%	20.5%	30.1%	30.1%	3.60	0.10
CARTERET	273	13.2%	9.9%	14.3%	23.4%	39.2%	3.66	0.09
CASWELL	467	6.9%	7.3%	18.0%	28.3%	39.6%	3.87	0.06
CATAWBA	277	7.6%	11.6%	18.4%	26.0%	36.5%	3.72	0.08
CHATHAM	629	6.4%	9.1%	19.7%	29.6%	35.3%	3.78	0.05
CHEROKEE	168	8.3%	10.1%	20.8%	24.4%	36.3%	3.70	0.10
CHOWAN	160	5.6%	8.1%	20.0%	26.9%	39.4%	3.86	0.09
CLAY	112	6.3%	9.8%	15.2%	29.5%	39.3%	3.86	0.12
CLEVELAND	352	6.5%	5.7%	19.3%	32.4%	36.1%	3.86	0.06
COLUMBUS	278	7.9%	5.0%	20.5%	25.9%	40.6%	3.86	0.07
CRAVEN	414	8.0%	8.9%	16.7%	30.4%	36.0%	3.78	0.06
CUMBERLAND	295	10.5%	4.1%	15.3%	31.5%	38.6%	3.84	0.07
CURRITUCK	191	11.0%	8.4%	16.2%	26.7%	37.7%	3.72	0.10
DARE	98	12.2%	7.1%	19.4%	24.5%	36.7%	3.66	0.14
DAVIDSON	427	6.8%	6.8%	20.8%	24.8%	40.7%	3.86	0.06
DAVIE	227	5.3%	5.7%	17.2%	30.8%	41.0%	3.96	0.08
DUPLIN	345	8.7%	7.0%	14.5%	31.0%	38.8%	3.84	0.07
DURHAM	254	9.4%	10.2%	18.1%	23.2%	39.0%	3.72	0.08
EDGECOMBE	344	3.5%	6.1%	16.9%	27.9%	45.6%	4.06	0.06
FORSYTH	230	8.7%	7.8%	15.7%	31.3%	36.5%	3.79	0.08
FRANKLIN	369	5.1%	6.5%	15.7%	28.2%	44.4%	4.00	0.06
GASTON	275	7.3%	6.9%	17.8%	27.3%	40.7%	3.87	0.07
GATES	369	7.3%	7.0%	17.6%	26.8%	41.2%	3.88	0.06
GRAHAM	51	9.8%	7.8%	25.5%	17.6%	39.2%	3.69	0.19
GRANVILLE	521	6.7%	8.4%	16.7%	28.2%	39.9%	3.86	0.05
GREENE	173	6.9%	6.4%	16.2%	25.4%	45.1%	3.95	0.09
GUILFORD	355	9.6%	6.8%	21.4%	24.2%	38.0%	3.74	0.07

Table 6. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
HALIFAX	669	4.6%	5.1%	19.1%	24.1%	47.1%	4.04	0.04
HARNETT	405	7.9%	7.2%	19.0%	24.7%	41.2%	3.84	0.06
HAYWOOD	186	7.0%	6.5%	13.4%	25.3%	47.8%	4.01	0.09
HENDERSON	206	9.7%	9.7%	15.0%	26.7%	38.8%	3.75	0.09
HERTFORD	214	5.6%	9.3%	16.8%	27.1%	41.1%	3.89	0.08
HOKE	173	15.6%	6.4%	18.5%	24.3%	35.3%	3.57	0.11
HYDE	219	11.0%	6.8%	19.2%	28.3%	34.7%	3.69	0.09
IREDELL	391	6.9%	6.9%	19.4%	27.4%	39.4%	3.85	0.06
JACKSON	116	6.9%	6.0%	16.4%	31.9%	38.8%	3.90	0.11
JOHNSTON	459	5.4%	7.4%	18.1%	33.3%	35.7%	3.86	0.05
JONES	267	7.5%	9.7%	13.5%	27.7%	41.6%	3.86	0.08
LEE	206	9.7%	7.8%	20.9%	29.1%	32.5%	3.67	0.09
LENOIR	204	6.4%	8.3%	16.2%	25.5%	43.6%	3.92	0.09
LINCOLN	274	7.3%	9.5%	17.5%	24.5%	41.2%	3.83	0.08
MCDOWELL	201	5.5%	10.4%	17.4%	28.9%	37.8%	3.83	0.08
MACON	230	8.7%	8.7%	16.5%	27.4%	38.7%	3.79	0.08
MADISON	183	9.3%	8.7%	12.0%	23.0%	47.0%	3.90	0.10
MARTIN	248	6.5%	7.3%	18.1%	26.6%	41.5%	3.90	0.08
MECKLENBURG	211	9.5%	7.6%	20.4%	26.5%	36.0%	3.72	0.09
MITCHELL	154	9.1%	7.1%	14.9%	30.5%	38.3%	3.82	0.10
MONTGOMERY	508	5.1%	5.3%	20.3%	26.4%	42.9%	3.97	0.05
MOORE	454	7.9%	9.0%	17.0%	31.5%	34.6%	3.76	0.06
NASH	320	6.9%	5.6%	15.0%	29.1%	43.4%	3.97	0.07
NEW HANOVER	59	8.5%	8.5%	16.9%	23.7%	42.4%	3.83	0.17
NORTHAMPTON	527	4.9%	5.9%	15.6%	27.7%	45.9%	4.04	0.05
ONSLOW	426	14.1%	7.7%	18.5%	23.2%	36.4%	3.60	0.07
ORANGE	387	9.3%	8.8%	22.0%	22.5%	37.5%	3.70	0.07
PAMLICO	185	9.7%	6.5%	18.9%	26.5%	38.4%	3.77	0.09
PASQUOTANK	135	6.7%	5.9%	23.7%	29.6%	34.1%	3.79	0.10
PENDER	624	7.1%	7.5%	19.1%	26.4%	39.9%	3.85	0.05
PERQUIMANS	198	11.1%	9.6%	25.3%	24.7%	29.3%	3.52	0.09
PERSON	354	6.5%	7.6%	17.8%	28.5%	39.5%	3.87	0.06
PITT	353	6.8%	7.1%	19.0%	29.7%	37.4%	3.84	0.06
POLK	203	10.3%	7.9%	15.8%	25.6%	40.4%	3.78	0.09
RANDOLPH	465	8.8%	5.4%	18.1%	28.0%	39.8%	3.85	0.06
RICHMOND	296	11.1%	5.4%	16.2%	27.0%	40.2%	3.80	0.08
ROBESON	198	8.1%	5.6%	16.2%	25.8%	44.4%	3.93	0.09
ROCKINGHAM	461	6.3%	6.9%	18.4%	28.4%	39.9%	3.89	0.06
ROWAN	401	9.2%	5.7%	17.7%	27.7%	39.7%	3.83	0.06
RUTHERFORD	334	7.2%	7.5%	18.3%	24.9%	42.2%	3.87	0.07
SAMPSON	282	4.6%	5.3%	18.4%	27.0%	44.7%	4.02	0.07

Table 6. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
SCOTLAND	182	4.9%	7.7%	13.2%	25.3%	48.9%	4.05	0.09
STANLY	328	5.5%	5.5%	15.9%	28.4%	44.8%	4.02	0.06
STOKES	402	9.0%	8.7%	17.9%	27.4%	37.1%	3.75	0.06
SURRY	303	8.9%	7.6%	16.8%	31.4%	35.3%	3.77	0.07
SWAIN	70	14.3%	5.7%	17.1%	32.9%	30.0%	3.59	0.16
TRANSYLVANIA	171	7.0%	9.9%	20.5%	26.3%	36.3%	3.75	0.09
TYRRELL	127	11.0%	8.7%	22.0%	18.1%	40.2%	3.68	0.12
UNION	449	7.8%	10.0%	21.4%	26.5%	34.3%	3.69	0.06
VANCE	237	8.9%	4.2%	20.3%	28.7%	38.0%	3.83	0.08
WAKE	656	7.2%	8.2%	19.2%	29.3%	36.1%	3.79	0.05
WARREN	284	8.8%	8.5%	18.0%	22.5%	42.3%	3.81	0.08
WASHINGTON	184	4.3%	12.0%	15.2%	29.3%	39.1%	3.87	0.09
WATAUGA	236	10.6%	5.5%	13.6%	24.6%	45.8%	3.89	0.09
WAYNE	295	2.4%	6.8%	16.9%	30.8%	43.1%	4.05	0.06
WILKES	450	6.0%	10.4%	18.4%	25.1%	40.0%	3.83	0.06
WILSON	190	5.8%	10.0%	15.3%	24.2%	44.7%	3.92	0.09
YADKIN	313	7.3%	8.6%	16.9%	27.5%	39.6%	3.83	0.07
YANCEY	161	6.8%	5.6%	19.9%	25.5%	42.2%	3.91	0.10

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Not at all important, 5=Very important.

Table 7. (Question 4.5) Importance of seeing deer or their sign.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	393	3.6%	4.1%	19.6%	36.4%	36.4%	3.98	0.05
ALEXANDER	165	0.6%	4.2%	13.3%	36.4%	45.5%	4.22	0.07
ALLEGHANY	287	2.4%	2.8%	20.9%	28.9%	44.9%	4.11	0.06
ANSON	556	1.6%	2.3%	16.5%	33.6%	45.9%	4.20	0.04
ASHE	385	2.6%	4.2%	18.2%	36.1%	39.0%	4.05	0.05
AVERY	145	0.7%	2.8%	13.8%	33.8%	49.0%	4.28	0.07
BEAUFORT	409	3.4%	5.9%	19.8%	36.4%	34.5%	3.93	0.05
BERTIE	570	1.6%	3.5%	20.0%	39.6%	35.3%	4.04	0.04
BLADEN	518	3.1%	3.9%	18.3%	34.6%	40.2%	4.05	0.04
BRUNSWICK	368	2.2%	3.8%	19.3%	37.5%	37.2%	4.04	0.05
BUNCOMBE	252	1.2%	3.2%	13.5%	38.1%	44.0%	4.21	0.06
BURKE	373	0.5%	2.4%	14.7%	35.7%	46.6%	4.25	0.04
CABARRUS	287	3.8%	3.1%	18.8%	37.6%	36.6%	4.00	0.06
CALDWELL	277	1.4%	3.2%	15.2%	41.2%	39.0%	4.13	0.05
CAMDEN	157	4.5%	6.4%	17.2%	32.5%	39.5%	3.96	0.09
CARTERET	277	1.8%	5.4%	22.7%	34.3%	35.7%	3.97	0.06
CASWELL	469	2.8%	3.8%	16.4%	39.4%	37.5%	4.05	0.04
CATAWBA	281	1.4%	2.1%	17.8%	35.6%	43.1%	4.17	0.05
CHATHAM	634	3.2%	3.5%	20.8%	38.2%	34.4%	3.97	0.04
CHEROKEE	168	0.0%	2.4%	16.1%	35.7%	45.8%	4.25	0.06
CHOWAN	163	1.8%	4.9%	16.6%	38.7%	38.0%	4.06	0.07
CLAY	113	1.8%	4.4%	10.6%	36.3%	46.9%	4.22	0.09
CLEVELAND	353	2.5%	2.8%	15.6%	36.3%	42.8%	4.14	0.05
COLUMBUS	280	2.9%	3.9%	20.4%	34.6%	38.2%	4.01	0.06
CRAVEN	409	1.7%	4.6%	14.9%	39.6%	39.1%	4.10	0.05
CUMBERLAND	297	1.3%	3.7%	14.5%	33.0%	47.5%	4.22	0.05
CURRITUCK	193	3.6%	3.6%	20.7%	34.7%	37.3%	3.98	0.07
DARE	99	5.1%	3.0%	24.2%	36.4%	31.3%	3.86	0.11
DAVIDSON	430	0.9%	2.3%	19.8%	34.2%	42.8%	4.16	0.04
DAVIE	231	1.3%	3.9%	17.7%	40.3%	36.8%	4.07	0.06
DUPLIN	345	1.7%	2.9%	22.9%	35.4%	37.1%	4.03	0.05
DURHAM	253	2.0%	5.1%	18.6%	36.8%	37.5%	4.03	0.06
EDGECOMBE	348	1.4%	2.6%	19.3%	34.8%	42.0%	4.13	0.05
FORSYTH	231	1.3%	5.2%	18.2%	36.8%	38.5%	4.06	0.06
FRANKLIN	373	1.6%	5.9%	15.5%	35.9%	41.0%	4.09	0.05
GASTON	274	0.0%	1.8%	14.2%	35.4%	48.5%	4.31	0.05
GATES	375	1.6%	4.0%	20.5%	36.5%	37.3%	4.04	0.05
GRAHAM	51	3.9%	3.9%	15.7%	27.5%	49.0%	4.14	0.15
GRANVILLE	528	1.7%	3.6%	16.7%	41.1%	36.9%	4.08	0.04
GREENE	173	2.3%	0.6%	22.0%	31.8%	43.4%	4.13	0.07
GUILFORD	359	2.8%	5.3%	17.0%	35.1%	39.8%	4.04	0.05

Table 7. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
HALIFAX	675	1.3%	4.4%	17.9%	36.4%	39.9%	4.09	0.04
HARNETT	407	2.9%	2.9%	16.7%	35.6%	41.8%	4.10	0.05
HAYWOOD	188	1.1%	1.6%	10.6%	39.4%	47.3%	4.30	0.06
HENDERSON	204	1.5%	2.9%	13.2%	35.3%	47.1%	4.24	0.06
HERTFORD	215	2.3%	4.2%	19.1%	37.7%	36.7%	4.02	0.07
HOKE	173	1.2%	1.7%	12.7%	36.4%	48.0%	4.28	0.06
HYDE	217	4.1%	5.5%	22.6%	38.2%	29.5%	3.83	0.07
IREDELL	391	2.6%	3.8%	14.3%	36.8%	42.5%	4.13	0.05
JACKSON	115	0.0%	7.8%	8.7%	33.9%	49.6%	4.25	0.09
JOHNSTON	462	1.5%	4.5%	22.3%	35.5%	36.1%	4.00	0.04
JONES	266	2.6%	3.8%	16.9%	37.6%	39.1%	4.07	0.06
LEE	206	1.9%	5.8%	18.4%	35.9%	37.9%	4.02	0.07
LENOIR	205	2.9%	7.3%	21.5%	30.7%	37.6%	3.93	0.07
LINCOLN	274	1.5%	2.6%	16.4%	32.5%	47.1%	4.21	0.05
MCDOWELL	199	0.0%	3.0%	14.6%	34.7%	47.7%	4.27	0.06
MACON	234	1.3%	4.7%	17.1%	33.8%	43.2%	4.13	0.06
MADISON	185	1.1%	2.2%	12.4%	27.6%	56.8%	4.37	0.06
MARTIN	247	0.8%	5.3%	24.7%	34.0%	35.2%	3.98	0.06
MECKLENBURG	210	2.4%	6.2%	18.1%	39.5%	33.8%	3.96	0.07
MITCHELL	155	2.6%	6.5%	20.0%	40.0%	31.0%	3.90	0.08
MONTGOMERY	508	1.4%	5.5%	17.7%	33.3%	42.1%	4.09	0.04
MOORE	460	2.8%	3.7%	19.1%	38.3%	36.1%	4.01	0.05
NASH	321	0.9%	4.4%	16.2%	42.7%	35.8%	4.08	0.05
NEW HANOVER	59	1.7%	6.8%	18.6%	35.6%	37.3%	4.00	0.13
NORTHAMPTON	534	1.5%	3.9%	17.4%	36.9%	40.3%	4.10	0.04
ONSLOW	428	2.1%	3.7%	18.9%	37.9%	37.4%	4.05	0.05
ORANGE	392	2.8%	7.9%	21.9%	29.3%	38.0%	3.92	0.05
PAMLICO	184	1.6%	5.4%	18.5%	32.1%	42.4%	4.08	0.07
PASQUOTANK	136	5.1%	5.9%	20.6%	32.4%	36.0%	3.88	0.10
PENDER	630	2.2%	2.9%	19.2%	34.0%	41.7%	4.10	0.04
PERQUIMANS	200	2.5%	7.0%	23.5%	34.0%	33.0%	3.88	0.07
PERSON	356	1.7%	4.2%	24.4%	33.1%	36.5%	3.99	0.05
PITT	354	2.5%	5.9%	21.5%	36.4%	33.6%	3.93	0.05
POLK	200	3.5%	3.0%	11.5%	37.0%	45.0%	4.17	0.07
RANDOLPH	471	1.9%	4.9%	16.3%	34.2%	42.7%	4.11	0.04
RICHMOND	300	0.7%	3.3%	16.0%	33.3%	46.7%	4.22	0.05
ROBESON	198	2.5%	4.0%	13.1%	35.9%	44.4%	4.16	0.07
ROCKINGHAM	470	1.7%	4.0%	18.1%	38.1%	38.1%	4.07	0.04
ROWAN	410	1.2%	4.1%	16.3%	37.6%	40.7%	4.12	0.05
RUTHERFORD	333	1.5%	2.7%	13.5%	30.6%	51.7%	4.28	0.05
SAMPSON	284	1.4%	3.5%	20.4%	34.9%	39.8%	4.08	0.06

Table 7. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
SCOTLAND	185	1.6%	1.6%	21.1%	29.7%	45.9%	4.17	0.07
STANLY	329	1.8%	3.6%	17.0%	37.1%	40.4%	4.11	0.05
STOKES	410	2.9%	2.7%	18.0%	33.2%	43.2%	4.11	0.05
SURRY	306	2.9%	2.3%	18.3%	36.3%	40.2%	4.08	0.06
SWAIN	70	2.9%	2.9%	17.1%	31.4%	45.7%	4.14	0.12
TRANSYLVANIA	172	1.2%	4.7%	19.2%	31.4%	43.6%	4.12	0.07
TYRRELL	127	1.6%	3.1%	25.2%	33.1%	37.0%	4.01	0.08
UNION	453	0.9%	5.3%	17.4%	35.8%	40.6%	4.10	0.04
VANCE	237	2.5%	5.1%	14.8%	38.0%	39.7%	4.07	0.06
WAKE	663	2.1%	3.9%	21.7%	35.9%	36.3%	4.00	0.04
WARREN	284	3.9%	2.8%	22.2%	36.3%	34.9%	3.95	0.06
WASHINGTON	183	1.1%	4.4%	20.2%	36.6%	37.7%	4.05	0.07
WATAUGA	238	1.3%	6.3%	20.6%	31.5%	40.3%	4.03	0.06
WAYNE	294	0.7%	4.1%	19.0%	37.1%	39.1%	4.10	0.05
WILKES	452	1.8%	5.1%	19.0%	35.6%	38.5%	4.04	0.05
WILSON	193	0.5%	4.1%	17.1%	39.9%	38.3%	4.11	0.06
YADKIN	318	1.3%	2.2%	20.8%	36.8%	39.0%	4.10	0.05
YANCEY	163	0.0%	5.5%	18.4%	36.2%	39.9%	4.10	0.07

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.

Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Not at all important, 5=Very important.

Table 8. (Question 4.6) Importance of getting outdoors.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	396	1.0%	0.8%	7.1%	27.8%	63.4%	4.52	0.04
ALEXANDER	168	0.0%	2.4%	4.8%	22.6%	70.2%	4.61	0.05
ALLEGHANY	286	1.0%	1.4%	7.0%	26.2%	64.3%	4.51	0.05
ANSON	558	0.7%	0.9%	6.1%	23.5%	68.8%	4.59	0.03
ASHE	388	1.0%	1.0%	8.5%	23.5%	66.0%	4.52	0.04
AVERY	145	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	22.8%	69.0%	4.61	0.05
BEAUFORT	410	0.5%	1.5%	7.8%	25.4%	64.9%	4.53	0.04
BERTIE	570	0.7%	1.2%	7.4%	31.2%	59.5%	4.48	0.03
BLADEN	520	1.0%	1.2%	8.3%	22.1%	67.5%	4.54	0.03
BRUNSWICK	368	0.5%	0.5%	6.5%	28.8%	63.6%	4.54	0.04
BUNCOMBE	251	0.8%	2.4%	7.2%	25.5%	64.1%	4.50	0.05
BURKE	372	1.1%	1.9%	6.7%	23.9%	66.4%	4.53	0.04
CABARRUS	287	2.1%	1.7%	8.4%	25.4%	62.4%	4.44	0.05
CALDWELL	277	0.0%	0.4%	7.2%	28.9%	63.5%	4.56	0.04
CAMDEN	156	1.9%	2.6%	7.1%	26.9%	61.5%	4.44	0.07
CARTERET	277	0.7%	2.2%	8.3%	26.7%	62.1%	4.47	0.05
CASWELL	469	1.3%	0.6%	7.5%	27.3%	63.3%	4.51	0.04
CATAWBA	279	0.4%	1.1%	7.9%	26.9%	63.8%	4.53	0.04
CHATHAM	635	1.1%	1.6%	6.5%	28.3%	62.5%	4.50	0.03
CHEROKEE	168	0.6%	1.2%	11.9%	23.2%	63.1%	4.47	0.06
CHOWAN	163	0.6%	2.5%	6.7%	30.7%	59.5%	4.46	0.06
CLAY	111	0.9%	0.0%	5.4%	27.9%	65.8%	4.58	0.06
CLEVELAND	356	0.0%	0.8%	5.9%	26.7%	66.6%	4.59	0.03
COLUMBUS	283	1.8%	2.1%	5.7%	25.1%	65.4%	4.50	0.05
CRAVEN	415	0.7%	1.0%	7.0%	26.7%	64.6%	4.53	0.04
CUMBERLAND	298	0.3%	0.3%	5.4%	21.1%	72.8%	4.66	0.04
CURRITUCK	192	0.5%	1.6%	4.7%	29.2%	64.1%	4.55	0.05
DARE	96	1.0%	2.1%	10.4%	25.0%	61.5%	4.44	0.09
DAVIDSON	430	0.7%	0.9%	8.4%	27.4%	62.6%	4.50	0.04
DAVIE	233	0.4%	1.3%	8.6%	24.9%	64.8%	4.52	0.05
DUPLIN	348	0.3%	0.6%	6.6%	28.4%	64.1%	4.55	0.04
DURHAM	254	0.4%	1.2%	7.9%	20.9%	69.7%	4.58	0.05
EDGECOMBE	350	0.3%	1.1%	5.1%	23.7%	69.7%	4.61	0.04
FORSYTH	234	1.7%	1.7%	8.1%	23.9%	64.5%	4.48	0.06
FRANKLIN	372	0.5%	0.8%	5.9%	26.3%	66.4%	4.57	0.04
GASTON	278	1.1%	0.7%	5.8%	20.5%	71.9%	4.62	0.04
GATES	372	1.1%	0.3%	6.2%	26.1%	66.4%	4.56	0.04
GRAHAM	51	3.9%	2.0%	11.8%	17.6%	64.7%	4.37	0.15
GRANVILLE	528	1.1%	0.8%	5.5%	28.6%	64.0%	4.54	0.03
GREENE	173	2.3%	1.7%	8.1%	23.7%	64.2%	4.46	0.07
GUILFORD	362	0.6%	1.4%	6.1%	27.6%	64.4%	4.54	0.04

Table 8. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
HALIFAX	676	1.3%	1.2%	6.2%	23.8%	67.5%	4.55	0.03
HARNETT	407	0.7%	1.0%	6.4%	22.9%	69.0%	4.58	0.04
HAYWOOD	189	1.1%	1.1%	5.3%	23.8%	68.8%	4.58	0.05
HENDERSON	205	0.5%	2.0%	7.3%	21.0%	69.3%	4.57	0.05
HERTFORD	216	0.5%	0.5%	6.5%	25.9%	66.7%	4.58	0.05
HOKE	176	0.6%	1.1%	4.5%	22.7%	71.0%	4.63	0.05
HYDE	219	1.4%	0.9%	9.1%	29.2%	59.4%	4.44	0.05
IREDELL	391	0.8%	1.0%	6.1%	27.1%	65.0%	4.54	0.04
JACKSON	116	0.9%	0.9%	6.0%	25.0%	67.2%	4.57	0.07
JOHNSTON	464	0.4%	1.5%	5.0%	28.9%	64.2%	4.55	0.03
JONES	267	1.9%	0.0%	7.1%	22.8%	68.2%	4.55	0.05
LEE	207	1.0%	2.4%	9.2%	28.5%	58.9%	4.42	0.06
LENOIR	206	1.0%	1.5%	9.7%	22.3%	65.5%	4.50	0.06
LINCOLN	277	1.4%	1.4%	5.8%	23.1%	68.2%	4.55	0.05
MCDOWELL	200	0.5%	0.0%	6.0%	24.5%	69.0%	4.62	0.05
MACON	234	0.0%	0.0%	11.5%	25.6%	62.8%	4.51	0.05
MADISON	185	1.1%	1.6%	5.4%	21.1%	70.8%	4.59	0.06
MARTIN	248	0.8%	1.2%	8.9%	29.0%	60.1%	4.46	0.05
MECKLENBURG	211	0.9%	0.5%	7.1%	26.5%	64.9%	4.54	0.05
MITCHELL	155	0.6%	2.6%	6.5%	25.8%	64.5%	4.51	0.06
MONTGOMERY	510	0.0%	0.6%	7.5%	25.3%	66.7%	4.58	0.03
MOORE	460	1.1%	0.9%	7.4%	25.7%	65.0%	4.53	0.04
NASH	323	0.0%	0.9%	7.1%	20.7%	71.2%	4.62	0.04
NEW HANOVER	60	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	30.0%	65.0%	4.60	0.08
NORTHAMPTON	533	0.2%	1.5%	6.8%	25.5%	66.0%	4.56	0.03
ONSLOW	431	0.9%	0.9%	5.1%	26.0%	67.1%	4.57	0.03
ORANGE	393	1.3%	2.3%	7.6%	26.7%	62.1%	4.46	0.04
PAMLICO	184	0.5%	0.5%	12.0%	25.5%	61.4%	4.47	0.06
PASQUOTANK	135	0.0%	0.7%	5.2%	27.4%	66.7%	4.60	0.05
PENDER	632	0.6%	1.1%	6.8%	25.5%	66.0%	4.55	0.03
PERQUIMANS	200	2.0%	2.0%	7.5%	30.5%	58.0%	4.41	0.06
PERSON	359	0.3%	1.4%	11.1%	25.1%	62.1%	4.47	0.04
PITT	353	1.4%	0.3%	5.9%	30.9%	61.5%	4.51	0.04
POLK	203	0.5%	2.0%	6.4%	23.6%	67.5%	4.56	0.05
RANDOLPH	471	0.4%	1.3%	6.2%	25.5%	66.7%	4.57	0.03
RICHMOND	300	1.3%	0.7%	5.3%	19.7%	73.0%	4.62	0.04
ROBESON	199	1.0%	2.0%	5.0%	24.6%	67.3%	4.55	0.05
ROCKINGHAM	471	0.8%	1.1%	5.5%	25.5%	67.1%	4.57	0.03
ROWAN	408	0.2%	1.5%	8.8%	25.7%	63.7%	4.51	0.04
RUTHERFORD	336	0.6%	0.3%	5.4%	26.5%	67.3%	4.60	0.04
SAMPSON	285	0.7%	1.1%	8.1%	22.8%	67.4%	4.55	0.04

Table 8. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
SCOTLAND	186	0.0%	1.1%	5.9%	24.7%	68.3%	4.60	0.05
STANLY	330	0.9%	0.6%	7.6%	24.5%	66.4%	4.55	0.04
STOKES	410	1.5%	1.2%	9.5%	22.2%	65.6%	4.49	0.04
SURRY	307	0.3%	1.3%	8.1%	21.8%	68.4%	4.57	0.04
SWAIN	70	1.4%	0.0%	5.7%	25.7%	67.1%	4.57	0.09
TRANSYLVANIA	172	0.0%	2.3%	7.0%	30.2%	60.5%	4.49	0.06
TYRRELL	128	0.0%	1.6%	6.3%	28.1%	64.1%	4.55	0.06
UNION	455	0.7%	0.7%	6.8%	28.1%	63.7%	4.54	0.03
VANCE	238	0.8%	1.3%	9.7%	22.7%	65.5%	4.51	0.05
WAKE	662	0.8%	1.1%	5.6%	27.0%	65.6%	4.56	0.03
WARREN	288	1.4%	1.7%	3.8%	26.7%	66.3%	4.55	0.05
WASHINGTON	184	0.5%	1.1%	9.2%	26.1%	63.0%	4.50	0.06
WATAUGA	237	0.8%	1.7%	7.2%	23.6%	66.7%	4.54	0.05
WAYNE	299	0.0%	0.7%	6.7%	25.4%	67.2%	4.59	0.04
WILKES	452	0.2%	2.4%	6.2%	27.2%	63.9%	4.52	0.03
WILSON	192	0.0%	0.5%	6.3%	24.5%	68.8%	4.61	0.05
YADKIN	318	0.6%	1.9%	7.9%	27.7%	61.9%	4.48	0.04
YANCEY	162	0.0%	1.9%	9.9%	22.8%	65.4%	4.52	0.06

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Not at all important, 5=Very important.

Table 9. (Question 4.7) Importance of using my hunting skills.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	394	2.3%	4.1%	19.8%	34.5%	39.3%	4.05	0.05
ALEXANDER	167	1.2%	5.4%	18.0%	34.1%	41.3%	4.09	0.07
ALLEGHANY	285	1.8%	3.2%	18.6%	35.8%	40.7%	4.11	0.06
ANSON	559	1.3%	4.8%	19.3%	34.9%	39.7%	4.07	0.04
ASHE	385	1.3%	8.1%	19.2%	33.2%	38.2%	3.99	0.05
AVERY	145	1.4%	3.4%	24.1%	28.3%	42.8%	4.08	0.08
BEAUFORT	410	2.0%	4.4%	27.6%	30.2%	35.9%	3.94	0.05
BERTIE	567	2.1%	6.7%	22.8%	33.7%	34.7%	3.92	0.04
BLADEN	519	3.7%	5.6%	20.2%	33.9%	36.6%	3.94	0.05
BRUNSWICK	367	3.3%	4.4%	21.8%	34.1%	36.5%	3.96	0.05
BUNCOMBE	248	1.2%	2.8%	17.7%	35.9%	42.3%	4.15	0.06
BURKE	372	1.9%	3.8%	20.4%	33.9%	40.1%	4.06	0.05
CABARRUS	288	3.5%	4.2%	26.7%	33.7%	31.9%	3.86	0.06
CALDWELL	277	0.7%	2.9%	20.2%	38.3%	37.9%	4.10	0.05
CAMDEN	158	1.3%	9.5%	18.4%	33.5%	37.3%	3.96	0.08
CARTERET	277	4.0%	4.7%	21.3%	31.8%	38.3%	3.96	0.06
CASWELL	468	1.1%	3.0%	23.5%	31.4%	41.0%	4.08	0.04
CATAWBA	280	2.5%	4.6%	18.9%	38.6%	35.4%	4.00	0.06
CHATHAM	630	2.5%	4.1%	20.8%	34.0%	38.6%	4.02	0.04
CHEROKEE	167	3.0%	6.0%	15.6%	32.9%	42.5%	4.06	0.08
CHOWAN	161	1.2%	3.7%	19.9%	38.5%	36.6%	4.06	0.07
CLAY	113	1.8%	5.3%	23.9%	35.4%	33.6%	3.94	0.09
CLEVELAND	355	1.7%	4.5%	19.2%	34.4%	40.3%	4.07	0.05
COLUMBUS	281	2.1%	6.4%	21.7%	32.7%	37.0%	3.96	0.06
CRAVEN	413	1.7%	6.8%	20.3%	33.4%	37.8%	3.99	0.05
CUMBERLAND	296	2.7%	4.7%	13.5%	31.1%	48.0%	4.17	0.06
CURRITUCK	193	4.7%	4.7%	19.7%	33.2%	37.8%	3.95	0.08
DARE	99	1.0%	6.1%	23.2%	30.3%	39.4%	4.01	0.10
DAVIDSON	429	2.1%	6.3%	20.0%	37.1%	34.5%	3.96	0.05
DAVIE	232	2.2%	3.9%	25.0%	35.8%	33.2%	3.94	0.06
DUPLIN	347	2.0%	6.9%	24.8%	33.7%	32.6%	3.88	0.05
DURHAM	253	3.6%	5.9%	17.4%	32.0%	41.1%	4.01	0.07
EDGECOMBE	350	0.6%	5.1%	20.9%	38.9%	34.6%	4.02	0.05
FORSYTH	231	3.5%	4.3%	19.9%	32.5%	39.8%	4.01	0.07
FRANKLIN	373	1.1%	4.3%	20.9%	34.0%	39.7%	4.07	0.05
GASTON	275	0.7%	4.0%	18.2%	28.0%	49.1%	4.21	0.06
GATES	374	2.7%	5.6%	17.6%	34.2%	39.8%	4.03	0.05
GRAHAM	51	5.9%	9.8%	27.5%	19.6%	37.3%	3.73	0.17
GRANVILLE	532	1.9%	3.4%	19.7%	37.8%	37.2%	4.05	0.04
GREENE	175	1.7%	1.1%	26.9%	26.3%	44.0%	4.10	0.07
GUILFORD	358	2.2%	6.7%	18.7%	32.4%	39.9%	4.01	0.05

Table 9. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
HALIFAX	676	1.6%	5.2%	21.2%	32.7%	39.3%	4.03	0.04
HARNETT	405	2.2%	6.4%	22.2%	34.1%	35.1%	3.93	0.05
HAYWOOD	189	2.1%	4.2%	18.0%	31.7%	43.9%	4.11	0.07
HENDERSON	205	1.5%	3.9%	20.0%	33.2%	41.5%	4.09	0.07
HERTFORD	213	2.3%	4.2%	22.5%	35.2%	35.7%	3.98	0.07
HOKE	173	1.2%	3.5%	15.6%	35.3%	44.5%	4.18	0.07
HYDE	219	4.6%	5.5%	24.7%	37.0%	28.3%	3.79	0.07
IREDELL	390	1.8%	5.4%	17.9%	33.6%	41.3%	4.07	0.05
JACKSON	115	1.7%	3.5%	16.5%	41.7%	36.5%	4.08	0.08
JOHNSTON	463	1.3%	5.6%	18.8%	33.9%	40.4%	4.06	0.04
JONES	265	4.2%	8.7%	21.1%	30.9%	35.1%	3.84	0.07
LEE	206	1.9%	2.9%	24.3%	37.4%	33.5%	3.98	0.07
LENOIR	206	2.4%	6.8%	21.4%	27.7%	41.7%	4.00	0.07
LINCOLN	274	2.9%	5.5%	17.9%	30.7%	43.1%	4.05	0.06
MCDOWELL	199	0.0%	2.5%	20.1%	37.7%	39.7%	4.15	0.06
MACON	234	1.3%	4.3%	26.5%	28.2%	39.7%	4.01	0.06
MADISON	185	3.8%	1.1%	12.4%	33.5%	49.2%	4.23	0.07
MARTIN	246	3.3%	4.9%	24.4%	35.4%	32.1%	3.88	0.07
MECKLENBURG	209	1.0%	4.8%	22.0%	32.5%	39.7%	4.05	0.07
MITCHELL	155	3.2%	4.5%	22.6%	38.7%	31.0%	3.90	0.08
MONTGOMERY	509	1.2%	5.3%	22.0%	32.0%	39.5%	4.03	0.04
MOORE	457	2.0%	4.4%	23.9%	34.4%	35.4%	3.97	0.05
NASH	321	1.6%	4.0%	24.3%	32.4%	37.7%	4.01	0.05
NEW HANOVER	60	1.7%	5.0%	21.7%	33.3%	38.3%	4.02	0.13
NORTHAMPTON	530	0.4%	5.1%	18.7%	39.8%	36.0%	4.06	0.04
ONSLOW	428	3.5%	7.0%	18.0%	29.0%	42.5%	4.00	0.05
ORANGE	391	3.3%	4.9%	19.7%	33.2%	38.9%	3.99	0.05
PAMLICO	186	2.2%	6.5%	25.3%	29.0%	37.1%	3.92	0.08
PASQUOTANK	135	2.2%	2.2%	21.5%	33.3%	40.7%	4.08	0.08
PENDER	633	1.9%	5.2%	22.1%	34.9%	35.9%	3.98	0.04
PERQUIMANS	199	4.5%	6.0%	22.1%	29.6%	37.7%	3.90	0.08
PERSON	358	1.4%	4.2%	25.4%	36.0%	33.0%	3.95	0.05
PITT	353	0.8%	7.6%	24.1%	34.3%	33.1%	3.91	0.05
POLK	202	2.0%	5.0%	14.9%	30.7%	47.5%	4.17	0.07
RANDOLPH	472	2.1%	5.9%	19.7%	28.8%	43.4%	4.06	0.05
RICHMOND	301	1.7%	3.7%	19.3%	29.6%	45.8%	4.14	0.06
ROBESON	199	3.0%	4.5%	20.6%	33.2%	38.7%	4.00	0.07
ROCKINGHAM	472	1.1%	4.0%	23.5%	34.7%	36.7%	4.02	0.04
ROWAN	408	1.7%	4.4%	21.8%	35.0%	37.0%	4.01	0.05
RUTHERFORD	333	0.9%	5.1%	19.8%	32.4%	41.7%	4.09	0.05
SAMPSON	281	2.8%	4.3%	23.5%	33.5%	35.9%	3.95	0.06

Table 9. Cont.

County	n	Not at all important	2	3	4	Very important	Mean	SE
SCOTLAND	185	1.6%	4.3%	17.3%	34.1%	42.7%	4.12	0.07
STANLY	331	2.7%	7.6%	21.8%	35.0%	32.9%	3.88	0.06
STOKES	412	2.4%	6.3%	19.4%	31.3%	40.5%	4.01	0.05
SURRY	307	2.3%	4.9%	16.0%	32.9%	44.0%	4.11	0.06
SWAIN	70	2.9%	5.7%	20.0%	32.9%	38.6%	3.99	0.12
TRANSYLVANIA	172	1.2%	3.5%	17.4%	37.2%	40.7%	4.13	0.07
TYRRELL	128	2.3%	4.7%	21.9%	36.7%	34.4%	3.96	0.09
UNION	451	1.3%	4.2%	21.1%	37.0%	36.4%	4.03	0.04
VANCE	237	2.1%	6.3%	19.0%	34.2%	38.4%	4.00	0.07
WAKE	663	1.7%	5.1%	18.7%	36.7%	37.9%	4.04	0.04
WARREN	288	2.1%	4.5%	20.5%	33.0%	39.9%	4.04	0.06
WASHINGTON	184	2.2%	5.4%	27.2%	32.6%	32.6%	3.88	0.07
WATAUGA	236	1.3%	3.4%	22.5%	30.5%	42.4%	4.09	0.06
WAYNE	295	2.7%	4.4%	21.7%	34.2%	36.9%	3.98	0.06
WILKES	453	2.0%	6.6%	20.8%	34.4%	36.2%	3.96	0.05
WILSON	192	1.6%	4.7%	21.4%	31.8%	40.6%	4.05	0.07
YADKIN	318	2.8%	4.4%	19.5%	39.0%	34.3%	3.97	0.06
YANCEY	161	1.2%	2.5%	21.1%	32.3%	42.9%	4.13	0.07

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Not at all important, 5=Very important.

