

Wisconsin Black Bear Conflict Summary (2025)

Wisconsin DNR – Wildlife Damage

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Key Takeaways:

- 2025 Enrollments:
 - Regular (crop) enrollments are basically on par with the 5-year average (135.4)
 - Apiary enrollments had a slight uptick and are above the 5-year average (137.2)
 - Total enrollments increased and are above the 5-year average (272.6)
- 2025 Agricultural Damage/Nuisance Shooting Permits:
 - Upward trend continued for permit and tag issuance, slight decrease in harvests from 2024

Figure 1. Bear Agricultural Damage Program Enrollments, 2020-2024

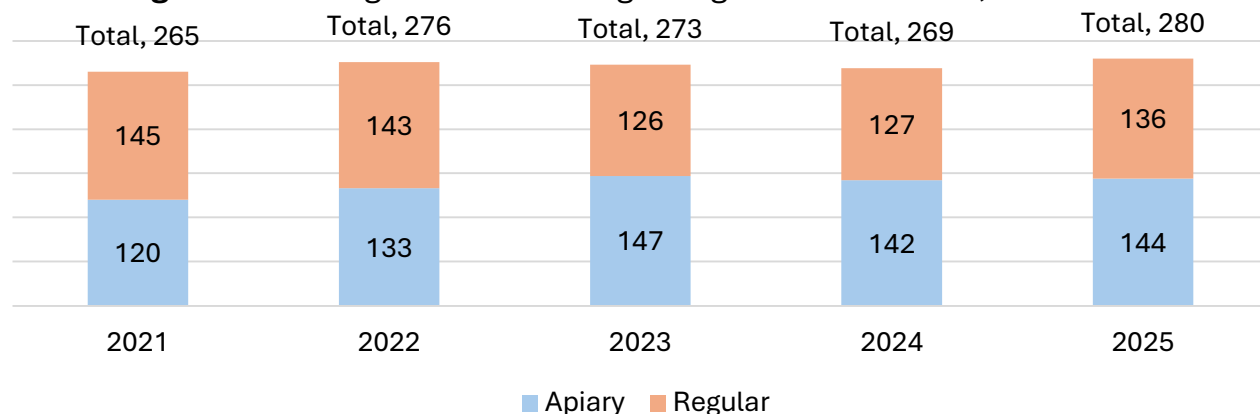
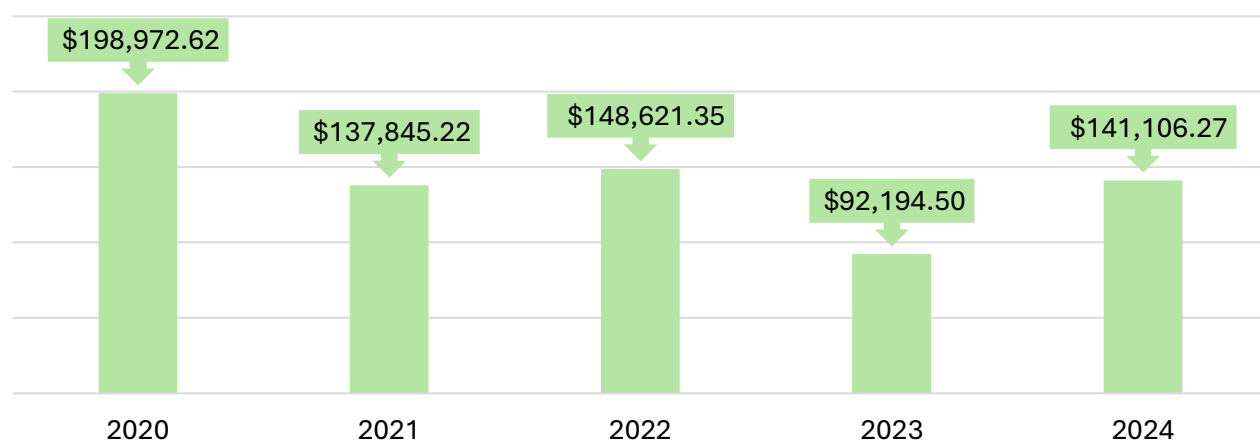


Figure 2. Appraised Agricultural Bear Damages, 2020-24



Note: 2025 totals will be available in spring 2026.

