



Survey of Nebraska Landowner Attitudes on Elk Damage

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Executive Summary

- A majority of respondents reported owning over 1,000 acres of land within an Elk Management Unit (EMU; 63%).
- Most landowners reported that they frequently saw elk on their property within the last 24 months (48%).
- Most landowners reported that the number elk on their property was about what they preferred (40%) and most frequently reported that elk cause a light amount of damage (40%).
- The most frequent variety of elk damage was to landowner fencing (64%), and the majority of landowners find the damage to be somewhat unacceptable (33%).
- The majority of landowners were aware that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) offers mitigation assistance (62%), depredation permissions (64%), but were unaware of special elk hunting permits to reduce elk damage (53%).
- Few landowners have ever contacted NGPC for assistance with elk damage (19%), and those who have most frequently contacted NGPC in 2024 (22%) or 2023 (20%).
- A majority of landowners indicated that someone hunted elk on their property (59%). Of those, 42% had personally hunted their property. Of those who reported someone hunted their property, 45% reported family, 50% reported friends, and 48% reported someone they previously knew.
- Most landowners who did allow elk hunting permitted hunters to harvest bulls without restrictions (60%) and/or antlerless elk without restrictions (67%).
- Of those who allowed hunting, only 47% allowed antlerless-elk hunters access prior to the bull-hunting season.

General Information

This report describes responses to questions from the 2025 “Survey of Nebraska Landowner Attitudes on Elk Damage.” This survey was a tool to analyze Nebraska landowner perspectives on the elk herds residing on their land, the damage caused by elk herds, how landowners might be encouraged to allow elk hunting on their land, and how much elk-hunting landowners are currently allowing on their land. We provide information regarding the design and implementation of the survey as well as summarized responses to questions from the overall respondent pool and responses from individual Elk Management Units. General summaries of responses.

Nebraska Landowner-Elk Project Objectives

1. Gather information about Nebraska landowners who own property within Elk Management Units
2. Assess landowner perceptions about elk population size
3. Determine severity of damage caused by elk to landowner property
4. Gauge landowner acceptance of property damage caused by elk
5. Gain a better understanding about how landowners respond to prospective elk hunters and evaluate landowner response to techniques aimed at encouraging landowners to allow more access to elk hunters

Mode Selection

Biologists at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the University of Nebraska held several meetings to design the survey instrument that would properly meet the objectives. A postal survey was used to determine the views of Nebraska landowners. Using this vehicle to collect information allows researchers to generalize results to a larger population. Surveys were mailed to a sample of landowners who owned property in at least one of the 15 Nebraska Elk Management Units. Invitations were distributed on February 5, 2025. A reminder survey was mailed to all landowners on March 7, 2025. The survey period closed on March 21, 2025.

Design and Item Selection

The design and fielding of the survey was accomplished by the Human Dimensions Lab in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Natural Resources and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The questionnaire consisted of items pertaining to the number of elk on landowner property, how landowners feel about the number of elk on their property, the amount of damage caused by elk, landowner feelings about the amount of damage caused, how landowners respond to prospective elk hunters, and how landowners feel about techniques designed to encourage landowners to allow more access to elk hunters.

Analyses

This report depicts a general summary of how survey respondents responded to each question. A depiction of how respondents answered each question by Elk Management Unit follows each general summary.

Survey population

Questionnaires were sent to 1,603 landowners. Landowner contacts were acquired by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission staff. The overall response was 378 landowners and the overall response rate to the survey project was 23%.

Survey Results

Property size and location

Q1: In which Elk Management Unit is the majority of your land located?

Overall responses

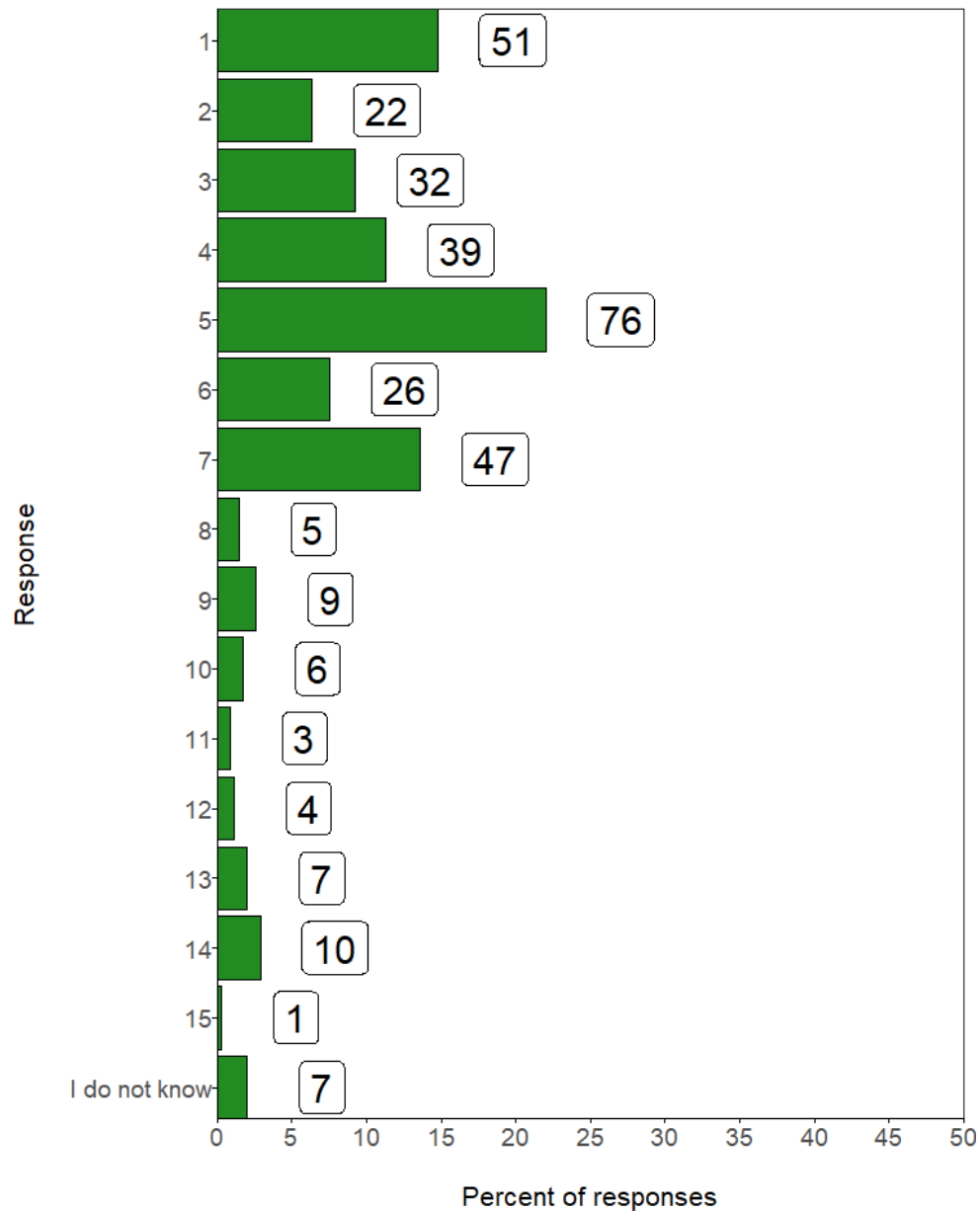


Figure 1. The Nebraska Elk Management Unit in which respondents of the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey hold the majority of their land. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the horizontal green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 345).