Table 10. (Question 6) In your opinion, the current number of mature bucks (older than 1.5 years old) is…

County	n	Much too few	A little too few	About right	A little too many	Far too many	Unsure	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	396	29.8%	36.9%	22.0%	3.8%	1.8%	5.8%	2.05	0.05
ALEXANDER	564	41.7%	32.1%	20.8%	0.6%	1.8%	3.0%	1.85	0.07
ALLEGHANY	290	37.9%	30.0%	21.7%	3.4%	0.7%	6.2%	1.92	0.06
ANSON	471	28.5%	36.3%	22.7%	4.4%	1.4%	6.6%	2.08	0.04
ASHE	636	35.8%	33.0%	20.2%	3.1%	0.8%	7.2%	1.92	0.05
AVERY	432	25.3%	46.6%	19.9%	3.4%	2.1%	2.7%	2.08	0.07
BEAUFORT	256	39.1%	30.8%	19.9%	1.7%	1.9%	6.6%	1.89	0.05
BERTIE	531	31.2%	36.8%	24.1%	1.7%	0.5%	5.6%	1.98	0.04
BLADEN	364	31.8%	33.3%	22.2%	3.3%	0.6%	8.9%	1.99	0.04
BRUNSWICK	207	26.2%	31.9%	27.2%	3.5%	0.3%	10.9%	2.10	0.05
BUNCOMBE	212	43.9%	33.6%	15.8%	0.8%	0.8%	5.1%	1.75	0.05
BURKE	515	43.3%	30.5%	16.6%	2.7%	1.3%	5.6%	1.82	0.05
CABARRUS	395	26.9%	43.8%	18.6%	3.1%	2.4%	5.2%	2.05	0.06
CALDWELL	357	37.1%	33.8%	19.8%	4.0%	0.4%	5.0%	1.91	0.05
CAMDEN	471	32.7%	31.4%	17.6%	1.3%	2.5%	14.5%	1.94	0.08
CARTERET	477	28.7%	34.8%	25.4%	2.5%	1.4%	7.2%	2.07	0.06
CASWELL	409	31.0%	37.8%	21.2%	2.8%	0.8%	6.4%	1.98	0.04
CATAWBA	332	40.1%	31.6%	18.8%	2.1%	0.0%	7.4%	1.82	0.05
CHATHAM	455	30.8%	36.3%	20.9%	3.1%	0.6%	8.2%	1.98	0.04
CHEROKEE	412	33.9%	31.0%	23.2%	3.0%	1.8%	7.1%	2.01	0.08
CHOWAN	573	28.9%	33.1%	21.1%	4.8%	1.8%	10.2%	2.08	0.08
CLAY	519	44.8%	35.3%	13.8%	0.9%	0.0%	5.2%	1.69	0.07
CLEVELAND	367	31.8%	33.8%	20.8%	6.5%	1.4%	5.6%	2.07	0.05
COLUMBUS	159	35.1%	32.3%	22.0%	3.2%	1.1%	6.4%	1.96	0.06
CRAVEN	279	30.2%	37.0%	21.0%	1.9%	1.0%	8.9%	1.97	0.04
CUMBERLAND	166	34.6%	30.5%	21.8%	2.0%	1.0%	10.1%	1.94	0.06
CURRITUCK	282	33.0%	34.0%	18.6%	5.7%	1.5%	7.2%	2.02	0.07
DARE	414	17.0%	27.0%	30.0%	9.0%	0.0%	17.0%	2.37	0.10
DAVIDSON	298	35.0%	35.4%	19.9%	3.5%	1.4%	4.9%	1.96	0.05
DAVIE	194	32.3%	35.7%	20.0%	3.0%	2.6%	6.4%	2.01	0.07
DUPLIN	100	40.1%	32.7%	17.2%	2.3%	2.0%	5.7%	1.87	0.05
DURHAM	349	23.0%	37.1%	25.8%	5.1%	0.8%	8.2%	2.17	0.06
EDGECOMBE	351	37.3%	32.8%	23.9%	2.0%	0.6%	3.4%	1.92	0.05
FORSYTH	376	27.5%	32.2%	27.1%	3.0%	3.0%	7.2%	2.16	0.07
FRANKLIN	377	29.0%	37.5%	20.2%	3.7%	1.1%	8.5%	2.02	0.05
GASTON	176	29.9%	30.9%	23.0%	3.6%	1.8%	10.8%	2.06	0.06
GATES	680	27.3%	36.6%	24.9%	1.6%	1.6%	8.0%	2.06	0.05
GRAHAM	408	48.1%	38.5%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	1.54	0.09

Table 10. Cont.

County	n	Much too few	A little too few	About right	A little too many	Far too many	Unsure	Mean	SE
GRANVILLE	217	32.6%	34.1%	24.1%	3.2%	0.9%	5.1%	2.01	0.04
GREENE	175	38.1%	33.0%	17.6%	4.5%	1.1%	5.7%	1.92	0.07
GUILFORD	221	21.2%	39.0%	23.1%	5.2%	2.2%	9.3%	2.21	0.05
HALIFAX	463	31.0%	36.6%	23.4%	2.1%	0.9%	6.0%	1.99	0.03
HARNETT	267	32.1%	35.0%	21.8%	3.7%	1.0%	6.4%	2.00	0.05
HAYWOOD	208	49.7%	28.0%	14.8%	1.6%	1.1%	4.8%	1.70	0.06
HENDERSON	186	46.9%	30.9%	13.5%	1.0%	0.0%	7.7%	1.66	0.06
HERTFORD	460	32.3%	29.5%	27.2%	2.3%	1.4%	7.4%	2.04	0.07
HOKE	324	23.4%	32.0%	30.3%	2.9%	1.1%	10.3%	2.18	0.07
HYDE	60	32.1%	32.1%	21.3%	7.2%	0.9%	6.3%	2.07	0.07
IREDELL	533	41.0%	32.3%	16.0%	2.8%	0.8%	7.1%	1.82	0.05
JACKSON	431	39.3%	33.3%	15.4%	2.6%	0.0%	9.4%	1.79	0.08
JOHNSTON	188	31.7%	32.4%	22.2%	5.0%	1.5%	7.1%	2.05	0.05
JONES	137	36.7%	33.0%	18.7%	3.4%	0.7%	7.5%	1.90	0.06
LEE	634	29.0%	32.4%	23.2%	5.3%	1.9%	8.2%	2.12	0.07
LENOIR	200	36.5%	39.4%	14.9%	3.8%	0.5%	4.8%	1.87	0.06
LINCOLN	355	40.6%	29.5%	16.5%	4.3%	1.4%	7.6%	1.88	0.06
MACON	300	33.2%	38.3%	22.1%	0.9%	0.9%	4.7%	1.72	0.06
MADISON	199	49.5%	25.3%	16.1%	2.7%	0.5%	5.9%	1.93	0.06
MARTIN	286	30.5%	36.1%	26.5%	2.0%	0.8%	4.0%	1.72	0.07
MCDOWELL	186	44.5%	32.5%	12.5%	1.0%	1.5%	8.0%	2.03	0.06
MECKLENBURG	128	21.7%	34.0%	25.0%	7.1%	1.9%	10.4%	2.26	0.07
MITCHELL	238	34.2%	39.4%	18.1%	3.9%	1.3%	3.2%	1.95	0.07
MONTGOMERY	663	31.3%	40.4%	18.4%	2.7%	1.0%	6.2%	1.95	0.04
MOORE	290	26.1%	34.6%	23.5%	4.1%	2.4%	9.3%	2.14	0.05
NASH	185	28.4%	41.0%	19.4%	2.5%	0.9%	7.7%	1.99	0.05
NEW HANOVER	300	31.7%	31.7%	28.3%	1.7%	0.0%	6.7%	2.00	0.11
NORTHAMPTON	192	26.8%	38.8%	24.8%	2.8%	1.1%	5.6%	2.07	0.04
ONSLOW	168	29.2%	34.1%	22.0%	2.6%	1.2%	10.9%	2.02	0.05
ORANGE	290	23.8%	40.5%	23.0%	3.8%	1.5%	7.3%	2.12	0.05
PAMLICO	391	34.6%	31.4%	25.0%	1.6%	1.1%	6.4%	1.97	0.07
PASQUOTANK	282	33.6%	34.3%	15.3%	4.4%	0.0%	12.4%	1.89	0.08
PENDER	235	30.9%	34.2%	22.6%	3.0%	0.5%	8.8%	1.99	0.04
PERQUIMANS	236	35.5%	31.0%	21.0%	3.5%	1.5%	7.5%	1.97	0.07
PERSON	278	29.1%	33.6%	23.8%	3.9%	1.4%	8.1%	2.07	0.05
PITT	393	40.8%	36.6%	14.1%	2.5%	1.4%	4.5%	1.82	0.05
POLK	278	39.5%	31.2%	19.5%	2.0%	1.0%	6.8%	1.86	0.06
RANDOLPH	413	28.5%	37.2%	23.6%	3.2%	1.9%	5.7%	2.08	0.04
RICHMOND	307	28.3%	35.7%	25.7%	2.3%	1.0%	7.0%	2.05	0.05

Table 10. Cont.

County	n	Much too few	A little too few	About right	A little too many	Far too many	Unsure	Mean	SE
ROBESON	239	38.7%	32.7%	16.6%	2.5%	2.0%	7.5%	1.88	0.07
ROCKINGHAM	453	27.0%	35.8%	24.9%	3.6%	1.7%	6.9%	2.11	0.04
ROWAN	321	36.7%	37.9%	13.7%	2.2%	2.2%	7.3%	1.87	0.05
RUTHERFORD	146	41.5%	30.7%	17.6%	2.7%	0.9%	6.6%	1.83	0.05
SAMPSON	253	29.7%	32.9%	26.6%	2.4%	0.3%	8.0%	2.03	0.05
SCOTLAND	374	29.6%	33.3%	24.7%	2.7%	1.6%	8.1%	2.06	0.07
STANLY	278	38.3%	31.9%	19.6%	2.4%	0.9%	6.9%	1.88	0.05
STOKES	168	25.4%	39.5%	26.4%	2.9%	2.2%	3.6%	2.14	0.05
SURRY	116	32.6%	36.2%	20.5%	2.3%	2.3%	6.2%	1.99	0.06
SWAIN	355	38.0%	39.4%	11.3%	1.4%	1.4%	8.5%	1.78	0.10
TRANSYLVANIA	52	59.3%	25.6%	11.6%	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	1.55	0.06
TYRRELL	189	26.6%	39.8%	21.9%	3.1%	2.3%	6.3%	2.09	0.09
UNION	207	27.7%	36.5%	24.2%	5.3%	0.7%	5.7%	2.10	0.04
VANCE	117	34.0%	26.1%	26.5%	2.9%	1.3%	9.2%	2.02	0.07
WAKE	200	28.4%	32.4%	22.3%	4.4%	2.4%	10.1%	2.11	0.04
WARREN	235	23.4%	32.4%	29.7%	3.8%	1.0%	9.7%	2.19	0.06
WASHINGTON	249	33.0%	28.6%	26.5%	1.6%	0.0%	10.3%	1.96	0.07
WATAUGA	155	29.3%	32.6%	27.2%	4.2%	0.8%	5.9%	2.09	0.06
WAYNE	205	26.7%	39.3%	22.7%	3.0%	2.0%	6.3%	2.09	0.05
WILKES	335	40.0%	34.7%	17.0%	2.9%	0.4%	5.1%	1.83	0.04
WILSON	71	31.3%	32.8%	25.0%	3.1%	1.6%	6.3%	2.05	0.07
YADKIN	172	40.5%	32.4%	19.6%	2.5%	1.6%	3.4%	1.88	0.05
YANCEY	163	41.1%	32.5%	19.6%	1.8%	1.2%	3.7%	1.85	0.07

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from the ordinal values for each response: 1=Much too few, 5=Far too many.
Note: “Unsure” responses were excluded from the mean response estimate.

Table 11. (Question 7) Rank the following antlered buck management techniques you would support.

County	n	AR all	SE	AR after 1st	SE	Reduce bag	SE	Antler-less only	SE	Delay bag	SE	One per weapon	SE
ALAMANCE	386	2.52	0.12	2.95	0.12	2.72	0.11	2.53	0.11	2.40	0.11	2.66	0.12
ALEXANDER	164	2.90	0.19	2.87	0.19	2.49	0.18	2.12	0.16	2.46	0.17	2.49	0.18
ALLEGHANY	282	2.87	0.15	2.87	0.14	2.58	0.14	2.12	0.12	2.33	0.12	2.56	0.14
ANSON	542	3.07	0.11	2.97	0.10	2.56	0.10	2.31	0.09	2.37	0.09	2.47	0.10
ASHE	382	2.88	0.13	2.88	0.12	2.69	0.12	2.15	0.10	2.45	0.11	2.51	0.11
AVERY	145	2.39	0.19	3.24	0.20	1.99	0.17	2.63	0.19	2.55	0.18	2.69	0.19
BEAUFORT	398	2.76	0.12	2.75	0.12	3.00	0.12	2.60	0.11	2.32	0.10	2.15	0.11
BERTIE	555	2.94	0.10	2.92	0.10	2.94	0.10	2.26	0.09	2.18	0.09	1.96	0.09
BLADEN	507	2.83	0.11	3.14	0.10	3.09	0.10	2.64	0.09	2.65	0.09	2.08	0.09
BRUNSWICK	359	2.59	0.13	2.74	0.12	2.49	0.12	2.60	0.12	2.42	0.12	2.24	0.12
BUNCOMBE	242	2.46	0.15	3.12	0.15	2.50	0.14	2.73	0.15	2.41	0.13	2.77	0.14
BURKE	365	2.72	0.12	3.19	0.13	2.36	0.11	2.63	0.11	2.51	0.11	2.55	0.12
CABARRUS	281	2.79	0.14	3.31	0.14	2.71	0.13	2.64	0.12	2.43	0.12	2.68	0.13
CALDWELL	269	2.37	0.14	2.97	0.15	2.39	0.13	2.49	0.14	2.32	0.13	2.55	0.14
CAMDEN	155	2.68	0.20	2.65	0.19	2.66	0.19	2.20	0.18	2.41	0.18	2.01	0.18
CARTERET	273	2.74	0.15	2.77	0.14	2.57	0.14	2.27	0.13	2.56	0.13	2.09	0.13
CASWELL	461	2.75	0.11	2.92	0.11	2.64	0.11	2.48	0.10	2.50	0.10	2.58	0.11
CATAWBA	273	2.71	0.14	2.94	0.14	2.56	0.14	2.44	0.13	2.57	0.13	2.74	0.14
CHATHAM	630	2.68	0.09	3.01	0.09	2.85	0.09	2.61	0.08	2.61	0.08	2.55	0.09
CHEROKEE	164	2.64	0.18	3.30	0.19	1.89	0.16	3.23	0.19	2.23	0.16	2.51	0.17
CHOWAN	162	2.62	0.19	2.85	0.19	2.72	0.18	2.44	0.17	2.44	0.17	2.01	0.17
CLAY	114	2.48	0.22	3.41	0.23	2.00	0.20	2.52	0.21	2.07	0.19	2.33	0.22
CLEVELAND	346	2.67	0.13	3.06	0.13	2.44	0.12	2.64	0.12	2.32	0.12	2.42	0.12
COLUMBUS	273	2.90	0.15	3.05	0.14	2.78	0.14	2.33	0.13	2.41	0.13	1.95	0.12
CRAVEN	394	2.72	0.12	2.79	0.12	2.63	0.12	2.56	0.11	2.35	0.11	2.13	0.11
CUMBERLAND	291	2.69	0.14	3.22	0.14	2.66	0.13	2.78	0.13	2.77	0.13	2.27	0.12
CURRITUCK	186	2.46	0.18	3.12	0.18	2.63	0.17	2.49	0.16	2.18	0.16	2.17	0.16
DARE	99	2.18	0.23	3.18	0.25	2.04	0.22	2.42	0.22	2.24	0.23	2.22	0.23
DAVIDSON	422	2.59	0.11	3.01	0.11	2.71	0.11	2.43	0.10	2.57	0.10	2.61	0.11
DAVIE	226	2.46	0.16	2.83	0.16	2.63	0.15	2.41	0.14	2.49	0.14	2.56	0.15
DUPLIN	336	2.96	0.13	2.99	0.13	2.87	0.12	2.47	0.12	2.49	0.12	2.17	0.12
DURHAM	248	2.51	0.15	2.83	0.14	3.01	0.14	3.02	0.14	2.75	0.13	2.83	0.14
EDGECOMBE	344	3.06	0.13	3.12	0.12	3.17	0.12	2.51	0.11	2.50	0.11	2.25	0.11
FORSYTH	232	2.39	0.15	2.80	0.15	2.64	0.15	2.68	0.14	2.64	0.14	2.79	0.15
FRANKLIN	364	2.68	0.12	3.16	0.12	2.89	0.12	2.48	0.11	2.61	0.11	2.17	0.11
GASTON	266	2.71	0.15	3.22	0.15	2.36	0.14	2.16	0.13	2.42	0.13	2.56	0.14
GATES	365	3.03	0.13	3.05	0.13	2.63	0.12	2.52	0.11	2.26	0.11	1.89	0.10
GRAHAM	53	1.92	0.34	2.77	0.35	1.55	0.29	2.11	0.33	1.83	0.32	2.30	0.33
GRANVILLE	523	2.80	0.10	2.87	0.10	2.83	0.10	2.62	0.09	2.65	0.09	2.63	0.10
GREENE	173	2.73	0.19	3.10	0.18	2.97	0.18	2.56	0.17	2.29	0.15	1.93	0.15
GUILFORD	351	2.45	0.13	3.06	0.13	2.51	0.12	2.51	0.12	2.57	0.12	2.42	0.12

Table 11. Cont.

County	n	AR all	SE	AR after 1st	SE	Reduce bag	SE	Antler-less only	SE	Delay bag	SE	One per weapon	SE
HALIFAX	668	3.03	0.09	3.17	0.09	3.04	0.09	2.37	0.08	2.35	0.08	2.07	0.08
HARNETT	400	2.68	0.12	3.24	0.12	3.05	0.11	2.49	0.11	2.54	0.11	2.19	0.11
HAYWOOD	185	2.85	0.17	3.24	0.17	2.44	0.16	2.42	0.16	2.54	0.15	2.74	0.17
HENDERSON	204	2.68	0.17	3.18	0.17	2.52	0.15	2.78	0.15	2.47	0.14	2.55	0.15
HERTFORD	208	2.84	0.17	3.25	0.17	2.57	0.16	2.27	0.15	2.31	0.14	2.05	0.14
HOKE	166	2.78	0.18	2.81	0.17	2.74	0.18	2.52	0.18	2.53	0.17	2.35	0.18
HYDE	215	2.31	0.16	2.89	0.17	2.47	0.16	2.45	0.15	2.45	0.15	1.93	0.14
IREDELL	385	2.71	0.12	3.09	0.12	2.87	0.11	2.53	0.10	2.73	0.10	2.73	0.11
JACKSON	114	2.69	0.22	3.29	0.22	2.27	0.20	2.79	0.20	2.59	0.20	2.98	0.20
JOHNSTON	445	2.75	0.11	3.03	0.11	3.02	0.11	2.60	0.10	2.60	0.10	2.40	0.10
JONES	259	3.08	0.15	2.60	0.14	2.91	0.15	2.44	0.13	2.46	0.13	2.07	0.13
LEE	201	2.72	0.16	3.27	0.17	2.52	0.16	2.54	0.15	2.39	0.14	2.38	0.16
LENOIR	199	3.00	0.16	3.33	0.17	3.21	0.16	2.43	0.14	2.61	0.14	2.15	0.14
LINCOLN	271	2.69	0.15	2.89	0.15	2.51	0.14	2.08	0.13	2.27	0.13	2.46	0.13
MCDOWELL	195	2.83	0.17	3.40	0.17	2.54	0.15	2.50	0.15	2.74	0.15	2.49	0.16
MACON	228	2.49	0.15	3.33	0.16	2.18	0.14	3.26	0.15	2.42	0.13	2.46	0.15
MADISON	179	2.55	0.17	3.16	0.17	2.49	0.16	2.99	0.17	2.56	0.15	2.63	0.17
MARTIN	242	3.00	0.15	3.04	0.15	2.76	0.14	2.62	0.14	2.40	0.13	2.06	0.13
MECKLENBURG	202	2.47	0.16	2.97	0.17	2.55	0.16	2.78	0.15	2.54	0.15	2.56	0.16
MITCHELL	152	2.63	0.20	3.00	0.21	2.16	0.18	2.22	0.18	1.95	0.17	2.07	0.18
MONTGOMERY	501	2.87	0.11	3.05	0.10	2.71	0.10	2.35	0.09	2.44	0.09	2.47	0.10
MOORE	443	2.68	0.11	2.97	0.11	2.81	0.11	2.64	0.10	2.56	0.10	2.45	0.10
NASH	309	2.74	0.13	3.25	0.13	2.95	0.12	2.70	0.12	2.69	0.12	2.04	0.11
NEW HANOVER	57	2.47	0.33	3.05	0.32	2.67	0.30	2.44	0.28	2.82	0.30	2.09	0.28
NORTHAMPTON	522	3.02	0.11	3.01	0.11	2.92	0.10	2.25	0.09	2.47	0.09	2.15	0.09
ONSLOW	423	2.87	0.12	3.00	0.11	2.77	0.10	2.57	0.10	2.57	0.10	2.61	0.11
ORANGE	381	2.54	0.12	2.92	0.12	2.93	0.12	2.77	0.11	2.76	0.11	2.63	0.11
PAMLICO	185	2.96	0.18	2.99	0.18	2.43	0.17	2.40	0.16	2.48	0.16	2.07	0.15
PASQUOTANK	133	2.73	0.21	3.19	0.21	2.48	0.20	2.26	0.18	2.23	0.19	1.89	0.19
PENDER	615	2.93	0.10	2.95	0.10	2.97	0.09	2.57	0.09	2.46	0.08	2.12	0.08
PERQUIMANS	193	3.16	0.17	3.37	0.16	2.74	0.16	2.54	0.15	2.85	0.16	2.11	0.14
PERSON	350	2.69	0.13	2.96	0.12	2.65	0.12	2.41	0.11	2.40	0.11	2.64	0.12
PITT	345	3.18	0.13	3.16	0.12	3.23	0.12	2.61	0.11	2.51	0.10	2.17	0.11
POLK	202	2.83	0.17	3.12	0.17	2.12	0.15	2.62	0.16	2.67	0.15	2.58	0.16
RANDOLPH	456	2.75	0.11	3.17	0.11	2.53	0.10	2.49	0.10	2.66	0.10	2.39	0.10
RICHMOND	291	2.42	0.14	2.99	0.14	2.60	0.13	2.24	0.12	2.53	0.13	2.06	0.12
ROBESON	188	2.77	0.18	3.22	0.18	2.70	0.17	2.45	0.16	2.37	0.15	1.93	0.15
ROCKINGHAM	465	2.58	0.11	2.90	0.11	2.60	0.10	2.63	0.10	2.46	0.10	2.75	0.11
ROWAN	403	2.79	0.11	3.09	0.11	2.99	0.11	2.57	0.10	2.59	0.11	2.48	0.11
RUTHERFORD	328	2.85	0.14	3.06	0.13	2.66	0.12	2.52	0.12	2.44	0.11	2.22	0.12
SAMPSON	280	2.74	0.15	2.74	0.14	2.75	0.14	2.47	0.13	2.48	0.13	2.01	0.12

Table 11. Cont.

County	n	AR all	SE	AR after 1st	SE	Reduce bag	SE	Antler-less only	SE	Delay bag	SE	One per weapon	SE
SCOTLAND	181	3.12	0.17	3.26	0.18	2.78	0.17	2.55	0.16	2.19	0.15	2.01	0.15
STANLY	322	2.89	0.13	3.05	0.13	2.89	0.12	2.44	0.12	2.43	0.12	2.57	0.12
STOKES	404	2.52	0.12	3.04	0.12	2.72	0.11	2.45	0.10	2.50	0.11	2.79	0.12
SURRY	301	2.74	0.14	3.12	0.14	2.62	0.13	2.52	0.12	2.32	0.12	2.58	0.13
SWAIN	69	2.43	0.26	3.01	0.28	2.39	0.26	3.12	0.28	2.54	0.23	2.88	0.27
TRANSYLVANIA	171	2.81	0.18	3.27	0.18	2.80	0.17	2.55	0.17	2.42	0.16	2.56	0.17
TYRRELL	122	2.38	0.21	2.74	0.22	2.46	0.20	2.60	0.21	2.46	0.20	2.16	0.20
UNION	444	2.48	0.11	3.01	0.11	2.71	0.11	2.62	0.10	2.45	0.10	2.40	0.10
VANCE	234	2.56	0.16	3.06	0.15	2.77	0.15	2.47	0.15	2.52	0.14	2.14	0.14
WAKE	631	2.51	0.09	3.22	0.09	3.07	0.09	2.73	0.08	2.67	0.08	2.47	0.09
WARREN	281	2.34	0.14	3.01	0.15	2.64	0.14	2.51	0.14	2.50	0.13	1.80	0.12
WASHINGTON	178	2.57	0.18	3.01	0.18	2.68	0.16	2.64	0.16	2.56	0.17	1.88	0.15
WATAUGA	233	2.79	0.16	2.67	0.16	2.41	0.15	2.52	0.15	2.61	0.14	2.35	0.15
WAYNE	287	2.83	0.14	2.94	0.13	3.05	0.14	2.59	0.13	2.53	0.13	2.28	0.13
WILKES	442	2.89	0.12	2.89	0.11	2.79	0.11	2.48	0.10	2.53	0.10	2.42	0.11
WILSON	188	2.63	0.17	3.19	0.18	2.76	0.17	2.37	0.15	2.61	0.15	2.31	0.15
YADKIN	315	2.82	0.13	2.81	0.13	2.79	0.13	2.38	0.12	2.37	0.12	2.50	0.13
YANCEY	160	2.78	0.19	2.73	0.18	2.51	0.18	2.67	0.18	2.29	0.17	2.56	0.19

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), mean response of the inverse rank (0=no rank, 6=highest rank / most preferred), and standard error of the mean (SE) by county.
Note: Description of techniques - Antler restriction (AR) on each antlered buck; No AR for 1st buck harvest with AR after each additional buck that is harvested; Reduce antlered buck season bag limit; Create an antlerless-only harvest season during a portion of the firearms season; Delayed antlered buck in the bag limit - 1st antlered buck allowed any time with additional antlered buck (s) allowed after peak breeding date for your hunt area; Allow one antlered buck per weapon season (one in archery; one in blackpowder; one in gun).

Table 12. (Question 8) Which of the following best reflects your view of how the NCWRC should manage antlered bucks on private lands?

County	n	No change	Further limit	Significantly limit	Unsure	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	386	53.1%	23.3%	11.4%	12.2%	1.53	0.04
ALEXANDER	164	56.1%	22.6%	17.1%	4.3%	1.59	0.06
ALLEGHANY	282	47.9%	25.2%	14.5%	12.4%	1.62	0.05
ANSON	542	55.9%	21.6%	12.0%	10.5%	1.51	0.03
ASHE	382	47.6%	26.4%	14.7%	11.3%	1.63	0.04
AVERY	145	59.3%	16.6%	13.1%	11.0%	1.48	0.07
BEAUFORT	398	51.3%	19.1%	13.1%	16.6%	1.54	0.04
BERTIE	555	56.2%	22.7%	11.7%	9.4%	1.51	0.03
BLADEN	507	56.4%	19.5%	11.8%	12.2%	1.49	0.03
BRUNSWICK	359	55.7%	16.4%	13.9%	13.9%	1.51	0.04
BUNCOMBE	242	53.7%	19.8%	13.2%	13.2%	1.53	0.05
BURKE	365	54.0%	21.1%	12.9%	12.1%	1.53	0.04
CABARRUS	281	54.4%	19.6%	14.6%	11.4%	1.55	0.05
CALDWELL	269	54.3%	14.9%	14.5%	16.4%	1.52	0.05
CAMDEN	155	46.5%	27.1%	12.9%	13.5%	1.61	0.06
CARTERET	273	60.8%	16.5%	11.0%	11.7%	1.44	0.05
CASWELL	461	54.9%	20.0%	12.6%	12.6%	1.52	0.04
CATAWBA	273	55.7%	19.0%	15.4%	9.9%	1.55	0.05
CHATHAM	630	54.4%	18.7%	11.4%	15.4%	1.49	0.03
CHEROKEE	164	56.7%	18.9%	7.9%	16.5%	1.42	0.06
CHOWAN	162	52.5%	16.0%	14.8%	16.7%	1.55	0.07
CLAY	114	50.9%	26.3%	10.5%	12.3%	1.54	0.07
CLEVELAND	346	53.5%	23.4%	11.3%	11.8%	1.52	0.04
COLUMBUS	273	61.9%	16.5%	12.8%	8.8%	1.46	0.05
CRAVEN	394	56.9%	18.5%	9.6%	15.0%	1.44	0.04
CUMBERLAND	291	58.1%	16.8%	11.3%	13.7%	1.46	0.05
CURRITUCK	186	53.2%	19.9%	11.8%	15.1%	1.51	0.06
DARE	99	59.6%	12.1%	4.0%	24.2%	1.27	0.06
DAVIDSON	422	51.9%	23.5%	13.3%	11.4%	1.56	0.04
DAVIE	226	49.6%	25.2%	13.7%	11.5%	1.60	0.05
DUPLIN	336	49.4%	22.0%	15.2%	13.4%	1.60	0.05
DURHAM	248	52.8%	24.2%	11.7%	11.3%	1.54	0.05
EDGECOMBE	344	51.5%	27.0%	11.6%	9.9%	1.56	0.04
FORSYTH	232	54.7%	19.8%	11.6%	13.8%	1.50	0.05
FRANKLIN	364	54.9%	23.1%	11.0%	11.0%	1.51	0.04
GASTON	266	59.8%	16.2%	12.4%	11.7%	1.46	0.05
GATES	365	57.0%	17.5%	11.8%	13.7%	1.48	0.04
GRAHAM	53	52.8%	9.4%	11.3%	26.4%	1.44	0.12
GRANVILLE	523	57.9%	19.1%	13.2%	9.8%	1.50	0.03

Table 12. Cont.

County	n	No change	Further limit	Significantly limit	Unsure	Mean	SE
GREENE	173	46.8%	19.1%	12.7%	21.4%	1.57	0.06
GUILFORD	351	56.4%	20.8%	10.0%	12.8%	1.47	0.04
HALIFAX	668	54.9%	22.2%	11.5%	11.4%	1.51	0.03
HARNETT	400	58.3%	19.0%	12.5%	10.3%	1.49	0.04
HAYWOOD	185	54.6%	16.2%	13.5%	15.7%	1.51	0.06
HENDERSON	204	56.9%	19.1%	11.3%	12.7%	1.48	0.05
HERTFORD	208	60.1%	16.8%	8.7%	14.4%	1.40	0.05
HOKE	166	63.9%	12.7%	10.2%	13.3%	1.38	0.06
HYDE	215	64.2%	18.1%	3.7%	14.0%	1.30	0.04
IREDELL	385	46.5%	25.5%	15.8%	12.2%	1.65	0.04
JACKSON	114	46.5%	24.6%	14.0%	14.9%	1.62	0.08
JOHNSTON	445	55.7%	24.5%	11.2%	8.5%	1.51	0.03
JONES	259	54.8%	22.0%	11.6%	11.6%	1.51	0.05
LEE	201	60.2%	16.4%	11.9%	11.4%	1.46	0.05
LENOIR	199	51.8%	18.1%	14.1%	16.1%	1.55	0.06
LINCOLN	271	44.3%	28.8%	15.9%	11.1%	1.68	0.05
MCDOWELL	195	53.8%	22.1%	10.3%	13.8%	1.49	0.05
MACON	228	58.8%	19.3%	7.5%	14.5%	1.40	0.05
MADISON	179	63.7%	16.8%	7.8%	11.7%	1.37	0.05
MARTIN	242	59.5%	17.4%	11.2%	12.0%	1.45	0.05
MECKLENBURG	202	56.9%	19.8%	9.9%	13.4%	1.46	0.05
MITCHELL	152	53.9%	23.0%	11.2%	11.8%	1.51	0.06
MONTGOMERY	501	53.1%	20.6%	13.0%	13.4%	1.54	0.04
MOORE	443	63.2%	17.8%	9.0%	9.9%	1.40	0.03
NASH	309	55.0%	21.0%	11.0%	12.9%	1.49	0.04
NEW HANOVER	57	56.1%	21.1%	12.3%	10.5%	1.51	0.10
NORTHAMPTON	522	55.7%	23.8%	9.6%	10.9%	1.48	0.03
ONSLOW	423	56.7%	18.0%	9.7%	15.6%	1.44	0.04
ORANGE	381	58.3%	20.7%	9.4%	11.5%	1.45	0.04
PAMLICO	185	50.3%	18.9%	13.0%	17.8%	1.55	0.06
PASQUOTANK	133	57.1%	17.3%	10.5%	15.0%	1.45	0.07
PENDER	615	58.0%	23.6%	8.3%	10.1%	1.45	0.03
PERQUIMANS	193	50.3%	23.3%	9.3%	17.1%	1.51	0.05
PERSON	350	56.3%	19.4%	13.4%	10.9%	1.52	0.04
PITT	345	47.8%	20.0%	16.5%	15.7%	1.63	0.05
POLK	202	55.0%	27.7%	8.4%	8.9%	1.49	0.05
RANDOLPH	456	53.1%	18.9%	14.5%	13.6%	1.55	0.04
RICHMOND	291	56.0%	21.0%	12.0%	11.0%	1.51	0.04
ROBESON	188	59.6%	16.5%	11.2%	12.8%	1.45	0.06
ROCKINGHAM	465	56.6%	20.0%	11.2%	12.3%	1.48	0.04

Table 12. Cont.

County	n	No change	Further limit	Significantly limit	Unsure	Mean	SE
ROWAN	403	46.9%	28.5%	11.4%	13.2%	1.59	0.04
RUTHERFORD	328	48.8%	24.4%	12.8%	14.0%	1.58	0.04
SAMPSON	280	59.3%	18.9%	7.1%	14.6%	1.39	0.04
SCOTLAND	181	57.5%	22.1%	9.9%	10.5%	1.47	0.05
STANLY	322	51.2%	23.9%	12.1%	12.7%	1.55	0.04
STOKES	404	57.4%	20.8%	11.1%	10.6%	1.48	0.04
SURRY	301	50.8%	24.3%	11.6%	13.3%	1.55	0.04
SWAIN	69	53.6%	14.5%	14.5%	17.4%	1.53	0.10
TRANSYLVANIA	171	57.3%	22.2%	8.2%	12.3%	1.44	0.05
TYRRELL	122	53.3%	20.5%	4.9%	21.3%	1.39	0.06
UNION	444	52.9%	25.9%	10.1%	11.0%	1.52	0.03
VANCE	234	49.1%	18.8%	14.1%	17.9%	1.57	0.06
WAKE	631	59.4%	19.3%	10.1%	11.1%	1.45	0.03
WARREN	281	59.8%	17.8%	7.5%	14.9%	1.38	0.04
WASHINGTON	178	52.8%	15.7%	10.7%	20.8%	1.47	0.06
WATAUGA	233	56.2%	19.3%	11.2%	13.3%	1.48	0.05
WAYNE	287	53.3%	20.6%	15.3%	10.8%	1.57	0.05
WILKES	442	50.0%	24.4%	14.9%	10.6%	1.61	0.04
WILSON	188	54.8%	21.8%	11.7%	11.7%	1.51	0.06
YADKIN	315	43.5%	27.3%	17.1%	12.1%	1.70	0.05
YANCEY	160	50.6%	23.1%	14.4%	11.9%	1.59	0.06

Note: Results presented as the percent frequency of response, sample size (n), mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=No change, 3=Significantly limit
Note: "Unsure" responses excluded from mean calculation.

Table 13. (Question 9) Which of the following best reflects your view of how the NCWRC should manage antlered bucks on game lands across the state?

