



2015-2016 Hunter Success Survey Summary

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Hunters purchased 91,919 small game licenses (includes upland game, small game and waterfowl) during the 2015/16 hunting seasons (5% overall increase from 2014/15 sales). Of these, 74,772 were purchased by residents (2% increase from 2014/15) and 17,147 by non-residents (23% increase from 2014/15). Overall, upland game harvest and hunter participation were higher during the 2015/16 season compared to 2014/15. The number of resident pheasant hunters increased by 35% compared to the 2014/15 season while the number of non-resident pheasant hunters was similar to 2014/15. For quail, the number of resident hunters pursuing quail increased 63% and non-residents increased 16% compared to 2014/15. Harvest also increased compared to 2014/15. For pheasants, harvest increased by 26% (166,285 compared to 131,423 last year), whereas quail harvest increased by 73% (91,472 compared to 52,947 last year).

Figure 1. Small/upland game hunting permit sales, 1943-2015, by residency.

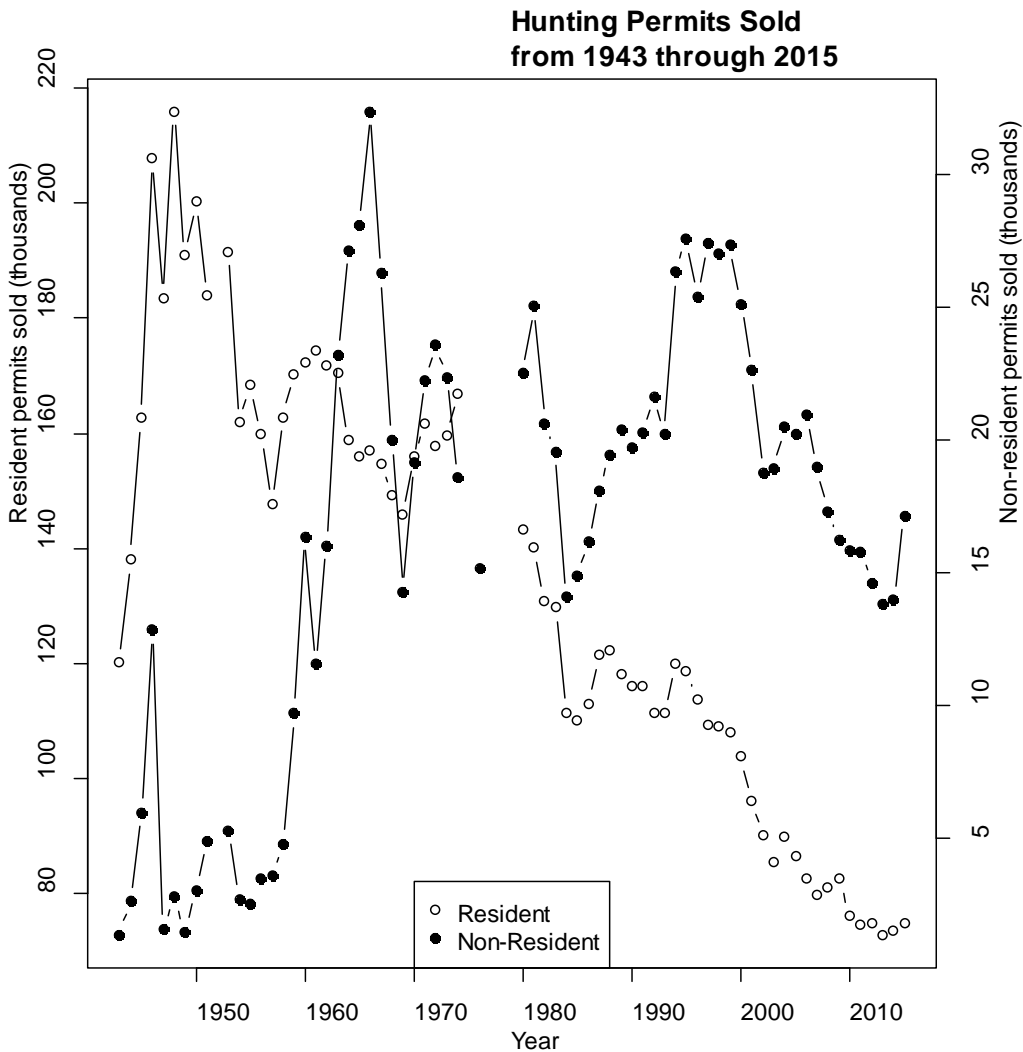


Table 1. Permit sales by residency for 2015/16 and 2014/15.