Q2: About how many acres do you operate (own or lease) for agricultural purposes?

Overall responses

No significant difference was observed between early and late respondents ($\chi^2 = 0.03$, OR = 1.04, $P = 0.86$).

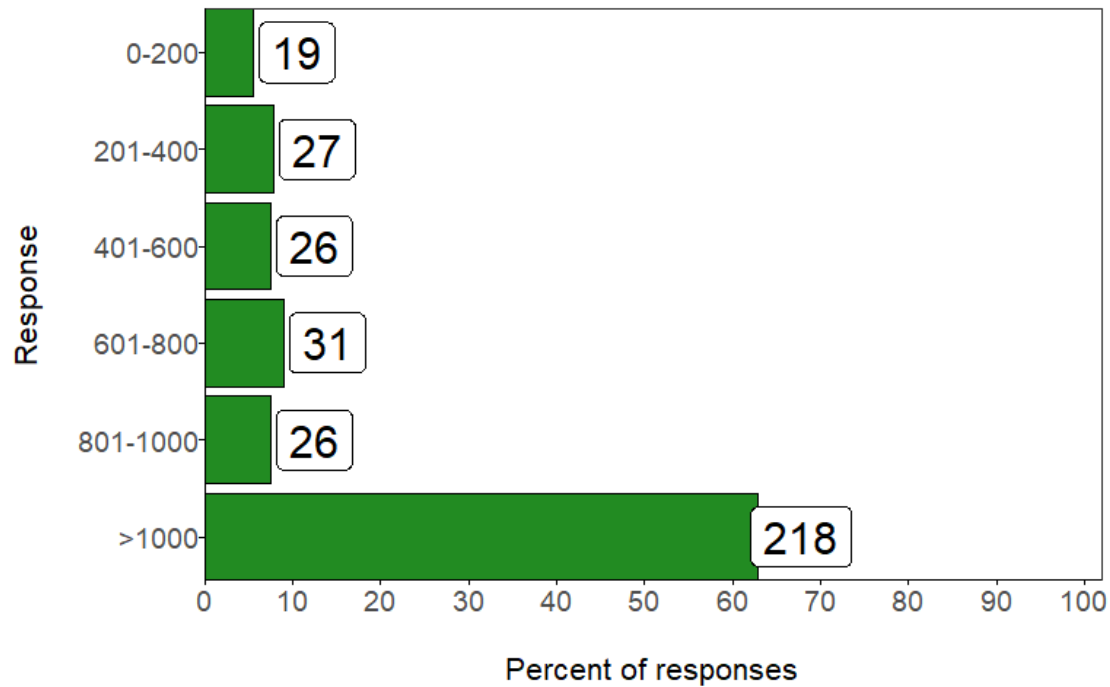


Figure 2. The approximate number of acres owned or leased by landowners as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the horizontal green bars represents the actual number of respondents ($N = 347$).

Response by EMU

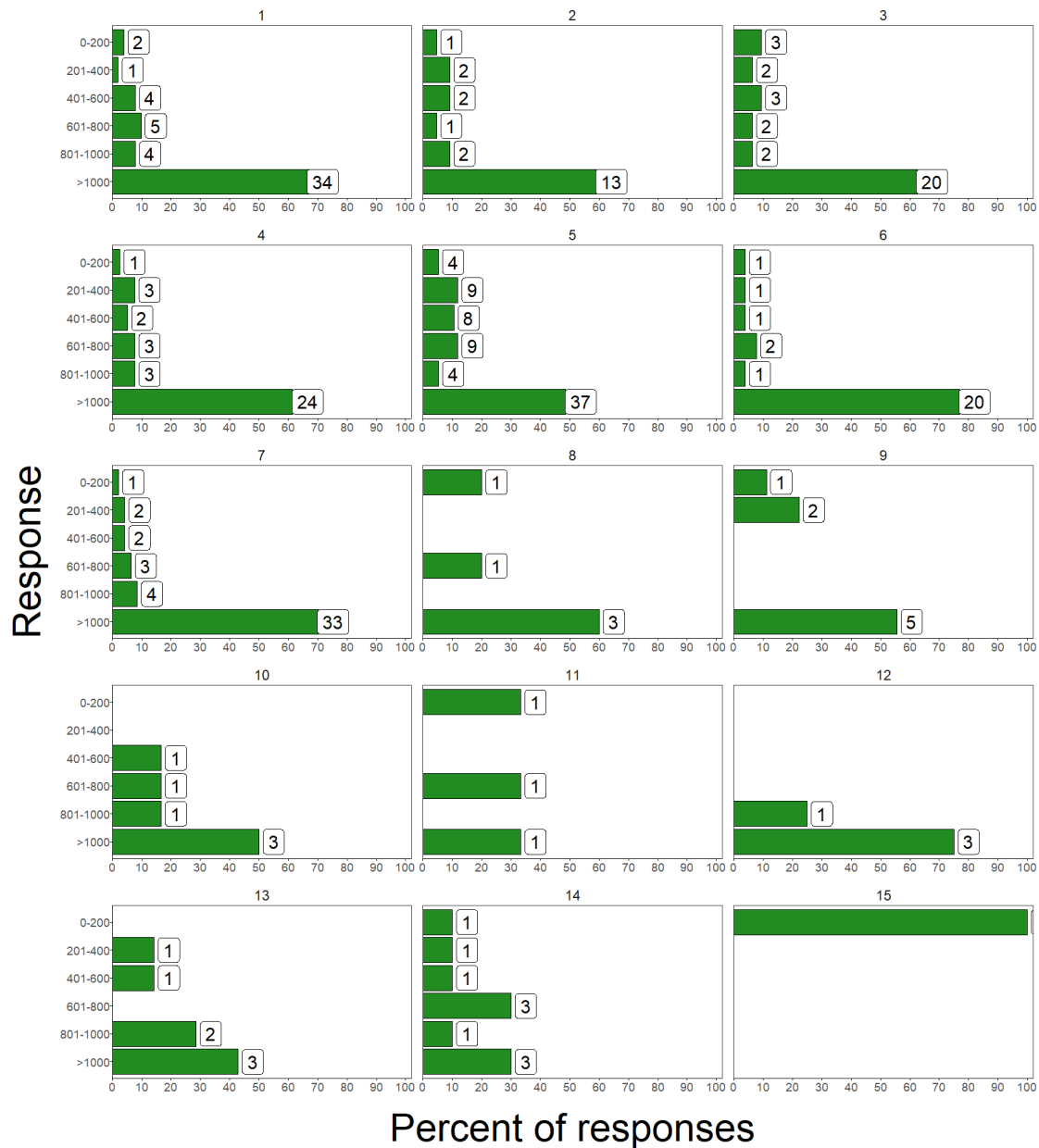


Figure 3. The approximate number of acres owned by landowners as indicated by respondents each Elk Management Unit to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the horizontal green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 338).

Elk numbers and elk damage

Q3: To your knowledge, how frequently did you have elk on your land in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

No significant difference was observed between early and late respondents ($\chi^2 = 2.7$, $OR = 1.49$, $P = 0.1$).