County	n	No change	Further limit on some	Further limit on all	Significant limit on some	Significant limit on all	Unsure	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	386	30.1%	9.6%	27.7%	7.8%	12.2%	12.7%	2.57	0.08
ALEXANDER	163	29.4%	14.1%	26.4%	7.4%	12.3%	10.4%	2.54	0.11
ALLEGHANY	280	25.0%	10.7%	28.2%	8.2%	15.0%	12.9%	2.74	0.09
ANSON	540	29.1%	11.7%	28.3%	5.9%	13.1%	11.9%	2.57	0.06
ASHE	381	26.5%	12.1%	28.6%	6.8%	14.7%	11.3%	2.67	0.08
AVERY	144	41.7%	12.5%	18.8%	7.6%	11.8%	7.6%	2.30	0.12
BEAUFORT	398	26.9%	11.6%	26.4%	6.3%	18.3%	10.6%	2.75	0.08
BERTIE	557	32.0%	11.8%	29.4%	5.4%	10.2%	11.1%	2.44	0.06
BLADEN	504	31.3%	9.7%	29.4%	5.0%	13.5%	11.1%	2.54	0.07
BRUNSWICK	360	29.4%	11.7%	28.1%	5.3%	11.7%	13.9%	2.51	0.08
BUNCOMBE	243	29.2%	21.8%	20.2%	6.2%	12.3%	10.3%	2.45	0.09
BURKE	364	31.3%	14.6%	24.2%	7.1%	13.7%	9.1%	2.53	0.08
CABARRUS	278	27.7%	14.4%	28.8%	7.2%	11.5%	10.4%	2.56	0.09
CALDWELL	268	34.3%	15.7%	19.0%	7.5%	13.8%	9.7%	2.45	0.09
CAMDEN	153	28.8%	13.1%	26.8%	3.9%	16.3%	11.1%	2.62	0.12
CARTERET	272	40.1%	10.7%	22.8%	5.9%	11.8%	8.8%	2.33	0.09
CASWELL	462	30.7%	11.9%	27.1%	6.3%	14.1%	10.0%	2.57	0.07
CATAWBA	270	31.9%	14.4%	20.7%	4.8%	17.0%	11.1%	2.56	0.10
CHATHAM	628	28.0%	8.8%	31.2%	7.3%	14.0%	10.7%	2.67	0.06
CHEROKEE	164	43.9%	16.5%	20.1%	3.7%	9.8%	6.1%	2.14	0.11
CHOWAN	161	32.9%	15.5%	18.6%	3.1%	15.5%	14.3%	2.45	0.13
CLAY	113	38.9%	15.9%	19.5%	6.2%	6.2%	13.3%	2.13	0.13
CLEVELAND	348	31.9%	15.5%	24.4%	5.2%	10.1%	12.9%	2.38	0.08
COLUMBUS	272	36.4%	8.5%	25.4%	6.6%	12.5%	10.7%	2.44	0.09
CRAVEN	399	32.6%	10.3%	28.1%	4.8%	13.0%	11.3%	2.50	0.07
CUMBERLAND	290	32.8%	15.5%	24.1%	5.5%	14.1%	7.9%	2.49	0.09
CURRITUCK	187	38.5%	20.9%	20.3%	4.3%	8.0%	8.0%	2.16	0.10
DARE	98	48.0%	8.2%	21.4%	2.0%	8.2%	12.2%	2.02	0.14
DAVIDSON	419	27.7%	12.2%	29.1%	8.1%	13.6%	9.3%	2.64	0.07
DAVIE	224	25.9%	13.8%	29.0%	6.3%	13.4%	11.6%	2.63	0.10
DUPLIN	335	22.4%	12.2%	32.2%	7.5%	14.3%	11.3%	2.76	0.08
DURHAM	248	23.8%	11.7%	31.5%	8.1%	13.7%	11.3%	2.73	0.09
EDGECOMBE	341	25.5%	16.4%	31.4%	5.3%	11.1%	10.3%	2.56	0.07
FORSYTH	230	31.3%	9.1%	27.4%	5.7%	14.3%	12.2%	2.57	0.10
FRANKLIN	364	25.8%	15.4%	28.8%	6.3%	11.0%	12.6%	2.56	0.07
GASTON	265	34.3%	14.0%	22.3%	6.8%	9.4%	13.2%	2.34	0.09
GATES	365	36.2%	7.9%	28.8%	4.4%	11.0%	11.8%	2.39	0.08
GRAHAM	52	46.2%	21.2%	11.5%	5.8%	7.7%	7.7%	2.00	0.19
GRANVILLE	523	26.8%	17.2%	23.9%	5.9%	15.5%	10.7%	2.62	0.07

Table 13. Cont.

County	n	No change	Further limit on some	Further limit on all	Significant limit on some	Significant limit on all	Unsure	Mean	SE
GREENE	171	30.4%	8.8%	23.4%	2.3%	16.4%	18.7%	2.58	0.13
GUILFORD	347	33.7%	10.4%	24.8%	4.9%	11.8%	14.4%	2.42	0.08
HALIFAX	669	29.1%	11.8%	27.2%	7.6%	10.9%	13.3%	2.53	0.06
HARNETT	398	26.6%	13.1%	30.4%	6.0%	12.3%	11.6%	2.60	0.07
HAYWOOD	186	34.4%	17.7%	20.4%	11.3%	10.2%	5.9%	2.42	0.10
HENDERSON	202	24.3%	21.8%	25.7%	6.4%	13.4%	8.4%	2.59	0.10
HERTFORD	207	36.7%	6.3%	21.3%	4.3%	14.0%	17.4%	2.43	0.12
HOKE	165	40.0%	10.9%	17.6%	7.3%	12.7%	11.5%	2.34	0.12
HYDE	214	45.8%	13.1%	19.2%	5.1%	4.7%	12.1%	1.97	0.09
IREDELL	382	22.8%	15.2%	29.8%	7.3%	14.4%	10.5%	2.73	0.07
JACKSON	114	30.7%	17.5%	17.5%	11.4%	10.5%	12.3%	2.47	0.14
JOHNSTON	442	25.6%	14.0%	29.9%	5.9%	11.8%	12.9%	2.59	0.07
JONES	258	27.9%	9.7%	33.3%	5.8%	13.2%	10.1%	2.63	0.09
LEE	200	31.5%	10.5%	24.0%	3.5%	16.0%	14.5%	2.56	0.11
LENOIR	199	25.1%	9.5%	28.1%	7.0%	17.1%	13.1%	2.79	0.11
LINCOLN	271	29.9%	11.4%	28.8%	6.3%	14.4%	9.2%	2.60	0.09
MCDOWELL	194	29.4%	13.9%	28.4%	6.2%	12.4%	9.8%	2.54	0.10
MACON	229	41.9%	16.2%	22.3%	3.9%	8.7%	7.0%	2.15	0.09
MADISON	178	30.9%	18.0%	21.9%	8.4%	15.2%	5.6%	2.57	0.11
MARTIN	242	32.2%	12.8%	26.0%	5.8%	12.0%	11.2%	2.47	0.09
MECKLENBURG	197	31.5%	13.2%	26.4%	7.1%	10.2%	11.7%	2.45	0.10
MITCHELL	153	34.6%	12.4%	31.4%	3.9%	9.8%	7.8%	2.37	0.11
MONTGOMERY	500	34.2%	12.0%	26.4%	4.4%	14.4%	8.6%	2.48	0.07
MOORE	445	33.0%	13.3%	26.1%	7.2%	8.3%	12.1%	2.37	0.07
NASH	307	33.2%	10.1%	30.6%	2.6%	12.4%	11.1%	2.45	0.08
NEW HANOVER	57	38.6%	10.5%	19.3%	5.3%	17.5%	8.8%	2.48	0.22
NORTHAMPTON	522	28.9%	11.7%	29.3%	3.8%	13.6%	12.6%	2.56	0.07
ONSLOW	421	30.9%	14.7%	29.0%	5.7%	9.5%	10.2%	2.42	0.07
ORANGE	380	28.4%	16.1%	28.2%	5.8%	12.9%	8.7%	2.55	0.07
PAMLICO	185	29.7%	9.7%	27.6%	7.6%	10.8%	14.6%	2.53	0.11
PASQUOTANK	131	35.9%	12.2%	15.3%	12.2%	16.8%	7.6%	2.59	0.14
PENDER	610	26.4%	12.6%	34.8%	5.9%	12.3%	8.0%	2.62	0.06
PERQUIMANS	193	37.3%	11.9%	18.1%	9.8%	9.3%	13.5%	2.33	0.11
PERSON	349	32.4%	12.9%	22.9%	8.3%	12.9%	10.6%	2.51	0.08
PITT	344	26.5%	9.3%	28.5%	8.7%	15.7%	11.3%	2.75	0.08
POLK	200	31.0%	16.5%	27.5%	4.5%	12.5%	8.0%	2.47	0.10
RANDOLPH	455	31.2%	11.0%	24.6%	6.8%	14.1%	12.3%	2.56	0.07
RICHMOND	291	37.8%	10.0%	22.3%	5.8%	15.1%	8.9%	2.46	0.09
ROBESON	189	33.3%	14.3%	23.3%	4.8%	12.7%	11.6%	2.43	0.11
ROCKINGHAM	464	26.3%	14.0%	22.0%	6.7%	14.9%	16.2%	2.64	0.07

Table 13. Cont.

County	n	No change	Further limit on some	Further limit on all	Significant limit on some	Significant limit on all	Unsure	Mean	SE
ROWAN	402	27.4%	9.2%	33.1%	6.0%	14.4%	10.0%	2.68	0.07
RUTHERFORD	327	25.7%	11.9%	26.3%	9.2%	14.7%	12.2%	2.72	0.08
SAMPSON	280	31.4%	12.1%	28.2%	4.3%	8.6%	15.4%	2.37	0.08
SCOTLAND	181	28.2%	17.7%	26.0%	5.5%	14.9%	7.7%	2.58	0.11
STANLY	325	27.1%	12.0%	28.3%	6.2%	14.2%	12.3%	2.64	0.08
STOKES	403	30.8%	9.9%	26.8%	6.2%	11.4%	14.9%	2.50	0.07
SURRY	299	30.8%	10.4%	27.4%	6.7%	11.4%	13.4%	2.51	0.09
SWAIN	69	34.8%	15.9%	20.3%	8.7%	10.1%	10.1%	2.37	0.18
TRANSYLVANIA	170	32.4%	19.4%	23.5%	5.9%	11.8%	7.1%	2.41	0.11
TYRRELL	122	41.0%	12.3%	27.0%	4.9%	3.3%	11.5%	2.06	0.11
UNION	441	30.2%	14.1%	26.1%	7.0%	11.6%	11.1%	2.50	0.07
VANCE	234	27.8%	10.3%	23.9%	6.8%	13.2%	17.9%	2.60	0.10
WAKE	629	28.1%	13.4%	29.6%	6.2%	12.7%	10.0%	2.58	0.06
WARREN	280	40.4%	9.6%	25.7%	3.9%	10.7%	9.6%	2.28	0.09
WASHINGTON	178	33.1%	12.4%	22.5%	3.4%	12.9%	15.7%	2.41	0.12
WATAUGA	232	37.1%	14.7%	18.1%	4.7%	15.5%	9.9%	2.41	0.10
WAYNE	287	34.1%	12.9%	22.0%	4.5%	15.0%	11.5%	2.47	0.09
WILKES	439	29.2%	12.1%	27.3%	6.4%	13.9%	11.2%	2.59	0.07
WILSON	190	30.5%	11.6%	24.2%	9.5%	8.4%	15.8%	2.45	0.11
YADKIN	313	24.9%	12.1%	28.4%	7.7%	15.3%	11.5%	2.73	0.08
YANCEY	158	31.0%	10.8%	26.6%	6.3%	15.8%	9.5%	2.62	0.12

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=No change, 5=Significantly limit on all.
Note: "Unsure" responses excluded from mean calculation.

Table 14. (Question 10) How has the deer population changed during the past three years?

County	n	Decreased	Remained the same	Increased	Unsure	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	386	31.1%	31.1%	27.7%	10.1%	1.96	0.04
ALEXANDER	162	45.7%	27.2%	16.7%	10.5%	1.68	0.06
ALLEGHANY	282	42.2%	28.0%	20.9%	8.9%	1.77	0.05
ANSON	539	34.7%	33.0%	23.6%	8.7%	1.88	0.04
ASHE	381	28.9%	31.8%	29.9%	9.4%	2.01	0.04
AVERY	145	20.0%	29.0%	45.5%	5.5%	2.27	0.07
BEAUFORT	398	42.2%	26.6%	17.6%	13.6%	1.72	0.04
BERTIE	556	43.3%	29.7%	16.7%	10.3%	1.70	0.03
BLADEN	505	41.0%	26.3%	18.6%	14.1%	1.74	0.04
BRUNSWICK	360	35.0%	29.7%	20.8%	14.4%	1.83	0.05
BUNCOMBE	243	28.8%	25.1%	28.8%	17.3%	2.00	0.06
BURKE	368	35.9%	25.8%	27.7%	10.6%	1.91	0.05
CABARRUS	280	28.9%	30.4%	27.1%	13.6%	1.98	0.05
CALDWELL	269	39.8%	29.4%	21.9%	8.9%	1.80	0.05
CAMDEN	154	50.6%	24.0%	12.3%	13.0%	1.56	0.06
CARTERET	271	31.7%	35.1%	18.8%	14.4%	1.85	0.05
CASWELL	462	36.6%	28.6%	22.9%	11.9%	1.85	0.04
CATAWBA	271	37.3%	29.2%	18.1%	15.5%	1.77	0.05
CHATHAM	630	39.5%	28.4%	19.7%	12.4%	1.77	0.03
CHEROKEE	164	19.5%	18.9%	54.9%	6.7%	2.38	0.07
CHOWAN	161	38.5%	25.5%	21.1%	14.9%	1.80	0.07
CLAY	114	22.8%	31.6%	38.6%	7.0%	2.17	0.08
CLEVELAND	348	21.0%	29.0%	41.1%	8.9%	2.22	0.04
COLUMBUS	271	39.9%	26.2%	22.5%	11.4%	1.80	0.05
CRAVEN	400	34.8%	27.8%	19.5%	18.0%	1.81	0.04
CUMBERLAND	293	37.5%	22.9%	18.8%	20.8%	1.76	0.05
CURRITUCK	187	46.5%	21.9%	13.9%	17.6%	1.60	0.06
DARE	98	19.4%	29.6%	26.5%	24.5%	2.09	0.09
DAVIDSON	424	30.4%	28.3%	29.2%	12.0%	1.99	0.04
DAVIE	225	37.3%	29.3%	23.1%	10.2%	1.84	0.06
DUPLIN	335	46.3%	25.4%	17.9%	10.4%	1.68	0.05
DURHAM	248	31.5%	26.6%	29.0%	12.9%	1.97	0.06
EDGECOMBE	345	39.1%	33.3%	19.1%	8.4%	1.78	0.04
FORSYTH	229	17.5%	28.4%	41.0%	13.1%	2.27	0.06
FRANKLIN	365	52.9%	21.6%	15.3%	10.1%	1.58	0.04
GASTON	268	25.0%	33.2%	31.0%	10.8%	2.07	0.05
GATES	366	39.3%	31.7%	17.8%	11.2%	1.76	0.04
GRAHAM	52	30.8%	17.3%	42.3%	9.6%	2.13	0.13
GRANVILLE	522	49.2%	25.3%	16.5%	9.0%	1.64	0.04
GREENE	172	27.3%	27.3%	32.6%	12.8%	2.06	0.07
GUILFORD	351	19.9%	30.5%	38.2%	11.4%	2.21	0.04

Table 14. Cont.

County	n	Decreased	Remained the same	Increased	Unsure	Mean	SE
HALIFAX	670	52.7%	23.7%	13.0%	10.6%	1.56	0.03
HARNETT	398	32.7%	32.7%	23.6%	11.1%	1.90	0.04
HAYWOOD	186	37.1%	25.8%	26.9%	10.2%	1.89	0.06
HENDERSON	202	35.1%	23.8%	27.2%	13.9%	1.91	0.06
HERTFORD	209	35.9%	35.9%	15.8%	12.4%	1.77	0.05
HOKE	166	39.8%	26.5%	15.1%	18.7%	1.70	0.07
HYDE	216	44.0%	29.2%	16.2%	10.6%	1.69	0.05
IREDELL	385	37.1%	27.5%	22.6%	12.7%	1.83	0.04
JACKSON	113	26.5%	17.7%	43.4%	12.4%	2.19	0.09
JOHNSTON	443	40.4%	28.0%	22.1%	9.5%	1.80	0.04
JONES	258	39.1%	29.1%	19.8%	12.0%	1.78	0.05
LEE	201	31.3%	25.9%	28.9%	13.9%	1.97	0.06
LENOIR	199	29.6%	33.7%	26.1%	10.6%	1.96	0.06
LINCOLN	273	40.7%	26.4%	19.8%	13.2%	1.76	0.05
MCDOWELL	195	45.6%	23.6%	17.9%	12.8%	1.68	0.06
MACON	225	13.8%	28.0%	49.8%	8.4%	2.39	0.05
MADISON	179	25.7%	26.3%	37.4%	10.6%	2.13	0.07
MARTIN	241	30.7%	34.0%	24.1%	11.2%	1.93	0.05
MECKLENBURG	199	21.6%	29.6%	33.7%	15.1%	2.14	0.06
MITCHELL	153	26.8%	26.8%	39.9%	6.5%	2.14	0.07
MONTGOMERY	499	37.1%	28.9%	22.4%	11.6%	1.83	0.04
MOORE	443	29.6%	26.6%	28.7%	15.1%	1.99	0.04
NASH	309	40.5%	25.2%	20.4%	13.9%	1.77	0.05
NEW HANOVER	57	31.6%	31.6%	21.1%	15.8%	1.88	0.11
NORTHAMPTON	522	42.3%	31.2%	19.5%	6.9%	1.76	0.04
ONSLOW	421	34.0%	32.5%	13.3%	20.2%	1.74	0.04
ORANGE	380	37.4%	30.5%	23.2%	8.9%	1.84	0.04
PAMLICO	186	40.3%	29.0%	19.4%	11.3%	1.76	0.06
PASQUOTANK	133	47.4%	26.3%	15.8%	10.5%	1.65	0.07
PENDER	611	43.9%	24.9%	13.9%	17.3%	1.64	0.03
PERQUIMANS	194	43.3%	27.3%	19.1%	10.3%	1.73	0.06
PERSON	349	38.1%	31.2%	21.5%	9.2%	1.82	0.04
PITT	343	31.2%	30.6%	25.1%	13.1%	1.93	0.05
POLK	202	28.7%	33.2%	28.2%	9.9%	1.99	0.06
RANDOLPH	457	27.8%	25.6%	36.3%	10.3%	2.10	0.04
RICHMOND	292	33.6%	33.2%	18.8%	14.4%	1.83	0.05
ROBESON	189	25.4%	27.5%	32.8%	14.3%	2.09	0.06
ROCKINGHAM	464	24.6%	32.1%	33.6%	9.7%	2.10	0.04
ROWAN	403	36.2%	31.8%	19.1%	12.9%	1.80	0.04
RUTHERFORD	327	32.1%	30.3%	25.7%	11.9%	1.93	0.05
SAMPSON	280	34.3%	30.7%	21.8%	13.2%	1.86	0.05

Table 14. Cont.

County	n	Decreased	Remained the same	Increased	Unsure	Mean	SE
SCOTLAND	181	39.8%	22.7%	23.8%	13.8%	1.81	0.07
STANLY	323	28.8%	31.9%	30.7%	8.7%	2.02	0.05
STOKES	402	28.1%	36.8%	28.4%	6.7%	2.00	0.04
SURRY	302	28.8%	32.5%	32.5%	6.3%	2.04	0.05
SWAIN	69	33.3%	21.7%	30.4%	14.5%	1.97	0.11
TRANSYLVANIA	170	53.5%	19.4%	15.3%	11.8%	1.57	0.06
TYRRELL	121	49.6%	17.4%	22.3%	10.7%	1.69	0.08
UNION	441	28.6%	31.5%	28.3%	11.6%	2.00	0.04
VANCE	234	46.6%	21.8%	17.5%	14.1%	1.66	0.06
WAKE	627	32.7%	28.9%	22.0%	16.4%	1.87	0.03
WARREN	281	48.8%	21.4%	18.1%	11.7%	1.65	0.05
WASHINGTON	179	33.0%	26.3%	28.5%	12.3%	1.95	0.07
WATAUGA	232	28.0%	28.4%	33.2%	10.3%	2.06	0.06
WAYNE	288	24.7%	24.7%	36.8%	13.9%	2.14	0.05
WILKES	441	44.2%	25.6%	20.0%	10.2%	1.73	0.04
WILSON	190	26.8%	37.4%	25.3%	10.5%	1.98	0.06
YADKIN	315	34.9%	31.7%	24.4%	8.9%	1.89	0.05
YANCEY	159	22.0%	28.9%	40.9%	8.2%	2.21	0.07

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), the percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Decreased, 3=Increased.
Note: "Unsure" responses excluded from mean calculation.

Table 15. (Question 11) Which of the following best reflects your desire for both deer density and herd health/condition?

County	n	Maximize density with poor health/ condition	High density with fair health/ condition	Moderate density with good health/ condition	Low density with excellent health/ condition	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	383	1.8%	5.2%	78.1%	14.9%	3.06	0.03
ALEXANDER	164	0.0%	9.1%	82.9%	7.9%	2.99	0.03
ALLEGHANY	278	2.5%	4.0%	76.6%	16.9%	3.08	0.03
ANSON	537	1.5%	7.1%	80.8%	10.6%	3.01	0.02
ASHE	378	0.8%	8.5%	80.2%	10.6%	3.01	0.02
AVERY	145	2.1%	4.8%	80.0%	13.1%	3.04	0.04
BEAUFORT	395	1.5%	5.3%	77.5%	15.7%	3.07	0.03
BERTIE	551	1.1%	10.0%	77.5%	11.4%	2.99	0.02
BLADEN	496	1.2%	7.5%	80.6%	10.7%	3.01	0.02
BRUNSWICK	358	1.7%	7.3%	75.7%	15.4%	3.05	0.03
BUNCOMBE	241	2.1%	7.1%	82.2%	8.7%	2.98	0.03
BURKE	362	2.2%	6.1%	80.9%	10.8%	3.00	0.03
CABARRUS	275	0.7%	7.3%	80.7%	11.3%	3.03	0.03
CALDWELL	268	1.1%	4.9%	84.3%	9.7%	3.03	0.03
CAMDEN	153	1.3%	11.8%	73.9%	13.1%	2.99	0.04
CARTERET	269	1.1%	8.6%	74.7%	15.6%	3.05	0.03
CASWELL	458	1.7%	5.5%	78.4%	14.4%	3.05	0.02
CATAWBA	267	1.5%	7.9%	81.6%	9.0%	2.98	0.03
CHATHAM	624	1.1%	6.4%	73.9%	18.6%	3.10	0.02
CHEROKEE	163	2.5%	7.4%	82.8%	7.4%	2.95	0.04
CHOWAN	157	1.3%	10.8%	76.4%	11.5%	2.98	0.04
CLAY	114	0.9%	7.9%	80.7%	10.5%	3.01	0.04
CLEVELAND	347	1.4%	7.8%	81.8%	8.9%	2.98	0.03
COLUMBUS	271	3.0%	4.8%	75.6%	16.6%	3.06	0.03
CRAVEN	397	2.3%	5.8%	77.6%	14.4%	3.04	0.03
CUMBERLAND	288	2.8%	6.6%	78.1%	12.5%	3.00	0.03
CURRITUCK	186	0.5%	8.6%	82.8%	8.1%	2.98	0.03
DARE	95	2.1%	10.5%	75.8%	11.6%	2.97	0.06
DAVIDSON	419	1.7%	3.3%	82.3%	12.6%	3.06	0.02
DAVIE	223	1.3%	4.0%	82.5%	12.1%	3.05	0.03
DUPLIN	335	1.8%	6.9%	76.4%	14.9%	3.04	0.03
DURHAM	248	2.4%	6.9%	75.0%	15.7%	3.04	0.04
EDGECOMBE	342	0.9%	3.2%	82.7%	13.2%	3.08	0.02
FORSYTH	228	1.3%	7.5%	76.8%	14.5%	3.04	0.03
FRANKLIN	360	1.7%	8.1%	79.7%	10.6%	2.99	0.03
GASTON	263	1.9%	5.7%	79.8%	12.5%	3.03	0.03
GATES	362	2.2%	6.6%	80.1%	11.0%	3.00	0.03

Table 15. Cont.

County	n	Maximize density with poor health/ condition	High density with fair health/ condition	Moderate density with good health/ condition	Low density with excellent health/ condition	Mean	SE
GRAHAM	51	2.0%	11.8%	76.5%	9.8%	2.94	0.08
GRANVILLE	519	2.3%	6.2%	79.8%	11.8%	3.01	0.02
GREENE	172	2.3%	8.7%	76.7%	12.2%	2.99	0.04
GUILFORD	345	1.4%	7.0%	77.1%	14.5%	3.05	0.03
HALIFAX	665	2.1%	8.3%	76.5%	13.1%	3.01	0.02
HARNETT	393	1.0%	6.6%	80.4%	12.0%	3.03	0.02
HAYWOOD	185	3.2%	7.0%	78.9%	10.8%	2.97	0.04
HENDERSON	202	1.5%	11.4%	75.7%	11.4%	2.97	0.04
HERTFORD	205	0.5%	5.4%	84.9%	9.3%	3.03	0.03
HOKE	165	0.6%	6.1%	80.6%	12.7%	3.05	0.04
HYDE	211	0.5%	10.0%	80.1%	9.5%	2.99	0.03
IREDELL	382	1.8%	5.0%	79.6%	13.6%	3.05	0.03
JACKSON	112	0.0%	7.1%	81.3%	11.6%	3.04	0.04
JOHNSTON	443	1.4%	6.1%	79.7%	12.9%	3.04	0.02
JONES	257	2.3%	5.8%	77.4%	14.4%	3.04	0.03
LEE	196	2.0%	6.1%	78.1%	13.8%	3.04	0.04
LENOIR	199	1.0%	8.0%	76.9%	14.1%	3.04	0.04
LINCOLN	273	2.9%	5.5%	75.5%	16.1%	3.05	0.03
MCDOWELL	195	2.1%	5.6%	82.6%	9.7%	3.00	0.03
MACON	226	2.7%	9.3%	76.5%	11.5%	2.97	0.04
MADISON	179	1.7%	6.7%	83.2%	8.4%	2.98	0.03
MARTIN	240	1.3%	9.2%	81.7%	7.9%	2.96	0.03
MECKLENBURG	197	1.5%	4.1%	83.2%	11.2%	3.04	0.03
MITCHELL	153	1.3%	5.2%	77.8%	15.7%	3.08	0.04
MONTGOMERY	495	1.8%	7.5%	78.8%	11.9%	3.01	0.02
MOORE	440	1.1%	6.6%	78.4%	13.9%	3.05	0.02
NASH	307	1.6%	6.5%	78.8%	13.0%	3.03	0.03
NEW HANOVER	57	1.8%	5.3%	84.2%	8.8%	3.00	0.06
NORTHAMPTON	522	1.1%	8.8%	76.2%	13.8%	3.03	0.02
ONSLOW	421	3.6%	4.8%	82.7%	9.0%	2.97	0.03
ORANGE	376	0.5%	5.1%	76.9%	17.6%	3.11	0.02
PAMLICO	183	2.2%	6.6%	83.1%	8.2%	2.97	0.04
PASQUOTANK	129	1.6%	9.3%	76.0%	13.2%	3.01	0.05
PENDER	608	1.2%	5.9%	78.9%	14.0%	3.06	0.02
PERQUIMANS	192	0.5%	3.1%	85.4%	10.9%	3.07	0.03
PERSON	345	1.7%	4.9%	77.7%	15.7%	3.07	0.03
PITT	339	0.6%	6.2%	79.6%	13.6%	3.06	0.03
POLK	199	2.0%	5.0%	84.9%	8.0%	2.99	0.03

Table 15. Cont.

County	n	Maximize density with poor health/ condition	High density with fair health/ condition	Moderate density with good health/ condition	Low density with excellent health/ condition	Mean	SE
RANDOLPH	453	0.9%	7.9%	78.8%	12.4%	3.03	0.02
RICHMOND	288	1.4%	5.6%	85.4%	7.6%	2.99	0.03
ROBESON	189	2.6%	8.5%	78.8%	10.1%	2.96	0.04
ROCKINGHAM	455	1.1%	3.7%	82.0%	13.2%	3.07	0.02
ROWAN	397	2.0%	5.8%	77.6%	14.6%	3.05	0.03
RUTHERFORD	324	0.9%	8.3%	78.1%	12.7%	3.02	0.03
SAMPSON	276	1.1%	5.1%	80.8%	13.0%	3.06	0.03
SCOTLAND	178	0.6%	9.6%	78.1%	11.8%	3.01	0.04
STANLY	315	2.5%	7.3%	77.5%	12.7%	3.00	0.03
STOKES	401	0.5%	6.2%	77.3%	16.0%	3.09	0.02
SURRY	297	1.7%	4.4%	80.8%	13.1%	3.05	0.03
SWAIN	69	0.0%	7.2%	82.6%	10.1%	3.03	0.05
TRANSYLVANIA	167	1.8%	6.6%	82.6%	9.0%	2.99	0.04
TYRRELL	121	3.3%	13.2%	74.4%	9.1%	2.89	0.05
UNION	439	0.7%	6.4%	81.3%	11.6%	3.04	0.02
VANCE	232	1.3%	8.6%	71.6%	18.5%	3.07	0.04
WAKE	624	1.1%	7.4%	81.6%	9.9%	3.00	0.02
WARREN	276	1.4%	9.4%	76.1%	13.0%	3.01	0.03
WASHINGTON	176	1.7%	12.5%	72.2%	13.6%	2.98	0.04
WATAUGA	231	1.7%	6.1%	83.5%	8.7%	2.99	0.03
WAYNE	284	1.1%	6.7%	78.9%	13.4%	3.05	0.03
WILKES	440	1.1%	4.5%	82.3%	12.0%	3.05	0.02
WILSON	189	0.5%	7.4%	81.0%	11.1%	3.03	0.03
YADKIN	313	1.0%	5.8%	79.9%	13.4%	3.06	0.03
YANCEY	157	3.2%	5.1%	77.1%	14.6%	3.03	0.05

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Maximize, 4=Low.

Table 16. (Question 12) Deer numbers are primarily managed through antlerless harvest. Please tell us what you would like to see in deer numbers.

County	n	Significant increase	Slight increase	Remain at current	Slight decrease	Significant decrease	Unsure	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	384	10.2%	33.3%	37.0%	12.2%	4.2%	3.1%	2.66	0.05
ALEXANDER	164	23.2%	44.5%	20.7%	6.1%	3.7%	1.8%	2.21	0.08
ALLEGHANY	281	12.5%	29.5%	35.9%	16.0%	3.9%	2.1%	2.69	0.06
ANSON	539	11.7%	36.0%	34.5%	11.1%	3.3%	3.3%	2.57	0.04
ASHE	381	10.2%	33.1%	34.9%	16.5%	3.1%	2.1%	2.69	0.05
AVERY	144	15.3%	40.3%	29.2%	10.4%	3.5%	1.4%	2.46	0.08
BEAUFORT	398	14.1%	32.2%	29.4%	15.1%	3.3%	6.0%	2.59	0.05
BERTIE	554	9.9%	33.4%	35.6%	13.2%	2.7%	5.2%	2.63	0.04
BLADEN	502	12.0%	35.5%	34.1%	12.4%	1.0%	5.2%	2.53	0.04
BRUNSWICK	358	15.9%	31.0%	28.8%	11.5%	4.7%	8.1%	2.54	0.06
BUNCOMBE	242	33.9%	33.1%	18.6%	8.7%	2.5%	3.3%	2.10	0.07
BURKE	366	24.0%	34.4%	24.6%	10.4%	2.5%	4.1%	2.30	0.06
CABARRUS	277	12.3%	34.3%	32.9%	14.4%	3.2%	2.9%	2.61	0.06
CALDWELL	269	20.8%	39.4%	26.4%	9.3%	1.5%	2.6%	2.29	0.06
CAMDEN	151	31.8%	30.5%	17.9%	10.6%	2.6%	6.6%	2.16	0.09
CARTERET	271	13.7%	33.6%	34.7%	11.4%	1.1%	5.5%	2.50	0.06
CASWELL	460	10.0%	33.5%	32.2%	16.5%	3.3%	4.6%	2.68	0.05
CATAWBA	270	22.6%	37.0%	27.4%	5.6%	1.9%	5.6%	2.23	0.06
CHATHAM	626	10.9%	31.8%	32.6%	14.1%	5.6%	5.1%	2.70	0.04
CHEROKEE	164	21.3%	46.3%	14.6%	9.8%	2.4%	5.5%	2.21	0.08
CHOWAN	160	12.5%	28.8%	35.0%	10.6%	4.4%	8.8%	2.62	0.08
CLAY	113	31.9%	34.5%	15.9%	10.6%	2.7%	4.4%	2.14	0.10
CLEVELAND	346	11.8%	37.9%	31.5%	12.7%	3.8%	2.3%	2.58	0.05
COLUMBUS	272	14.7%	30.9%	32.7%	13.6%	2.6%	5.5%	2.56	0.06
CRAVEN	399	15.5%	30.6%	33.3%	11.5%	2.8%	6.3%	2.52	0.05
CUMBERLAND	291	18.6%	35.7%	27.1%	8.9%	2.7%	6.9%	2.37	0.06
CURRITUCK	187	20.9%	35.3%	25.7%	11.2%	2.7%	4.3%	2.37	0.08
DARE	96	10.4%	26.0%	38.5%	11.5%	4.2%	9.4%	2.70	0.11
DAVIDSON	421	11.9%	30.6%	38.5%	12.4%	2.1%	4.5%	2.60	0.05
DAVIE	223	14.3%	38.6%	26.5%	11.2%	3.6%	5.8%	2.48	0.07
DUPLIN	332	14.2%	31.6%	31.9%	15.1%	4.5%	2.7%	2.63	0.06
DURHAM	248	8.9%	29.0%	29.8%	19.4%	6.5%	6.5%	2.84	0.07
EDGECOMBE	342	7.9%	35.1%	33.3%	17.0%	2.3%	4.4%	2.69	0.05
FORSYTH	229	10.9%	27.5%	31.9%	19.7%	4.4%	5.7%	2.78	0.07
FRANKLIN	363	9.9%	40.8%	33.1%	8.8%	1.7%	5.8%	2.49	0.05
GASTON	266	11.3%	34.6%	35.7%	10.9%	3.8%	3.8%	2.60	0.06
GATES	363	13.2%	33.3%	38.6%	7.7%	3.9%	3.3%	2.54	0.05
GRAHAM	52	53.8%	26.9%	7.7%	3.8%	5.8%	1.9%	1.78	0.16
GRANVILLE	522	11.5%	33.3%	35.2%	13.0%	3.4%	3.4%	2.62	0.04

Table 16. Cont.

GREENE	171	9.4%	34.5%	31.6%	12.3%	6.4%	5.8%	2.70	0.08
GUILFORD	348	10.6%	30.5%	35.3%	15.8%	3.4%	4.3%	2.70	0.05
HALIFAX	666	12.9%	35.9%	30.0%	13.4%	2.7%	5.1%	2.55	0.04
HARNETT	393	14.2%	36.1%	29.0%	13.7%	3.1%	3.8%	2.53	0.05
HAYWOOD	185	42.2%	34.1%	15.7%	5.4%	1.6%	1.1%	1.89	0.07
HENDERSON	202	30.7%	36.6%	22.3%	5.0%	2.0%	3.5%	2.08	0.07
HERTFORD	209	11.0%	34.0%	36.4%	9.6%	4.8%	4.3%	2.62	0.07
HOKE	166	21.7%	34.9%	27.7%	7.8%	1.2%	6.6%	2.27	0.08
HYDE	213	14.1%	31.0%	39.0%	8.5%	3.3%	4.2%	2.54	0.07
IREDELL	385	11.9%	36.1%	31.9%	11.9%	2.1%	6.0%	2.53	0.05
JACKSON	113	36.3%	33.6%	13.3%	8.8%	0.0%	8.0%	1.94	0.09
JOHNSTON	444	11.7%	36.3%	31.3%	11.5%	4.1%	5.2%	2.58	0.05
JONES	258	12.4%	36.0%	28.7%	12.0%	1.9%	8.9%	2.51	0.06
LEE	201	13.4%	34.8%	31.8%	13.9%	2.5%	3.5%	2.56	0.07
LENOIR	199	11.6%	34.2%	34.2%	11.6%	5.5%	3.0%	2.64	0.07
LINCOLN	271	16.6%	34.3%	28.0%	13.7%	1.8%	5.5%	2.47	0.06
MCDOWELL	194	33.0%	42.3%	12.9%	4.6%	3.1%	4.1%	1.98	0.07
MACON	226	19.5%	42.9%	22.6%	11.1%	1.3%	2.7%	2.30	0.06
MADISON	179	25.1%	45.8%	15.6%	9.5%	1.7%	2.2%	2.15	0.07
MARTIN	242	12.0%	31.0%	36.0%	13.6%	2.9%	4.5%	2.63	0.06
MECKLENBURG	198	11.1%	29.8%	33.8%	14.1%	6.1%	5.1%	2.73	0.08
MITCHELL	153	18.3%	33.3%	26.8%	16.3%	3.9%	1.3%	2.54	0.09
MONTGOMERY	499	15.0%	39.1%	28.5%	9.4%	3.4%	4.6%	2.45	0.05
MOORE	444	12.8%	34.5%	31.3%	12.8%	3.8%	4.7%	2.58	0.05
NASH	306	11.1%	37.6%	29.7%	12.4%	3.9%	5.2%	2.58	0.06
NEW HANOVER	57	17.5%	36.8%	26.3%	12.3%	0.0%	7.0%	2.36	0.13
NORTHAMPTON	520	10.2%	32.7%	34.6%	14.8%	4.6%	3.1%	2.70	0.04
ONSLOW	421	10.5%	38.2%	31.1%	11.4%	2.6%	6.2%	2.55	0.05
ORANGE	379	6.6%	34.0%	36.1%	15.8%	4.2%	3.2%	2.76	0.05
PAMLICO	186	15.1%	32.8%	34.4%	11.3%	2.7%	3.8%	2.52	0.07
PASQUOTANK	131	16.8%	36.6%	28.2%	8.4%	5.3%	4.6%	2.46	0.09
PENDER	610	14.6%	36.1%	31.1%	10.3%	2.3%	5.6%	2.47	0.04
PERQUIMANS	194	11.3%	35.1%	33.0%	12.4%	3.6%	4.6%	2.60	0.07
PERSON	346	10.4%	32.1%	36.7%	13.0%	2.3%	5.5%	2.63	0.05
PITT	343	7.3%	32.4%	33.5%	18.1%	4.1%	4.7%	2.78	0.05
POLK	202	16.8%	37.6%	30.2%	8.9%	4.0%	2.5%	2.44	0.07
RANDOLPH	456	11.2%	32.0%	35.5%	15.8%	2.2%	3.3%	2.65	0.05
RICHMOND	292	14.4%	36.0%	32.9%	11.3%	2.1%	3.4%	2.49	0.06
ROBESON	189	19.6%	30.2%	28.0%	12.2%	4.8%	5.3%	2.50	0.08
ROCKINGHAM	461	10.0%	26.7%	34.7%	20.6%	4.3%	3.7%	2.82	0.05
ROWAN	399	11.5%	38.1%	32.8%	10.3%	2.8%	4.5%	2.52	0.05
RUTHERFORD	325	14.2%	36.9%	29.2%	9.8%	3.7%	6.2%	2.49	0.06
SAMPSON	278	11.2%	35.3%	33.1%	12.2%	1.8%	6.5%	2.55	0.06

Table 16. Cont.

