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2024-25 Grouse Hunter Cooperator Survey—During the 2024-25 season, 427 wing envelopes were turned between the west (409) and east (18) grouse zones, containing 1,046 wings. In the west zone, of the 678 sharp-tail wings, 65% were juvenile, whereas 60% of the 290 prairie-chicken wings were juvenile. Overall hunting success was 1.28 grouse per hunter-day, which was higher than in 2023-24, 0.94 grouse per hunter-day (Table 1). In the east zone no sharp-tail grouse were harvested. There were 36 prairie-chicken wings, 39% were juveniles. Hunter success was 1.00 grouse per hunter-day, which was similar to 2023-24, 1.06 grouse per hunter-day (Table 2). Harvest in both zones primarily occurred during September and October and declined monthly thereafter (Figure 1).

Table 1. Results of the 2024-25 Grouse Hunter Cooperator Survey west zone.

West Zone			
Month	Sharptails (% juvenile)	Prairie Chicken (% juvenile)	Grouse/ Hunter-day
September	413 (69)	218 (67)	1.39
October	180 (56)	48 (48)	1.08
November	22 (68)	7 (14)	0.71
December	26 (62)	10 (30)	0.90
January	17 (59)	6 (0)	1.21
Totals*	678 (65)	290 (60)	1.28

* Totals include some wings where month of harvest was not reported.

Table 2. Results of the 2024-25 Grouse Hunter Cooperator Survey east zone.

East Zone		
Month	Prairie Chicken (% juvenile)	Grouse/ Hunter-day
September	32 (41)	1.14
October	4 (25)	0.57
November	0 (0)	N/A
December	0 (0)	N/A
January	0 (0)	N/A
Totals	36 (39)	1.00

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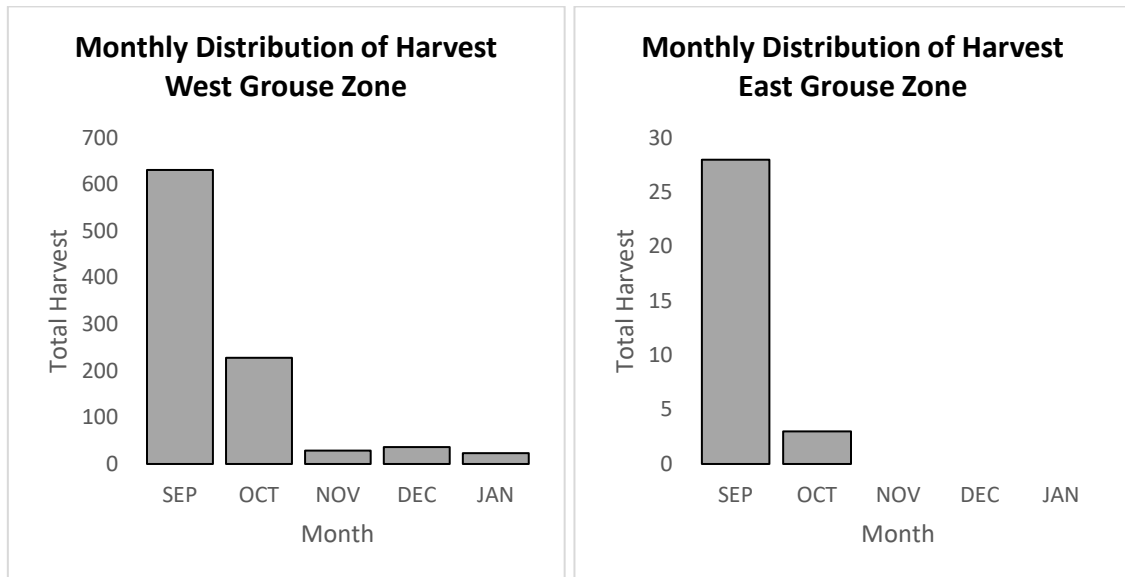


Figure 1. Monthly distribution of grouse harvest during the 2024-25 season.

Production indices for Prairie Grouse 1996-2024

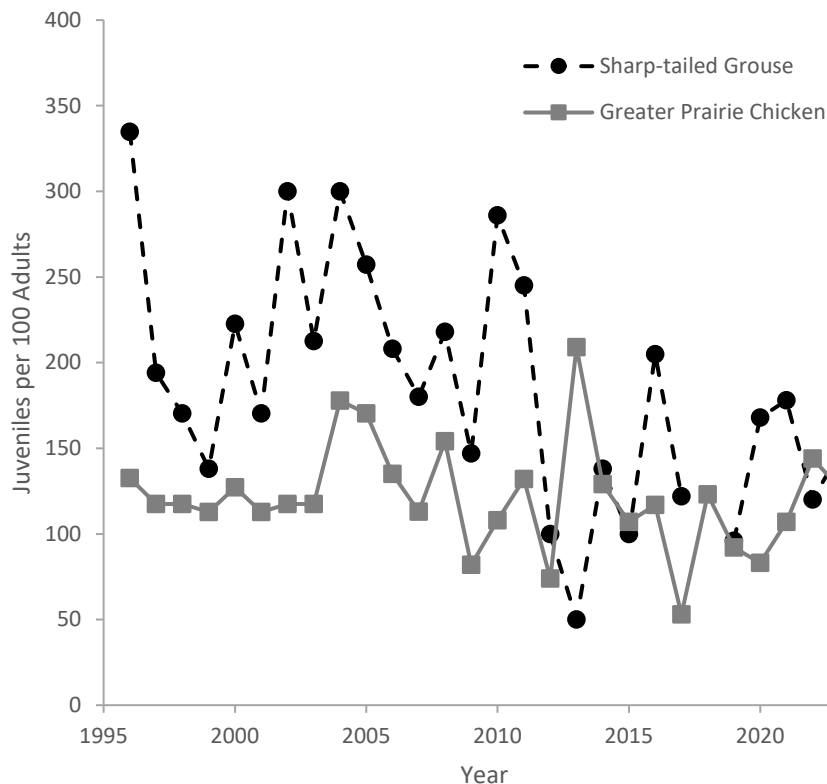


Figure 2. Production indices for prairie grouse harvested by hunter-cooperators in the Grouse Hunter Cooperator Survey, 1996-2024 (East and West Zones combined).