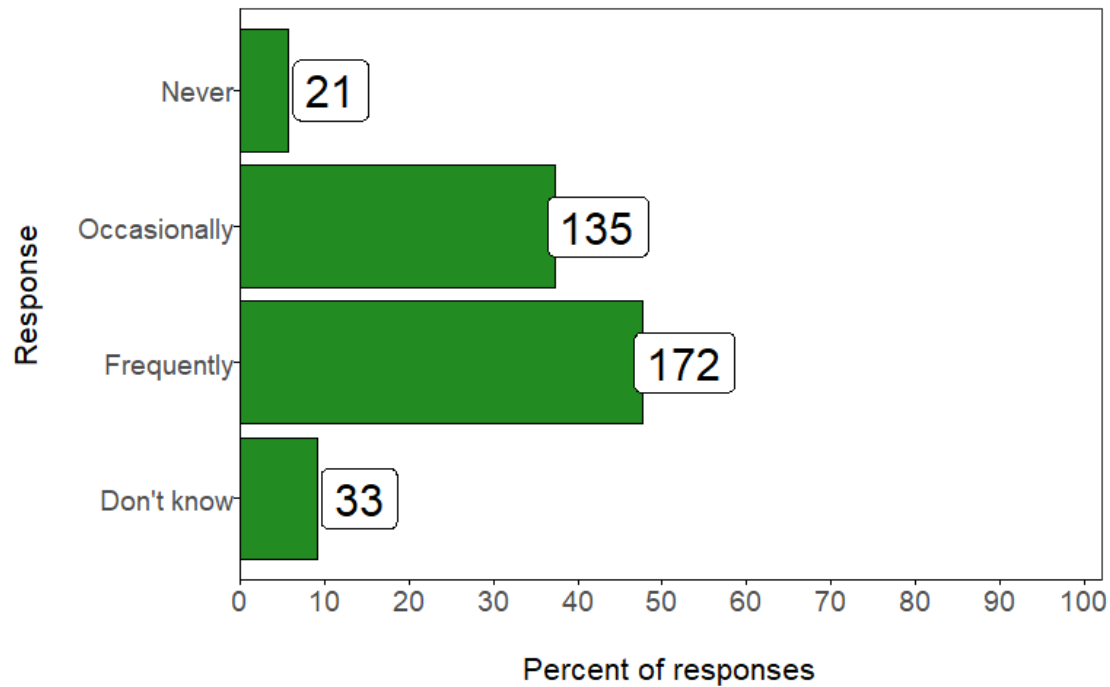


Figure 4. The frequency in which landowners had elk on their land as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents ($N = 361$).

Response by EMU

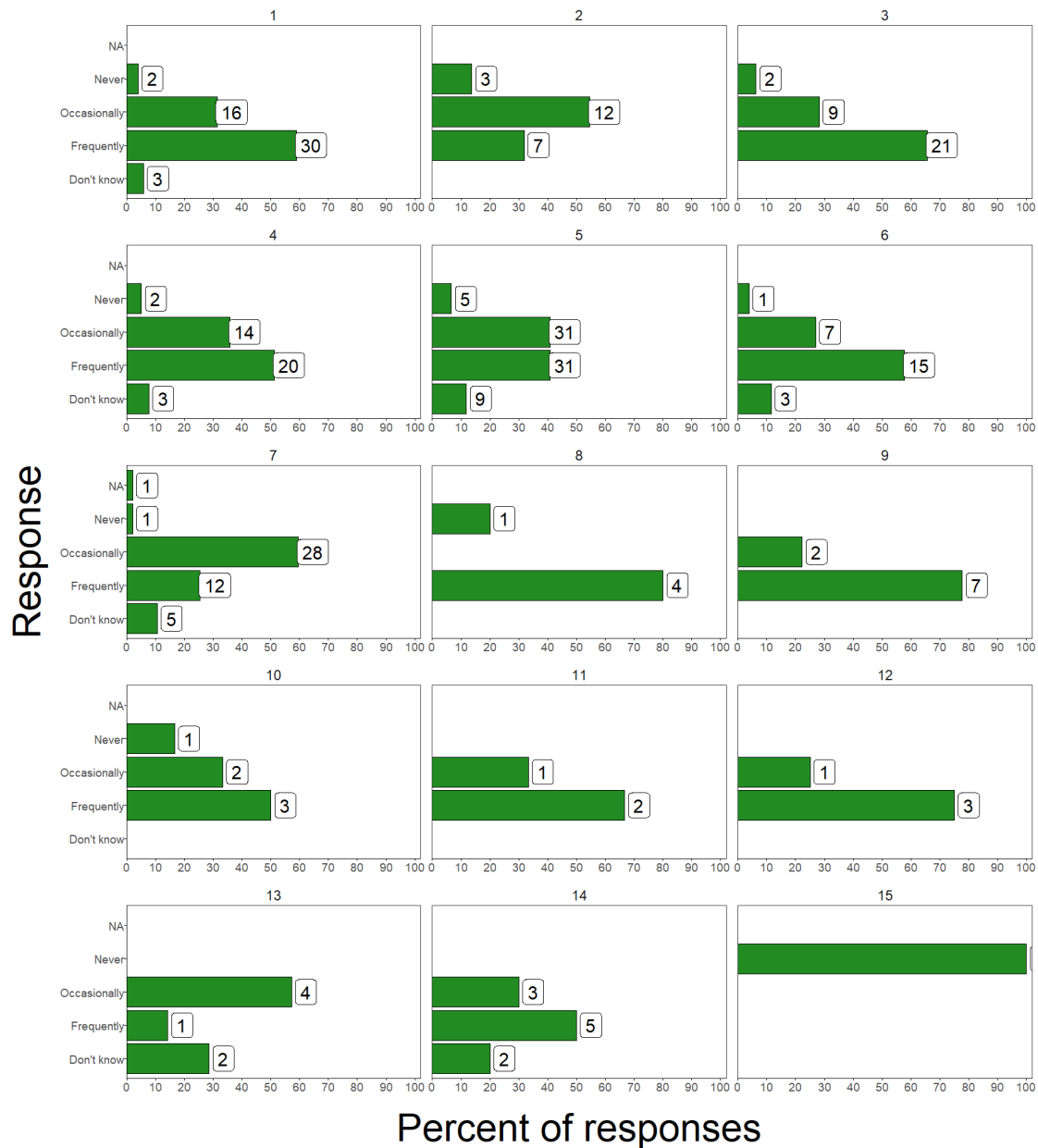


Figure 5. The frequency in which landowners had elk on their land from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 338).