SCOTLAND	178	18.5%	33.7%	29.2%	9.0%	3.9%	5.6%	2.43	0.08
STANLY	322	11.2%	34.8%	32.6%	12.4%	5.0%	4.0%	2.64	0.06
STOKES	401	10.0%	32.7%	37.4%	12.0%	4.7%	3.2%	2.68	0.05
SURRY	301	9.0%	34.9%	34.6%	13.6%	3.3%	4.7%	2.66	0.06
SWAIN	69	42.0%	37.7%	7.2%	2.9%	4.3%	5.8%	1.83	0.13
TRANSYLVANIA	169	40.8%	32.0%	13.0%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	1.96	0.09
TYRRELL	120	21.7%	32.5%	30.0%	7.5%	2.5%	5.8%	2.33	0.09
UNION	440	10.5%	34.3%	32.7%	12.7%	4.1%	5.7%	2.64	0.05
VANCE	233	14.6%	34.8%	30.9%	10.3%	3.9%	5.6%	2.51	0.07
WAKE	624	8.3%	34.1%	33.7%	14.3%	2.6%	7.1%	2.66	0.04
WARREN	279	17.2%	30.5%	35.5%	7.5%	4.3%	5.0%	2.49	0.06
WASHINGTON	180	6.7%	29.4%	40.0%	13.3%	3.3%	7.2%	2.75	0.07
WATAUGA	230	10.9%	33.0%	38.3%	10.0%	4.3%	3.5%	2.63	0.07
WAYNE	286	11.2%	26.6%	36.7%	16.4%	2.8%	6.3%	2.71	0.06
WILKES	441	15.9%	38.8%	30.6%	9.1%	3.2%	2.5%	2.43	0.05
WILSON	190	6.8%	35.3%	33.7%	12.6%	4.2%	7.4%	2.70	0.07
YADKIN	314	9.9%	34.4%	31.5%	16.9%	4.1%	3.2%	2.70	0.06
YANCEY	158	14.6%	37.3%	28.5%	12.0%	2.5%	5.1%	2.48	0.08

Note: Results presented as the percent frequency of response, sample size (n), mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.

Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Significant increase, 5=Significant decrease

Note: "Unsure" responses excluded from mean calculation

Table 17. (Question 13) If the NCWRC determined that an increase in antlerless deer harvest is needed to meet biological and social goals, please rank the following techniques you would support.

County	n	No increase	SE	Increase either-sex days	SE	Antler less-only season	SE	Earn-a-buck all	SE	Earn-a-buck after 1st	SE
ALAMANCE	371	1.48	0.09	2.27	0.10	2.53	0.11	2.18	0.10	2.52	0.10
ALEXANDER	163	1.83	0.16	2.24	0.16	2.22	0.16	1.89	0.15	2.30	0.16
ALLEGHANY	277	1.57	0.12	2.13	0.12	2.36	0.12	2.15	0.11	2.32	0.12
ANSON	530	1.61	0.08	2.29	0.09	2.47	0.09	2.10	0.08	2.32	0.09
ASHE	373	1.55	0.09	2.21	0.10	2.49	0.10	2.16	0.10	2.38	0.10
AVERY	144	1.53	0.15	3.53	0.15	2.46	0.16	1.93	0.14	2.12	0.14
BEAUFORT	392	1.58	0.10	2.12	0.10	2.66	0.10	2.06	0.09	2.12	0.10
BERTIE	549	1.63	0.08	2.19	0.09	2.57	0.09	1.95	0.08	2.20	0.08
BLADEN	496	1.80	0.09	2.36	0.09	2.65	0.08	2.15	0.08	2.26	0.09
BRUNSWICK	355	1.79	0.10	2.35	0.11	2.49	0.11	1.87	0.09	2.14	0.10
BUNCOMBE	238	1.61	0.12	3.10	0.13	2.63	0.13	1.74	0.11	2.02	0.12
BURKE	356	1.53	0.10	3.13	0.11	2.60	0.10	1.66	0.09	1.91	0.10
CABARRUS	266	1.60	0.11	2.38	0.12	2.73	0.12	2.11	0.11	2.62	0.12
CALDWELL	267	1.49	0.11	3.30	0.12	2.42	0.12	1.77	0.11	1.97	0.11
CAMDEN	151	2.14	0.18	2.03	0.17	2.21	0.17	1.87	0.15	1.91	0.16
CARTERET	265	1.60	0.12	2.11	0.12	2.38	0.13	1.94	0.12	2.00	0.12
CASWELL	452	1.55	0.09	2.24	0.09	2.64	0.09	2.07	0.09	2.39	0.09
CATAWBA	262	1.84	0.12	2.71	0.12	2.37	0.12	2.09	0.11	2.12	0.12
CHATHAM	619	1.49	0.07	2.46	0.08	2.69	0.08	2.20	0.07	2.44	0.08
CHEROKEE	161	1.61	0.15	3.12	0.16	3.03	0.16	1.43	0.12	1.47	0.13
CHOWAN	157	1.70	0.16	2.13	0.16	2.31	0.16	2.15	0.15	2.25	0.16
CLAY	113	2.06	0.20	2.28	0.20	2.60	0.20	1.50	0.15	1.56	0.16
CLEVELAND	341	1.35	0.09	3.20	0.11	2.49	0.10	1.86	0.09	2.02	0.10
COLUMBUS	268	1.56	0.11	2.26	0.12	2.50	0.12	2.21	0.12	2.30	0.12
CRAVEN	391	1.58	0.10	2.12	0.10	2.55	0.10	1.98	0.09	2.29	0.10
CUMBERLAND	287	1.47	0.10	2.39	0.11	2.88	0.11	2.14	0.11	2.35	0.11
CURRITUCK	186	1.91	0.16	2.02	0.15	2.35	0.15	1.66	0.13	1.91	0.14
DARE	93	1.42	0.19	2.38	0.22	2.73	0.21	1.82	0.18	1.88	0.19
DAVIDSON	412	1.62	0.09	2.32	0.10	2.35	0.09	2.20	0.09	2.53	0.10
DAVIE	212	1.54	0.13	2.26	0.14	2.56	0.13	2.14	0.13	2.44	0.14
DUPLIN	328	1.68	0.11	1.92	0.10	2.62	0.11	2.27	0.11	2.34	0.11
DURHAM	247	1.51	0.11	2.66	0.12	2.97	0.12	2.30	0.11	2.47	0.12
EDGECOMBE	338	1.60	0.10	2.07	0.10	2.83	0.11	2.41	0.10	2.38	0.11
FORSYTH	225	1.37	0.11	2.42	0.13	2.70	0.13	2.20	0.12	2.59	0.13
FRANKLIN	356	1.21	0.09	2.29	0.10	2.61	0.10	2.17	0.10	2.51	0.11
GASTON	259	1.71	0.12	2.57	0.13	2.37	0.12	1.95	0.11	2.25	0.12
GATES	351	1.90	0.11	2.21	0.10	2.40	0.11	1.93	0.10	2.15	0.10

Table 17. Cont.

County	n	No increase	SE	Increase either-sex days	SE	Antler less-only season	SE	Earn-a-buck all	SE	Earn-a-buck after 1st	SE
GRAHAM	52	2.23	0.31	2.27	0.30	2.15	0.30	1.27	0.23	1.37	0.24
GRANVILLE	518	1.50	0.08	2.34	0.08	2.73	0.09	2.23	0.08	2.49	0.09
GREENE	168	1.63	0.14	2.25	0.15	2.52	0.15	2.08	0.15	2.41	0.15
GUILFORD	342	1.35	0.09	2.31	0.11	2.56	0.11	2.20	0.10	2.47	0.11
HALIFAX	652	1.61	0.07	2.26	0.08	2.43	0.08	2.28	0.07	2.48	0.08
HARNETT	388	1.46	0.09	2.43	0.10	2.62	0.10	2.19	0.09	2.57	0.10
HAYWOOD	184	2.13	0.16	2.77	0.15	2.67	0.14	1.78	0.12	1.79	0.13
HENDERSON	199	1.45	0.13	3.37	0.14	2.70	0.13	1.78	0.12	1.90	0.13
HERTFORD	205	1.43	0.13	2.11	0.14	2.29	0.14	2.06	0.14	2.17	0.14
HOKE	165	2.08	0.16	2.39	0.16	2.36	0.16	1.88	0.14	2.13	0.15
HYDE	210	1.47	0.13	2.44	0.15	2.20	0.14	1.64	0.12	2.00	0.13
IREDELL	375	1.67	0.10	2.30	0.10	2.65	0.10	2.22	0.09	2.49	0.10
JACKSON	106	2.14	0.20	2.84	0.19	2.86	0.19	1.53	0.15	1.84	0.17
JOHNSTON	432	1.48	0.08	2.40	0.09	2.88	0.09	2.20	0.09	2.51	0.09
JONES	255	1.61	0.12	2.20	0.12	2.71	0.12	2.07	0.12	2.30	0.12
LEE	198	1.50	0.13	2.55	0.14	2.59	0.14	2.09	0.13	2.33	0.14
LENOIR	194	1.49	0.12	2.39	0.13	2.67	0.14	2.53	0.13	2.63	0.14
LINCOLN	266	1.87	0.13	2.49	0.13	2.12	0.12	1.72	0.11	2.03	0.12
MCDOWELL	190	1.89	0.15	3.22	0.14	2.77	0.13	1.87	0.12	2.15	0.13
MACON	222	1.39	0.12	3.23	0.13	3.08	0.13	1.67	0.11	1.71	0.11
MADISON	175	1.46	0.13	3.10	0.15	2.74	0.14	2.10	0.13	2.19	0.14
MARTIN	236	1.61	0.12	2.34	0.13	2.53	0.13	2.20	0.12	2.32	0.13
MECKLENBURG	193	1.05	0.10	2.81	0.15	2.84	0.14	2.12	0.13	2.46	0.14
MITCHELL	153	1.44	0.15	2.81	0.17	2.44	0.16	1.61	0.14	1.83	0.16
MONTGOMERY	492	1.64	0.08	2.55	0.09	2.42	0.09	2.04	0.08	2.29	0.09
MOORE	440	1.51	0.09	2.51	0.10	2.41	0.09	2.04	0.09	2.42	0.09
NASH	303	1.65	0.11	2.32	0.11	2.61	0.11	2.22	0.11	2.44	0.11
NEW HANOVER	53	1.68	0.27	2.28	0.28	2.57	0.29	1.58	0.22	2.43	0.29
NORTHAMPTON	515	1.60	0.08	2.17	0.08	2.32	0.08	2.35	0.08	2.66	0.09
ONSLOW	413	1.59	0.09	2.25	0.09	2.72	0.10	2.25	0.09	2.46	0.10
ORANGE	373	1.23	0.08	2.46	0.10	2.83	0.10	2.10	0.09	2.54	0.10
PAMLICO	184	1.79	0.15	1.92	0.14	2.60	0.15	1.86	0.14	1.93	0.14
PASQUOTANK	130	2.03	0.19	1.95	0.17	2.43	0.18	1.82	0.17	1.72	0.16
PENDER	594	1.74	0.08	2.17	0.08	2.42	0.08	2.00	0.08	2.28	0.08
PERQUIMANS	191	1.84	0.14	2.17	0.14	2.78	0.14	2.14	0.13	2.29	0.14
PERSON	338	1.65	0.10	2.12	0.10	2.54	0.11	2.20	0.10	2.39	0.11
PITT	337	1.52	0.09	2.08	0.10	2.86	0.10	2.53	0.10	2.54	0.10
POLK	202	1.54	0.13	3.17	0.14	2.64	0.13	1.82	0.12	1.96	0.13

Table 17. Cont.

County	n	No increase	SE	Increase either-sex days	SE	Antler less-only season	SE	Earn-a-buck all	SE	Earn-a-buck after 1st	SE
RANDOLPH	447	1.51	0.08	2.49	0.09	2.59	0.09	2.24	0.09	2.41	0.09
RICHMOND	288	1.62	0.11	2.27	0.12	2.30	0.12	1.87	0.11	2.32	0.12
ROBESON	185	1.49	0.13	2.44	0.15	2.39	0.14	2.18	0.14	2.36	0.14
ROCKINGHAM	457	1.35	0.08	2.27	0.09	2.73	0.09	2.14	0.09	2.49	0.09
ROWAN	396	1.69	0.09	2.43	0.10	2.82	0.09	2.17	0.09	2.52	0.10
RUTHERFORD	321	1.51	0.10	3.00	0.11	2.43	0.11	1.87	0.10	2.02	0.10
SAMPSON	271	1.49	0.11	2.16	0.12	2.62	0.12	1.98	0.11	2.28	0.12
SCOTLAND	177	1.75	0.15	2.50	0.15	2.67	0.15	2.02	0.13	2.15	0.14
STANLY	314	1.29	0.09	2.20	0.11	2.46	0.11	2.26	0.11	2.70	0.11
STOKES	400	1.54	0.09	2.34	0.10	2.52	0.10	2.07	0.09	2.44	0.10
SURRY	292	1.43	0.10	2.12	0.11	2.78	0.12	2.14	0.11	2.45	0.12
SWAIN	69	2.38	0.25	2.88	0.22	2.96	0.23	1.91	0.19	1.86	0.20
TRANSYLVANIA	168	2.18	0.16	3.08	0.16	2.57	0.14	1.73	0.12	1.88	0.13
TYRRELL	119	1.69	0.17	2.43	0.19	2.38	0.18	2.01	0.17	2.04	0.18
UNION	433	1.57	0.09	2.21	0.09	2.67	0.10	1.92	0.09	2.30	0.09
VANCE	232	1.41	0.12	2.13	0.13	2.36	0.13	2.13	0.12	2.49	0.13
WAKE	615	1.24	0.06	2.76	0.08	2.79	0.08	2.25	0.07	2.54	0.08
WARREN	273	1.69	0.12	2.41	0.12	2.26	0.12	1.94	0.11	2.25	0.12
WASHINGTON	176	1.54	0.14	2.29	0.15	2.40	0.15	2.07	0.14	2.23	0.15
WATAUGA	225	1.55	0.12	2.53	0.13	2.38	0.14	2.02	0.12	2.21	0.13
WAYNE	278	1.44	0.10	2.43	0.11	2.70	0.11	2.37	0.11	2.47	0.12
WILKES	433	1.54	0.09	2.27	0.09	2.65	0.10	2.06	0.09	2.36	0.09
WILSON	184	1.74	0.14	2.24	0.15	2.45	0.14	1.99	0.13	2.28	0.15
YADKIN	312	1.33	0.10	2.32	0.11	2.50	0.11	2.32	0.11	2.63	0.11
YANCEY	159	1.61	0.16	2.78	0.16	2.55	0.15	1.77	0.14	2.11	0.15

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), mean response of the inverse rank (0=no rank, 5=highest rank / most preferred), and standard error of the mean (SE) by county.

Table 18. (Question 14) If the NCWRC determined that a decrease in antlerless deer harvest is needed to meet biological and social goals, please rank the following techniques you would support.

County	n	No decrease	SE	Eliminate Bonus Antlerless Cards	SE	Season bag 4	SE	Season bag 2	SE	Reduce either-sex season	SE	Daily bag 1	SE
ALAMANCE	371	3.00	0.14	2.28	0.12	2.76	0.12	2.09	0.11	1.67	0.10	2.22	0.12
ALEXANDER	163	2.79	0.21	2.59	0.20	2.79	0.18	2.12	0.17	1.57	0.15	2.42	0.18
ALLEGHANY	277	2.79	0.16	2.31	0.14	2.77	0.14	1.89	0.13	1.66	0.12	2.43	0.14
ANSON	530	3.00	0.12	2.52	0.10	2.80	0.10	2.24	0.10	1.48	0.08	2.22	0.10
ASHE	373	2.97	0.14	2.27	0.12	2.61	0.12	2.29	0.12	1.79	0.10	2.30	0.12
AVERY	144	3.67	0.22	2.13	0.18	2.51	0.19	2.32	0.18	1.80	0.17	2.13	0.18
BEAUFORT	392	2.93	0.14	2.25	0.12	2.79	0.12	1.98	0.11	1.66	0.10	2.20	0.11
BERTIE	549	2.86	0.11	2.48	0.10	2.77	0.10	2.01	0.09	1.67	0.08	2.23	0.10
BLADEN	496	3.05	0.12	2.53	0.11	2.82	0.10	2.36	0.10	1.70	0.08	2.42	0.10
BRUNSWICK	355	2.81	0.14	2.41	0.12	2.56	0.12	2.40	0.12	1.55	0.10	2.40	0.13
BUNCOMBE	238	2.76	0.17	2.11	0.14	2.30	0.14	2.84	0.15	1.97	0.13	2.41	0.15
BURKE	356	2.99	0.14	2.16	0.12	2.46	0.12	2.44	0.12	1.68	0.10	2.32	0.12
CABARRUS	266	2.95	0.16	2.41	0.14	2.83	0.14	2.23	0.14	1.90	0.12	2.27	0.14
CALDWELL	267	2.89	0.16	2.22	0.14	2.45	0.14	2.53	0.14	1.64	0.12	2.52	0.14
CAMDEN	151	2.33	0.21	2.70	0.20	2.28	0.19	2.20	0.19	1.77	0.18	2.40	0.19
CARTERET	265	2.76	0.17	2.08	0.14	2.24	0.14	2.21	0.14	1.55	0.12	2.32	0.15
CASWELL	452	3.15	0.13	2.34	0.11	2.56	0.11	2.04	0.10	1.76	0.09	2.22	0.11
CATAWBA	262	3.07	0.16	2.34	0.14	2.54	0.14	2.28	0.14	1.91	0.13	2.32	0.14
CHATHAM	619	3.01	0.11	2.39	0.09	2.80	0.09	2.16	0.09	1.73	0.08	2.41	0.09
CHEROKEE	161	3.40	0.21	1.55	0.15	2.26	0.18	2.49	0.19	1.64	0.16	2.06	0.18
CHOWAN	157	3.39	0.21	2.17	0.19	2.45	0.19	1.79	0.16	1.46	0.15	2.18	0.18
CLAY	113	2.41	0.24	1.89	0.20	2.20	0.21	2.67	0.23	2.19	0.22	2.09	0.22
CLEVELAND	341	3.14	0.15	2.01	0.12	2.50	0.13	2.18	0.12	1.58	0.11	2.21	0.12
COLUMBUS	268	3.05	0.17	2.25	0.14	2.55	0.14	2.09	0.13	1.74	0.12	2.32	0.14
CRAVEN	391	2.67	0.13	2.41	0.12	2.55	0.12	2.05	0.11	1.61	0.10	2.43	0.12
CUMBERLAND	287	2.52	0.15	2.58	0.14	2.79	0.14	2.35	0.13	1.76	0.11	2.49	0.13
CURRITUCK	186	2.70	0.20	2.43	0.19	2.26	0.17	2.05	0.17	1.40	0.14	2.01	0.17
DARE	93	3.44	0.28	1.90	0.23	2.23	0.24	1.87	0.21	1.51	0.19	2.12	0.25
DAVIDSON	412	2.99	0.13	2.40	0.11	2.80	0.11	2.47	0.11	1.76	0.09	2.44	0.11
DAVIE	212	3.19	0.18	2.38	0.16	2.67	0.16	1.87	0.14	1.72	0.14	2.23	0.16
DUPLIN	328	3.15	0.15	2.59	0.13	2.50	0.13	2.26	0.12	1.58	0.10	2.14	0.13
DURHAM	247	3.04	0.16	2.68	0.14	2.91	0.14	2.57	0.14	1.91	0.12	2.56	0.14
EDGECOMBE	338	2.76	0.14	2.61	0.13	2.60	0.12	2.44	0.12	1.86	0.11	2.26	0.12
FORSYTH	225	3.01	0.18	2.28	0.15	2.79	0.15	2.04	0.14	1.69	0.13	2.28	0.15
FRANKLIN	356	2.84	0.14	2.45	0.13	2.81	0.12	2.19	0.11	1.54	0.10	2.64	0.12
GASTON	259	3.10	0.17	2.40	0.15	2.77	0.14	1.92	0.13	1.83	0.13	2.19	0.14
GATES	351	3.02	0.14	2.63	0.13	2.62	0.12	2.06	0.11	1.40	0.09	2.34	0.12
GRAHAM	52	2.42	0.38	1.96	0.32	1.65	0.30	2.77	0.36	1.44	0.26	1.71	0.31
GRANVILLE	518	3.03	0.12	2.38	0.10	2.84	0.10	2.19	0.10	1.66	0.08	2.50	0.10

Table 18. Cont.

County	n	No decrease	SE	Eliminate Bonus Antlerless Cards	SE	Season bag 4	SE	Season bag 2	SE	Reduce either-sex season	SE	Daily bag 1	SE
GREENE	168	3.53	0.21	2.32	0.18	2.55	0.18	2.09	0.16	1.40	0.14	2.19	0.18
GUILFORD	342	3.04	0.15	2.16	0.13	2.41	0.12	1.88	0.11	1.65	0.11	2.23	0.13
HALIFAX	652	2.81	0.10	2.58	0.10	2.86	0.09	2.34	0.09	1.59	0.07	2.27	0.09
HARNETT	388	3.18	0.14	2.40	0.12	2.71	0.12	2.13	0.10	1.71	0.10	2.39	0.12
HAYWOOD	184	2.46	0.20	1.98	0.17	2.22	0.17	2.87	0.18	2.13	0.16	2.09	0.17
HENDERSON	199	2.67	0.19	2.39	0.16	2.41	0.15	2.90	0.17	1.73	0.13	2.40	0.16
HERTFORD	205	3.04	0.19	2.29	0.17	2.27	0.16	1.94	0.15	1.59	0.14	2.14	0.16
HOKE	165	2.70	0.20	2.51	0.18	2.84	0.18	2.36	0.18	1.60	0.15	2.40	0.19
HYDE	210	3.61	0.19	1.96	0.16	2.10	0.15	1.49	0.13	1.54	0.14	2.32	0.16
IREDELL	375	2.65	0.13	2.52	0.12	2.90	0.11	2.42	0.11	1.95	0.11	2.67	0.12
JACKSON	106	2.23	0.24	1.89	0.20	2.41	0.22	3.31	0.22	1.92	0.21	2.58	0.24
JOHNSTON	432	3.14	0.13	2.64	0.11	2.88	0.11	2.24	0.10	1.87	0.09	2.43	0.11
JONES	255	2.76	0.16	2.48	0.15	2.93	0.14	2.45	0.14	1.87	0.12	2.44	0.15
LEE	198	3.30	0.19	2.41	0.16	2.65	0.16	2.09	0.15	1.73	0.14	2.51	0.16
LENOIR	194	3.38	0.19	2.24	0.17	2.68	0.16	2.14	0.15	1.59	0.13	2.48	0.17
LINCOLN	266	2.69	0.16	2.23	0.14	2.39	0.14	2.28	0.14	1.84	0.13	2.12	0.14
MCDOWELL	190	2.58	0.18	2.52	0.17	2.48	0.16	3.21	0.18	1.78	0.14	2.37	0.17
MACON	222	3.19	0.18	1.92	0.15	2.17	0.15	2.55	0.16	1.65	0.13	2.14	0.15
MADISON	175	2.79	0.21	2.13	0.17	2.54	0.17	2.69	0.18	1.78	0.15	2.23	0.17
MARTIN	236	3.27	0.17	2.46	0.16	2.50	0.15	1.97	0.13	1.48	0.12	2.45	0.15
MECKLENBURG	193	3.23	0.19	2.12	0.17	2.67	0.16	2.15	0.15	1.58	0.13	2.53	0.17
MITCHELL	153	3.01	0.22	1.59	0.17	2.17	0.19	2.24	0.20	1.42	0.16	2.13	0.19
MONTGOMERY	492	2.90	0.12	2.52	0.11	2.56	0.10	2.38	0.10	1.76	0.09	2.38	0.10
MOORE	440	3.10	0.13	2.38	0.11	2.64	0.11	2.19	0.10	1.84	0.10	2.32	0.11
NASH	303	3.16	0.15	2.65	0.13	2.68	0.13	2.37	0.12	1.72	0.11	2.65	0.13
NEW HANOVER	53	2.91	0.39	2.02	0.29	3.17	0.33	2.32	0.31	1.42	0.24	2.43	0.32
NORTHAMPTON	515	3.14	0.12	2.47	0.11	2.64	0.10	2.09	0.09	1.73	0.08	2.31	0.10
ONSLOW	413	2.84	0.13	2.56	0.12	2.94	0.11	2.32	0.10	1.82	0.09	2.50	0.11
ORANGE	373	3.13	0.14	2.71	0.12	2.82	0.12	2.12	0.11	1.73	0.09	2.38	0.12
PAMLICO	184	2.83	0.20	2.22	0.18	2.36	0.17	2.17	0.17	1.32	0.13	2.02	0.16
PASQUOTANK	130	2.82	0.23	2.13	0.21	2.40	0.20	2.31	0.21	1.47	0.16	2.18	0.20
PENDER	594	2.65	0.11	2.42	0.10	2.75	0.10	2.36	0.09	1.46	0.07	2.34	0.09
PERQUIMANS	191	3.02	0.19	2.63	0.17	2.93	0.16	2.24	0.15	1.80	0.14	2.39	0.16
PERSON	338	3.06	0.15	2.31	0.13	2.60	0.12	2.30	0.12	1.80	0.11	2.39	0.12
PITT	337	3.23	0.14	2.50	0.13	2.80	0.12	2.13	0.11	1.73	0.10	2.53	0.13
POLK	202	2.77	0.19	1.84	0.15	2.38	0.16	2.51	0.17	1.90	0.15	2.47	0.17
RANDOLPH	447	3.27	0.13	2.55	0.11	2.64	0.11	2.18	0.10	1.80	0.09	2.41	0.11
RICHMOND	288	2.95	0.16	2.20	0.14	2.61	0.14	2.13	0.13	1.63	0.11	2.21	0.14
ROBESON	185	3.17	0.20	2.48	0.17	2.71	0.17	2.14	0.15	1.59	0.14	2.21	0.17
ROCKINGHAM	457	3.18	0.13	2.34	0.11	2.70	0.11	2.02	0.10	1.57	0.09	2.22	0.11

Table 18. Cont.

County	n	No decrease	SE	Eliminate Bonus Antlerless Cards	SE	Season bag 4	SE	Season bag 2	SE	Reduce either-sex season	SE	Daily bag 1	SE
ROWAN	396	2.76	0.13	2.68	0.12	3.00	0.11	2.26	0.11	1.88	0.10	2.43	0.12
RUTHERFORD	321	2.72	0.15	2.06	0.13	2.36	0.13	2.46	0.13	1.90	0.12	2.45	0.13
SAMPSON	271	2.91	0.16	2.27	0.14	2.63	0.15	2.19	0.14	1.55	0.11	2.23	0.14
SCOTLAND	177	2.73	0.20	2.54	0.17	2.82	0.17	2.56	0.17	1.93	0.15	2.21	0.17
STANLY	314	3.12	0.15	2.39	0.14	2.78	0.13	1.96	0.12	1.49	0.10	2.21	0.13
STOKES	400	3.12	0.13	2.51	0.12	2.57	0.11	1.98	0.11	1.68	0.10	2.20	0.11
SURRY	292	3.13	0.15	2.42	0.14	2.78	0.13	2.24	0.13	1.70	0.11	2.20	0.13
SWAIN	69	2.80	0.31	2.61	0.28	2.17	0.24	3.17	0.28	2.61	0.27	2.16	0.26
TRANSYLVANIA	168	2.51	0.20	2.14	0.17	2.53	0.18	2.97	0.18	2.18	0.17	2.34	0.18
TYRRELL	119	3.36	0.25	2.69	0.23	2.32	0.20	1.71	0.17	1.50	0.16	2.34	0.21
UNION	433	3.02	0.13	2.11	0.10	2.61	0.11	2.25	0.11	1.79	0.10	2.39	0.11
VANCE	232	2.96	0.18	2.14	0.15	2.49	0.15	2.19	0.14	1.67	0.13	2.22	0.16
WAKE	615	3.04	0.11	2.47	0.09	2.91	0.09	2.30	0.08	1.84	0.08	2.55	0.09
WARREN	273	3.07	0.16	2.44	0.15	2.59	0.14	2.00	0.13	1.44	0.11	2.23	0.14
WASHINGTON	176	2.67	0.20	2.38	0.18	2.94	0.18	1.99	0.15	1.59	0.14	2.19	0.17
WATAUGA	225	2.89	0.18	2.13	0.15	2.62	0.15	2.15	0.15	1.74	0.13	2.60	0.16
WAYNE	278	3.26	0.16	2.44	0.14	2.80	0.14	2.14	0.13	1.74	0.11	2.41	0.14
WILKES	433	2.82	0.13	2.30	0.11	2.77	0.11	2.20	0.11	1.74	0.10	2.02	0.10
WILSON	184	3.03	0.20	2.38	0.17	2.65	0.17	2.03	0.16	1.46	0.13	2.36	0.17
YADKIN	312	2.93	0.15	2.47	0.13	2.85	0.13	2.23	0.12	1.79	0.11	2.24	0.12
YANCEY	159	2.97	0.21	2.08	0.18	2.11	0.18	2.44	0.19	1.63	0.17	2.21	0.18

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), mean response of the inverse rank (0=no rank, 6=highest rank / most preferred), and standard error of the mean (SE) by county.

Table 19. (Question 15) When hunting deer in NC during the last three years, did you hunt on private land, game lands, or both private land and game lands?

County	n	Only private lands	Only game lands	Most often private lands	Most often game lands	Both about the same	Did not deer hunt
ALAMANCE	371	83.8%	0.3%	13.2%	0.5%	1.3%	0.8%
ALEXANDER	163	76.1%	1.8%	16.0%	2.5%	3.1%	0.6%
ALLEGHANY	277	87.0%	0.7%	9.0%	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
ANSON	530	82.6%	0.6%	12.6%	1.3%	2.5%	0.4%
ASHE	373	82.6%	0.3%	11.8%	2.4%	2.1%	0.8%
AVERY	144	59.0%	3.5%	25.7%	4.2%	6.9%	0.7%
BEAUFORT	392	69.6%	3.1%	19.1%	3.3%	2.8%	2.0%
BERTIE	549	77.4%	2.0%	13.1%	3.3%	3.6%	0.5%
BLADEN	496	76.4%	1.6%	12.5%	4.2%	4.2%	1.0%
BRUNSWICK	355	59.2%	6.5%	22.8%	3.1%	4.8%	3.7%
BUNCOMBE	238	31.1%	17.2%	29.8%	13.0%	6.3%	2.5%
BURKE	356	48.3%	5.9%	25.0%	12.1%	7.0%	1.7%
CABARRUS	266	81.2%	0.8%	12.4%	0.8%	1.9%	3.0%
CALDWELL	267	56.6%	5.2%	23.2%	6.7%	6.7%	1.5%
CAMDEN	151	65.6%	5.3%	14.6%	6.0%	7.3%	1.3%
CARTERET	265	38.9%	14.7%	26.0%	9.4%	7.5%	3.4%
CASWELL	452	70.4%	2.9%	18.4%	3.5%	3.8%	1.1%
CATAWBA	262	77.5%	1.5%	13.4%	3.4%	2.3%	1.9%
CHATHAM	619	64.5%	5.7%	20.0%	6.3%	3.2%	0.3%
CHEROKEE	161	31.1%	14.3%	24.8%	19.9%	7.5%	2.5%
CHOWAN	157	71.3%	3.8%	19.1%	1.9%	2.5%	1.3%
CLAY	113	25.7%	11.5%	28.3%	22.1%	9.7%	2.7%
CLEVELAND	341	80.9%	0.6%	12.0%	1.5%	3.8%	1.2%
COLUMBUS	268	77.2%	0.0%	17.2%	2.6%	2.2%	0.7%
CRAVEN	391	56.8%	7.4%	19.2%	7.7%	6.1%	2.8%
CUMBERLAND	287	62.7%	6.6%	15.7%	6.3%	5.9%	2.8%
CURRITUCK	186	56.5%	6.5%	22.0%	8.6%	5.4%	1.1%
DARE	93	28.0%	16.1%	24.7%	9.7%	18.3%	3.2%
DAVIDSON	412	68.7%	2.4%	21.8%	1.7%	3.2%	2.2%
DAVIE	212	84.4%	2.4%	10.8%	0.0%	1.4%	0.9%
DUPLIN	328	88.1%	0.6%	9.5%	0.3%	1.2%	0.3%
DURHAM	247	45.7%	15.0%	19.0%	9.7%	8.5%	2.0%
EDGECOMBE	338	86.4%	0.6%	10.1%	0.3%	2.7%	0.0%
FORSYTH	225	81.8%	1.3%	12.4%	1.3%	1.8%	1.3%
FRANKLIN	356	74.7%	1.4%	17.4%	1.4%	3.1%	2.0%
GASTON	259	79.2%	2.7%	15.1%	0.0%	1.5%	1.5%
GATES	351	67.0%	2.3%	22.5%	3.1%	4.0%	1.1%
GRAHAM	52	5.8%	38.5%	11.5%	25.0%	15.4%	3.8%

Table 19. Cont.

County	n	Only private lands	Only game lands	Most often private lands	Most often game lands	Both about the same	Did not deer hunt
GRANVILLE	518	74.9%	1.9%	16.0%	2.9%	3.3%	1.0%
GREENE	168	89.3%	0.0%	7.7%	0.6%	1.8%	0.6%
GUILFORD	342	82.7%	1.5%	11.1%	0.9%	1.5%	2.3%
HALIFAX	652	78.8%	1.1%	14.9%	1.2%	3.4%	0.6%
HARNETT	388	74.5%	0.8%	16.8%	2.8%	4.4%	0.8%
HAYWOOD	184	23.9%	20.1%	24.5%	16.8%	12.0%	2.7%
HENDERSON	199	38.2%	11.6%	28.1%	9.5%	9.5%	3.0%
HERTFORD	205	71.7%	1.0%	22.0%	1.5%	2.9%	1.0%
HOKE	165	66.1%	4.2%	17.6%	4.8%	5.5%	1.8%
HYDE	210	68.1%	2.9%	21.0%	2.9%	4.8%	0.5%
IREDELL	375	80.8%	1.1%	14.4%	0.0%	2.4%	1.3%
JACKSON	106	16.0%	19.8%	17.0%	26.4%	16.0%	4.7%
JOHNSTON	432	79.9%	1.2%	12.3%	1.6%	2.5%	2.5%
JONES	255	65.5%	4.3%	19.6%	3.9%	3.9%	2.7%
LEE	198	72.7%	3.0%	15.2%	2.5%	3.5%	3.0%
LENOIR	194	85.6%	0.5%	10.8%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
LINCOLN	266	75.2%	2.6%	18.0%	1.1%	3.0%	0.0%
MCDOWELL	190	40.0%	9.5%	26.8%	8.9%	12.6%	2.1%
MACON	222	29.3%	13.5%	30.6%	15.3%	9.5%	1.8%
MADISON	175	41.7%	6.9%	31.4%	10.3%	7.4%	2.3%
MARTIN	236	68.2%	2.5%	21.6%	3.0%	3.0%	1.7%
MECKLENBURG	193	66.3%	7.3%	14.0%	4.7%	2.6%	5.2%
MITCHELL	153	63.4%	4.6%	23.5%	2.6%	4.6%	1.3%
MONTGOMERY	492	59.3%	6.1%	22.6%	6.1%	5.3%	0.6%
MOORE	440	65.0%	2.7%	23.0%	3.4%	4.3%	1.6%
NASH	303	79.5%	1.3%	15.2%	0.7%	1.3%	2.0%
NEW HANOVER	53	66.0%	3.8%	22.6%	1.9%	3.8%	1.9%
NORTHAMPTON	515	85.4%	0.6%	10.7%	1.4%	1.0%	1.0%
ONSLOW	413	44.8%	11.1%	19.4%	9.0%	9.2%	6.5%
ORANGE	373	75.9%	1.3%	18.5%	0.5%	2.1%	1.6%
PAMLICO	184	71.7%	0.5%	21.7%	1.1%	3.3%	1.6%
PASQUOTANK	130	74.6%	2.3%	15.4%	0.0%	3.1%	4.6%
PENDER	594	67.7%	4.9%	15.7%	4.5%	4.5%	2.7%
PERQUIMANS	191	83.8%	1.0%	9.9%	1.6%	2.1%	1.6%
PERSON	338	70.7%	0.9%	20.4%	2.4%	4.4%	1.2%
PITT	337	80.1%	1.2%	13.6%	1.5%	2.4%	1.2%
POLK	202	57.9%	8.9%	14.4%	8.9%	6.9%	3.0%
RANDOLPH	447	74.3%	1.3%	18.6%	2.0%	2.9%	0.9%
RICHMOND	288	51.7%	2.8%	33.3%	5.9%	5.2%	1.0%

Table 19. Cont.

County	n	Only private lands	Only game lands	Most often private lands	Most often game lands	Both about the same	Did not deer hunt
ROBESON	185	77.3%	1.6%	14.1%	2.2%	3.8%	1.1%
ROCKINGHAM	457	87.1%	0.7%	8.3%	0.4%	1.3%	2.2%
ROWAN	396	65.9%	5.8%	15.9%	5.3%	5.3%	1.8%
RUTHERFORD	321	80.1%	2.2%	14.3%	0.9%	1.9%	0.6%
SAMPSON	271	85.2%	0.0%	10.3%	0.4%	2.6%	1.5%
SCOTLAND	177	52.0%	2.8%	32.2%	5.1%	6.8%	1.1%
STANLY	314	79.3%	1.0%	15.0%	2.9%	1.3%	0.6%
STOKES	400	88.5%	0.0%	9.0%	0.5%	1.5%	0.5%
SURRY	292	87.7%	0.7%	9.2%	0.3%	1.0%	1.0%
SWAIN	69	17.4%	24.6%	24.6%	18.8%	11.6%	2.9%
TRANSYLVANIA	168	21.4%	24.4%	22.0%	18.5%	11.9%	1.8%
TYRRELL	119	47.9%	6.7%	25.2%	10.1%	7.6%	2.5%
UNION	433	85.5%	0.9%	9.7%	0.9%	0.9%	2.1%
VANCE	232	78.4%	1.3%	13.4%	2.6%	1.7%	2.6%
WAKE	615	51.4%	7.8%	22.6%	9.3%	7.0%	2.0%
WARREN	273	70.0%	0.7%	21.2%	1.1%	5.5%	1.5%
WASHINGTON	176	66.5%	4.0%	19.9%	4.5%	4.5%	0.6%
WATAUGA	225	78.2%	0.4%	16.0%	2.7%	2.2%	0.4%
WAYNE	278	87.8%	0.4%	7.6%	0.4%	2.5%	1.4%
WILKES	433	80.6%	2.1%	12.7%	1.8%	2.3%	0.5%
WILSON	184	87.5%	0.5%	8.2%	0.0%	1.1%	2.7%
YADKIN	312	87.8%	0.0%	9.6%	0.6%	1.6%	0.3%
YANCEY	159	58.5%	6.9%	20.8%	5.0%	6.3%	2.5%

Note: Results presented as sample size (n) and percent frequency of response per county.

Table 20. (Question 16) If you hunt on private lands, what is the largest property you deer hunt on?