Year	Residency	
	Resident	Non-Resident
2014	73433	13980
2015	74772	17147

Table 2. Harvest statistics for pheasants and quail from the 2015/16 season.

Residency	Pheasant			Bobwhite		
	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters
Non-Resident	33,975	42,391	7,544	14,676	15,810	3,036
Resident	186,977	123,894	28,655	105,492	75,662	14,711
Total	220,952	166,285	36,199	120,168	91,472	17,747

Table 3. Harvest statistics for pheasants and quail from the 2014/15 season.

Residency	Pheasant			Bobwhite		
	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters
Non-Resident	33,082	34,950	7,795	11,886	11,274	2,609
Resident	166,968	96,473	21,250	76,783	41,673	9,041
Total	200,050	131,423	29,045	88,670	52,947	11,651

Table 4. Percent difference of 2015/16 (Table 2) from 2014/15 harvest statistics (Table 3).

Residency	Percent Difference					
	Pheasant			Bobwhite		
	Days	Harvest	Hunters	Days	Harvest	Hunters
Non-Resident	2.7	21.3	-3.2	23.5	40.2	16.4
Resident	12.0	28.4	34.8	37.4	81.6	62.7
Total	10.4	26.5	24.6	35.5	72.8	52.3

Figure 2. Pheasant Harvest and Hunters from 1955 through 2015.