Percentage indicating frequent occurrence of elk by EMU

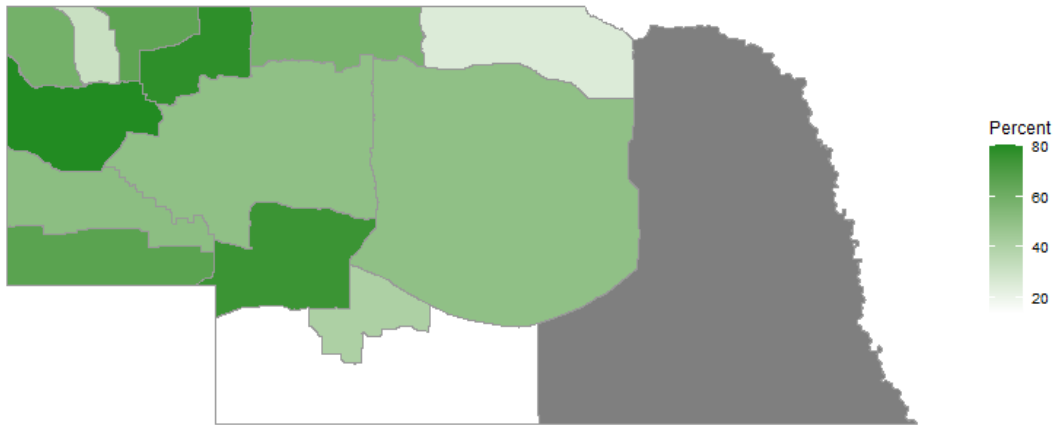


Figure 6. The percentage of landowners from each EMU who responded that they frequently had elk on their land as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey (N = 161).

Q4: How do you feel about the number of elk on your land in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

No significant difference was observed between early and late respondents ($\chi^2 = 0.04$, OR = 1.06, $P = 0.84$).

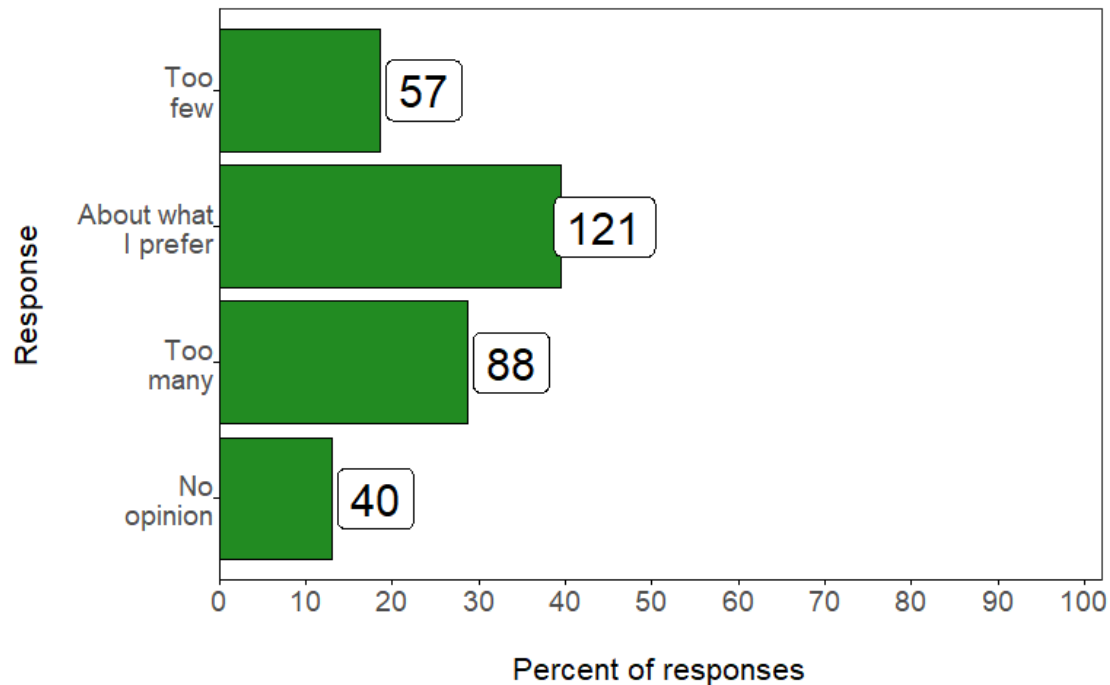


Figure 7. Attitude about the number of elk that were present on the landowners' property in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land ($N = 306$).

Response by EMU

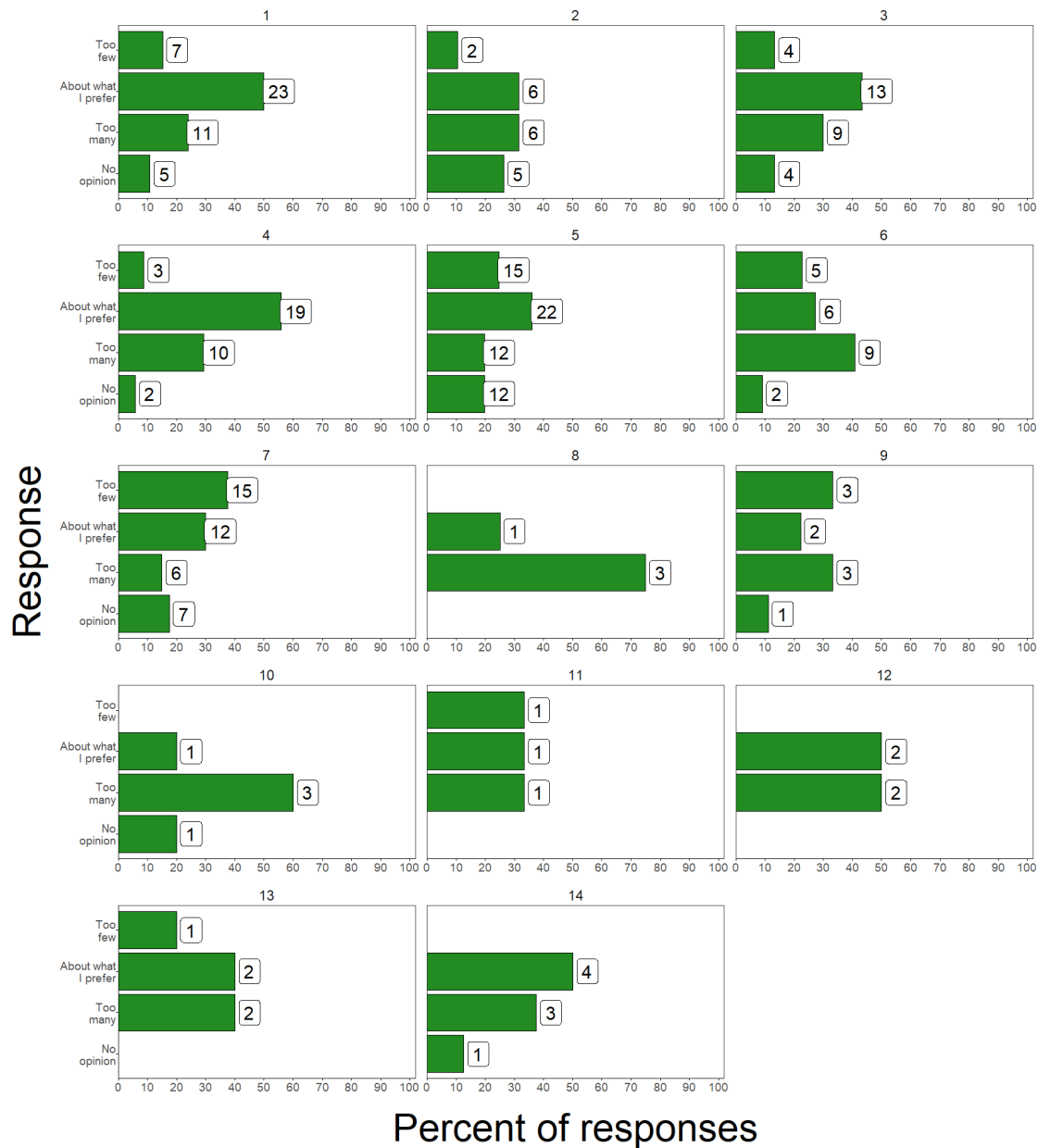


Figure 8. Attitude about the number of elk that were present on the landowners' property in the previous 24 months from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land (N = 290).