Table 1. Regular Enrollments, 2021-25

County	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Adams	-	-	1	1	1
Ashland	2	3	2	5	5
Barron	7	7	4	2	6
Bayfield	2	4	2	6	4
Brown	-	1	-	-	1
Buffalo	-	1	-	-	-
Burnett	11	10	10	9	9
Chippewa	2	2	2	1	3
Clark	4	2	2	2	3
Columbia	-	1	-	-	2
Crawford	-	-	-	1	-
Dane	-	-	-	-	2
Douglas	1	3	2	3	2
Dunn	1	1	2	3	2
Eau Claire	2	1	2	-	-
Florence	-	-	2	1	1
Forest	4	2	4	1	3
Green	1	1	1	1	1
Green Lake	2	-	-	-	-
Iowa	1	-	-	-	-
Iron	1	1	1	1	1
Jackson	1	1	1	1	1
Jefferson	-	-	-	2	1
Juneau	2	2	2	3	2
Langlade	4	3	1	1	2
Lincoln	2	2	3	1	-
Marathon	3	2	3	6	6
Marinette	2	2	-	-	3
Monroe	1	1	1	1	1
Oconto	-	1	1	1	1
Oneida	3	3	2	2	2
Outagamie	1	4	4	3	2
Pierce	4	4	3	3	2
Polk	5	6	5	5	4
Portage	-	-	-	1	-
Price	13	9	7	6	9
Rusk	26	26	23	22	20
St. Croix	1	3	1	-	1
Sauk	-	-	-	1	-
Sawyer	19	17	19	15	16
Shawano	-	1	1	-	-
Taylor	8	7	6	6	4
Trempealeau	1	-	-	-	1
Vernon	1	1	1	1	1
Walworth	-	-	-	1	-
Washburn	7	8	5	6	8
Washington	-	-	-	1	1
Waukesha	-	-	-	1	1
Winnebago	-	-	-	-	1
Total:	145	143	126	127	136

Table 2. Apiary Enrollments, 2021-25

County	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Adams	-	1	4	3	3
Ashland	-	1	-	-	-
Barron	5	5	6	4	5
Bayfield	-	-	1	-	-
Buffalo	4	5	5	5	4
Calumet	-	-	1	-	-
Chippewa	7	7	7	7	6
Clark	9	10	10	8	5
Columbia	8	7	5	5	5
Douglas	-	1	1	1	-
Dunn	3	4	3	4	4
Eau Claire	-	-	-	2	2
Florence	-	-	-	2	1
Forest	2	2	2	-	1
Green Lake	1	-	-	2	3
Iowa	2	3	3	2	1
Jackson	6	6	7	8	7
Jefferson	1	1	1	2	2
Juneau	3	5	5	5	5
La Crosse	1	1	1	1	1
Lafayette	-	-	1	1	1
Langlade	1	1	1	1	1
Lincoln	4	3	3	3	1
Marathon	6	7	8	9	10
Marinette	4	4	4	-	5
Marquette	2	-	-	1	1
Monroe	3	3	3	4	3
Oneida	1	1	1	1	1
Outagamie	0	3	9	9	7
Pepin	1	1	2	1	1
Pierce	9	8	10	10	10
Polk	2	1	1	1	1
Portage	3	4	4	4	5
Price	1	1	1	1	1
Sauk	4	5	5	5	6
Sawyer	1	1	1	1	1
Shawano	1	-	-	1	1
Taylor	6	6	6	5	7
Trempealeau	4	7	7	6	5
Vernon	5	5	5	4	2
Vilas	3	3	3	4	4
Washburn	1	1	1	2	3
Waupaca	1	3	4	2	4
Wausara	1	3	4	4	5
Wood	4	3	1	2	3
Total:	120	133	147	143	144

Table 3. Agricultural Shooting Permit Issuance and Harvest by county, 2023-25

County	2023			2024			2025		
	Permit	Harvest	Tag	Permit	Harvest	Tag	Permit	Harvest	Tag
Barron	1	0	5	2	3	15	3	0	15
Bayfield	-	-	-	2	0	6	1	3	6
Burnett	9	1	45	5	4	25	8	6	40
Douglas	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Dunn	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Forest	3	1	6	1	0	2	2	0	4
Iron	1	12	10	2	16	18	1	16	22
Langlade	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Lincoln	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oconto	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Polk	1	0	5	1	2	5	1	2	5
Portage	-	-	-	1	-	0	-	-	-
Price	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Rusk	4	4	21	5	6	31	6	4	26
St. Croix	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Sawyer	5	4	33	4	12	31	7	11	50
Taylor	1	1	5	1	0	3	-	-	-
Washburn	1	3	10	3	10	40	3	8	30
Total:	28	26	144	32	54	181	35	50	201

Table 4. Agricultural Damage and Nuisance Bear Harvest by BMZ, 2025