County	n	Only game lands	0-20 acres	21-100 acres	101-500 acres	501-1000 acres	1,001-2,000 acres	2,001-5,000 acres	>5,000 acres
ALAMANCE	371	0.5%	21.0%	43.1%	27.0%	4.9%	3.2%	0.3%	0.0%
ALEXANDER	163	1.2%	24.5%	36.8%	30.7%	5.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%
ALLEGHANY	274	0.4%	21.9%	41.6%	31.0%	4.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%
ANSON	530	0.4%	7.7%	25.8%	36.2%	14.0%	9.2%	5.8%	0.8%
ASHE	373	0.3%	17.7%	48.3%	27.1%	4.6%	1.1%	0.5%	0.5%
AVERY	142	4.2%	23.9%	46.5%	19.7%	2.8%	0.0%	0.7%	2.1%
BEAUFORT	387	2.6%	5.9%	21.2%	22.5%	15.2%	6.5%	9.3%	16.8%
BERTIE	546	1.5%	3.8%	12.6%	30.2%	19.4%	12.1%	11.4%	9.0%
BLADEN	492	2.0%	7.3%	23.4%	27.2%	16.5%	9.1%	8.1%	6.3%
BRUNSWICK	347	4.9%	13.3%	22.8%	18.2%	10.4%	8.6%	9.5%	12.4%
BUNCOMBE	226	15.5%	22.1%	35.0%	19.5%	3.5%	0.4%	2.2%	1.8%
BURKE	353	5.4%	23.5%	34.8%	23.2%	7.9%	4.0%	0.8%	0.3%
CABARRUS	264	0.8%	27.7%	37.9%	26.5%	4.2%	2.3%	0.8%	0.0%
CALDWELL	264	3.0%	23.5%	36.4%	25.0%	8.7%	1.9%	0.8%	0.8%
CAMDEN	150	3.3%	9.3%	19.3%	28.7%	13.3%	10.0%	10.0%	6.0%
CARTERET	257	11.7%	11.7%	23.7%	16.7%	5.8%	9.3%	12.1%	8.9%
CASWELL	448	1.8%	9.8%	35.5%	38.2%	8.9%	3.8%	1.8%	0.2%
CATAWBA	262	1.1%	23.3%	50.0%	17.6%	5.3%	0.8%	0.8%	1.1%
CHATHAM	612	5.1%	17.8%	35.5%	31.0%	6.7%	2.3%	1.1%	0.5%
CHEROKEE	156	12.8%	25.0%	39.1%	18.6%	2.6%	1.3%	0.6%	0.0%
CHOWAN	156	2.6%	6.4%	25.0%	29.5%	17.3%	7.1%	6.4%	5.8%
CLAY	110	9.1%	33.6%	39.1%	15.5%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CLEVELAND	340	0.3%	25.3%	43.2%	24.4%	4.1%	1.2%	0.6%	0.9%
COLUMBUS	267	0.0%	7.9%	23.2%	29.2%	13.9%	6.0%	10.9%	9.0%
CRAVEN	381	7.3%	7.3%	18.6%	23.4%	12.6%	9.7%	8.9%	12.1%
CUMBERLAND	284	4.9%	11.3%	27.5%	29.9%	8.8%	4.6%	3.9%	9.2%
CURRITUCK	185	5.9%	11.9%	26.5%	25.9%	12.4%	5.9%	7.6%	3.8%
DARE	89	14.6%	10.1%	19.1%	21.3%	18.0%	6.7%	5.6%	4.5%
DAVIDSON	408	2.2%	18.1%	40.0%	28.9%	7.1%	2.2%	0.5%	1.0%
DAVIE	211	1.9%	26.1%	42.7%	25.1%	1.9%	1.9%	0.5%	0.0%
DUPLIN	328	0.3%	5.8%	31.1%	36.9%	11.9%	4.3%	7.6%	2.1%
DURHAM	240	12.9%	22.5%	31.3%	21.3%	5.4%	2.5%	3.3%	0.8%
EDGECOMBE	336	0.6%	4.8%	14.6%	37.5%	20.5%	11.0%	8.0%	3.0%
FORSYTH	224	1.8%	29.5%	46.0%	17.0%	2.7%	1.3%	1.3%	0.4%
FRANKLIN	355	1.4%	9.9%	25.4%	45.4%	11.3%	5.1%	1.4%	0.3%
GASTON	256	2.0%	26.6%	45.3%	19.9%	4.3%	0.4%	1.2%	0.4%
GATES	347	1.2%	9.5%	22.2%	32.9%	12.4%	9.8%	6.3%	5.8%
GRAHAM	48	29.2%	20.8%	29.2%	14.6%	4.2%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%
GRANVILLE	517	2.1%	10.3%	29.0%	37.9%	12.4%	4.4%	3.1%	0.8%
GREENE	167	0.0%	9.0%	32.3%	37.7%	9.0%	3.6%	5.4%	3.0%

Table 20. Cont.

County	n	Only game lands	0-20 acres	21-100 acres	101-500 acres	501-1000 acres	1,001-2,000 acres	2,001-5,000 acres	>5,000 acres
GUILFORD	337	1.5%	24.0%	45.1%	23.1%	3.0%	2.4%	0.9%	0.0%
HALIFAX	649	0.9%	3.9%	9.6%	29.3%	21.0%	15.1%	15.4%	4.9%
HARNETT	386	0.5%	15.3%	34.7%	30.8%	9.6%	4.7%	2.8%	1.6%
HAYWOOD	178	17.4%	11.8%	32.6%	24.2%	6.7%	4.5%	2.2%	0.6%
HENDERSON	197	11.2%	26.9%	28.9%	23.4%	4.1%	2.0%	2.5%	1.0%
HERTFORD	205	1.0%	6.3%	11.7%	29.3%	20.0%	13.7%	6.8%	11.2%
HOKE	163	4.9%	17.2%	26.4%	27.0%	10.4%	6.1%	5.5%	2.5%
HYDE	205	1.5%	10.2%	21.0%	24.4%	12.7%	7.3%	7.3%	15.6%
IREDELL	371	0.5%	11.3%	46.6%	34.0%	5.1%	1.1%	0.8%	0.5%
JACKSON	101	16.8%	22.8%	30.7%	16.8%	4.0%	3.0%	5.0%	1.0%
JOHNSTON	427	1.4%	15.0%	36.5%	31.9%	9.1%	2.6%	2.1%	1.4%
JONES	252	3.2%	7.9%	20.6%	26.2%	10.7%	7.5%	13.9%	9.9%
LEE	197	3.0%	19.8%	34.0%	25.4%	5.1%	8.6%	2.5%	1.5%
LENOIR	195	0.5%	14.9%	33.3%	26.7%	10.3%	5.1%	4.1%	5.1%
LINCOLN	264	1.5%	22.0%	49.6%	21.2%	3.8%	1.5%	0.4%	0.0%
MCDOWELL	184	7.6%	20.7%	39.7%	17.9%	4.9%	3.3%	3.8%	2.2%
MACON	220	12.7%	32.7%	39.1%	11.4%	1.4%	1.8%	0.5%	0.5%
MADISON	173	6.9%	20.8%	41.6%	23.7%	4.0%	0.0%	1.7%	1.2%
MARTIN	233	1.7%	8.6%	22.7%	26.6%	14.2%	6.4%	9.0%	10.7%
MECKLENBURG	190	7.9%	24.2%	33.7%	19.5%	7.4%	5.3%	0.5%	1.6%
MITCHELL	147	2.0%	26.5%	38.1%	23.8%	5.4%	1.4%	2.7%	0.0%
MONTGOMERY	485	5.4%	13.4%	27.2%	36.7%	7.6%	6.6%	2.9%	0.2%
MOORE	435	2.3%	14.9%	34.5%	26.4%	9.9%	4.1%	5.5%	2.3%
NASH	301	1.0%	10.0%	34.2%	29.6%	13.0%	7.3%	4.0%	1.0%
NEW HANOVER	53	3.8%	18.9%	20.8%	22.6%	7.5%	5.7%	11.3%	9.4%
NORTHAMPTON	511	0.4%	3.5%	14.1%	35.2%	18.8%	14.3%	9.2%	4.5%
ONSLOW	404	10.6%	16.3%	25.0%	20.3%	4.7%	3.2%	4.0%	15.8%
ORANGE	372	1.6%	21.0%	37.4%	32.0%	4.8%	2.2%	0.0%	1.1%
PAMLICO	182	0.5%	7.1%	17.6%	22.0%	11.0%	20.9%	11.0%	9.9%
PASQUOTANK	131	2.3%	15.3%	29.8%	27.5%	7.6%	4.6%	5.3%	7.6%
PENDER	588	4.1%	9.4%	20.6%	26.2%	10.5%	11.4%	8.8%	9.0%
PERQUIMANS	190	1.1%	16.8%	21.6%	27.4%	14.2%	5.3%	8.9%	4.7%
PERSON	339	1.2%	14.7%	33.9%	33.9%	7.7%	4.7%	3.2%	0.6%
PITT	335	0.9%	6.9%	25.4%	31.3%	12.2%	8.7%	8.7%	6.0%
POLK	195	6.7%	28.2%	42.1%	17.4%	3.6%	1.5%	0.5%	0.0%
RANDOLPH	445	1.3%	18.0%	38.7%	33.0%	6.7%	0.7%	0.9%	0.7%
RICHMOND	286	1.7%	7.0%	23.4%	28.7%	14.0%	7.7%	12.2%	5.2%
ROBESON	184	1.1%	12.0%	28.8%	31.0%	13.0%	4.3%	5.4%	4.3%
ROCKINGHAM	454	0.7%	12.6%	46.0%	31.3%	7.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.9%
ROWAN	391	5.4%	26.6%	35.5%	25.3%	5.1%	1.3%	0.8%	0.0%

Table 20. Cont.

County	n	Only game lands	0-20 acres	21-100 acres	101-500 acres	501-1000 acres	1,001-2,000 acres	2,001-5,000 acres	>5,000 acres
RUTHERFORD	318	1.9%	19.8%	38.4%	28.9%	6.9%	3.5%	0.3%	0.3%
SAMPSON	267	0.4%	8.6%	28.8%	31.5%	15.4%	7.5%	5.2%	2.6%
SCOTLAND	174	3.4%	8.0%	25.3%	27.6%	13.2%	11.5%	8.0%	2.9%
STANLY	311	0.6%	19.3%	42.8%	30.9%	2.3%	3.2%	0.3%	0.6%
STOKES	400	0.0%	14.8%	50.5%	28.3%	5.3%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%
SURRY	290	0.3%	17.9%	51.0%	24.1%	3.4%	1.7%	1.4%	0.0%
SWAIN	65	20.0%	20.0%	32.3%	21.5%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%
TRANSYLVANIA	161	19.9%	17.4%	32.3%	16.1%	7.5%	3.1%	3.1%	0.6%
TYRRELL	117	5.1%	11.1%	23.9%	25.6%	9.4%	7.7%	8.5%	8.5%
UNION	430	1.4%	23.0%	38.8%	27.7%	5.1%	2.3%	1.4%	0.2%
VANCE	230	1.3%	13.9%	40.9%	29.1%	7.4%	5.2%	1.3%	0.9%
WAKE	602	7.5%	19.4%	34.6%	24.4%	6.8%	3.3%	2.3%	1.7%
WARREN	270	0.7%	6.3%	22.2%	31.1%	19.3%	8.5%	5.6%	6.3%
WASHINGTON	174	2.9%	6.9%	20.7%	24.7%	12.1%	5.2%	8.6%	19.0%
WATAUGA	224	0.0%	30.8%	46.9%	16.5%	2.2%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%
WAYNE	278	0.4%	15.8%	33.5%	36.3%	8.3%	1.8%	1.4%	2.5%
WILKES	432	2.1%	17.6%	44.4%	25.0%	6.3%	4.2%	0.2%	0.2%
WILSON	183	1.1%	10.4%	33.9%	31.1%	9.8%	4.9%	5.5%	3.3%
YADKIN	310	0.0%	15.5%	51.0%	26.5%	4.8%	1.6%	0.3%	0.3%
YANCEY	157	3.8%	22.9%	45.2%	22.3%	3.8%	0.6%	0.0%	1.3%

Note: Results presented percent frequency of response and sample size (n) per county.

Table 21. (Question 17) When hunting deer in NC during the last three years, did you still hunt, hunt with dogs, or both still hunt and hunt with dogs?

County	n	Only still hunted	Only hunted with dogs	Most often still hunted	Most often hunted with dogs	Both about the same	Did not deer hunt
ALAMANCE	371	91.6%	0.3%	5.1%	1.3%	0.5%	1.1%
ALEXANDER	163	99.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ALLEGHANY	276	97.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	1.1%
ANSON	529	93.0%	0.2%	4.3%	0.8%	1.1%	0.6%
ASHE	372	98.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
AVERY	144	98.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%
BEAUFORT	393	65.4%	2.0%	14.8%	10.9%	5.1%	1.8%
BERTIE	549	71.4%	2.7%	12.6%	7.1%	5.3%	0.9%
BLADEN	494	65.0%	2.4%	13.2%	10.1%	8.1%	1.2%
BRUNSWICK	355	66.5%	3.1%	10.4%	11.0%	5.4%	3.7%
BUNCOMBE	238	94.5%	0.4%	1.7%	0.4%	0.4%	2.5%
BURKE	355	96.3%	0.0%	1.4%	0.3%	0.6%	1.4%
CABARRUS	265	95.8%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%
CALDWELL	267	93.6%	0.0%	3.0%	0.7%	0.7%	1.9%
CAMDEN	150	50.7%	4.7%	15.3%	17.3%	10.7%	1.3%
CARTERET	265	69.4%	2.3%	12.1%	8.7%	4.2%	3.4%
CASWELL	452	83.8%	0.4%	7.5%	4.0%	3.3%	0.9%
CATAWBA	263	95.8%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.4%	2.7%
CHATHAM	619	95.2%	0.0%	2.9%	0.5%	0.3%	1.1%
CHEROKEE	162	95.1%	1.2%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%
CHOWAN	157	58.6%	5.1%	10.8%	18.5%	5.1%	1.9%
CLAY	113	98.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%
CLEVELAND	341	96.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.2%	1.5%
COLUMBUS	268	67.5%	1.5%	14.6%	9.0%	7.1%	0.4%
CRAVEN	388	69.3%	1.5%	10.3%	11.1%	5.4%	2.3%
CUMBERLAND	287	86.4%	0.0%	7.0%	1.4%	2.4%	2.8%
CURRITUCK	186	70.4%	2.2%	14.0%	8.1%	3.8%	1.6%
DARE	92	79.3%	1.1%	8.7%	3.3%	3.3%	4.3%
DAVIDSON	412	90.8%	0.0%	5.1%	0.2%	1.5%	2.4%
DAVIE	213	95.8%	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	2.3%
DUPLIN	328	72.3%	2.1%	12.2%	3.7%	8.8%	0.9%
DURHAM	247	91.5%	0.0%	3.6%	0.4%	0.8%	3.6%
EDGECOMBE	338	81.4%	0.6%	9.2%	3.6%	5.3%	0.0%
FORSYTH	226	97.3%	0.0%	0.9%	0.4%	0.0%	1.3%
FRANKLIN	354	78.8%	2.0%	7.3%	5.4%	4.2%	2.3%
GASTON	259	94.2%	0.4%	1.9%	0.8%	0.0%	2.7%
GATES	354	49.4%	7.9%	11.9%	22.0%	7.6%	1.1%
GRAHAM	52	92.3%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%
GRANVILLE	516	85.5%	1.2%	6.6%	3.9%	2.1%	0.8%

Table 21. Cont.

County	n	Only still hunted	Only hunted with dogs	Most often still hunted	Most often hunted with dogs	Both about the same	Did not deer hunt
GREENE	168	83.9%	0.6%	10.1%	1.8%	2.4%	1.2%
GUILFORD	339	92.9%	0.3%	4.7%	0.0%	0.3%	1.8%
HALIFAX	651	74.3%	1.5%	13.1%	6.5%	4.1%	0.5%
HARNETT	388	84.5%	0.5%	9.3%	1.8%	2.8%	1.0%
HAYWOOD	183	95.6%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%
HENDERSON	199	93.0%	1.5%	1.5%	0.5%	0.0%	3.5%
HERTFORD	205	49.3%	8.3%	13.7%	19.5%	8.3%	1.0%
HOKE	165	79.4%	1.2%	9.1%	2.4%	5.5%	2.4%
HYDE	210	73.3%	0.0%	15.7%	4.3%	6.2%	0.5%
IREDELL	374	97.1%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%
JACKSON	106	92.5%	0.0%	1.9%	0.9%	0.9%	3.8%
JOHNSTON	432	87.7%	0.2%	6.5%	2.1%	1.2%	2.3%
JONES	255	64.7%	3.9%	12.2%	10.2%	6.7%	2.4%
LEE	198	89.9%	0.5%	6.1%	0.0%	1.0%	2.5%
LENOIR	195	80.5%	2.1%	7.2%	5.6%	3.1%	1.5%
LINCOLN	266	98.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%
MACON	221	97.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.8%
MADISON	175	97.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%
MARTIN	235	61.3%	3.0%	15.7%	13.2%	5.5%	1.3%
MCDOWELL	189	95.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%
MECKLENBURG	193	91.2%	0.5%	2.6%	1.0%	0.5%	4.1%
MITCHELL	150	97.3%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
MONTGOMERY	490	96.3%	0.2%	2.2%	0.2%	0.8%	0.2%
MOORE	440	81.6%	0.5%	9.3%	3.2%	3.6%	1.8%
NASH	302	79.1%	2.0%	8.6%	4.0%	4.3%	2.0%
NEW HANOVER	53	83.0%	3.8%	5.7%	0.0%	3.8%	3.8%
NORTHAMPTON	514	67.5%	1.2%	16.0%	7.2%	7.2%	1.0%
ONSLOW	410	71.7%	3.2%	12.2%	4.1%	3.2%	5.6%
ORANGE	373	91.4%	0.0%	4.8%	1.3%	0.8%	1.6%
PAMLICO	185	65.4%	1.1%	16.8%	7.0%	9.2%	0.5%
PASQUOTANK	131	61.8%	7.6%	7.6%	11.5%	6.1%	5.3%
PENDER	595	73.9%	0.3%	11.9%	6.2%	4.7%	2.9%
PERQUIMANS	191	61.3%	4.2%	9.9%	14.1%	8.9%	1.6%
PERSON	339	77.3%	2.9%	9.1%	6.5%	2.9%	1.2%
PITT	337	77.4%	0.9%	11.3%	3.9%	5.3%	1.2%
POLK	202	95.5%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%
RANDOLPH	446	91.9%	0.2%	4.5%	0.7%	1.6%	1.1%
RICHMOND	288	62.5%	4.9%	12.8%	13.2%	5.6%	1.0%
ROBESON	185	75.7%	1.6%	10.3%	4.3%	7.0%	1.1%
ROCKINGHAM	457	93.7%	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	0.9%	2.0%

Table 21. Cont.

County	n	Only still hunted	Only hunted with dogs	Most often still hunted	Most often hunted with dogs	Both about the same	Did not deer hunt
ROWAN	395	93.2%	0.0%	3.5%	0.5%	0.8%	2.0%
RUTHERFORD	318	97.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%
SAMPSON	270	71.5%	3.3%	10.7%	6.3%	6.7%	1.5%
SCOTLAND	177	65.5%	2.8%	12.4%	12.4%	5.6%	1.1%
STANLY	314	95.5%	0.3%	1.9%	0.6%	0.3%	1.3%
STOKES	400	94.5%	0.0%	3.5%	0.3%	1.0%	0.8%
SURRY	291	97.6%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%
SWAIN	69	95.7%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%
TRANSYLVANIA	168	95.2%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	2.4%
TYRRELL	118	77.1%	1.7%	8.5%	5.1%	5.1%	2.5%
UNION	431	94.9%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.7%	2.6%
VANCE	232	79.3%	1.3%	12.1%	3.0%	2.2%	2.2%
WAKE	614	88.4%	0.5%	7.7%	0.8%	1.0%	1.6%
WARREN	272	52.9%	4.4%	11.4%	21.0%	8.8%	1.5%
WASHINGTON	177	61.6%	4.0%	16.9%	14.1%	2.8%	0.6%
WATAUGA	226	96.5%	0.0%	2.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
WAYNE	279	89.6%	0.0%	5.7%	1.1%	1.8%	1.8%
WILKES	432	98.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	1.2%
WILSON	182	82.4%	1.1%	9.9%	1.6%	1.6%	3.3%
YADKIN	311	96.8%	0.0%	2.6%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%
YANCEY	159	95.6%	0.6%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%

Note: Results presented as sample size (n) and percent frequency of response per county.

Table 22. (Question 18) Which weapon(s) did you hunt deer during the last three years (Check all that apply)?

County	n	Bow and Arrow	n	Black-powder	n	Cross-bow	n	Gun	n	Did Not Hunt
ALAMANCE	149	40.2%	214	57.7%	93	25.1%	353	95.1%	5	1.3%
ALEXANDER	63	38.7%	101	62.0%	41	25.2%	154	94.5%	0	0.0%
ALLEGHANY	112	40.4%	186	67.1%	77	27.8%	264	95.3%	3	1.1%
ANSON	196	37.0%	341	64.3%	183	34.5%	517	97.5%	3	0.6%
ASHE	135	36.2%	228	61.1%	88	23.6%	345	92.5%	8	2.1%
AVERY	69	47.9%	72	50.0%	53	36.8%	138	95.8%	1	0.7%
BEAUFORT	98	25.0%	121	30.9%	54	13.8%	370	94.4%	7	1.8%
BERTIE	152	27.7%	193	35.2%	75	13.7%	521	94.9%	4	0.7%
BLADEN	138	27.8%	160	32.3%	80	16.1%	473	95.4%	8	1.6%
BRUNSWICK	101	28.5%	121	34.1%	56	15.8%	325	91.5%	17	4.8%
BUNCOMBE	111	46.4%	93	38.9%	49	20.5%	210	87.9%	9	3.8%
BURKE	129	36.1%	207	58.0%	114	31.9%	331	92.7%	8	2.2%
CABARRUS	99	37.2%	126	47.4%	91	34.2%	242	91.0%	7	2.6%
CALDWELL	120	44.9%	154	57.7%	83	31.1%	246	92.1%	5	1.9%
CAMDEN	25	16.6%	48	31.8%	29	19.2%	144	95.4%	2	1.3%
CARTERET	68	25.8%	98	37.1%	50	18.9%	239	90.5%	10	3.8%
CASWELL	172	37.9%	290	63.9%	104	22.9%	434	95.6%	4	0.9%
CATAWBA	93	35.4%	145	55.1%	76	28.9%	241	91.6%	6	2.3%
CHATHAM	254	41.0%	328	53.0%	181	29.2%	573	92.6%	7	1.1%
CHEROKEE	60	37.0%	72	44.4%	56	34.6%	151	93.2%	5	3.1%
CHOWAN	34	21.7%	37	23.6%	14	8.9%	147	93.6%	3	1.9%
CLAY	42	37.2%	44	38.9%	33	29.2%	104	92.0%	3	2.7%
CLEVELAND	133	39.0%	165	48.4%	109	32.0%	315	92.4%	6	1.8%
COLUMBUS	74	27.7%	93	34.8%	29	10.9%	260	97.4%	2	0.7%
CRAVEN	95	24.4%	131	33.6%	65	16.7%	363	93.1%	13	3.3%
CUMBERLAND	101	35.2%	99	34.5%	58	20.2%	262	91.3%	10	3.5%
CURRITUCK	65	34.9%	70	37.6%	40	21.5%	170	91.4%	3	1.6%
DARE	21	22.6%	29	31.2%	18	19.4%	83	89.2%	4	4.3%
DAVIDSON	135	32.8%	244	59.2%	127	30.8%	396	96.1%	10	2.4%
DAVIE	84	39.4%	115	54.0%	56	26.3%	199	93.4%	4	1.9%
DUPLIN	78	23.7%	86	26.1%	51	15.5%	317	96.4%	4	1.2%
DURHAM	87	35.2%	81	32.8%	56	22.7%	199	80.6%	9	3.6%
EDGECOMBE	93	27.6%	123	36.5%	59	17.5%	325	96.4%	2	0.6%
FORSYTH	93	41.2%	108	47.8%	74	32.7%	193	85.4%	4	1.8%
FRANKLIN	108	30.3%	109	30.6%	70	19.7%	341	95.8%	9	2.5%
GASTON	115	44.4%	140	54.1%	97	37.5%	224	86.5%	4	1.5%
GATES	97	27.4%	126	35.6%	52	14.7%	333	94.1%	4	1.1%
GRAHAM	11	21.2%	17	32.7%	7	13.5%	46	88.5%	2	3.8%
GRANVILLE	215	41.6%	312	60.3%	152	29.4%	473	91.5%	4	0.8%

Table 22. Cont.

County	n	Bow and Arrow	n	Black-powder	n	Cross-bow	n	Gun	n	Did Not Hunt
GREENE	48	28.6%	37	22.0%	21	12.5%	166	98.8%	2	1.2%
GUILFORD	142	41.8%	165	48.5%	88	25.9%	303	89.1%	7	2.1%
HALIFAX	172	26.4%	239	36.7%	118	18.1%	632	96.9%	3	0.5%
HARNETT	164	42.3%	163	42.0%	81	20.9%	368	94.8%	3	0.8%
HAYWOOD	76	41.5%	78	42.6%	33	18.0%	166	90.7%	6	3.3%
HENDERSON	94	47.0%	89	44.5%	42	21.0%	169	84.5%	11	5.5%
HERTFORD	59	28.9%	67	32.8%	38	18.6%	198	97.1%	3	1.5%
HOKE	51	30.9%	55	33.3%	33	20.0%	151	91.5%	4	2.4%
HYDE	54	25.7%	78	37.1%	34	16.2%	194	92.4%	4	1.9%
IREDELL	154	41.2%	217	58.0%	77	20.6%	353	94.4%	8	2.1%
JACKSON	37	34.9%	39	36.8%	15	14.2%	97	91.5%	4	3.8%
JOHNSTON	179	41.4%	131	30.3%	86	19.9%	402	93.1%	11	2.5%
JONES	45	17.6%	82	32.2%	37	14.5%	240	94.1%	6	2.4%
LEE	64	32.3%	89	44.9%	57	28.8%	181	91.4%	5	2.5%
LENOIR	64	32.8%	68	34.9%	32	16.4%	188	96.4%	4	2.1%
LINCOLN	103	38.7%	155	58.3%	67	25.2%	252	94.7%	1	0.4%
MCDOWELL	79	41.6%	100	52.6%	44	23.2%	174	91.6%	6	3.2%
MACON	91	41.2%	79	35.7%	53	24.0%	201	91.0%	4	1.8%
MADISON	87	49.7%	84	48.0%	59	33.7%	162	92.6%	4	2.3%
MARTIN	61	26.0%	76	32.3%	40	17.0%	227	96.6%	3	1.3%
MECKLENBURG	82	42.5%	55	28.5%	53	27.5%	146	75.6%	11	5.7%
MITCHELL	71	46.4%	73	47.7%	55	35.9%	142	92.8%	1	0.7%
MONTGOMERY	178	36.3%	318	64.8%	155	31.6%	465	94.7%	4	0.8%
MOORE	161	36.6%	189	43.0%	78	17.7%	405	92.0%	8	1.8%
NASH	81	26.8%	83	27.5%	52	17.2%	287	95.0%	6	2.0%
NEW HANOVER	12	22.6%	8	15.1%	10	18.9%	48	90.6%	2	3.8%
NORTHAMPTON	151	29.4%	206	40.1%	98	19.1%	496	96.5%	5	1.0%
ONSLOW	151	36.8%	146	35.6%	88	21.5%	361	88.0%	25	6.1%
ORANGE	167	44.9%	172	46.2%	108	29.0%	336	90.3%	8	2.2%
PAMLICO	41	22.2%	78	42.2%	35	18.9%	178	96.2%	2	1.1%
PASQUOTANK	29	22.1%	33	25.2%	11	8.4%	119	90.8%	8	6.1%
PENDER	145	24.4%	190	32.0%	89	15.0%	563	94.8%	17	2.9%
PERQUIMANS	49	25.7%	54	28.3%	22	11.5%	172	90.1%	5	2.6%
PERSON	107	31.7%	207	61.2%	78	23.1%	318	94.1%	5	1.5%
PITT	98	29.1%	99	29.4%	61	18.1%	326	96.7%	3	0.9%
POLK	96	47.5%	98	48.5%	58	28.7%	185	91.6%	6	3.0%
RANDOLPH	156	34.9%	258	57.7%	128	28.6%	421	94.2%	5	1.1%
RICHMOND	88	30.6%	120	41.7%	51	17.7%	281	97.6%	4	1.4%
ROBESON	41	22.2%	64	34.6%	22	11.9%	177	95.7%	3	1.6%

Table 22. Cont.

County	n	Bow and Arrow	n	Black-powder	n	Cross-bow	n	Gun	n	Did Not Hunt
ROCKINGHAM	181	39.7%	263	57.7%	121	26.5%	416	91.2%	11	2.4%
ROWAN	150	37.9%	193	48.7%	112	28.3%	363	91.7%	11	2.8%
RUTHERFORD	123	38.4%	139	43.4%	89	27.8%	297	92.8%	4	1.3%
SAMPSON	63	23.3%	63	23.3%	35	13.0%	262	97.0%	5	1.9%
SCOTLAND	47	26.6%	82	46.3%	35	19.8%	172	97.2%	2	1.1%
STANLY	134	42.8%	177	56.5%	86	27.5%	302	96.5%	4	1.3%
STOKES	161	40.3%	275	68.8%	122	30.5%	381	95.3%	3	0.8%
SURRY	107	36.6%	179	61.3%	84	28.8%	278	95.2%	7	2.4%
SWAIN	25	36.2%	26	37.7%	13	18.8%	64	92.8%	2	2.9%
TRANSYLVANIA	78	46.4%	72	42.9%	38	22.6%	148	88.1%	5	3.0%
TYRRELL	30	25.2%	46	38.7%	17	14.3%	115	96.6%	3	2.5%
UNION	164	37.9%	171	39.5%	146	33.7%	384	88.7%	12	2.8%
VANCE	63	27.2%	75	32.3%	46	19.8%	222	95.7%	7	3.0%
WAKE	257	41.8%	151	24.6%	137	22.3%	542	88.1%	12	2.0%
WARREN	68	25.1%	88	32.5%	52	19.2%	261	96.3%	4	1.5%
WASHINGTON	34	19.2%	49	27.7%	10	5.6%	171	96.6%	2	1.1%
WATAUGA	77	34.1%	136	60.2%	70	31.0%	214	94.7%	3	1.3%
WAYNE	82	29.4%	64	22.9%	58	20.8%	264	94.6%	6	2.2%
WILKES	175	40.4%	286	66.1%	135	31.2%	418	96.5%	3	0.7%
WILSON	47	25.5%	50	27.2%	29	15.8%	172	93.5%	7	3.8%
YADKIN	117	37.6%	203	65.3%	79	25.4%	301	96.8%	1	0.3%
YANCEY	66	41.5%	78	49.1%	60	37.7%	144	90.6%	4	2.5%

Note: Results presented as number or responses (n) and percent frequency of response per county.

Table 23. (Question 19) The length of the Archery season is…

County	n	Much too short	A little too short	About the right length	A little too long	Much too long	Unsure	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	370	5.4%	12.2%	49.5%	11.9%	6.8%	14.3%	3.03	0.05
ALEXANDER	162	7.4%	8.6%	43.8%	18.5%	12.3%	9.3%	3.22	0.09
ALLEGHANY	273	2.9%	9.5%	43.6%	20.9%	9.2%	13.9%	3.28	0.06
ANSON	525	4.8%	10.1%	47.2%	16.2%	10.1%	11.6%	3.19	0.04
ASHE	372	3.0%	8.6%	48.4%	19.4%	5.9%	14.8%	3.20	0.05
AVERY	142	12.0%	14.1%	46.5%	13.4%	4.2%	9.9%	2.82	0.09
BEAUFORT	393	9.4%	13.5%	43.8%	6.6%	5.9%	20.9%	2.82	0.06
BERTIE	542	8.5%	9.8%	48.2%	6.8%	4.4%	22.3%	2.86	0.05
BLADEN	490	6.9%	11.0%	47.1%	6.9%	3.7%	24.3%	2.86	0.05
BRUNSWICK	351	11.1%	10.8%	45.3%	5.7%	5.7%	21.4%	2.80	0.06
BUNCOMBE	237	8.4%	19.8%	47.7%	8.9%	6.3%	8.9%	2.83	0.07
BURKE	353	6.8%	10.8%	53.8%	11.3%	7.1%	10.2%	3.01	0.05
CABARRUS	263	6.8%	11.0%	51.3%	12.5%	4.6%	13.7%	2.96	0.06
CALDWELL	266	4.5%	12.4%	53.0%	11.7%	6.4%	12.0%	3.03	0.06
CAMDEN	148	8.8%	12.8%	42.6%	4.7%	6.1%	25.0%	2.82	0.10
CARTERET	262	11.1%	12.2%	46.2%	7.6%	6.1%	16.8%	2.83	0.07
CASWELL	450	6.0%	6.4%	46.4%	17.3%	8.2%	15.6%	3.18	0.05
CATAWBA	259	6.9%	8.5%	48.6%	17.0%	6.6%	12.4%	3.09	0.06
CHATHAM	614	7.8%	11.6%	48.4%	13.5%	7.3%	11.4%	3.01	0.04
CHEROKEE	161	11.8%	15.5%	49.7%	9.3%	3.1%	10.6%	2.74	0.08
CHOWAN	155	7.1%	12.3%	44.5%	7.7%	3.9%	24.5%	2.85	0.08
CLAY	112	9.8%	18.8%	42.9%	16.1%	3.6%	8.9%	2.83	0.10
CLEVELAND	338	6.8%	10.1%	51.2%	15.4%	5.0%	11.5%	3.02	0.05
COLUMBUS	264	11.0%	11.7%	48.9%	7.2%	2.3%	18.9%	2.73	0.06
CRAVEN	387	9.0%	14.0%	42.4%	6.7%	4.7%	23.3%	2.79	0.06
CUMBERLAND	282	10.3%	13.8%	47.9%	5.7%	2.5%	19.9%	2.70	0.06
CURRITUCK	185	8.6%	17.3%	48.1%	2.2%	5.4%	18.4%	2.74	0.08
DARE	93	9.7%	5.4%	48.4%	4.3%	5.4%	26.9%	2.87	0.12
DAVIDSON	410	5.9%	7.8%	42.7%	22.2%	9.8%	11.7%	3.25	0.05
DAVIE	213	5.6%	12.2%	46.5%	14.1%	6.6%	15.0%	3.04	0.07
DUPLIN	328	8.8%	11.6%	49.7%	5.2%	2.1%	22.6%	2.74	0.05
DURHAM	247	10.1%	19.0%	40.5%	10.5%	6.1%	13.8%	2.81	0.07
EDGECOMBE	335	8.1%	12.2%	47.2%	9.0%	4.2%	19.4%	2.86	0.06
FORSYTH	225	9.8%	11.1%	49.3%	12.4%	6.7%	10.7%	2.95	0.07
FRANKLIN	353	8.2%	14.4%	41.9%	7.4%	4.8%	23.2%	2.82	0.06
GASTON	258	8.5%	13.6%	48.1%	12.4%	9.3%	8.1%	3.00	0.07
GATES	354	10.7%	11.6%	48.3%	7.9%	3.7%	17.8%	2.78	0.06
GRAHAM	52	3.8%	7.7%	59.6%	7.7%	1.9%	19.2%	2.95	0.11
GRANVILLE	515	9.3%	13.8%	47.0%	13.0%	4.7%	12.2%	2.88	0.05
GREENE	167	7.2%	16.8%	40.7%	10.2%	1.8%	23.4%	2.77	0.08

Table 23. Cont.

County	n	Much too short	A little too short	About the right length	A little too long	Much too long	Unsure	Mean	SE
GUILFORD	340	7.9%	12.9%	47.1%	12.4%	5.6%	14.1%	2.94	0.06
HALIFAX	647	7.3%	11.7%	49.1%	7.6%	3.1%	21.2%	2.84	0.04
HARNETT	385	10.9%	17.9%	47.0%	7.0%	3.9%	13.2%	2.71	0.05
HAYWOOD	184	7.6%	10.3%	58.2%	9.2%	6.5%	8.2%	2.96	0.07
HENDERSON	195	11.3%	12.3%	47.2%	11.8%	5.6%	11.8%	2.87	0.08
HERTFORD	204	8.3%	7.8%	56.9%	7.4%	3.9%	15.7%	2.89	0.07
HOKE	163	9.8%	12.3%	45.4%	8.6%	4.3%	19.6%	2.82	0.08
HYDE	209	10.0%	15.3%	48.3%	4.3%	1.4%	20.6%	2.64	0.07
IREDELL	372	4.0%	12.1%	46.5%	17.2%	7.3%	12.9%	3.13	0.05
JACKSON	106	6.6%	16.0%	46.2%	8.5%	8.5%	14.2%	2.96	0.10
JOHNSTON	428	11.2%	17.1%	47.4%	5.4%	2.6%	16.4%	2.65	0.05
JONES	254	9.4%	9.8%	45.3%	11.8%	3.9%	19.7%	2.89	0.07
LEE	195	5.6%	14.4%	44.6%	11.8%	7.2%	16.4%	3.01	0.08
LENOIR	194	5.7%	15.5%	52.1%	5.2%	2.6%	19.1%	2.80	0.06
LINCOLN	266	6.8%	13.5%	39.8%	18.8%	7.5%	13.5%	3.08	0.07
MCDOWELL	187	8.0%	10.2%	49.7%	13.9%	8.0%	10.2%	3.04	0.08
MACON	220	6.4%	10.5%	61.8%	9.1%	6.8%	5.5%	3.00	0.06
MADISON	174	9.8%	13.2%	50.0%	12.6%	5.2%	9.2%	2.89	0.08
MARTIN	233	6.0%	11.2%	48.5%	7.7%	3.9%	22.7%	2.90	0.06
MECKLENBURG	191	13.1%	20.9%	42.9%	5.8%	3.7%	13.6%	2.61	0.08
MITCHELL	151	5.3%	11.9%	50.3%	17.2%	9.3%	6.0%	3.14	0.08
MONTGOMERY	483	5.6%	8.5%	47.8%	19.3%	10.6%	8.3%	3.23	0.05
MOORE	435	13.3%	14.0%	44.6%	7.1%	5.3%	15.6%	2.73	0.05
NASH	302	9.3%	10.6%	51.0%	6.0%	3.6%	19.5%	2.80	0.06
NEW HANOVER	53	9.4%	11.3%	45.3%	5.7%	5.7%	22.6%	2.83	0.16
NORTHAMPTON	513	8.6%	12.7%	49.7%	7.6%	2.9%	18.5%	2.80	0.04
ONSLOW	410	12.0%	12.9%	45.4%	5.1%	2.2%	22.4%	2.65	0.05
ORANGE	371	5.4%	15.4%	53.4%	10.5%	4.0%	11.3%	2.91	0.05
PAMLICO	183	10.9%	11.5%	44.8%	5.5%	4.9%	22.4%	2.77	0.08
PASQUOTANK	130	8.5%	9.2%	51.5%	6.2%	3.8%	20.8%	2.84	0.09
PENDER	592	8.3%	11.8%	44.9%	5.7%	5.2%	24.0%	2.84	0.05
PERQUIMANS	190	10.0%	12.6%	41.1%	8.9%	2.6%	24.7%	2.76	0.08
PERSON	332	6.6%	10.5%	47.3%	13.6%	6.6%	15.4%	3.04	0.06
PITT	334	11.1%	14.4%	43.7%	9.0%	2.4%	19.5%	2.72	0.06
POLK	198	4.5%	11.6%	53.5%	13.6%	6.1%	10.6%	3.06	0.07
RANDOLPH	442	4.8%	11.1%	45.0%	19.2%	7.9%	12.0%	3.16	0.05
RICHMOND	284	8.1%	9.9%	49.6%	8.8%	4.9%	18.7%	2.91	0.06
ROBESON	185	10.8%	8.6%	50.3%	4.9%	6.5%	18.9%	2.85	0.08
ROCKINGHAM	455	6.8%	10.3%	45.7%	17.8%	7.7%	11.6%	3.10	0.05
ROWAN	393	10.2%	10.7%	44.3%	15.3%	6.4%	13.2%	2.96	0.06

Table 23. Cont.