Q5: How much, if any, damage from elk occurred on your land during the past 24 months?

Overall responses

No significant difference was observed between early and late respondents ($\chi^2 = 0.81$, $OR = 1.23$, $P = 0.37$).

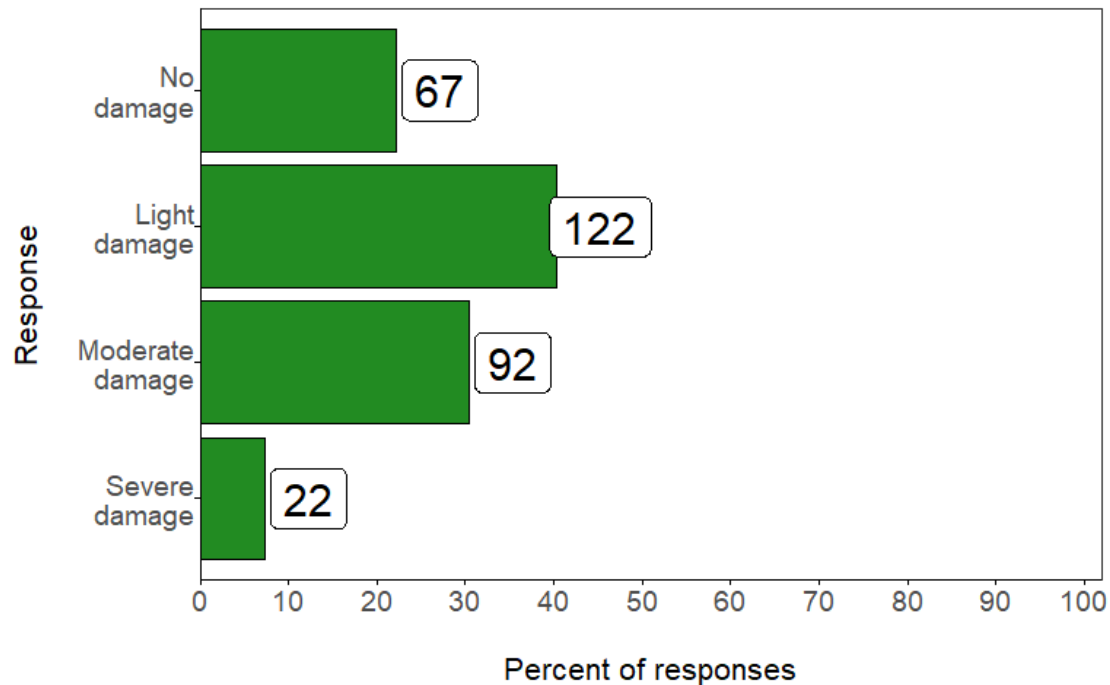


Figure 9. The severity of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land ($N = 303$).

Response by EMU

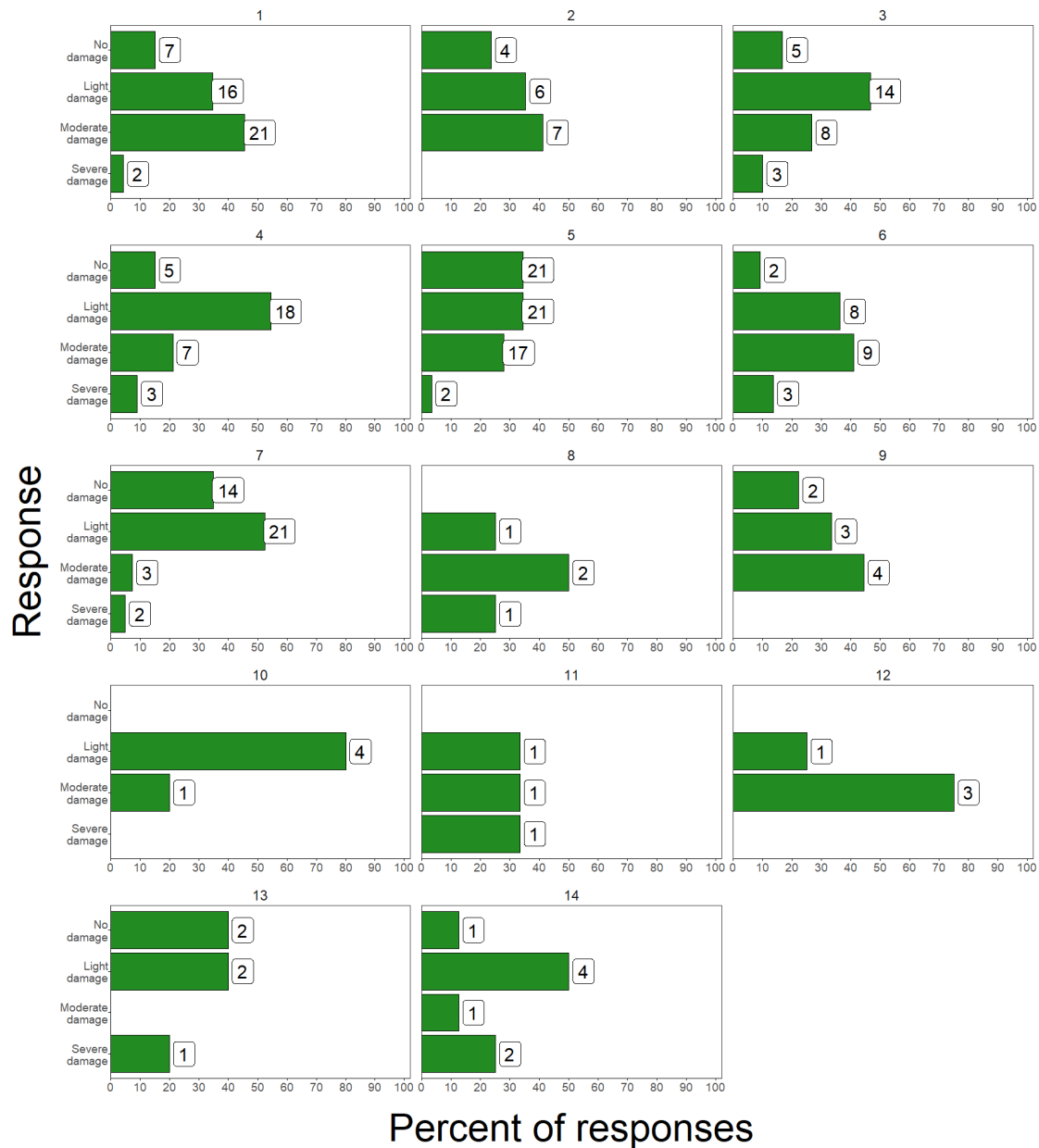


Figure 10. The severity of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land (N = 287).