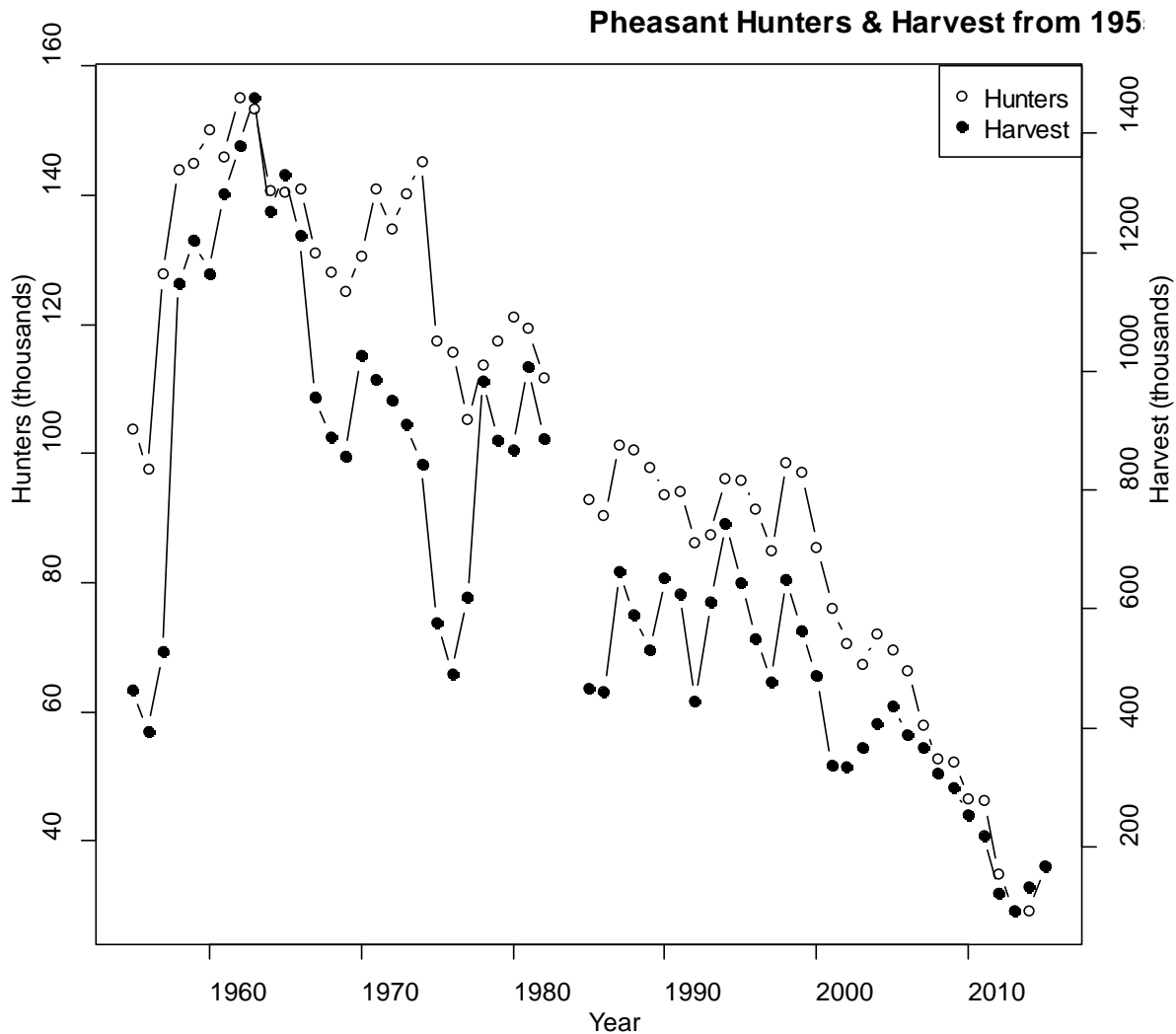


Table 4. Number of youth, novice, women, and apprentice hunters taken afield by hunters during the 205/16 small and upland game, and waterfowl seasons.

2015/16	Total
Youth (less than 16 years old)	29,464
New adult hunter (16 years or older)	15,242
Women	11,984
Apprentice license holder (12-29 years old without hunter safety class)	2,724
2014/15	
Youth (less than 16 years old)	34,529
New adult hunter (16 years or older)	18,553
Women	19,036
Apprentice license holder (12-29 years old without hunter safety class)	3,575

Figure 3. Distribution of pheasant harvest and days afield by month of season for the 2015/16 hunting seasons.

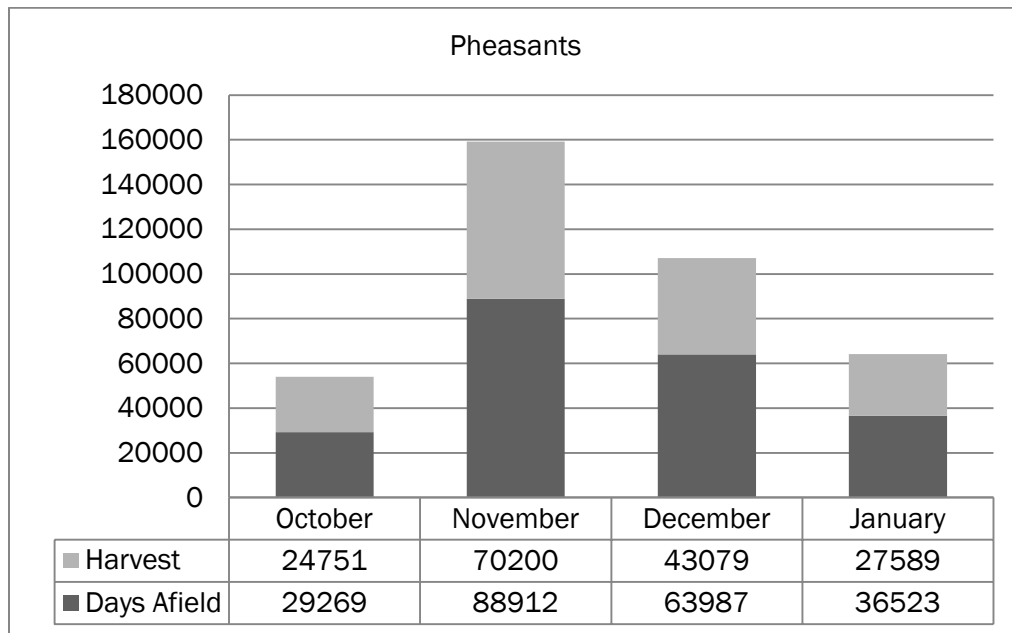


Figure 4. Distribution of quail harvest and days afield by month of season for the 2015/16 hunting seasons.