County	n	Much too short	A little too short	About the right length	A little too long	Much too long	Unsure	Mean	SE
RUTHERFORD	321	6.5%	8.7%	48.0%	14.3%	8.1%	14.3%	3.10	0.06
SAMPSON	269	8.2%	10.8%	44.2%	4.8%	5.6%	26.4%	2.85	0.07
SCOTLAND	171	10.5%	11.1%	46.8%	7.0%	3.5%	21.1%	2.77	0.08
STANLY	308	5.5%	9.7%	45.8%	16.9%	11.0%	11.0%	3.20	0.06
STOKES	397	8.1%	7.6%	45.8%	18.9%	9.6%	10.1%	3.16	0.05
SURRY	286	5.9%	9.1%	40.9%	24.1%	8.4%	11.5%	3.23	0.06
SWAIN	69	4.3%	17.4%	46.4%	10.1%	4.3%	17.4%	2.91	0.12
TRANSYLVANIA	165	7.9%	17.6%	54.5%	7.3%	4.8%	7.9%	2.82	0.07
TYRRELL	119	6.7%	8.4%	49.6%	7.6%	4.2%	23.5%	2.92	0.09
UNION	431	7.4%	12.1%	48.7%	14.4%	7.9%	9.5%	3.04	0.05
VANCE	231	10.0%	8.7%	45.9%	8.7%	3.0%	23.8%	2.82	0.07
WAKE	610	14.1%	18.9%	41.0%	4.3%	3.6%	18.2%	2.57	0.04
WARREN	271	8.5%	10.0%	46.5%	8.9%	4.8%	21.4%	2.89	0.07
WASHINGTON	177	9.6%	9.0%	44.6%	9.6%	5.1%	22.0%	2.89	0.08
WATAUGA	226	4.4%	9.3%	46.0%	19.9%	6.6%	13.7%	3.17	0.07
WAYNE	273	9.5%	8.1%	53.8%	5.9%	4.4%	18.3%	2.85	0.06
WILKES	429	4.2%	8.6%	46.6%	22.4%	9.8%	8.4%	3.27	0.05
WILSON	184	8.7%	8.7%	46.2%	9.2%	4.3%	22.8%	2.89	0.08
YADKIN	306	5.6%	7.5%	47.7%	18.3%	8.5%	12.4%	3.19	0.06
YANCEY	157	5.1%	11.5%	45.9%	18.5%	8.3%	10.8%	3.15	0.08

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Much too short, 5=Much too long.
Note: "Unsure" responses excluded from mean calculation

Table 24. (Question 20) The timing of the Archery season is…

County	n	Much too early	A little too early	About right	A little too late	Much too late	Unsure	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	370	7.6%	25.9%	46.8%	3.8%	0.5%	15.4%	2.57	0.04
ALEXANDER	163	11.7%	31.3%	44.2%	4.9%	0.0%	8.0%	2.46	0.06
ALLEGHANY	274	16.4%	27.0%	40.5%	4.7%	0.0%	11.3%	2.38	0.05
ANSON	526	10.5%	24.3%	48.5%	4.9%	1.0%	10.8%	2.57	0.04
ASHE	372	11.6%	30.1%	41.4%	2.7%	0.3%	14.0%	2.42	0.04
AVERY	142	7.0%	23.9%	54.9%	5.6%	0.0%	8.5%	2.65	0.06
BEAUFORT	393	13.2%	23.7%	39.2%	2.5%	1.3%	20.1%	2.44	0.05
BERTIE	544	9.4%	21.9%	45.0%	2.0%	0.9%	20.8%	2.54	0.04
BLADEN	491	12.8%	23.2%	37.5%	3.1%	0.6%	22.8%	2.42	0.04
BRUNSWICK	352	12.2%	21.6%	39.8%	4.3%	2.0%	20.2%	2.53	0.05
BUNCOMBE	238	9.2%	26.9%	47.1%	4.6%	1.3%	10.9%	2.57	0.06
BURKE	354	15.3%	31.9%	42.4%	1.1%	0.8%	8.5%	2.35	0.04
CABARRUS	263	8.0%	21.7%	49.4%	4.9%	0.4%	15.6%	2.62	0.05
CALDWELL	266	15.0%	31.6%	39.5%	3.0%	0.0%	10.9%	2.34	0.05
CAMDEN	150	15.3%	22.7%	34.7%	4.0%	0.7%	22.7%	2.38	0.08
CARTERET	264	13.6%	28.4%	37.1%	3.0%	1.1%	16.7%	2.40	0.06
CASWELL	452	11.5%	24.3%	43.8%	4.0%	0.9%	15.5%	2.51	0.04
CATAWBA	259	8.5%	30.1%	46.3%	3.1%	0.8%	11.2%	2.52	0.05
CHATHAM	614	9.3%	27.4%	44.6%	6.4%	0.7%	11.7%	2.57	0.03
CHEROKEE	161	10.6%	25.5%	46.6%	5.6%	0.6%	11.2%	2.55	0.07
CHOWAN	154	10.4%	26.0%	37.7%	3.2%	0.6%	22.1%	2.46	0.07
CLAY	112	11.6%	33.0%	41.1%	3.6%	0.0%	10.7%	2.41	0.08
CLEVELAND	338	6.2%	26.3%	48.2%	7.1%	0.6%	11.5%	2.66	0.04
COLUMBUS	265	10.9%	20.8%	43.8%	3.8%	1.5%	19.2%	2.56	0.06
CRAVEN	388	16.2%	22.2%	36.3%	3.4%	0.5%	21.4%	2.36	0.05
CUMBERLAND	283	12.0%	24.0%	41.3%	3.5%	0.7%	18.4%	2.47	0.05
CURRITUCK	185	18.9%	23.8%	35.7%	2.7%	1.6%	17.3%	2.33	0.08
DARE	93	11.8%	22.6%	38.7%	3.2%	0.0%	23.7%	2.44	0.10
DAVIDSON	411	14.4%	25.8%	41.4%	7.1%	1.0%	10.5%	2.49	0.05
DAVIE	213	8.5%	29.6%	41.3%	3.3%	0.9%	16.4%	2.51	0.06
DUPLIN	328	8.8%	22.9%	42.4%	4.9%	0.9%	20.1%	2.58	0.05
DURHAM	247	9.7%	22.7%	46.2%	6.9%	0.8%	13.8%	2.61	0.06
EDGECOMBE	336	10.4%	25.0%	44.9%	1.8%	0.0%	17.9%	2.46	0.04
FORSYTH	225	8.9%	22.7%	50.2%	7.6%	0.4%	10.2%	2.64	0.06
FRANKLIN	355	8.7%	22.8%	41.1%	3.7%	1.4%	22.3%	2.57	0.05
GASTON	259	6.6%	22.0%	49.8%	9.3%	2.7%	9.7%	2.77	0.06
GATES	354	15.5%	28.0%	38.1%	2.5%	0.3%	15.5%	2.34	0.05
GRAHAM	52	3.8%	26.9%	46.2%	1.9%	0.0%	21.2%	2.59	0.10
GRANVILLE	515	9.7%	26.8%	44.5%	5.6%	0.6%	12.8%	2.55	0.04
GREENE	167	10.2%	19.8%	40.1%	7.8%	0.6%	21.6%	2.60	0.08
GUILFORD	341	8.8%	22.9%	49.3%	5.0%	1.2%	12.9%	2.62	0.05

Table 24. Cont.

County	n	Much too early	A little too early	About right	A little too late	Much too late	Unsure	Mean	SE
HALIFAX	648	9.6%	22.2%	43.2%	4.3%	0.8%	19.9%	2.56	0.04
HARNETT	386	7.3%	25.6%	48.2%	6.2%	0.0%	12.7%	2.61	0.04
HAYWOOD	183	14.2%	22.4%	50.3%	3.3%	0.5%	9.3%	2.49	0.06
HENDERSON	195	5.6%	26.7%	49.7%	6.2%	0.0%	11.8%	2.64	0.05
HERTFORD	205	12.7%	20.0%	47.3%	2.0%	1.5%	16.6%	2.51	0.06
HOKE	163	11.0%	22.7%	41.1%	6.7%	1.2%	17.2%	2.57	0.08
HYDE	209	10.0%	20.1%	43.1%	3.8%	0.5%	22.5%	2.54	0.06
IREDELL	372	12.6%	23.1%	45.7%	5.1%	0.5%	12.9%	2.52	0.05
JACKSON	106	8.5%	19.8%	51.9%	1.9%	0.0%	17.9%	2.57	0.08
JOHNSTON	430	6.7%	23.0%	45.6%	8.1%	0.9%	15.6%	2.69	0.04
JONES	253	13.4%	20.9%	39.9%	3.6%	0.4%	21.7%	2.44	0.06
LEE	197	12.2%	17.8%	46.2%	5.6%	1.0%	17.3%	2.58	0.07
LENOIR	194	7.7%	21.1%	44.8%	5.7%	0.5%	20.1%	2.63	0.06
LINCOLN	266	12.8%	29.7%	41.4%	5.3%	1.1%	9.8%	2.47	0.06
MCDOWELL	186	15.1%	33.3%	39.2%	2.2%	1.1%	9.1%	2.35	0.06
MACON	220	9.1%	25.0%	55.9%	3.2%	0.0%	6.8%	2.57	0.05
MADISON	174	10.3%	34.5%	42.0%	4.6%	0.6%	8.0%	2.46	0.06
MARTIN	233	4.7%	27.9%	41.2%	3.0%	1.3%	21.9%	2.59	0.05
MECKLENBURG	190	7.4%	23.2%	45.3%	9.5%	1.1%	13.7%	2.70	0.06
MITCHELL	151	14.6%	23.2%	45.7%	8.6%	1.3%	6.6%	2.56	0.08
MONTGOMERY	484	12.2%	27.3%	46.9%	5.2%	0.6%	7.9%	2.51	0.04
MOORE	437	11.4%	27.5%	40.0%	6.6%	0.2%	14.2%	2.50	0.04
NASH	302	7.9%	27.8%	42.1%	4.6%	0.3%	17.2%	2.54	0.05
NEW HANOVER	53	13.2%	22.6%	37.7%	5.7%	0.0%	20.8%	2.45	0.13
NORTHAMPTON	513	12.5%	23.2%	44.2%	2.3%	0.8%	17.0%	2.47	0.04
ONSLOW	410	11.7%	23.9%	38.3%	2.9%	0.5%	22.7%	2.44	0.05
ORANGE	372	8.1%	22.0%	52.7%	5.1%	0.5%	11.6%	2.64	0.04
PAMLICO	183	14.8%	26.2%	33.9%	2.7%	1.1%	21.3%	2.35	0.07
PASQUOTANK	130	10.0%	22.3%	34.6%	7.7%	0.0%	25.4%	2.54	0.09
PENDER	593	12.1%	21.6%	39.5%	4.0%	0.5%	22.3%	2.48	0.04
PERQUIMANS	190	9.5%	23.2%	43.7%	2.1%	1.1%	20.5%	2.52	0.06
PERSON	331	8.8%	28.7%	42.0%	4.5%	0.6%	15.4%	2.52	0.05
PITT	335	10.4%	23.6%	42.7%	4.8%	0.6%	17.9%	2.53	0.05
POLK	200	5.0%	23.0%	49.0%	8.5%	1.5%	13.0%	2.75	0.06
RANDOLPH	441	12.2%	25.6%	45.4%	5.0%	0.9%	10.9%	2.51	0.04
RICHMOND	282	11.3%	23.4%	42.9%	4.6%	0.4%	17.4%	2.51	0.05
ROBESON	185	15.7%	21.6%	36.8%	5.9%	1.6%	18.4%	2.46	0.08
ROCKINGHAM	455	9.9%	26.2%	45.7%	5.3%	2.0%	11.0%	2.59	0.04
ROWAN	393	13.5%	27.0%	42.0%	5.6%	0.5%	11.5%	2.47	0.05
RUTHERFORD	321	11.8%	23.4%	44.5%	4.4%	1.2%	14.6%	2.53	0.05
SAMPSON	269	7.8%	18.6%	43.1%	3.3%	1.1%	26.0%	2.61	0.06

Table 24. Cont.

County	n	Much too early	A little too early	About right	A little too late	Much too late	Unsure	Mean	SE
SCOTLAND	173	6.9%	22.0%	41.6%	6.9%	1.2%	21.4%	2.66	0.07
STANLY	309	12.0%	30.1%	38.8%	6.5%	0.6%	12.0%	2.47	0.05
STOKES	398	12.3%	26.9%	42.2%	5.8%	1.5%	11.3%	2.52	0.05
SURRY	289	15.6%	31.1%	37.4%	3.8%	0.7%	11.4%	2.36	0.05
SWAIN	69	13.0%	24.6%	40.6%	2.9%	2.9%	15.9%	2.50	0.12
TRANSYLVANIA	165	7.9%	27.9%	52.7%	2.4%	0.6%	8.5%	2.56	0.06
TYRRELL	118	13.6%	18.6%	38.1%	3.4%	2.5%	23.7%	2.51	0.10
UNION	432	9.0%	23.6%	47.7%	7.6%	1.4%	10.6%	2.65	0.04
VANCE	232	9.9%	23.3%	41.8%	3.0%	0.4%	21.6%	2.50	0.06
WAKE	610	9.8%	21.8%	41.3%	7.9%	0.7%	18.5%	2.60	0.04
WARREN	271	9.6%	20.7%	43.5%	4.4%	0.7%	21.0%	2.57	0.06
WASHINGTON	177	9.6%	20.3%	45.2%	2.8%	0.6%	21.5%	2.55	0.07
WATAUGA	226	10.2%	27.9%	41.2%	5.8%	0.4%	14.6%	2.51	0.06
WAYNE	273	11.0%	28.6%	40.3%	4.4%	2.2%	13.6%	2.52	0.06
WILKES	429	16.1%	35.4%	37.8%	2.8%	0.5%	7.5%	2.31	0.04
WILSON	185	12.4%	21.6%	38.9%	2.7%	0.5%	23.8%	2.44	0.07
YADKIN	306	12.1%	33.7%	37.3%	2.9%	1.3%	12.7%	2.40	0.05
YANCEY	157	9.6%	28.7%	48.4%	4.5%	0.0%	8.9%	2.52	0.06

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Much too early, 5=Much too late.
Note: "Unsure" responses excluded from mean calculation

Table 25. (Question 21) Please rank your preference for the timing of blackpowder season.

County	n	Mult. weeks before	SE	Immed-iate before	SE	Within split gun	SE	After	SE	No prefer-ence	SE
ALAMANCE	357	1.32	0.09	3.35	0.11	1.46	0.09	1.29	0.09	1.96	0.12
ALEXANDER	159	1.75	0.16	2.77	0.18	1.60	0.14	1.36	0.14	2.06	0.17
ALLEGHANY	262	1.58	0.12	2.82	0.14	1.34	0.11	1.40	0.11	1.86	0.13
ANSON	506	1.44	0.08	3.14	0.10	1.38	0.08	1.56	0.08	1.83	0.09
ASHE	354	1.84	0.11	2.96	0.11	1.50	0.09	1.36	0.09	1.90	0.11
AVERY	138	2.04	0.18	2.53	0.19	1.57	0.15	1.53	0.15	2.25	0.19
BEAUFORT	377	1.26	0.09	2.91	0.11	1.34	0.09	1.43	0.09	2.34	0.12
BERTIE	506	1.27	0.08	2.66	0.10	1.28	0.08	1.53	0.08	2.43	0.10
BLADEN	465	1.37	0.08	2.73	0.10	1.49	0.08	1.67	0.09	2.50	0.10
BRUNSWICK	334	1.32	0.09	2.60	0.12	1.36	0.09	1.62	0.10	2.51	0.12
BUNCOMBE	225	2.05	0.14	2.25	0.14	1.80	0.13	1.73	0.13	2.16	0.15
BURKE	341	2.17	0.12	2.28	0.11	1.59	0.10	1.78	0.10	1.88	0.11
CABARRUS	254	1.54	0.12	2.79	0.14	1.44	0.10	1.44	0.11	2.60	0.14
CALDWELL	256	1.89	0.13	2.66	0.14	1.63	0.11	1.61	0.12	1.77	0.13
CAMDEN	142	1.08	0.14	2.46	0.19	1.08	0.14	1.06	0.13	2.75	0.20
CARTERET	247	1.32	0.12	2.77	0.14	1.38	0.11	1.46	0.11	2.25	0.14
CASWELL	441	1.38	0.09	3.30	0.10	1.42	0.08	1.45	0.09	1.75	0.10
CATAWBA	253	1.80	0.13	2.71	0.14	1.60	0.11	1.43	0.11	2.05	0.14
CHATHAM	594	1.44	0.07	3.01	0.09	1.56	0.07	1.55	0.07	2.01	0.09
CHEROKEE	157	2.44	0.17	1.90	0.15	1.59	0.15	1.85	0.16	2.03	0.17
CHOWAN	151	1.07	0.13	2.49	0.18	1.33	0.14	1.45	0.15	2.76	0.18
CLAY	107	2.17	0.21	1.71	0.20	1.47	0.18	1.57	0.18	2.05	0.22
CLEVELAND	319	2.51	0.12	2.03	0.12	1.45	0.10	1.43	0.10	1.97	0.12
COLUMBUS	248	1.52	0.12	2.70	0.14	1.50	0.11	1.48	0.11	2.31	0.14
CRAVEN	370	1.22	0.09	2.76	0.12	1.41	0.09	1.47	0.09	2.39	0.12
CUMBERLAND	267	1.39	0.11	2.72	0.14	1.42	0.10	1.54	0.11	2.55	0.14
CURRITUCK	175	1.25	0.14	2.59	0.17	1.32	0.14	1.14	0.13	2.31	0.17
DARE	85	1.32	0.18	2.66	0.24	1.49	0.19	1.75	0.21	2.47	0.24
DAVIDSON	393	1.56	0.09	2.97	0.11	1.50	0.09	1.55	0.09	2.12	0.11
DAVIE	195	1.59	0.14	2.82	0.16	1.53	0.13	1.52	0.13	2.02	0.15
DUPLIN	318	1.30	0.10	2.46	0.12	1.31	0.09	1.72	0.11	2.53	0.13
DURHAM	237	1.70	0.12	2.85	0.13	1.75	0.11	1.86	0.13	2.35	0.14
EDGECOMBE	312	1.41	0.10	2.86	0.12	1.51	0.10	1.70	0.11	2.31	0.13
FORSYTH	215	1.41	0.12	2.63	0.15	1.44	0.12	1.44	0.12	2.43	0.15
FRANKLIN	340	1.23	0.09	2.45	0.12	1.36	0.09	1.63	0.10	2.71	0.12
GASTON	244	1.71	0.13	2.82	0.14	1.37	0.10	1.21	0.10	2.32	0.15
GATES	336	1.34	0.09	3.01	0.12	1.38	0.09	1.49	0.10	2.38	0.12
GRAHAM	50	1.90	0.32	1.40	0.28	0.96	0.22	1.02	0.24	2.62	0.34
GRANVILLE	495	1.61	0.09	3.27	0.10	1.48	0.08	1.41	0.08	1.92	0.10
GREENE	159	1.11	0.12	2.39	0.17	1.67	0.15	1.60	0.15	2.79	0.17

Table 25. (Cont.)

County	n	Mult. weeks before	SE	Immed-iate before	SE	Within split gun	SE	After	SE	No prefer-ence	SE
GUILFORD	317	1.34	0.10	2.84	0.12	1.42	0.10	1.35	0.10	2.26	0.13
HALIFAX	606	1.44	0.07	2.76	0.09	1.56	0.07	1.66	0.07	2.35	0.09
HARNETT	372	1.38	0.09	2.61	0.11	1.40	0.09	1.59	0.09	2.58	0.12
HAYWOOD	179	2.36	0.16	1.89	0.15	1.50	0.14	1.58	0.14	2.15	0.17
HENDERSON	188	2.06	0.15	1.99	0.15	1.48	0.13	1.81	0.15	2.15	0.16
HERTFORD	192	1.24	0.13	2.71	0.16	1.26	0.12	1.19	0.13	2.29	0.17
HOKE	153	1.39	0.14	2.65	0.17	1.48	0.14	1.47	0.15	2.49	0.19
HYDE	195	1.18	0.13	2.62	0.16	1.05	0.11	1.41	0.13	2.48	0.17
IREDELL	363	1.62	0.10	2.85	0.11	1.61	0.10	1.61	0.10	2.06	0.11
JACKSON	104	2.28	0.21	1.92	0.20	1.46	0.18	1.67	0.19	2.12	0.22
JOHNSTON	416	1.34	0.08	2.73	0.10	1.50	0.08	1.75	0.09	2.66	0.11
JONES	243	1.40	0.11	2.67	0.14	1.45	0.11	1.67	0.12	2.34	0.14
LEE	188	1.49	0.13	3.13	0.16	1.40	0.12	1.62	0.13	2.20	0.16
LENOIR	184	1.52	0.13	2.66	0.16	1.40	0.13	1.55	0.14	2.64	0.16
LINCOLN	251	1.73	0.13	2.68	0.14	1.41	0.11	1.32	0.11	1.88	0.14
MCDOWELL	179	2.12	0.15	2.19	0.16	1.72	0.14	2.00	0.15	1.92	0.16
MACON	212	2.32	0.15	1.63	0.13	1.59	0.13	2.03	0.14	2.03	0.15
MADISON	169	2.36	0.17	2.04	0.15	1.64	0.14	1.71	0.15	2.06	0.17
MARTIN	217	1.23	0.11	3.02	0.15	1.41	0.12	1.43	0.12	2.37	0.16
MECKLENBURG	183	1.44	0.14	2.15	0.16	1.34	0.13	1.42	0.13	2.78	0.17
MITCHELL	145	1.97	0.18	1.68	0.17	1.27	0.14	1.81	0.17	2.02	0.18
MONTGOMERY	467	1.58	0.08	3.06	0.10	1.59	0.08	1.67	0.09	1.82	0.10
MOORE	418	1.47	0.09	2.89	0.11	1.59	0.09	1.50	0.09	2.27	0.11
NASH	282	1.46	0.10	2.78	0.13	1.52	0.10	1.78	0.11	2.60	0.13
NEW HANOVER	50	1.24	0.24	2.74	0.30	1.24	0.23	1.92	0.28	2.54	0.32
NORTHAMPTON	486	1.44	0.08	3.13	0.10	1.37	0.08	1.54	0.08	2.28	0.10
ONSLOW	396	1.55	0.09	2.69	0.11	1.47	0.08	1.58	0.09	2.61	0.11
ORANGE	360	1.52	0.10	2.91	0.12	1.47	0.09	1.48	0.10	2.06	0.12
PAMLICO	174	1.16	0.13	2.74	0.17	1.08	0.12	1.10	0.13	2.43	0.17
PASQUOTANK	120	1.35	0.17	2.51	0.20	1.19	0.14	1.55	0.17	2.72	0.21
PENDER	573	1.19	0.07	2.64	0.09	1.33	0.07	1.61	0.08	2.41	0.10
PERQUIMANS	186	1.50	0.13	2.71	0.16	1.34	0.12	1.67	0.14	2.43	0.17
PERSON	316	1.77	0.11	3.02	0.12	1.41	0.09	1.55	0.10	1.92	0.12
PITT	324	1.44	0.09	2.74	0.12	1.69	0.10	1.80	0.10	2.41	0.12
POLK	196	2.39	0.16	2.03	0.15	1.44	0.12	1.60	0.13	2.04	0.15
RANDOLPH	427	1.47	0.09	2.96	0.10	1.68	0.09	1.65	0.09	2.08	0.11
RICHMOND	263	1.47	0.11	2.83	0.14	1.32	0.10	1.52	0.11	2.12	0.14
ROBESON	175	1.50	0.14	2.97	0.16	1.24	0.13	1.50	0.14	2.22	0.16
ROCKINGHAM	434	1.53	0.09	3.03	0.11	1.44	0.08	1.43	0.09	1.97	0.10
ROWAN	377	1.70	0.10	2.97	0.11	1.78	0.10	1.69	0.10	1.97	0.11

Table 25. (Cont.)

County	n	Mult. weeks before	SE	Immed-iate before	SE	Within split gun	SE	After	SE	No prefer-ence	SE
RUTHERFORD	307	2.07	0.12	1.91	0.12	1.51	0.10	1.63	0.11	2.25	0.13
SAMPSON	258	1.17	0.10	2.36	0.14	1.10	0.09	1.71	0.13	2.79	0.14
SCOTLAND	165	1.41	0.14	2.64	0.17	1.62	0.14	1.56	0.14	2.63	0.18
STANLY	297	1.34	0.11	2.72	0.13	1.27	0.10	1.38	0.11	2.21	0.13
STOKES	383	1.76	0.10	3.31	0.11	1.54	0.09	1.41	0.09	1.51	0.10
SURRY	278	1.79	0.11	3.22	0.12	1.72	0.11	1.54	0.11	1.67	0.12
SWAIN	66	2.41	0.27	1.98	0.24	1.61	0.20	1.73	0.23	2.68	0.27
TRANSYLVANIA	158	2.15	0.17	1.85	0.16	1.39	0.14	1.68	0.16	2.02	0.18
TYRRELL	116	1.31	0.16	2.73	0.21	1.44	0.16	1.77	0.18	2.35	0.20
UNION	410	1.44	0.09	2.82	0.11	1.52	0.09	1.57	0.09	2.23	0.11
VANCE	215	1.23	0.11	2.90	0.15	1.30	0.12	1.51	0.13	2.24	0.15
WAKE	581	1.39	0.07	2.48	0.09	1.37	0.07	1.58	0.08	2.80	0.09
WARREN	256	1.22	0.11	2.76	0.14	1.17	0.10	1.27	0.11	2.50	0.14
WASHINGTON	161	1.27	0.14	2.86	0.18	1.17	0.12	1.47	0.14	2.47	0.17
WATAUGA	212	1.90	0.14	2.76	0.15	1.55	0.12	1.59	0.12	1.87	0.15
WAYNE	267	1.24	0.10	2.70	0.13	1.36	0.10	1.63	0.12	2.63	0.14
WILKES	415	1.66	0.10	3.00	0.11	1.64	0.09	1.41	0.08	1.81	0.11
WILSON	175	1.45	0.14	2.55	0.17	1.27	0.12	1.53	0.14	2.74	0.17
YADKIN	298	1.59	0.11	3.05	0.12	1.65	0.11	1.43	0.10	1.92	0.12
YANCEY	154	2.40	0.18	2.03	0.17	1.32	0.14	1.75	0.16	1.77	0.17

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), mean response of the inverse rank (0=no rank, 5=highest rank / most preferred), and standard error of the mean (SE) by county.

Table 26. (Question 22) Please tell us how satisfied you are with the NCWRC's management of deer?

County	n	Very unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Neither unsatisfied or satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	370	14.6%	14.3%	22.2%	30.3%	18.6%	3.24	0.07
ALEXANDER	163	14.7%	18.4%	17.2%	38.0%	11.7%	3.13	0.10
ALLEGHANY	273	17.6%	17.6%	18.3%	31.5%	15.0%	3.09	0.08
ANSON	526	11.8%	18.1%	21.9%	31.2%	17.1%	3.24	0.06
ASHE	370	13.5%	18.4%	18.1%	28.9%	21.1%	3.26	0.07
AVERY	142	12.7%	21.8%	20.4%	31.0%	14.1%	3.12	0.11
BEAUFORT	391	12.3%	18.4%	30.4%	26.3%	12.5%	3.08	0.06
BERTIE	537	15.8%	16.6%	23.5%	30.5%	13.6%	3.09	0.06
BLADEN	490	11.6%	19.6%	23.1%	27.1%	18.6%	3.21	0.06
BRUNSWICK	350	13.1%	18.9%	27.1%	26.3%	14.6%	3.10	0.07
BUNCOMBE	236	11.0%	23.3%	24.6%	30.1%	11.0%	3.07	0.08
BURKE	352	9.4%	28.7%	20.5%	30.7%	10.8%	3.05	0.06
CABARRUS	264	13.3%	13.3%	23.9%	31.4%	18.2%	3.28	0.08
CALDWELL	265	12.5%	20.0%	21.5%	30.9%	15.1%	3.16	0.08
CAMDEN	147	15.0%	17.7%	31.3%	18.4%	17.7%	3.06	0.11
CARTERET	263	14.4%	20.2%	25.9%	25.5%	14.1%	3.05	0.08
CASWELL	452	13.9%	19.2%	25.7%	25.2%	15.9%	3.10	0.06
CATAWBA	259	15.8%	19.3%	20.8%	30.5%	13.5%	3.07	0.08
CHATHAM	613	12.6%	18.6%	19.1%	33.0%	16.8%	3.23	0.05
CHEROKEE	159	14.5%	25.2%	22.0%	28.9%	9.4%	2.94	0.10
CHOWAN	153	13.7%	16.3%	21.6%	25.5%	22.9%	3.27	0.11
CLAY	112	16.1%	35.7%	20.5%	22.3%	5.4%	2.65	0.11
CLEVELAND	336	12.5%	21.1%	17.3%	33.3%	15.8%	3.19	0.07
COLUMBUS	265	15.1%	18.9%	20.4%	30.2%	15.5%	3.12	0.08
CRAVEN	385	16.1%	20.0%	25.7%	21.0%	17.1%	3.03	0.07
CUMBERLAND	284	12.3%	14.1%	23.9%	32.0%	17.6%	3.29	0.07
CURRITUCK	183	15.8%	14.2%	31.1%	24.6%	14.2%	3.07	0.09
DARE	90	10.0%	14.4%	34.4%	24.4%	16.7%	3.23	0.13
DAVIDSON	410	13.9%	16.8%	20.7%	30.0%	18.5%	3.22	0.06
DAVIE	213	10.3%	20.7%	21.1%	27.2%	20.7%	3.27	0.09
DUPLIN	328	14.9%	19.8%	22.6%	29.3%	13.4%	3.06	0.07
DURHAM	246	14.6%	10.2%	25.6%	33.7%	15.9%	3.26	0.08
EDGECOMBE	331	14.2%	19.9%	17.8%	31.4%	16.6%	3.16	0.07
FORSYTH	225	15.6%	15.1%	18.2%	30.7%	20.4%	3.25	0.09
FRANKLIN	352	15.6%	16.8%	26.7%	27.0%	13.9%	3.07	0.07
GASTON	259	15.1%	13.5%	15.8%	32.4%	23.2%	3.35	0.09
GATES	352	12.5%	13.9%	20.2%	35.2%	18.2%	3.33	0.07
GRAHAM	52	9.6%	26.9%	21.2%	34.6%	7.7%	3.04	0.16
GRANVILLE	512	13.5%	20.3%	20.5%	27.3%	18.4%	3.17	0.06
GREENE	166	16.3%	19.9%	20.5%	30.1%	13.3%	3.04	0.10

Table 26. Cont.

County	n	Very unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Neither unsatisfied or satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	Mean	SE
GUILFORD	341	14.4%	13.2%	22.3%	26.7%	23.5%	3.32	0.07
HALIFAX	650	14.5%	18.3%	19.8%	32.2%	15.2%	3.15	0.05
HARNETT	387	12.7%	19.6%	19.1%	32.0%	16.5%	3.20	0.07
HAYWOOD	184	13.0%	24.5%	25.5%	29.3%	7.6%	2.94	0.09
HENDERSON	196	13.8%	22.4%	31.1%	26.0%	6.6%	2.89	0.08
HERTFORD	204	14.2%	20.1%	16.7%	26.0%	23.0%	3.24	0.10
HOKE	163	11.7%	16.6%	27.0%	27.6%	17.2%	3.22	0.10
HYDE	210	10.5%	17.1%	30.0%	31.0%	11.4%	3.16	0.08
IREDELL	371	14.3%	15.1%	24.3%	30.2%	16.2%	3.19	0.07
JACKSON	104	8.7%	24.0%	19.2%	37.5%	10.6%	3.17	0.11
JOHNSTON	425	13.2%	12.5%	24.5%	33.9%	16.0%	3.27	0.06
JONES	253	12.6%	17.8%	18.2%	33.2%	18.2%	3.26	0.08
LEE	197	9.1%	14.7%	26.9%	29.9%	19.3%	3.36	0.09
LENOIR	195	11.8%	18.5%	21.5%	32.3%	15.9%	3.22	0.09
LINCOLN	263	14.1%	16.7%	23.2%	33.1%	12.9%	3.14	0.08
MCDOWELL	186	15.6%	27.4%	17.2%	32.8%	7.0%	2.88	0.09
MACON	218	6.9%	24.8%	28.4%	30.3%	9.6%	3.11	0.07
MADISON	175	10.3%	24.6%	20.0%	35.4%	9.7%	3.10	0.09
MARTIN	233	9.9%	18.9%	27.0%	30.9%	13.3%	3.19	0.08
MECKLENBURG	189	10.1%	12.2%	29.6%	29.6%	18.5%	3.34	0.09
MITCHELL	151	7.9%	32.5%	18.5%	32.5%	8.6%	3.01	0.09
MONTGOMERY	486	15.6%	19.3%	20.4%	31.3%	13.4%	3.07	0.06
MOORE	437	13.3%	14.9%	22.4%	28.1%	21.3%	3.29	0.06
NASH	299	15.4%	20.7%	17.4%	27.4%	19.1%	3.14	0.08
NEW HANOVER	53	18.9%	5.7%	22.6%	26.4%	26.4%	3.36	0.20
NORTHAMPTON	511	15.7%	20.5%	17.0%	30.5%	16.2%	3.11	0.06
ONSLOW	410	17.3%	14.6%	24.9%	23.4%	19.8%	3.14	0.07
ORANGE	367	10.9%	13.9%	24.8%	30.2%	20.2%	3.35	0.07
PAMLICO	182	9.3%	24.7%	24.7%	28.0%	13.2%	3.11	0.09
PASQUOTANK	131	13.0%	12.2%	28.2%	29.0%	17.6%	3.26	0.11
PENDER	590	15.9%	15.8%	22.7%	30.5%	15.1%	3.13	0.05
PERQUIMANS	188	17.6%	13.8%	24.5%	27.7%	16.5%	3.12	0.10
PERSON	335	12.8%	14.0%	21.2%	35.2%	16.7%	3.29	0.07
PITT	332	10.5%	16.9%	25.6%	34.0%	13.0%	3.22	0.07
POLK	197	10.2%	24.9%	19.3%	32.0%	13.7%	3.14	0.09
RANDOLPH	439	18.0%	15.7%	20.3%	29.4%	16.6%	3.11	0.06
RICHMOND	285	14.7%	19.3%	20.0%	31.6%	14.4%	3.12	0.08
ROBESON	184	11.4%	16.8%	26.6%	27.2%	17.9%	3.23	0.09
ROCKINGHAM	453	13.7%	17.4%	22.3%	29.8%	16.8%	3.19	0.06
ROWAN	391	15.1%	15.6%	18.4%	36.6%	14.3%	3.19	0.07

Table 26. Cont.

County	n	Very unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Neither unsatisfied or satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	Mean	SE
RUTHERFORD	319	16.0%	22.6%	19.1%	27.6%	14.7%	3.03	0.07
SAMPSON	265	13.2%	14.0%	24.9%	29.4%	18.5%	3.26	0.08
SCOTLAND	174	15.5%	16.1%	21.8%	33.3%	13.2%	3.13	0.10
STANLY	309	13.3%	17.5%	22.0%	32.0%	15.2%	3.18	0.07
STOKES	397	18.9%	16.1%	18.1%	30.7%	16.1%	3.09	0.07
SURRY	285	11.2%	21.4%	20.4%	33.3%	13.7%	3.17	0.07
SWAIN	66	18.2%	22.7%	31.8%	22.7%	4.5%	2.73	0.14
TRANSYLVANIA	166	24.1%	30.7%	24.7%	14.5%	6.0%	2.48	0.09
TYRRELL	118	11.0%	19.5%	30.5%	28.0%	11.0%	3.08	0.11
UNION	430	12.8%	15.1%	22.6%	30.0%	19.5%	3.28	0.06
VANCE	228	14.9%	19.7%	18.4%	27.6%	19.3%	3.17	0.09
WAKE	611	11.8%	14.1%	27.2%	29.8%	17.2%	3.27	0.05
WARREN	268	13.8%	18.3%	19.8%	28.4%	19.8%	3.22	0.08
WASHINGTON	177	14.1%	14.1%	19.8%	34.5%	17.5%	3.27	0.10
WATAUGA	225	15.6%	18.7%	19.6%	30.7%	15.6%	3.12	0.09
WAYNE	276	14.1%	14.1%	19.6%	34.4%	17.8%	3.28	0.08
WILKES	427	13.1%	19.7%	21.1%	30.2%	15.9%	3.16	0.06
WILSON	183	14.2%	18.0%	21.9%	29.0%	16.9%	3.16	0.10
YADKIN	307	14.0%	21.5%	20.5%	30.0%	14.0%	3.08	0.07
YANCEY	155	11.6%	24.5%	18.7%	31.6%	13.5%	3.11	0.10

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Very unsatisfied, 5=Very satisfied.

Table 27. (Question 23.1) How much do you agree or disagree with hunting deer over bait?