Q5a: How acceptable or unacceptable is the amount of damage from elk in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

There was a moderate negative correlation between the severity of damage caused by elk and the acceptability of elk damage ($\rho = 0.39$, $P < 0.01$). As severity of elk damage increases acceptability of elk damage decreases.

No significant difference was observed between early and late respondents ($\chi^2 = 0.49$, $OR = 1.2$, $P = 0.48$).

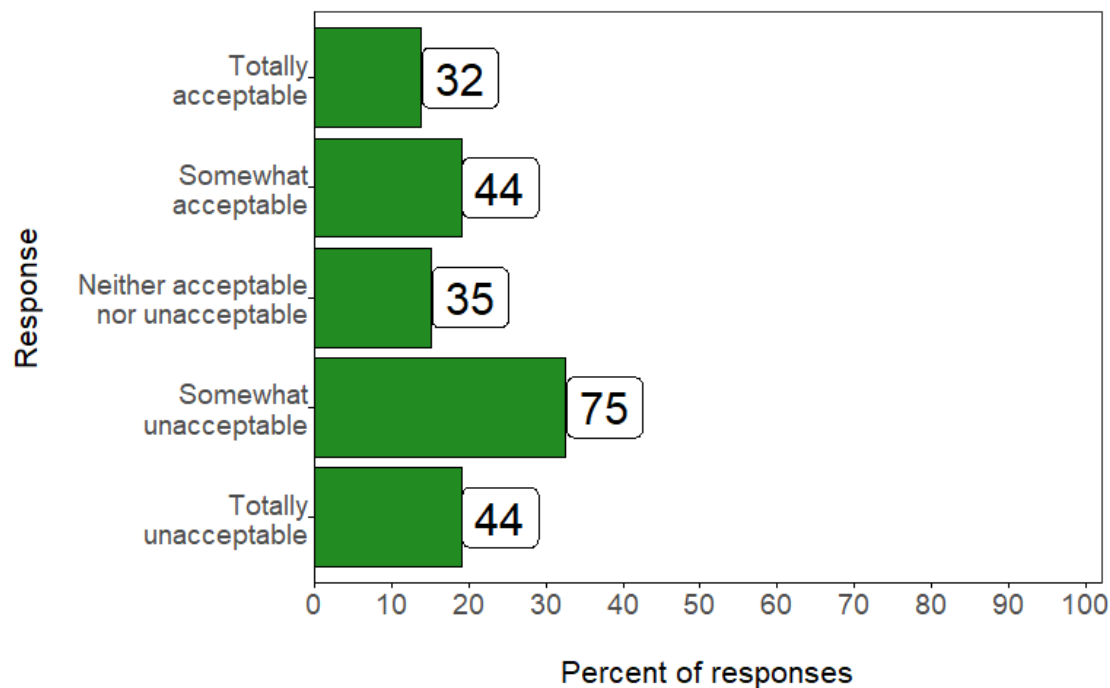


Figure 11. Acceptability of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred ($N = 230$).

Response by EMU



Figure 12. The acceptability of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred (N = 219).

Percentage indicating “totally unacceptable” or “somewhat unacceptable” for amount of elk damage by EMU

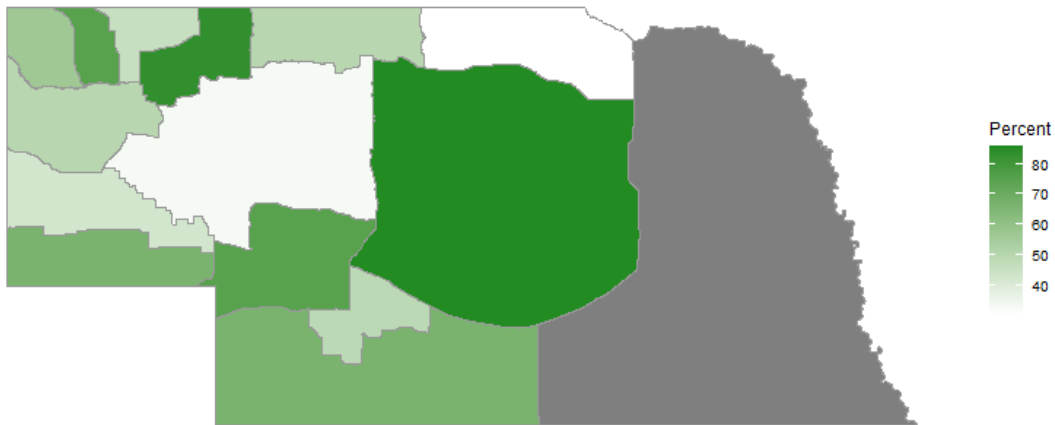


Figure 13. The percentage of landowners from each EMU who responded somewhat unacceptable or totally unacceptable levels of damage from elk on their land as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to individuals who reported having elk on their property and reported some level of elk damage (N = 111).

Q5b: What kind of damage from elk occurred on your land during the past 24 months?

Overall responses

No difference was observed for mule deer depredation on fencing ($\chi^2 = 2.22$, $P = 0.14$), alfalfa ($\chi^2 = 0.2$, $P = 0.65$), bales or stored feed ($\chi^2 = 0.01$, $P = 0.94$), corn or soybeans ($\chi^2 = 1.12$, $P = 0.29$), rye or wheat ($\chi^2 = 2.02$, $P = 0.16$), sunflowers ($\chi^2 = 5.53$, $P = 19.2$), nor other ($\chi^2 = 3.1$, $P = 0.08$) between landowners who submitted before the reminder mailing and those who submitted after.

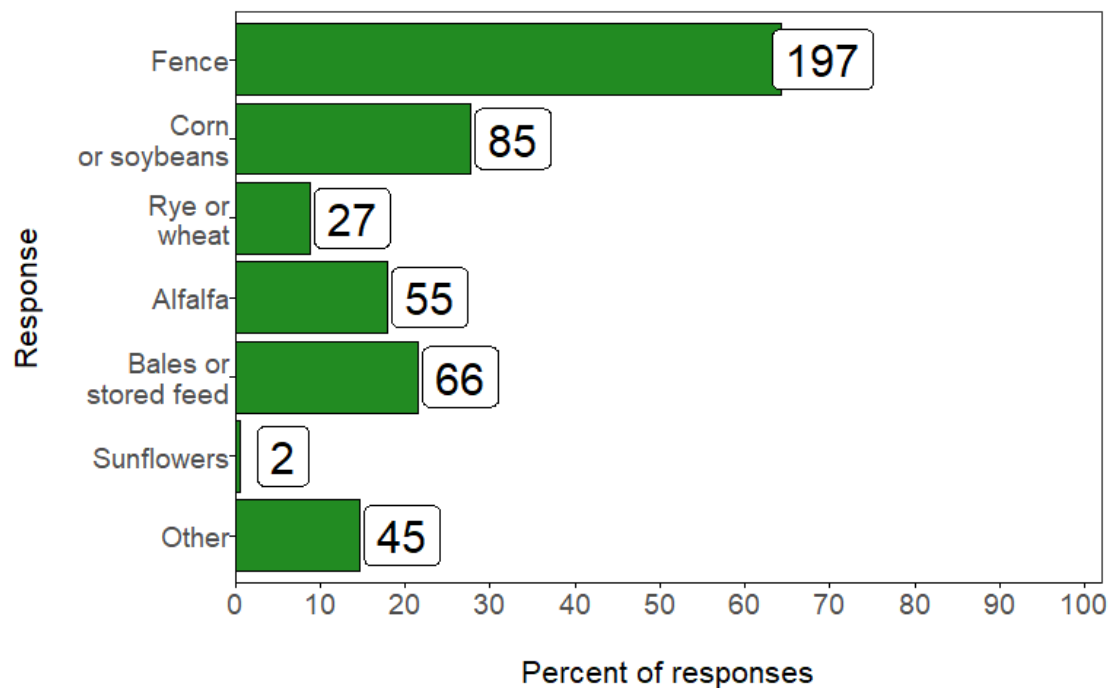


Figure 14. The kind of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred ($N = 307$).