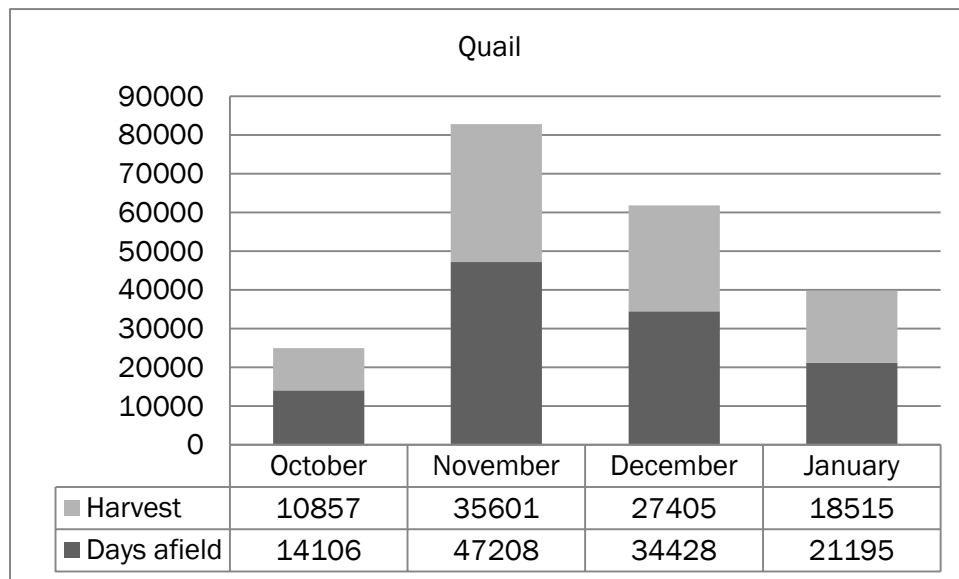


Figure 5. Factors reported influencing hunters' decision to hunt upland and small game, and waterfowl in Nebraska (percentages will not sum to 100 because multiple factors could have contributed to decision).

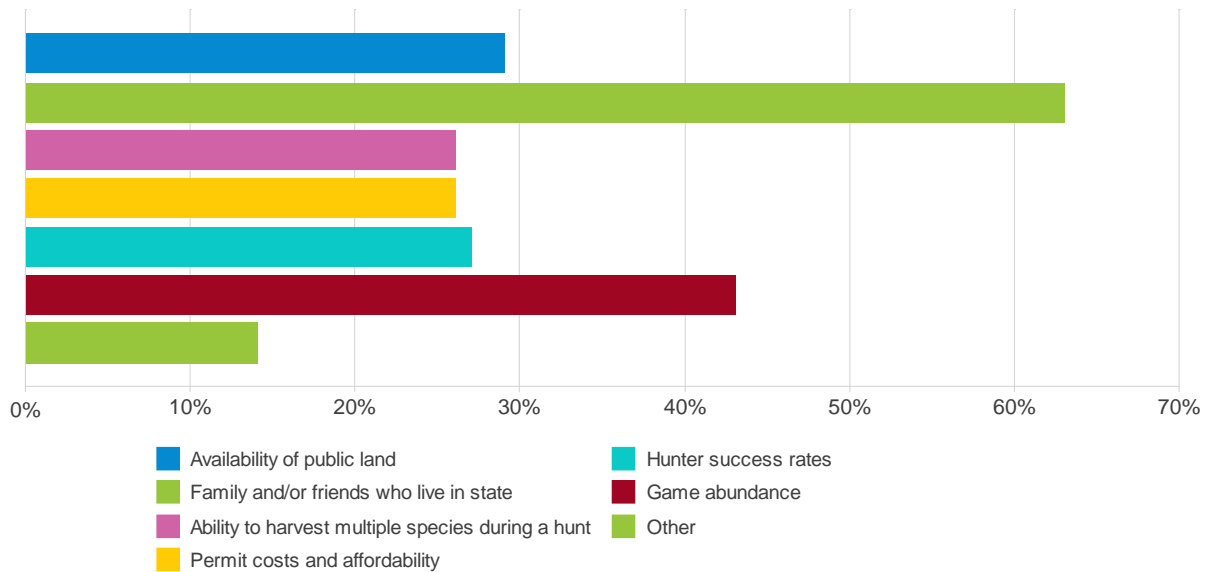


Figure 6. State of residence for non-resident hunters. Non-residents came from 46 different states, the top 10 are below.