County	n	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	369	5.7%	5.1%	23.6%	25.7%	39.8%	3.89	0.06
ALEXANDER	163	6.7%	3.1%	22.7%	25.2%	42.3%	3.93	0.09
ALLEGHANY	273	10.3%	5.9%	19.4%	17.9%	46.5%	3.85	0.08
ANSON	524	5.2%	4.2%	17.2%	24.4%	49.0%	4.08	0.05
ASHE	370	14.1%	9.2%	21.9%	20.3%	34.6%	3.52	0.07
AVERY	142	8.5%	6.3%	16.9%	14.1%	54.2%	3.99	0.11
BEAUFORT	391	12.8%	4.1%	17.6%	18.7%	46.8%	3.83	0.07
BERTIE	539	8.9%	5.8%	13.7%	23.2%	48.4%	3.96	0.06
BLADEN	489	6.5%	4.7%	15.3%	18.6%	54.8%	4.10	0.05
BRUNSWICK	353	9.1%	2.8%	13.6%	19.3%	55.2%	4.09	0.07
BUNCOMBE	238	20.6%	8.0%	29.8%	13.0%	28.6%	3.21	0.09
BURKE	354	12.1%	4.5%	21.2%	20.9%	41.2%	3.75	0.07
CABARRUS	265	7.9%	4.2%	18.1%	27.5%	42.3%	3.92	0.07
CALDWELL	265	6.4%	6.4%	20.0%	25.3%	41.9%	3.90	0.07
CAMDEN	148	16.9%	8.8%	24.3%	18.9%	31.1%	3.39	0.12
CARTERET	263	11.8%	5.7%	19.8%	17.9%	44.9%	3.78	0.08
CASWELL	451	7.1%	4.9%	21.5%	20.6%	45.9%	3.93	0.06
CATAWBA	260	11.5%	6.2%	19.2%	23.8%	39.2%	3.73	0.08
CHATHAM	613	7.8%	6.5%	22.0%	24.6%	39.0%	3.80	0.05
CHEROKEE	161	19.9%	10.6%	27.3%	16.8%	25.5%	3.17	0.11
CHOWAN	153	13.1%	5.2%	20.3%	18.3%	43.1%	3.73	0.11
CLAY	112	27.7%	11.6%	22.3%	16.1%	22.3%	2.94	0.14
CLEVELAND	335	10.7%	3.3%	20.9%	23.9%	41.2%	3.81	0.07
COLUMBUS	266	4.9%	2.6%	13.9%	22.9%	55.6%	4.22	0.07
CRAVEN	389	14.4%	5.1%	15.7%	16.5%	48.3%	3.79	0.07
CUMBERLAND	283	13.4%	7.1%	19.1%	18.4%	42.0%	3.69	0.08
CURRITUCK	183	20.8%	7.7%	18.0%	18.0%	35.5%	3.40	0.11
DARE	92	17.4%	9.8%	25.0%	12.0%	35.9%	3.39	0.16
DAVIDSON	410	7.1%	3.4%	19.5%	20.5%	49.5%	4.02	0.06
DAVIE	212	6.6%	3.8%	17.0%	27.4%	45.3%	4.01	0.08
DUPLIN	327	7.3%	2.8%	11.0%	22.3%	56.6%	4.18	0.07
DURHAM	246	17.9%	12.2%	19.1%	21.5%	29.3%	3.32	0.09
EDGECOMBE	334	7.5%	6.6%	16.5%	21.3%	48.2%	3.96	0.07
FORSYTH	224	8.9%	6.3%	22.3%	20.1%	42.4%	3.81	0.09
FRANKLIN	352	6.0%	6.3%	23.6%	22.2%	42.0%	3.88	0.06
GASTON	259	8.9%	5.0%	19.3%	22.8%	44.0%	3.88	0.08
GATES	352	19.6%	9.7%	19.0%	13.9%	37.8%	3.41	0.08
GRAHAM	51	33.3%	9.8%	19.6%	19.6%	17.6%	2.78	0.21
GRANVILLE	514	8.0%	5.1%	22.4%	26.3%	38.3%	3.82	0.05
GREENE	167	3.6%	4.2%	18.0%	19.2%	55.1%	4.18	0.08
GUILFORD	340	9.7%	5.6%	17.9%	20.3%	46.5%	3.88	0.07

Table 27. Cont.

County	n	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SE
HALIFAX	647	7.6%	4.5%	20.6%	23.0%	44.4%	3.92	0.05
HARNETT	387	5.2%	6.2%	17.3%	21.4%	49.9%	4.05	0.06
HAYWOOD	184	20.7%	10.3%	22.3%	18.5%	28.3%	3.23	0.11
HENDERSON	199	14.6%	8.0%	24.1%	22.6%	30.7%	3.47	0.10
HERTFORD	204	6.9%	6.4%	23.0%	16.7%	47.1%	3.91	0.09
HOKE	163	9.2%	3.7%	28.8%	17.2%	41.1%	3.77	0.10
HYDE	210	10.5%	4.8%	17.1%	20.5%	47.1%	3.89	0.09
IREDELL	372	6.2%	7.8%	25.0%	19.4%	41.7%	3.83	0.06
JACKSON	104	29.8%	11.5%	24.0%	14.4%	20.2%	2.84	0.15
JOHNSTON	429	7.9%	4.0%	17.0%	25.6%	45.5%	3.97	0.06
JONES	256	9.4%	5.9%	21.1%	16.4%	47.3%	3.86	0.08
LEE	196	10.7%	4.1%	15.8%	18.9%	50.5%	3.94	0.10
LENOIR	194	4.6%	6.2%	20.1%	16.0%	53.1%	4.07	0.08
LINCOLN	263	7.6%	8.0%	21.3%	20.5%	42.6%	3.83	0.08
MCDOWELL	186	13.4%	10.2%	23.7%	22.0%	30.6%	3.46	0.10
MACON	219	21.9%	10.5%	26.9%	18.3%	22.4%	3.09	0.10
MADISON	175	13.7%	6.9%	21.7%	24.6%	33.1%	3.57	0.10
MARTIN	231	8.2%	4.8%	14.7%	27.3%	45.0%	3.96	0.08
MECKLENBURG	190	14.7%	7.9%	21.6%	22.1%	33.7%	3.52	0.10
MITCHELL	150	15.3%	2.7%	14.0%	21.3%	46.7%	3.81	0.12
MONTGOMERY	488	6.4%	4.3%	18.0%	19.5%	51.8%	4.06	0.05
MOORE	437	6.9%	5.7%	20.6%	20.1%	46.7%	3.94	0.06
NASH	301	9.0%	6.0%	18.9%	23.6%	42.5%	3.85	0.07
NEW HANOVER	52	11.5%	5.8%	11.5%	25.0%	46.2%	3.88	0.19
NORTHAMPTON	512	9.0%	3.5%	19.5%	20.7%	47.3%	3.94	0.06
ONSLOW	413	12.8%	8.0%	23.0%	19.9%	36.3%	3.59	0.07
ORANGE	370	11.4%	6.8%	24.1%	24.9%	33.0%	3.61	0.07
PAMLICO	183	15.8%	4.4%	19.1%	15.8%	44.8%	3.69	0.11
PASQUOTANK	130	26.9%	5.4%	14.6%	15.4%	37.7%	3.32	0.14
PENDER	592	6.8%	5.4%	11.1%	20.3%	56.4%	4.14	0.05
PERQUIMANS	187	15.0%	11.8%	20.3%	16.0%	36.9%	3.48	0.11
PERSON	336	12.8%	3.6%	19.0%	26.8%	37.8%	3.73	0.07
PITT	334	8.4%	6.6%	13.8%	22.8%	48.5%	3.96	0.07
POLK	201	15.9%	9.0%	16.9%	23.9%	34.3%	3.52	0.10
RANDOLPH	442	7.2%	5.4%	13.6%	23.3%	50.5%	4.04	0.06
RICHMOND	285	10.5%	5.3%	16.1%	19.3%	48.8%	3.91	0.08
ROBESON	184	4.3%	2.7%	10.9%	26.6%	55.4%	4.26	0.08
ROCKINGHAM	452	6.9%	5.1%	19.9%	20.4%	47.8%	3.97	0.06
ROWAN	391	8.7%	5.6%	18.7%	24.3%	42.7%	3.87	0.06
RUTHERFORD	321	8.7%	6.5%	21.8%	21.5%	41.4%	3.80	0.07
SAMPSON	266	5.3%	4.9%	11.7%	24.4%	53.8%	4.17	0.07

Table 27. Cont.

County	n	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SE
SCOTLAND	175	6.3%	4.6%	15.4%	22.9%	50.9%	4.07	0.09
STANLY	310	7.7%	4.2%	13.5%	21.0%	53.5%	4.08	0.07
STOKES	397	5.5%	3.8%	18.1%	22.4%	50.1%	4.08	0.06
SURRY	287	7.3%	4.5%	19.9%	23.7%	44.6%	3.94	0.07
SWAIN	68	35.3%	17.6%	14.7%	11.8%	20.6%	2.65	0.19
TRANSYLVANIA	168	20.2%	11.3%	25.6%	19.6%	23.2%	3.14	0.11
TYRRELL	118	16.9%	7.6%	17.8%	19.5%	38.1%	3.54	0.14
UNION	430	6.5%	5.8%	21.9%	26.0%	39.8%	3.87	0.06
VANCE	230	8.3%	7.8%	21.3%	17.4%	45.2%	3.83	0.09
WAKE	610	10.8%	8.5%	20.2%	27.4%	33.1%	3.63	0.05
WARREN	267	10.5%	7.1%	14.6%	19.9%	47.9%	3.88	0.08
WASHINGTON	176	9.1%	5.1%	22.2%	18.8%	44.9%	3.85	0.10
WATAUGA	225	10.2%	5.3%	22.2%	26.7%	35.6%	3.72	0.09
WAYNE	275	5.5%	2.5%	17.8%	20.7%	53.5%	4.14	0.07
WILKES	427	6.3%	5.6%	18.5%	23.9%	45.7%	3.97	0.06
WILSON	185	8.1%	6.5%	16.8%	23.2%	45.4%	3.91	0.09
YADKIN	308	4.2%	3.9%	22.4%	24.0%	45.5%	4.03	0.06
YANCEY	156	14.1%	4.5%	21.2%	19.2%	41.0%	3.69	0.11

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Strongly disagree, 5=Strongly agree.

Table 28. (Question 23.2) How much do you agree or disagree with hunting deer with dogs?

County	n	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	361	32.4%	24.7%	24.9%	8.0%	10.0%	2.39	0.07
ALEXANDER	157	36.9%	21.7%	28.0%	5.7%	7.6%	2.25	0.10
ALLEGHANY	264	47.3%	12.1%	26.5%	6.4%	7.6%	2.15	0.08
ANSON	514	44.4%	20.2%	18.7%	7.0%	9.7%	2.18	0.06
ASHE	355	48.5%	22.8%	16.9%	6.8%	5.1%	1.97	0.06
AVERY	139	46.0%	15.8%	20.1%	5.0%	12.9%	2.23	0.12
BEAUFORT	378	32.3%	14.6%	16.9%	5.8%	30.4%	2.88	0.08
BERTIE	531	36.3%	15.6%	20.0%	7.7%	20.3%	2.60	0.07
BLADEN	480	33.1%	12.9%	14.6%	7.7%	31.7%	2.92	0.08
BRUNSWICK	338	37.0%	9.8%	15.7%	8.6%	29.0%	2.83	0.09
BUNCOMBE	232	57.8%	17.7%	16.8%	2.6%	5.2%	1.80	0.07
BURKE	348	49.4%	12.6%	20.7%	7.8%	9.5%	2.15	0.07
CABARRUS	256	40.2%	17.6%	26.2%	8.6%	7.4%	2.25	0.08
CALDWELL	260	45.4%	16.9%	18.8%	9.6%	9.2%	2.20	0.08
CAMDEN	145	33.8%	11.7%	13.8%	9.7%	31.0%	2.92	0.14
CARTERET	253	32.8%	12.6%	19.4%	12.3%	22.9%	2.80	0.10
CASWELL	443	42.2%	18.7%	16.7%	8.4%	14.0%	2.33	0.07
CATAWBA	250	44.4%	18.4%	23.2%	6.4%	7.6%	2.14	0.08
CHATHAM	603	40.5%	19.9%	25.2%	8.0%	6.5%	2.20	0.05
CHEROKEE	153	66.0%	12.4%	13.1%	2.6%	5.9%	1.70	0.09
CHOWAN	153	26.8%	10.5%	21.6%	7.2%	34.0%	3.11	0.13
CLAY	109	70.6%	14.7%	8.3%	5.5%	0.9%	1.51	0.09
CLEVELAND	326	41.1%	20.6%	23.0%	7.7%	7.7%	2.20	0.07
COLUMBUS	262	36.6%	11.5%	16.4%	8.8%	26.7%	2.77	0.10
CRAVEN	384	35.7%	12.8%	16.7%	8.3%	26.6%	2.77	0.08
CUMBERLAND	280	46.8%	14.6%	18.6%	4.6%	15.4%	2.27	0.09
CURRITUCK	179	33.5%	12.3%	21.8%	8.9%	23.5%	2.77	0.12
DARE	90	34.4%	14.4%	24.4%	6.7%	20.0%	2.63	0.16
DAVIDSON	399	30.1%	20.6%	28.6%	9.3%	11.5%	2.52	0.07
DAVIE	205	35.6%	12.2%	28.3%	11.7%	12.2%	2.53	0.10
DUPLIN	322	43.2%	11.2%	14.3%	8.7%	22.7%	2.57	0.09
DURHAM	241	46.9%	22.0%	16.6%	7.1%	7.5%	2.06	0.08
EDGECOMBE	326	42.3%	14.7%	19.0%	8.3%	15.6%	2.40	0.08
FORSYTH	211	37.9%	24.6%	25.6%	5.2%	6.6%	2.18	0.08
FRANKLIN	347	35.4%	19.6%	19.3%	8.1%	17.6%	2.53	0.08
GASTON	253	37.5%	18.2%	28.9%	4.7%	10.7%	2.33	0.08
GATES	347	27.7%	11.8%	11.5%	5.8%	43.2%	3.25	0.09
GRAHAM	51	60.8%	13.7%	3.9%	5.9%	15.7%	2.02	0.21
GRANVILLE	505	47.9%	18.4%	16.4%	5.3%	11.9%	2.15	0.06
GREENE	157	45.2%	13.4%	14.6%	8.9%	17.8%	2.41	0.12
GUILFORD	331	31.7%	18.1%	27.8%	9.1%	13.3%	2.54	0.08

Table 28. Cont.

County	n	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SE
HALIFAX	631	37.7%	17.4%	17.1%	9.8%	17.9%	2.53	0.06
HARNETT	371	43.9%	15.1%	18.9%	10.2%	11.9%	2.31	0.07
HAYWOOD	178	60.7%	15.7%	10.1%	5.6%	7.9%	1.84	0.10
HENDERSON	193	48.7%	21.2%	17.6%	4.1%	8.3%	2.02	0.09
HERTFORD	202	26.7%	12.9%	12.9%	5.4%	42.1%	3.23	0.12
HOKE	160	46.3%	14.4%	17.5%	8.1%	13.8%	2.29	0.12
HYDE	205	25.9%	14.1%	22.9%	10.2%	26.8%	2.98	0.11
IREDELL	358	43.0%	19.0%	24.6%	7.5%	5.9%	2.14	0.06
JACKSON	101	60.4%	15.8%	15.8%	2.0%	5.9%	1.77	0.12
JOHNSTON	418	36.8%	16.3%	23.9%	8.9%	14.1%	2.47	0.07
JONES	251	33.1%	12.4%	18.7%	6.8%	29.1%	2.86	0.10
LEE	192	42.7%	17.2%	17.2%	8.3%	14.6%	2.35	0.11
LENOIR	188	39.9%	17.6%	15.4%	4.8%	22.3%	2.52	0.12
LINCOLN	260	43.1%	18.5%	21.2%	9.2%	8.1%	2.21	0.08
MACON	183	64.9%	13.3%	12.8%	4.7%	4.3%	1.98	0.09
MADISON	211	50.9%	15.0%	20.8%	4.6%	8.7%	1.70	0.08
MARTIN	173	31.9%	15.9%	13.3%	7.5%	31.4%	2.05	0.10
MCDOWELL	226	49.7%	20.8%	17.5%	5.5%	6.6%	2.91	0.11
MECKLENBURG	186	31.7%	22.6%	29.6%	9.1%	7.0%	2.37	0.09
MITCHELL	150	54.7%	12.7%	24.0%	3.3%	5.3%	1.92	0.10
MONTGOMERY	477	48.0%	16.1%	21.6%	6.3%	8.0%	2.10	0.06
MOORE	430	39.1%	18.8%	16.7%	9.3%	16.0%	2.44	0.07
NASH	295	38.3%	11.9%	20.7%	9.5%	19.7%	2.60	0.09
NEW HANOVER	51	33.3%	21.6%	19.6%	13.7%	11.8%	2.49	0.19
NORTHAMPTON	500	31.2%	14.4%	17.6%	9.8%	27.0%	2.87	0.07
ONSLOW	404	48.0%	11.4%	17.3%	6.2%	17.1%	2.33	0.08
ORANGE	355	40.6%	22.5%	21.7%	9.0%	6.2%	2.18	0.07
PAMLICO	181	30.4%	13.3%	23.8%	8.8%	23.8%	2.82	0.11
PASQUOTANK	125	34.4%	10.4%	16.0%	14.4%	24.8%	2.85	0.14
PENDER	576	35.1%	17.5%	19.4%	6.6%	21.4%	2.62	0.06
PERQUIMANS	186	34.4%	12.4%	14.0%	7.0%	32.3%	2.90	0.12
PERSON	324	44.1%	11.7%	17.6%	8.3%	18.2%	2.45	0.09
PITT	328	42.4%	16.8%	12.5%	9.5%	18.9%	2.46	0.09
POLK	196	51.0%	17.9%	20.9%	5.1%	5.1%	1.95	0.08
RANDOLPH	435	38.6%	16.8%	23.0%	8.5%	13.1%	2.41	0.07
RICHMOND	275	36.4%	13.8%	14.5%	6.2%	29.1%	2.78	0.10
ROBESON	180	40.0%	9.4%	21.1%	10.6%	18.9%	2.59	0.12
ROCKINGHAM	438	39.3%	19.6%	21.7%	8.2%	11.2%	2.32	0.06
ROWAN	376	40.4%	16.8%	25.8%	5.9%	11.2%	2.31	0.07
RUTHERFORD	316	46.2%	20.9%	19.6%	7.6%	5.7%	2.06	0.07
SAMPSON	263	36.9%	10.6%	16.0%	11.4%	25.1%	2.77	0.10

Table 28. Cont.

County	n	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SE
SCOTLAND	168	39.3%	12.5%	17.3%	6.0%	25.0%	2.65	0.13
STANLY	301	39.2%	20.3%	23.9%	9.0%	7.6%	2.26	0.07
STOKES	390	46.2%	16.2%	20.3%	6.7%	10.8%	2.20	0.07
SURRY	282	49.3%	19.5%	20.9%	5.3%	5.0%	1.97	0.07
SWAIN	64	71.9%	10.9%	6.3%	4.7%	6.3%	1.63	0.15
TRANSYLVANIA	165	55.8%	15.8%	16.4%	7.3%	4.8%	1.90	0.09
TYRRELL	116	36.2%	10.3%	19.0%	9.5%	25.0%	2.77	0.15
UNION	421	44.4%	18.8%	21.1%	6.9%	8.8%	2.17	0.06
VANCE	218	47.2%	13.3%	17.4%	6.0%	16.1%	2.30	0.10
WAKE	604	40.6%	21.2%	19.4%	9.3%	9.6%	2.26	0.05
WARREN	260	32.7%	10.0%	11.5%	6.5%	39.2%	3.10	0.11
WASHINGTON	171	23.4%	15.8%	20.5%	11.1%	29.2%	3.07	0.12
WATAUGA	214	44.9%	17.3%	21.5%	5.6%	10.7%	2.20	0.09
WAYNE	269	36.4%	15.6%	23.8%	10.0%	14.1%	2.50	0.09
WILKES	416	42.8%	19.0%	23.8%	7.2%	7.2%	2.17	0.06
WILSON	180	37.8%	15.0%	22.2%	7.8%	17.2%	2.52	0.11
YADKIN	298	41.6%	17.4%	24.5%	9.4%	7.0%	2.23	0.07
YANCEY	148	55.4%	10.1%	22.3%	6.8%	5.4%	1.97	0.10

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.

Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Strongly disagree, 5=Strongly agree

Table 29. (Question 23.3) How much do you agree or disagree with re-implementing physical tags to affix to harvested deer?

County	n	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	368	24.2%	17.7%	29.6%	11.4%	17.1%	2.80	0.07
ALEXANDER	160	25.6%	16.3%	23.8%	13.1%	21.3%	2.88	0.12
ALLEGHANY	270	28.1%	11.9%	23.7%	10.4%	25.9%	2.94	0.09
ANSON	523	26.4%	14.0%	29.3%	9.9%	20.5%	2.84	0.06
ASHE	367	20.2%	14.7%	28.6%	10.1%	26.4%	3.08	0.08
AVERY	139	28.1%	18.7%	27.3%	11.5%	14.4%	2.65	0.12
BEAUFORT	391	29.2%	10.2%	28.4%	11.0%	21.2%	2.85	0.08
BERTIE	537	27.9%	12.7%	29.1%	9.7%	20.7%	2.82	0.06
BLADEN	489	25.2%	14.9%	30.9%	12.7%	16.4%	2.80	0.06
BRUNSWICK	350	23.1%	14.9%	24.9%	10.9%	26.3%	3.02	0.08
BUNCOMBE	234	21.4%	15.4%	28.2%	9.0%	26.1%	3.03	0.10
BURKE	351	21.9%	15.7%	22.5%	13.4%	26.5%	3.07	0.08
CABARRUS	262	28.2%	12.2%	27.1%	11.1%	21.4%	2.85	0.09
CALDWELL	264	22.0%	16.3%	24.6%	12.9%	24.2%	3.01	0.09
CAMDEN	148	30.4%	17.6%	25.0%	6.8%	20.3%	2.69	0.12
CARTERET	262	24.0%	14.9%	27.9%	9.2%	24.0%	2.94	0.09
CASWELL	450	28.9%	13.8%	30.7%	7.3%	19.3%	2.74	0.07
CATAWBA	258	22.1%	17.4%	27.9%	10.5%	22.1%	2.93	0.09
CHATHAM	609	28.2%	16.1%	27.9%	9.2%	18.6%	2.74	0.06
CHEROKEE	161	22.4%	14.3%	30.4%	9.9%	23.0%	2.97	0.11
CHOWAN	153	31.4%	11.1%	28.8%	3.9%	24.8%	2.80	0.12
CLAY	111	15.3%	13.5%	28.8%	10.8%	31.5%	3.30	0.14
CLEVELAND	331	28.1%	12.1%	29.6%	9.4%	20.8%	2.83	0.08
COLUMBUS	265	26.8%	14.7%	31.7%	10.2%	16.6%	2.75	0.09
CRAVEN	387	24.8%	15.8%	26.1%	11.1%	22.2%	2.90	0.07
CUMBERLAND	283	31.4%	12.0%	23.7%	9.5%	23.3%	2.81	0.09
CURRITUCK	181	22.1%	11.6%	30.9%	11.6%	23.8%	3.03	0.11
DARE	91	23.1%	16.5%	34.1%	9.9%	16.5%	2.80	0.14
DAVIDSON	407	25.3%	15.5%	32.4%	10.1%	16.7%	2.77	0.07
DAVIE	211	31.3%	17.5%	28.0%	7.1%	16.1%	2.59	0.10
DUPLIN	327	29.4%	12.5%	28.7%	8.3%	21.1%	2.79	0.08
DURHAM	247	25.1%	16.2%	25.9%	9.3%	23.5%	2.90	0.09
EDGECOMBE	330	31.2%	17.0%	21.8%	13.3%	16.7%	2.67	0.08
FORSYTH	222	27.5%	16.7%	27.5%	9.9%	18.5%	2.75	0.10
FRANKLIN	350	27.1%	14.9%	31.4%	10.9%	15.7%	2.73	0.07
GASTON	258	28.7%	17.1%	30.6%	8.1%	15.5%	2.65	0.09
GATES	350	31.7%	11.1%	22.9%	9.7%	24.6%	2.84	0.08
GRAHAM	52	25.0%	11.5%	26.9%	7.7%	28.8%	3.04	0.21
GRANVILLE	514	27.8%	15.6%	29.4%	10.7%	16.5%	2.73	0.06
GREENE	167	25.7%	12.0%	30.5%	10.2%	21.6%	2.90	0.11

Table 29. Cont.

County	n	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SE
GUILFORD	337	31.2%	14.5%	28.8%	9.2%	16.3%	2.65	0.08
HALIFAX	644	26.4%	14.6%	26.4%	12.3%	20.3%	2.86	0.06
HARNETT	385	26.8%	13.8%	28.1%	11.4%	20.0%	2.84	0.07
HAYWOOD	182	21.4%	7.7%	29.7%	13.2%	28.0%	3.19	0.11
HENDERSON	198	20.2%	12.6%	28.3%	11.1%	27.8%	3.14	0.10
HERTFORD	203	27.1%	15.3%	17.7%	12.8%	27.1%	2.98	0.11
HOKE	161	25.5%	9.3%	30.4%	9.3%	25.5%	3.00	0.12
HYDE	208	33.7%	13.0%	27.9%	10.1%	15.4%	2.61	0.10
IREDELL	370	26.5%	12.7%	29.7%	11.1%	20.0%	2.85	0.08
JACKSON	103	24.3%	8.7%	26.2%	12.6%	28.2%	3.12	0.15
JOHNSTON	428	32.5%	13.8%	25.7%	11.2%	16.8%	2.66	0.07
JONES	254	25.6%	12.6%	27.2%	10.2%	24.4%	2.95	0.09
LEE	193	32.6%	13.0%	21.8%	10.9%	21.8%	2.76	0.11
LENOIR	194	23.7%	17.0%	27.3%	8.2%	23.7%	2.91	0.11
LINCOLN	263	22.8%	13.7%	25.9%	11.4%	26.2%	3.05	0.09
MCDOWELL	183	18.0%	14.8%	25.7%	13.1%	28.4%	3.19	0.11
MACON	217	23.0%	15.7%	21.7%	10.1%	29.5%	3.07	0.10
MADISON	175	20.6%	16.6%	28.6%	9.1%	25.1%	3.02	0.11
MARTIN	230	28.3%	14.3%	29.1%	9.6%	18.7%	2.76	0.09
MECKLENBURG	188	27.7%	23.4%	18.6%	14.9%	15.4%	2.67	0.10
MITCHELL	149	23.5%	13.4%	34.2%	9.4%	19.5%	2.88	0.11
MONTGOMERY	480	23.5%	11.9%	28.8%	10.2%	25.6%	3.03	0.07
MOORE	437	30.7%	14.6%	28.8%	11.0%	14.9%	2.65	0.07
NASH	301	27.9%	12.6%	25.9%	14.6%	18.9%	2.84	0.08
NEW HANOVER	51	35.3%	17.6%	13.7%	15.7%	17.6%	2.63	0.22
NORTHAMPTON	509	33.2%	13.9%	23.8%	11.4%	17.7%	2.66	0.07
ONSLOW	411	22.1%	13.6%	27.0%	11.2%	26.0%	3.05	0.07
ORANGE	367	31.1%	13.4%	26.2%	12.8%	16.6%	2.71	0.08
PAMLICO	182	18.1%	9.3%	29.7%	13.2%	29.7%	3.27	0.11
PASQUOTANK	128	24.2%	10.2%	25.8%	13.3%	26.6%	3.08	0.13
PENDER	587	28.4%	15.5%	29.0%	8.5%	18.6%	2.73	0.06
PERQUIMANS	187	21.4%	9.6%	31.6%	12.8%	24.6%	3.10	0.11
PERSON	330	27.3%	13.6%	28.8%	11.5%	18.8%	2.81	0.08
PITT	334	25.1%	14.4%	26.9%	9.6%	24.0%	2.93	0.08
POLK	200	30.5%	12.5%	25.5%	12.5%	19.0%	2.77	0.10
RANDOLPH	443	28.7%	15.3%	26.4%	9.7%	19.9%	2.77	0.07
RICHMOND	284	22.2%	10.9%	32.7%	10.9%	23.2%	3.02	0.08
ROBESON	182	19.2%	13.2%	28.0%	14.8%	24.7%	3.13	0.11
ROCKINGHAM	449	28.3%	14.9%	30.5%	9.1%	17.1%	2.72	0.07
ROWAN	387	25.1%	11.9%	31.0%	10.1%	22.0%	2.92	0.07
RUTHERFORD	319	28.5%	13.2%	27.9%	8.2%	22.3%	2.82	0.08

Table 29. Cont.

County	n	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Mean	SE
SAMPSON	266	26.3%	12.4%	27.1%	10.9%	23.3%	2.92	0.09
SCOTLAND	174	25.3%	9.2%	27.0%	9.8%	28.7%	3.07	0.12
STANLY	310	30.3%	12.3%	30.6%	10.0%	16.8%	2.71	0.08
STOKES	396	32.1%	14.9%	26.5%	7.8%	18.7%	2.66	0.07
SURRY	285	29.8%	11.9%	28.8%	8.8%	20.7%	2.79	0.09
SWAIN	66	13.6%	6.1%	34.8%	18.2%	27.3%	3.39	0.16
TRANSYLVANIA	168	24.4%	11.3%	28.6%	10.7%	25.0%	3.01	0.11
TYRRELL	117	29.9%	16.2%	33.3%	8.5%	12.0%	2.56	0.12
UNION	429	26.8%	11.9%	29.4%	7.9%	24.0%	2.90	0.07
VANCE	229	23.6%	14.0%	29.7%	9.2%	23.6%	2.95	0.10
WAKE	610	28.5%	18.2%	28.5%	10.0%	14.8%	2.64	0.06
WARREN	265	26.8%	14.3%	24.9%	10.9%	23.0%	2.89	0.09
WASHINGTON	174	28.7%	12.1%	28.7%	10.9%	19.5%	2.80	0.11
WATAUGA	221	24.0%	14.0%	33.0%	8.1%	20.8%	2.88	0.10
WAYNE	273	24.2%	19.0%	23.1%	12.5%	21.2%	2.88	0.09
WILKES	427	22.7%	13.3%	30.0%	11.7%	22.2%	2.97	0.07
WILSON	183	19.7%	14.2%	31.7%	9.3%	25.1%	3.06	0.11
YADKIN	306	27.1%	17.0%	28.4%	8.2%	19.3%	2.75	0.08
YANCEY	152	21.7%	13.8%	30.3%	10.5%	23.7%	3.01	0.12

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Strongly disagree, 5=Strongly agree.

Table 30. (Question 24) Overall, North Carolina's deer herd is in good condition, but can be improved across the state by reducing young buck harvest, harvesting bucks later in the season, and harvesting does earlier in the season. Please choose the best answer that represents your position on this matter.

County	n	Prefer no changes	Willing to accept minor changes	Willing to accept any changes necessary	I have no opinion	Mean	SE
ALAMANCE	370	10.5%	44.3%	40.3%	4.9%	2.31	0.04
ALEXANDER	162	11.7%	43.8%	38.9%	5.6%	2.29	0.05
ALLEGHANY	272	19.9%	38.6%	38.6%	2.9%	2.19	0.05
ANSON	524	17.7%	42.2%	36.6%	3.4%	2.20	0.03
ASHE	372	11.3%	43.5%	42.5%	2.7%	2.32	0.04
AVERY	142	10.6%	46.5%	39.4%	3.5%	2.30	0.06
BEAUFORT	392	18.9%	37.8%	38.8%	4.6%	2.21	0.04
BERTIE	548	18.6%	44.2%	33.2%	4.0%	2.15	0.03
BLADEN	490	20.2%	41.6%	35.1%	3.1%	2.15	0.03
BRUNSWICK	352	16.8%	35.5%	42.9%	4.8%	2.27	0.04
BUNCOMBE	237	5.5%	40.1%	48.1%	6.3%	2.45	0.04
BURKE	356	8.1%	41.3%	44.9%	5.6%	2.39	0.04
CABARRUS	264	11.0%	47.3%	39.4%	2.3%	2.29	0.04
CALDWELL	266	7.5%	39.8%	50.0%	2.6%	2.44	0.04
CAMDEN	150	18.0%	46.7%	33.3%	2.0%	2.16	0.06
CARTERET	263	19.8%	43.7%	32.7%	3.8%	2.13	0.05
CASWELL	451	14.6%	45.2%	37.3%	2.9%	2.23	0.03
CATAWBA	259	15.8%	37.8%	42.5%	3.9%	2.28	0.05
CHATHAM	617	13.6%	38.7%	45.4%	2.3%	2.33	0.03
CHEROKEE	161	9.9%	52.8%	33.5%	3.7%	2.25	0.05
CHOWAN	155	19.4%	47.1%	29.0%	4.5%	2.10	0.06
CLAY	112	11.6%	41.1%	43.8%	3.6%	2.33	0.07
CLEVELAND	338	10.1%	44.1%	42.0%	3.8%	2.33	0.04
COLUMBUS	264	15.2%	44.7%	36.4%	3.8%	2.22	0.04
CRAVEN	390	16.9%	43.3%	36.2%	3.6%	2.20	0.04
CUMBERLAND	283	10.6%	39.6%	46.6%	3.2%	2.37	0.04
CURRITUCK	184	17.9%	41.8%	38.6%	1.6%	2.21	0.05
DARE	92	22.8%	42.4%	29.3%	5.4%	2.07	0.08
DAVIDSON	411	12.4%	42.6%	42.3%	2.7%	2.31	0.03
DAVIE	213	16.4%	40.4%	39.9%	3.3%	2.24	0.05
DUPLIN	328	12.2%	48.8%	35.4%	3.7%	2.24	0.04
DURHAM	246	11.0%	40.7%	45.1%	3.3%	2.35	0.04
EDGECOMBE	336	17.3%	42.9%	37.8%	2.1%	2.21	0.04
FORSYTH	226	11.9%	45.1%	40.7%	2.2%	2.29	0.05
FRANKLIN	354	16.4%	44.6%	35.9%	3.1%	2.20	0.04
GASTON	259	15.8%	40.2%	41.3%	2.7%	2.26	0.05
GATES	353	24.1%	39.1%	34.0%	2.8%	2.10	0.04

Table 30. Cont.

County	n	Prefer no changes	Willing to accept minor changes	Willing to accept any changes necessary	I have no opinion	Mean	SE
GRAHAM	52	15.4%	32.7%	48.1%	3.8%	2.34	0.11
GRANVILLE	515	12.8%	45.4%	40.0%	1.7%	2.28	0.03
GREENE	167	18.0%	45.5%	31.1%	5.4%	2.14	0.06
GUILFORD	342	13.5%	42.7%	39.2%	4.7%	2.27	0.04
HALIFAX	649	17.4%	43.3%	35.9%	3.4%	2.19	0.03
HARNETT	385	13.2%	44.9%	38.7%	3.1%	2.26	0.04
HAYWOOD	183	10.4%	44.8%	41.5%	3.3%	2.32	0.05
HENDERSON	199	6.0%	40.2%	49.2%	4.5%	2.45	0.04
HERTFORD	204	21.1%	41.7%	33.8%	3.4%	2.13	0.05
HOKE	163	19.6%	34.4%	41.7%	4.3%	2.23	0.06
HYDE	211	27.5%	46.4%	21.8%	4.3%	1.94	0.05
IREDELL	373	10.5%	40.5%	44.5%	4.6%	2.36	0.04
JACKSON	105	5.7%	38.1%	48.6%	7.6%	2.46	0.06
JOHNSTON	430	15.8%	43.5%	37.2%	3.5%	2.22	0.03
JONES	255	19.2%	40.4%	38.4%	2.0%	2.20	0.05
LEE	197	15.2%	45.7%	33.5%	5.6%	2.19	0.05
LENOIR	194	17.5%	40.2%	39.2%	3.1%	2.22	0.05
LINCOLN	266	9.4%	38.0%	48.5%	4.1%	2.41	0.04
MCDOWELL	187	8.0%	42.2%	46.5%	3.2%	2.40	0.05
MACON	221	10.0%	42.1%	43.4%	4.5%	2.35	0.05
MADISON	175	7.4%	48.6%	42.3%	1.7%	2.35	0.05
MARTIN	232	23.7%	41.8%	31.0%	3.4%	2.08	0.05
MECKLENBURG	191	11.0%	37.2%	47.6%	4.2%	2.38	0.05
MITCHELL	152	9.9%	43.4%	43.4%	3.3%	2.35	0.05
MONTGOMERY	487	14.0%	43.5%	40.0%	2.5%	2.27	0.03
MOORE	438	14.4%	40.0%	43.2%	2.5%	2.30	0.03
NASH	302	16.6%	43.7%	38.1%	1.7%	2.22	0.04
NEW HANOVER	52	26.9%	26.9%	44.2%	1.9%	2.18	0.12
NORTHAMPTON	515	21.6%	42.9%	32.6%	2.9%	2.11	0.03
ONSLOW	411	17.0%	43.1%	37.0%	2.9%	2.21	0.04
ORANGE	371	10.2%	44.5%	42.3%	3.0%	2.33	0.03
PAMLICO	183	19.1%	41.0%	35.0%	4.9%	2.17	0.06
PASQUOTANK	131	18.3%	45.8%	32.8%	3.1%	2.15	0.06
PENDER	594	16.8%	44.9%	35.5%	2.7%	2.19	0.03
PERQUIMANS	190	21.1%	40.0%	32.1%	6.8%	2.12	0.06
PERSON	337	16.9%	40.7%	37.7%	4.7%	2.22	0.04
PITT	333	13.5%	44.4%	40.2%	1.8%	2.27	0.04
POLK	200	12.5%	43.5%	40.5%	3.5%	2.29	0.05
RANDOLPH	442	12.7%	38.7%	44.1%	4.5%	2.33	0.03

Table 30. Cont.