Response by EMU

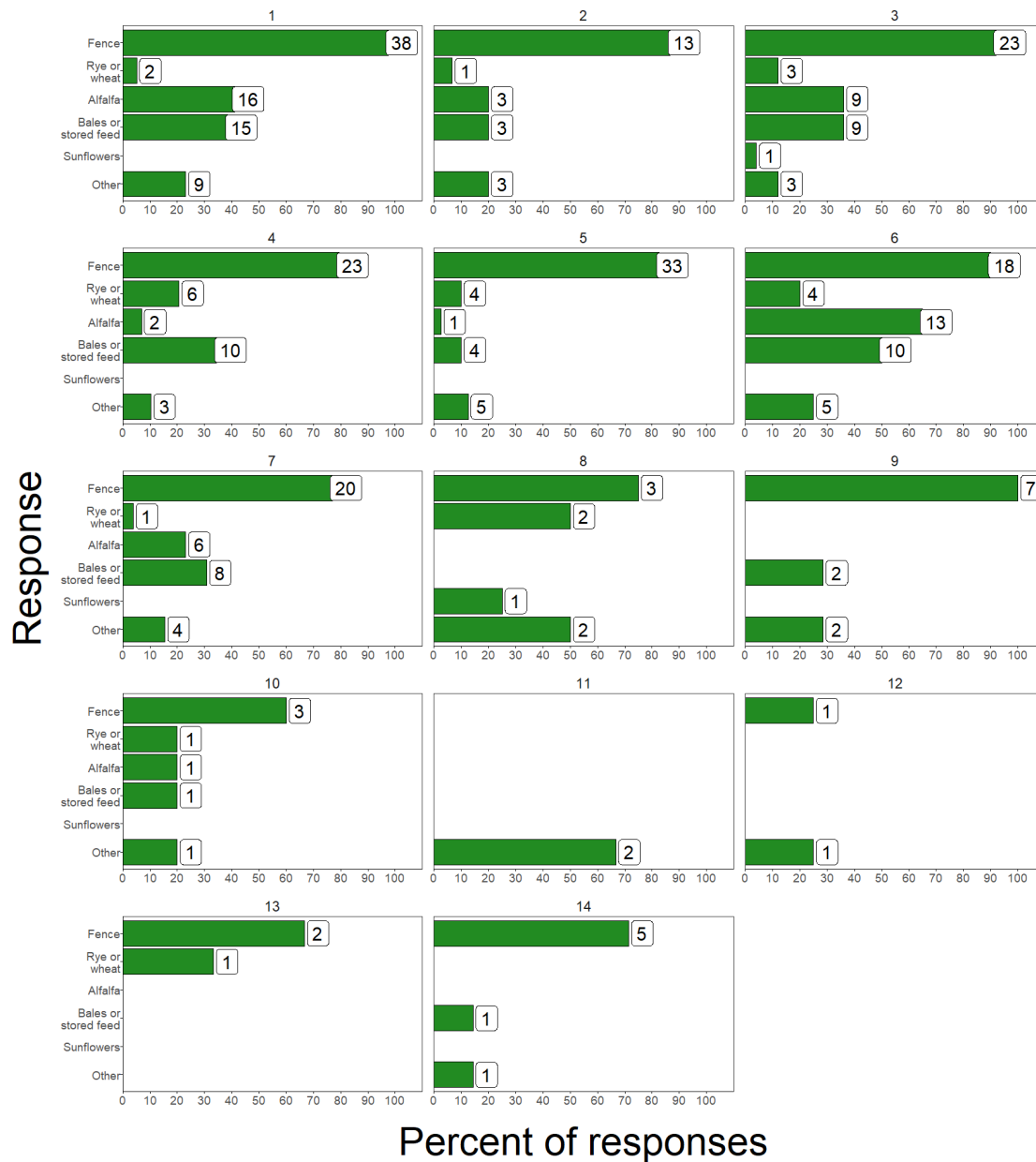


Figure 15. The type of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred (N = 227). Totals within each EMU may exceed N as respondents could have chosen multiple responses.

NGPC assistance

Q6: Are you aware that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has mitigation techniques, supplies, and materials available to help reduce damage?

Overall responses

No difference was observed between those who responded prior to the reminder mailing and those who responded after ($\chi^2 = 0.15$, $P = 0.69$).

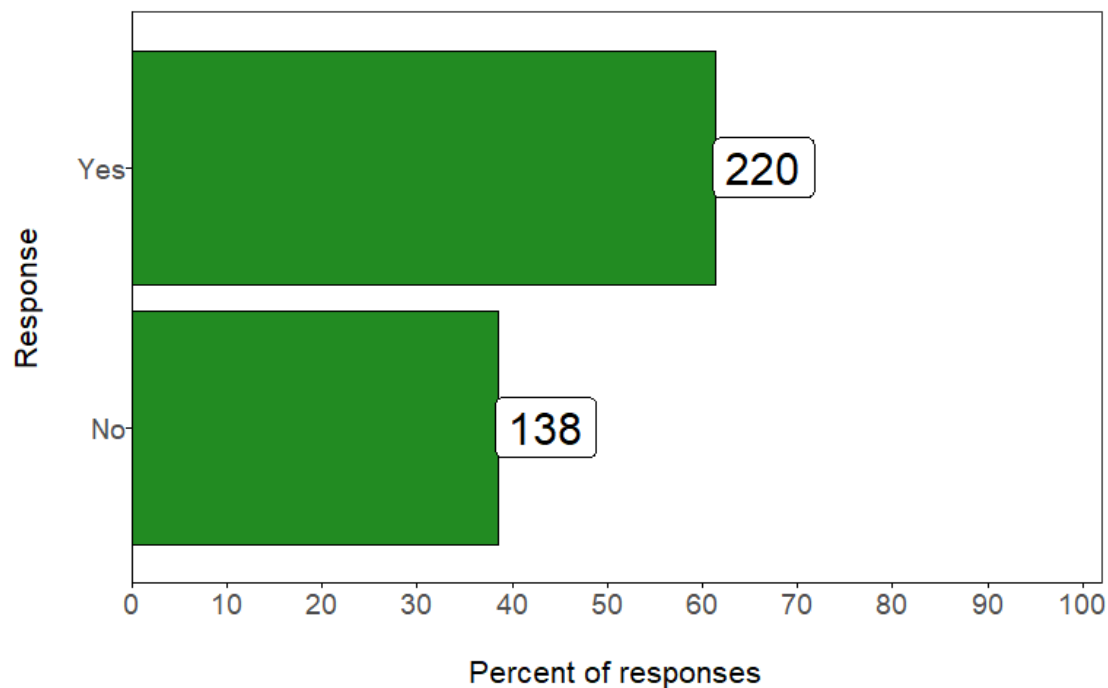


Figure 16. Awareness of NGPC elk-mitigation indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents ($N = 358$).