County	n	Prefer no changes	Willing to accept minor changes	Willing to accept any changes necessary	I have no opinion	Mean	SE
RICHMOND	286	22.7%	33.6%	37.4%	6.3%	2.16	0.05
ROBESON	185	14.6%	38.4%	42.2%	4.9%	2.29	0.05
ROCKINGHAM	455	16.5%	43.3%	37.4%	2.9%	2.21	0.03
ROWAN	393	10.4%	41.5%	45.0%	3.1%	2.36	0.03
RUTHERFORD	319	10.3%	43.3%	41.7%	4.7%	2.33	0.04
SAMPSON	270	15.6%	43.7%	37.0%	3.7%	2.22	0.04
SCOTLAND	176	16.5%	36.9%	42.0%	4.5%	2.27	0.06
STANLY	310	12.3%	41.9%	41.3%	4.5%	2.30	0.04
STOKES	398	16.3%	42.0%	39.7%	2.0%	2.24	0.04
SURRY	290	11.0%	46.6%	41.0%	1.4%	2.30	0.04
SWAIN	69	8.7%	39.1%	46.4%	5.8%	2.40	0.08
TRANSYLVANIA	168	7.7%	44.6%	46.4%	1.2%	2.39	0.05
TYRRELL	118	24.6%	44.1%	26.3%	5.1%	2.02	0.07
UNION	430	13.0%	43.5%	39.8%	3.7%	2.28	0.03
VANCE	232	17.2%	41.4%	37.5%	3.9%	2.21	0.05
WAKE	612	12.4%	46.4%	39.4%	1.8%	2.27	0.03
WARREN	272	26.1%	39.0%	30.9%	4.0%	2.05	0.05
WASHINGTON	175	21.1%	38.9%	32.6%	7.4%	2.12	0.06
WATAUGA	226	15.0%	43.8%	36.3%	4.9%	2.22	0.05
WAYNE	276	17.0%	46.0%	34.8%	2.2%	2.18	0.04
WILKES	431	12.8%	40.6%	42.9%	3.7%	2.31	0.03
WILSON	185	19.5%	42.2%	33.5%	4.9%	2.15	0.06
YADKIN	307	11.4%	42.0%	44.3%	2.3%	2.34	0.04
YANCEY	156	16.7%	38.5%	41.7%	3.2%	2.26	0.06

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=No change, 3=Any change necessary
Note: "I have no opinion" responses excluded from mean calculation

Table 31. (Question 25) Rank your opinion of the top three threats to the NC deer population.

County	n	CWD	Other disease	Predator	Over harvest	Loss of hunters	Loss of hunt lands	Loss of deer habitat	Anti-hunter	Poaching
ALAMANCE	362	0.36	0.76	1.12	0.49	0.29	1.07	0.85	0.27	0.57
ALEXANDER	160	0.28	0.73	1.41	0.74	0.12	0.74	0.58	0.26	0.97
ALLEGHANY	268	0.37	0.96	0.97	0.56	0.19	0.69	0.60	0.30	1.09
ANSON	509	0.27	0.46	1.57	0.52	0.20	0.94	0.77	0.24	0.86
ASHE	356	0.33	0.77	1.10	0.59	0.27	0.79	0.63	0.30	1.01
AVERY	136	0.38	0.85	0.92	0.36	0.29	0.99	0.57	0.38	1.15
BEAUFORT	381	0.22	0.74	1.41	0.73	0.20	0.78	0.65	0.38	0.63
BERTIE	528	0.35	1.30	1.11	0.63	0.20	0.73	0.54	0.32	0.60
BLADEN	475	0.25	0.58	1.38	0.60	0.24	0.84	0.76	0.35	0.77
BRUNSWICK	342	0.18	0.45	1.06	0.58	0.20	1.20	1.02	0.34	0.78
BUNCOMBE	230	0.29	0.53	0.77	0.69	0.11	0.95	0.94	0.30	1.20
BURKE	347	0.31	0.87	1.08	0.46	0.19	1.00	0.73	0.25	0.96
CABARRUS	254	0.19	0.30	1.16	0.56	0.14	1.20	1.03	0.32	0.84
CALDWELL	260	0.25	0.96	0.87	0.60	0.12	0.96	0.65	0.24	1.19
CAMDEN	144	0.28	0.37	1.37	0.89	0.09	0.86	0.75	0.33	0.89
CARTERET	257	0.32	0.58	0.85	0.69	0.20	1.08	0.81	0.39	0.83
CASWELL	444	0.33	0.92	1.03	0.57	0.30	0.91	0.77	0.27	0.73
CATAWBA	256	0.25	0.61	1.21	0.70	0.14	1.03	0.83	0.16	0.80
CHATHAM	603	0.38	0.92	0.99	0.53	0.23	1.01	0.84	0.27	0.69
CHEROKEE	156	0.18	0.59	1.01	0.56	0.14	0.70	0.39	0.42	1.85
CHOWAN	153	0.20	0.61	1.29	0.61	0.24	1.03	0.51	0.41	0.83
CLAY	107	0.15	0.39	0.98	0.62	0.16	0.75	0.64	0.23	1.77
CLEVELAND	325	0.28	0.43	1.12	0.56	0.20	1.05	0.77	0.28	1.13
COLUMBUS	255	0.25	0.56	1.18	0.72	0.24	0.73	0.78	0.32	1.02
CRAVEN	373	0.21	0.65	1.05	0.66	0.26	0.99	0.79	0.34	0.87
CUMBERLAND	278	0.28	0.53	1.14	0.67	0.24	1.09	0.99	0.17	0.77
CURRITUCK	178	0.26	0.47	1.15	0.76	0.22	1.04	0.90	0.26	0.66
DARE	88	0.28	0.66	1.11	0.42	0.25	1.22	0.90	0.55	0.56
DAVIDSON	402	0.23	0.65	1.08	0.63	0.20	1.03	0.73	0.31	0.96
DAVIE	202	0.35	0.75	1.18	0.51	0.32	1.01	0.89	0.30	0.48
DUPLIN	322	0.21	0.61	1.29	0.72	0.25	0.86	0.66	0.43	0.73
DURHAM	240	0.32	1.01	0.54	0.46	0.38	1.38	0.94	0.34	0.50
EDGECOMBE	326	0.29	1.37	1.02	0.67	0.15	0.80	0.48	0.28	0.76
FORSYTH	218	0.33	0.62	0.68	0.39	0.34	1.20	1.14	0.34	0.73
FRANKLIN	341	0.38	1.51	0.63	0.53	0.24	0.83	0.83	0.30	0.56
GASTON	252	0.23	0.32	1.26	0.44	0.20	1.22	0.99	0.29	0.77
GATES	340	0.24	0.48	1.25	0.75	0.19	0.92	0.62	0.49	0.80
GRAHAM	52	0.04	0.50	1.25	0.46	0.08	0.56	0.46	0.12	2.12
GRANVILLE	507	0.35	1.50	0.73	0.51	0.20	0.98	0.69	0.29	0.57
GREENE	159	0.28	0.97	1.09	0.50	0.20	0.79	0.52	0.42	0.99

Table 31. Cont.

County	n	CWD	Other disease	Predator	Over harvest	Loss of hunters	Loss of hunt lands	Loss of deer habitat	Anti-hunter	Poaching
GUILFORD	327	0.33	0.58	0.93	0.47	0.30	1.24	0.99	0.28	0.69
HALIFAX	627	0.43	1.53	1.14	0.62	0.20	0.62	0.57	0.20	0.54
HARNETT	374	0.28	0.84	0.98	0.62	0.16	1.05	0.85	0.29	0.77
HAYWOOD	177	0.17	0.32	1.05	0.60	0.18	0.94	0.93	0.31	1.28
HENDERSON	194	0.22	0.52	0.91	0.57	0.18	1.13	0.90	0.40	0.97
HERTFORD	196	0.38	1.02	1.26	0.58	0.15	0.76	0.52	0.41	0.72
HOKE	162	0.27	0.31	1.09	0.59	0.14	0.91	0.95	0.25	1.22
HYDE	201	0.45	0.94	1.43	0.39	0.25	0.81	0.50	0.36	0.59
IREDELL	364	0.29	0.72	1.14	0.56	0.21	1.03	0.88	0.28	0.71
JACKSON	102	0.27	0.43	0.98	0.46	0.15	0.71	0.74	0.43	1.68
JOHNSTON	419	0.27	1.10	0.86	0.49	0.21	1.12	0.84	0.29	0.71
JONES	245	0.33	0.62	1.04	0.69	0.17	0.93	0.75	0.47	0.73
LEE	193	0.48	0.78	0.94	0.46	0.25	0.89	0.77	0.28	0.92
LENOIR	187	0.24	0.61	1.12	0.62	0.19	0.77	0.80	0.36	1.06
LINCOLN	257	0.24	0.54	1.03	0.90	0.21	1.00	0.83	0.18	0.81
MCDOWELL	183	0.16	0.89	1.06	0.67	0.13	1.01	0.74	0.31	0.85
MACON	214	0.15	0.27	1.10	0.45	0.21	0.94	0.63	0.36	1.66
MADISON	174	0.21	0.40	0.75	0.68	0.16	0.82	0.72	0.36	1.74
MARTIN	224	0.33	0.99	1.17	0.62	0.17	0.81	0.56	0.42	0.75
MECKLENBURG	185	0.31	0.54	0.82	0.35	0.32	1.26	1.15	0.43	0.60
MITCHELL	147	0.31	0.78	0.89	0.64	0.28	0.87	0.52	0.30	1.07
MONTGOMERY	480	0.26	0.63	1.47	0.55	0.28	0.82	0.70	0.27	0.85
MOORE	430	0.32	0.70	1.11	0.58	0.31	0.86	0.87	0.30	0.74
NASH	290	0.38	1.45	0.84	0.60	0.23	0.72	0.67	0.24	0.71
NEW HANOVER	50	0.24	0.74	0.94	0.64	0.10	1.00	1.18	0.26	0.64
NORTHAMPTON	498	0.38	1.43	1.19	0.57	0.21	0.67	0.43	0.32	0.60
ONSLOW	402	0.22	0.40	0.84	0.76	0.20	1.23	1.14	0.26	0.79
ORANGE	358	0.36	1.09	0.87	0.43	0.26	1.04	0.87	0.31	0.53
PAMLICO	178	0.20	0.52	1.12	0.73	0.18	0.87	0.74	0.33	1.04
PASQUOTANK	124	0.31	0.40	1.10	0.81	0.10	1.02	0.63	0.44	0.86
PENDER	574	0.28	0.61	1.23	0.65	0.22	0.95	0.97	0.29	0.60
PERQUIMANS	186	0.22	0.45	1.33	0.75	0.08	0.73	0.83	0.34	1.11
PERSON	324	0.32	1.00	1.01	0.57	0.28	0.91	0.72	0.28	0.70
PITT	329	0.25	0.84	1.06	0.64	0.14	0.99	0.64	0.34	0.88
POLK	195	0.22	0.40	1.15	0.53	0.13	1.27	0.79	0.36	0.90
RANDOLPH	427	0.32	0.63	1.07	0.49	0.28	0.90	0.82	0.22	1.10
RICHMOND	273	0.27	0.42	1.55	0.59	0.21	0.96	0.75	0.33	0.64
ROBESON	178	0.26	0.41	1.19	0.60	0.16	0.80	0.75	0.39	1.19
ROCKINGHAM	444	0.39	0.74	0.96	0.50	0.27	1.02	0.83	0.32	0.81
ROWAN	383	0.30	0.62	1.26	0.71	0.17	0.92	0.82	0.23	0.78

Table 31. Cont.

County	n	CWD	Other disease	Predator	Over harvest	Loss of hunters	Loss of hunt lands	Loss of deer habitat	Anti-hunter	Poaching
RUTHERFORD	311	0.23	0.55	1.22	0.67	0.15	0.98	0.70	0.29	1.01
SAMPSON	264	0.30	0.73	1.22	0.52	0.21	0.94	0.71	0.44	0.76
SCOTLAND	166	0.21	0.42	1.43	0.64	0.24	0.84	0.76	0.21	1.10
STANLY	297	0.24	0.58	1.14	0.55	0.22	1.02	0.85	0.33	0.86
STOKES	389	0.33	0.79	0.95	0.55	0.29	0.87	0.83	0.29	0.95
SURRY	282	0.31	1.00	0.89	0.56	0.28	0.89	0.63	0.23	0.98
SWAIN	67	0.19	0.28	0.84	0.63	0.12	0.73	0.72	0.33	1.93
TRANSYLVANIA	165	0.10	0.45	1.17	0.49	0.16	0.81	0.93	0.39	1.36
TYRRELL	118	0.36	0.65	1.42	0.63	0.32	0.80	0.53	0.36	0.65
UNION	416	0.25	0.40	1.06	0.62	0.26	1.15	1.03	0.34	0.66
VANCE	227	0.30	1.45	0.70	0.61	0.15	0.93	0.63	0.25	0.68
WAKE	585	0.35	1.03	0.52	0.43	0.28	1.35	1.15	0.34	0.42
WARREN	266	0.28	1.52	0.97	0.46	0.20	0.68	0.60	0.47	0.56
WASHINGTON	164	0.26	0.79	1.29	0.54	0.30	0.82	0.59	0.38	0.81
WATAUGA	218	0.32	0.84	0.91	0.50	0.24	1.00	0.66	0.36	0.96
WAYNE	268	0.35	0.89	1.01	0.51	0.28	0.88	0.74	0.31	0.90
WILKES	423	0.39	1.22	1.06	0.54	0.13	0.79	0.61	0.23	0.87
WILSON	180	0.37	1.22	0.94	0.56	0.22	0.74	0.59	0.28	0.86
YADKIN	304	0.28	0.87	1.13	0.73	0.22	0.79	0.62	0.31	0.84
YANCEY	155	0.24	0.65	0.85	0.50	0.19	1.04	0.61	0.61	1.12

Note: Results presented as sample size (n) and mean response of the inverse rank (0=no rank, 3=highest rank / most preferred) by county.

Table 32. (Question 27) Please indicate your level of support to shift either-sex harvest days earlier in the blackpowder season in areas where either-sex harvest is currently restricted.

County	n	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neither oppose or support	Somewhat support	Strongly support	Mean	SE
AVERY	135	4.4%	6.7%	31.9%	31.9%	25.2%	3.67	0.09
BUNCOMBE	223	7.2%	2.7%	32.7%	30.0%	27.4%	3.68	0.08
BURKE	326	3.4%	4.6%	32.2%	31.0%	28.8%	3.77	0.06
CALDWELL	237	4.6%	6.3%	29.5%	32.1%	27.4%	3.71	0.07
CHEROKEE	155	5.8%	6.5%	23.9%	33.5%	30.3%	3.76	0.09
CLAY	109	6.4%	9.2%	30.3%	23.9%	30.3%	3.62	0.11
CLEVELAND	307	4.2%	4.2%	41.7%	27.7%	22.1%	3.59	0.06
GRAHAM	47	19.1%	6.4%	31.9%	34.0%	8.5%	3.06	0.18
HAYWOOD	170	6.5%	4.1%	33.5%	28.8%	27.1%	3.66	0.09
HENDERSON	189	5.8%	2.1%	35.4%	26.5%	30.2%	3.73	0.08
JACKSON	94	7.4%	6.4%	31.9%	29.8%	24.5%	3.57	0.12
MCDOWELL	178	3.9%	6.7%	32.6%	34.3%	22.5%	3.65	0.08
MACON	216	5.6%	5.6%	29.2%	33.3%	26.4%	3.69	0.07
MITCHELL	145	6.2%	4.1%	30.3%	37.2%	22.1%	3.65	0.09
POLK	194	3.6%	5.2%	38.1%	24.2%	28.9%	3.70	0.08
RUTHERFORD	307	7.5%	4.6%	41.4%	28.7%	17.9%	3.45	0.06
SWAIN	66	6.1%	7.6%	42.4%	22.7%	21.2%	3.45	0.14
TRANSYLVANIA	160	6.9%	6.9%	33.1%	31.9%	21.3%	3.54	0.09
YANCEY	150	6.7%	4.7%	29.3%	30.7%	28.7%	3.70	0.09

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per Western Deer Season county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Strongly oppose, 5=Strongly support.

Table 33. (Question 28) Please indicate your level of support to shift either-sex harvest days earlier in the gun season in areas where either-sex harvest is currently restricted.

County	n	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neither oppose or support	Somewhat support	Strongly support	Mean	SE
AVERY	132	3.8%	6.8%	15.9%	45.5%	28.0%	3.87	0.09
BUNCOMBE	219	7.3%	5.5%	19.6%	32.0%	35.6%	3.83	0.08
BURKE	324	4.6%	4.9%	21.0%	31.8%	37.7%	3.93	0.06
CALDWELL	235	5.1%	3.8%	21.7%	29.8%	39.6%	3.95	0.07
CHEROKEE	154	6.5%	5.8%	23.4%	33.8%	30.5%	3.76	0.09
CLAY	108	13.0%	14.8%	18.5%	34.3%	19.4%	3.32	0.13
CLEVELAND	309	4.2%	5.2%	24.9%	38.2%	27.5%	3.80	0.06
GRAHAM	46	21.7%	4.3%	21.7%	26.1%	26.1%	3.30	0.22
HAYWOOD	170	11.8%	4.7%	20.6%	28.2%	34.7%	3.69	0.10
HENDERSON	186	4.8%	3.2%	23.1%	29.0%	39.8%	3.96	0.08
JACKSON	93	10.8%	10.8%	26.9%	28.0%	23.7%	3.43	0.13
MACON	175	5.6%	7.9%	19.5%	27.4%	39.5%	3.83	0.08
MCDOWELL	215	4.6%	8.6%	17.7%	37.1%	32.0%	3.87	0.08
MITCHELL	145	8.3%	8.3%	20.0%	31.0%	32.4%	3.71	0.10
POLK	192	2.1%	5.2%	27.1%	32.3%	33.3%	3.90	0.07
RUTHERFORD	305	3.9%	10.8%	31.1%	28.9%	25.2%	3.61	0.06
SWAIN	63	3.2%	7.9%	34.9%	25.4%	28.6%	3.68	0.14
TRANSYLVANIA	159	11.3%	6.9%	17.6%	34.0%	30.2%	3.65	0.10
YANCEY	148	8.8%	4.7%	18.9%	31.1%	36.5%	3.82	0.10

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per Western Deer Season county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Strongly oppose, 5=Strongly support.

Table 34. (Question 29) Please indicate your level of support for limiting either-sex harvest days during the western archery season.

County	n	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neither oppose or support	Somewhat support	Strongly support	Mean	SE
AVERY	131	28.2%	16.8%	29.0%	16.0%	9.9%	2.63	0.11
BUNCOMBE	220	23.2%	14.5%	29.1%	16.4%	16.8%	2.89	0.09
BURKE	326	21.8%	13.2%	37.1%	15.6%	12.3%	2.83	0.07
CALDWELL	235	30.6%	11.9%	37.0%	11.9%	8.5%	2.56	0.08
CHEROKEE	153	27.5%	19.6%	26.8%	13.7%	12.4%	2.64	0.11
CLAY	110	25.5%	19.1%	27.3%	17.3%	10.9%	2.69	0.13
CLEVELAND	308	31.2%	15.3%	30.5%	15.3%	7.8%	2.53	0.07
GRAHAM	45	17.8%	13.3%	28.9%	17.8%	22.2%	3.13	0.21
HAYWOOD	170	20.6%	14.7%	28.8%	20.6%	15.3%	2.95	0.10
HENDERSON	188	33.0%	12.2%	30.3%	16.0%	8.5%	2.55	0.10
JACKSON	94	21.3%	14.9%	30.9%	19.1%	13.8%	2.89	0.14
MCDOWELL	178	22.5%	20.8%	24.7%	19.7%	12.4%	2.79	0.10
MACON	218	25.7%	17.4%	26.6%	18.8%	11.5%	2.73	0.09
MITCHELL	143	34.3%	15.4%	25.9%	13.3%	11.2%	2.52	0.11
POLK	195	22.1%	15.9%	32.3%	18.5%	11.3%	2.81	0.09
RUTHERFORD	307	25.4%	14.7%	37.1%	11.4%	11.4%	2.69	0.07
SWAIN	65	16.9%	21.5%	32.3%	18.5%	10.8%	2.85	0.15
TRANSYLVANIA	159	22.0%	16.4%	30.8%	18.9%	11.9%	2.82	0.10
YANCEY	150	32.7%	14.0%	28.7%	14.0%	10.7%	2.56	0.11

Note: Results presented as sample size (n), percent frequency of response, mean response, and standard error (SE) of the mean response per Western Deer Season county.
Note: Mean response calculated from ordinal values for each response: 1=Strongly oppose, 5=Strongly support.

APPENDIX II - Survey Instrument

Welcome to the 2016 North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Deer Management Survey!

This brief survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be kept confidential. No personal identifiable information will be associated with your responses in any reports or other publications. If you have comments or questions about the survey please contact:

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BACKGROUND ON DEER MANAGEMENT IN NC

In recent years, staff biologists have intensified harvest data collections to gain better insights into buck and doe age structures, population trends, and timing of the rut across the state. Our data indicate that while the overall management of the state's deer herd is good, it could be improved based on additional information from you. The following are three important components of deer management for you to consider as you take this survey.

Buck age structure: Managing for a buck age structure that adequately represents older age classes improves adult sex ratios and increases breeding competition. Currently, the proportion of yearling bucks (1.5 years old) in the buck harvest varies, but is higher than what is biologically ideal across the state.

Deer density (number of deer in a given area): Density levels have implications to deer health (disease, parasites) and condition (weights, antler size, reproduction). Statewide, deer density is well within what the habitat can support, resulting in a statewide herd that appears to be in good health and condition. However, deer density varies considerably across the state, ranging from deer numbers that are higher than what the habitat can support in some areas to undesirably low numbers of deer in other areas.

Season timing: The opening of firearms season relative to the timing of the breeding season is an often overlooked but extremely important component of deer management. To adequately protect young bucks from harvest and ensure a balanced breeding season sex ratio, buck harvest should be limited prior to the peak breeding period. Further, most doe harvest should occur earlier rather than later in the season. Across most of the state, firearms seasons currently open one to five weeks before the biologically ideal time.

Harvest data collection efforts have solidified our understanding of the status of the deer herd relative to our current deer season structures. The questions in this scientific survey address the most critical component of deer management – the desires of deer hunters like you! Responses to this survey will assist the NCWRC as it continues to evolve the state's deer management efforts to best meet the needs of NC's deer hunting constituency and the deer herd.

Further details on deer biological collections can be found at: www.ncwildlife.org/deerstudy

I. PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS

1. Do you hunt deer in North Carolina? (You may choose one)

- Yes
- No

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2. How many days did you deer hunt in 2015? (You may choose one)

- <2 days
- 2-5 days
- 6-10 days
- 11-21 days
- 22-41 days
- >41 days

3. In which NC county is deer management most important to you (not necessarily the county you hunt the most often)? (You may choose one)

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4. Please rate the importance of the following factors in your decision to hunt deer (You may choose one answer for each row).

	Not at all important 1	2	3	4	Very important 5
Putting "meat in the freezer"	○	○	○	○	○
Being with hunting companions	○	○	○	○	○
Possibility of killing a trophy deer	○	○	○	○	○
Getting away from everyday problems	○	○	○	○	○
Seeing deer or their sign	○	○	○	○	○
Getting outdoors for a chance to enjoy the natural environment	○	○	○	○	○
Using my hunting skills	○	○	○	○	○
Other (specify):	○	○	○	○	○
Other (specify):	○	○	○	○	○

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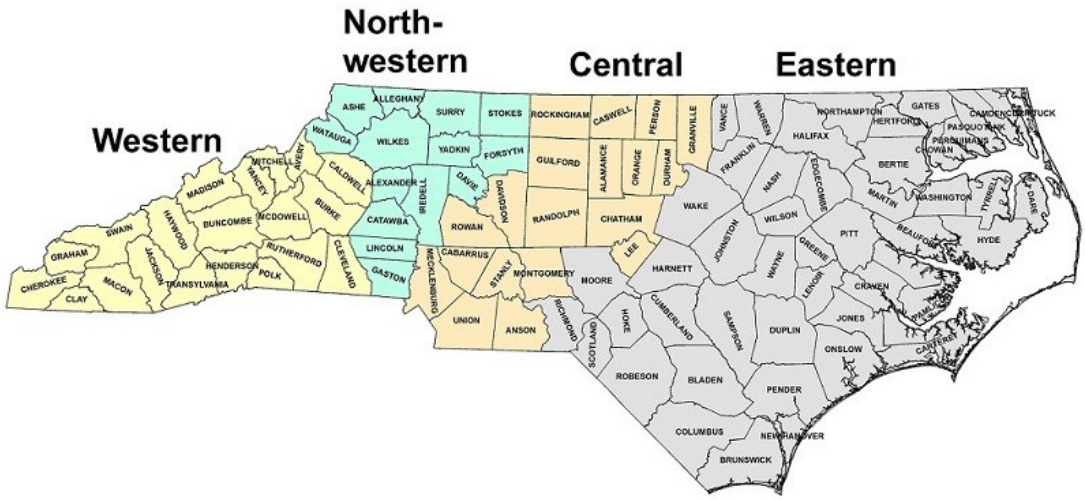
II. DEER SEASON PREFERENCES

Managing deer usually means making tradeoffs. Tradeoffs to improve the condition of the herd may include reduced deer numbers, changes in traditions (opening/closing days), reduced harvest opportunity (days, bag limit), or increased regulations. Through tradeoffs, the condition of North Carolina's deer herd can be improved by varying degrees across the state by reducing young buck harvest, harvesting bucks later in the season, and harvesting does earlier in the season.

Each of the following eight slides will show three options and you will be asked to choose the one you prefer most. These are not proposed regulatory changes. This survey approach allows staff to examine the importance of each deer season attribute relative to each other: Gun Season Length; Blackpowder Season Length; Opening of Gun Season (later than current); Antlered Buck Bag Limit; Antlerless Bag Limit.

Using the NC deer season map below as a guide, please make choices referencing the NC county where deer management is most important to you.



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5. Please consider the following computer selected options containing five deer season attributes. Evaluate each of the five attributes independently, then choose the option you prefer most, even if you consider none to be ideal.

To increase our number of data points, this process is repeated eight times.

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	Option A	Option B	Option C
Gun Season Length	3 weeks	11 weeks	7 weeks
Blackpowder Season Length	none	1 week	2 weeks
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	no change	3 weeks	2 weeks
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	2	1	4
Antlerless Bag Limit	2	4	unlimited
	○	○	○

FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Current Gun Seasons

Eastern: *11-weeks opening Saturday on or nearest Oct. 15th*
Central: *7-weeks opening two Saturdays before Thanksgiving*
Northwestern: *6-weeks opening Saturday before Thanksgiving*
Western: *3-weeks opening Monday of Thanksgiving*
Cleveland, Polk, Rutherford: *6-weeks opening Monday of Thanksgiving*

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	Option A	Option B	Option C
Gun Season Length	3 weeks	5 weeks	9 weeks
Blackpowder Season Length	none	1 week	2 weeks
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	3 weeks	no change	1 week
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	4	1	2
Antlerless Bag Limit	unlimited	4	6
	○	○	○

FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Current Gun Seasons

Eastern: *11-weeks opening Saturday on or nearest Oct. 15th*
Central: *7-weeks opening two Saturdays before Thanksgiving*
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	Option A	Option B	Option C
Gun Season Length	3 weeks	5 weeks	7 weeks
Blackpowder Season Length	2 weeks	1 week	2 weeks
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	4	1	2
Antlerless Bag Limit	2	6	4
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FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Current Gun Seasons

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	Option A	Option B	Option C
Gun Season Length	9 weeks	11 weeks	9 weeks
Blackpowder Season Length	2 weeks	none	1 week
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	2 weeks	no change	1 week
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	2	1	2
Antlerless Bag Limit	2	6	unlimited
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FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Current Gun Seasons

Eastern: *11-weeks opening Saturday on or nearest Oct. 15th*
Central: *7-weeks opening two Saturdays before Thanksgiving*
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	Option A	Option B	Option C
Gun Season Length	11 weeks	5 weeks	7 weeks
Blackpowder Season Length	none	none	1 week
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	no change	3 weeks	1 week
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	1	2	4
Antlerless Bag Limit	2	4	6
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	Option A	Option B	Option C
Gun Season Length	11 weeks	5 weeks	3 weeks
Blackpowder Season Length	1 week	2 weeks	none
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	no change	3 weeks	2 weeks
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	4	1	4
Antlerless Bag Limit	6	unlimited	2
	○	○	○

FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Current Gun Seasons

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	Option A	Option B	Option C
Gun Season Length	5 weeks	9 weeks	11 weeks
Blackpowder Season Length	none	2 weeks	1 week
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	1 week	no change	2 weeks
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	1	4	2
Antlerless Bag Limit	6	4	unlimited
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FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Current Gun Seasons

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To increase our number of data points, this process is repeated eight times.

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	Option A	Option B	Option C
Gun Season Length	5 weeks	7 weeks	7 weeks
Blackpowder Season Length	2 weeks	1 week	none
Opening of Gun Season (later than current)	3 weeks	2 weeks	1 week
Antlered Buck Bag Limit	4	2	1
Antlerless Bag Limit	6	2	4
	○	○	○

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III. ANTLERED DEER MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

For questions 6 - 8, please respond to the following referencing the NC county where deer management is most important to you.

6. In your opinion, the current number of mature bucks (older than 1.5 years old) is… (You may choose one)

- Much too few
- A little too few
- About right
- A little too many
- Far too many
- Unsure

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7. There are many techniques that can effectively protect young bucks and increase the proportion of older age class bucks. Please **rank** the following antlered buck management techniques you would support by typing a number in the appropriate box (1 = most preferred). (You cannot assign the same number to multiple techniques; you do not have to rank all six)

- [ ] Antler restriction on each antlered buck - point and/or spread rules that vary by area
- [ ] No antler restriction for 1st buck harvest, antler restriction after each additional buck that is harvested; point or spread rules that vary by area
- [ ] Reduce antlered buck season bag limit
- [ ] Create an antlerless-only harvest season during a portion of the firearms season
- [ ] Delayed antlered buck in the bag limit - 1st antlered buck allowed any time; additional antlered buck (s) allowed after peak breeding date for your hunt area
- [ ] Allow one antlered buck per weapon season (one in archery; one in blackpowder; one in gun)

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8. Which of the following best reflects your view of how the NCWRC should manage antlered bucks on *private* lands? (You may choose one)

- ○ Continue to allow private landowners to manage bucks on their property to achieve landowner goals within the current regulations
- ○ Further limit antlered buck harvest on private lands to achieve a more balanced buck age structure
- ○ Significantly limit antlered buck harvest on private lands, beyond what is biologically necessary, to increase the proportion of older (4.5+ years of age) bucks
- ○ Unsure

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9. Which of the following best reflects your view of how the NCWRC should manage antlered bucks on *game lands* across the state? (You may choose one)

- Continue to allow hunters to harvest bucks within the current regulations
- Further limit antlered buck harvest to achieve a more balanced buck age structure on some, but not all, game lands
- Further limit antlered buck harvest to achieve a more balanced buck age structure on all game lands
- Significantly limit antlered buck harvest beyond what is biologically necessary in order to increase the proportion of older (4.5+ years of age) on some, but not all, game lands
- Significantly limit antlered buck harvest beyond what is biologically necessary in order to increase the proportion of older (4.5+ years of age) on all game lands
- Unsure

IV. ANTLERLESS DEER MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Please respond to the following where deer management is most important to you.

10. How has the deer population changed during the past three years? (You may choose one)

- ○ The deer population has decreased
- ○ The deer population has remained the same
- ○ The deer population has increased
- ○ Unsure

11. Deer density (the number of deer in a given area) can have implications on property damage, wildlife habitat, deer health (disease, parasites) and condition (weights, antler size, reproduction). Which of the following best reflects your desire for both deer density and herd health/condition? (You may choose one)

- Maximize deer density with poor herd health/condition
- High deer density with fair herd health/condition
- Moderate deer density with good herd health/condition
- Low deer density with excellent herd health/condition

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12. Deer numbers are primarily managed through antlerless harvest. Please tell us what you would like to see in *deer numbers*. (You may choose one)

- A significant increase
- A slight increase
- Remain at current level
- A slight decrease
- A significant decrease
- Unsure

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13. If the NCWRC determined that an increase in antlerless deer harvest is needed to meet biological and social goals, please **rank** the following techniques you would support by typing a number in the appropriate box (1 = most preferred). (You cannot assign the same number to multiple techniques; you do not have to rank all five)

- [ ] I do not want to increase antlerless deer harvest for any reason
- [ ] Increase the number of either-sex harvest days
- [ ] Establish an antlerless-only harvest season during a portion of the firearms season
- [ ] "Earn-a-Buck" for each antlered buck - must harvest a doe prior to each antlered buck harvested
- [ ] "Earn-a-Buck" after 1st buck – 1st antlered buck unrestricted; doe must be harvested for additional buck(s)

14. If the NCWRC determined that a decrease in antlerless deer harvest is needed to meet biological and social goals, please **rank** the following techniques you would support by typing a number in the appropriate box (1 = most preferred). (You cannot assign the same number to multiple techniques; you do not have to rank all six)

- [ ] I do not want to decrease antlerless deer harvest
- [ ] Eliminate "Bonus Antlerless Harvest Report Cards"
- [ ] Reduce the season antlerless bag limit to four
- [ ] Reduce the season antlerless bag limit to two
- [ ] Reduce the length of the firearm either-sex season(s)
- [ ] Establish a daily antlerless bag limit of one

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V. RESPONDENT BACKGROUND

Please respond to the following where deer management is most important to you.

15. When hunting deer in NC during the last three years, did you hunt on private land, game lands, or both private land and game lands? (You may choose one)

- ○ Only hunted on private lands
- ○ Only hunted on game lands
- ○ Most often hunted on private lands, but also hunted on game lands
- ○ Most often hunted on game lands, but also hunted on private land
- ○ Hunted on private land and game lands about the same amount of time
- ○ I did not deer hunt in the last three years

16. If you hunt on private lands, what is the *largest* property you deer hunt on? (You may choose one)

- ○ Only hunted on game lands
- ○ 0-20 acres
- ○ 21-100 acres
- ○ 101-500 acres
- ○ 501-1000 acres
- ○ 1,001-2,000 acres
- ○ 2,001-5,000 acres
- ○ >5,000 acres

17. When hunting deer in NC during the last three years, did you still hunt, hunt with dogs, or both still hunt and hunt with dogs? (You may choose one)

- ○ Only still hunted
- ○ Only hunted with dogs
- ○ Most often still hunted, but also hunted with dogs
- ○ Most often hunted with dogs, but also still hunted
- ○ Still hunted and hunted with dogs about the same amount of time
- ○ I did not deer hunt in the last three years

18. Which weapon(s) did you hunt deer during the last three years? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Bow and arrow
- ☐ Blackpowder
- ☐ Crossbow
- ☐ Gun
- ☐ I did not hunt in the last three years

19. The length of the Archery season is: (You may choose one)

- Much too short
- A little too short
- About the right length
- A little too long
- Much too long
- Unsure

20. The timing of the Archery season is: (You may choose one)

- Much too early
- A little too early
- About right
- A little too late
- Much too late
- Unsure

21. One technique to protect young bucks and improve balance in the breeding season sex ratio is to delay antlered buck harvest by shifting the blackpowder season later. Please **rank** your preference for the timing of blackpowder season by typing a number in the appropriate box (1 = most preferred). (You cannot assign the same number to multiple responses; you do not have to rank all five).

- [ ] Multiple weeks before gun season (current in Western)
- [ ] Immediately before gun season (current in Eastern, Central, and Northwestern)
- [ ] Within a split gun season (2 gun seasons separated by a blackpowder season)
- [ ] Immediately after gun season
- [ ] I have no preference

22. Please tell us how satisfied you are with the NCWRC's management of deer? (You may choose one)

- Very unsatisfied
- Somewhat unsatisfied
- Neither unsatisfied or satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Very satisfied

23. How much do you agree or disagree with the following practices? (You may choose one answer for each row)

	Strongly disagree 1	2	3	4	Strongly agree 5
Hunting deer over bait	○	○	○	○	○
Hunting deer with dogs	○	○	○	○	○
Re-implement physical tag to affix to harvested deer	○	○	○	○	○

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VI. DEER MANAGEMENT

Please respond to the following referencing the NC county where deer management is most important to you.

24. Overall, North Carolina's deer herd is in good condition, but can be improved across the state by reducing young buck harvest, harvesting bucks later in the season, and harvesting does earlier in the season. Please choose the best answer that represents your position on this matter:

- ○ I prefer no changes to the current deer season.
- ○ I am willing to accept some minor changes to the current deer season in order to make improvements to herd condition.
- ○ I am willing to accept any changes the NCWRC considers biologically necessary to optimize the condition of the herd.
- ○ I have no opinion on this matter.

25. Please **rank** your opinion of the top *three* threats to the NC deer population by typing a number in the appropriate box (1 = top threat). (You cannot assign the same number to multiple techniques; you may only enter your top three)

- [ ] Chronic Wasting Disease (not yet detected in NC)
- [ ] Other diseases including hemorrhagic disease, commonly called "blue tongue"
- [ ] Predators
- [ ] Overharvest
- [ ] Loss of hunters
- [ ] Loss of huntable lands
- [ ] Loss of deer habitat
- [ ] Anti-hunters
- [ ] Poaching

26. Is your primary interest in deer management in the Western deer season? (You may choose one)

- Yes
- No

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To help balance the adult sex ratio going into the breeding season and improve the condition the herd, female harvest should occur earlier rather than later in the western deer season.

27. Please indicate your level of support to shift either-sex harvest days earlier in the *blackpowder* season in areas where either-sex harvest is currently restricted. (You may choose one)

- Strongly oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Neither oppose or support
- Somewhat support
- Strongly support

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To help balance the adult sex ratio going into the breeding season and improve the condition the herd, female harvest should occur earlier rather than later in the western deer season.

28. Please indicate your level of support for shifting either-sex harvest days to earlier within the western *gun* season. (You may choose one)

- Strongly oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Neither oppose or support
- Somewhat support
- Strongly support

29. Please indicate your level of support for limiting either-sex harvest days during the western *archery* season. (You may choose one)

- Strongly oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Neither oppose or support
- Somewhat support
- Strongly support

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VII. DEMOGRAPHICS

These results will be used for statistical purposes only, to examine differences between respondents. Your answers are confidential and will in no way be linked to your name.

30. Are you male or female? (You may choose one)

- Male
- Female

31. What is your employment status? (You may choose one)

- Self-employed
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Unemployed
- Disabled, unable to work
- Retired

32. What year were you born? (Please choose your response)

33. What is the highest level of schooling/education you have completed? (You may choose one)

- Less than high school degree
- High school or GED
- Vocational, technical, trade school or certificate program
- Associate's degree (2-year degree)
- Bachelor's degree (4-year degree)
- Graduate or professional degree

34. Which category do you mostly identify? (You may choose one)

- White (Non-Hispanic)
- White (Hispanic)
- Black or African-American
- Asian
- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify): _____

35. What was your total household income in 2015, from all sources, before taxes? (You may choose one)

- Less than $24,999
- $25,000-49,999
- $50,000-74,999
- $75,000-99,999
- $100,000+

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Thank you for your help!

Please use the comment box below to share any additional comments with us specific to the survey. If you would like to discuss deer management or talk in more detail about the deer in your area please contact the Wildlife Biologist in your district:

CLICK HERE

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