Response by EMU

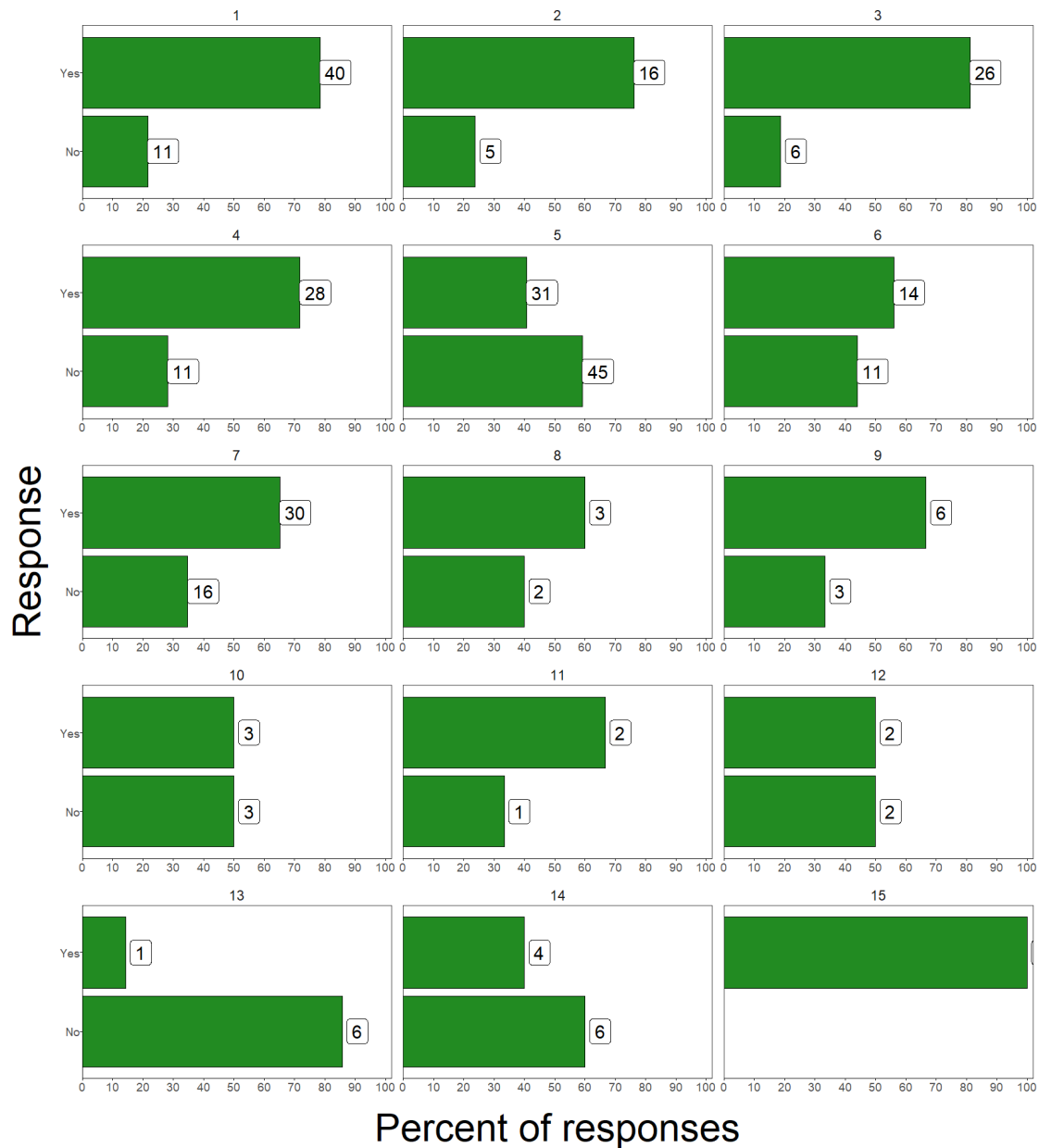


Figure 17. Awareness of NGPC elk-mitigation in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 335).

Q7: Are you aware that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission can add landowners to a depredation list that would allow hunters to contact you for permission to hunt elk?

Overall responses

No difference was observed between those who responded prior to the reminder mailing and those who responded after ($\chi^2 = 2.61$, $P = 0.11$).

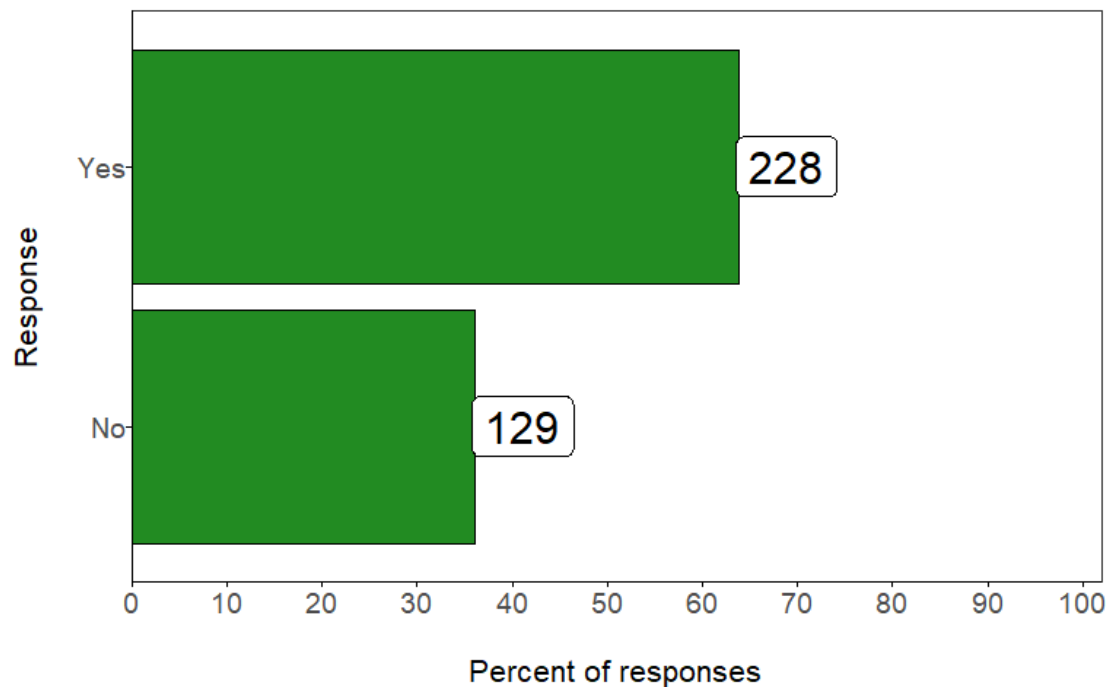


Figure 18. Awareness of NGPC ability to add landowners to depredation list indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents ($N = 357$).

Response by EMU

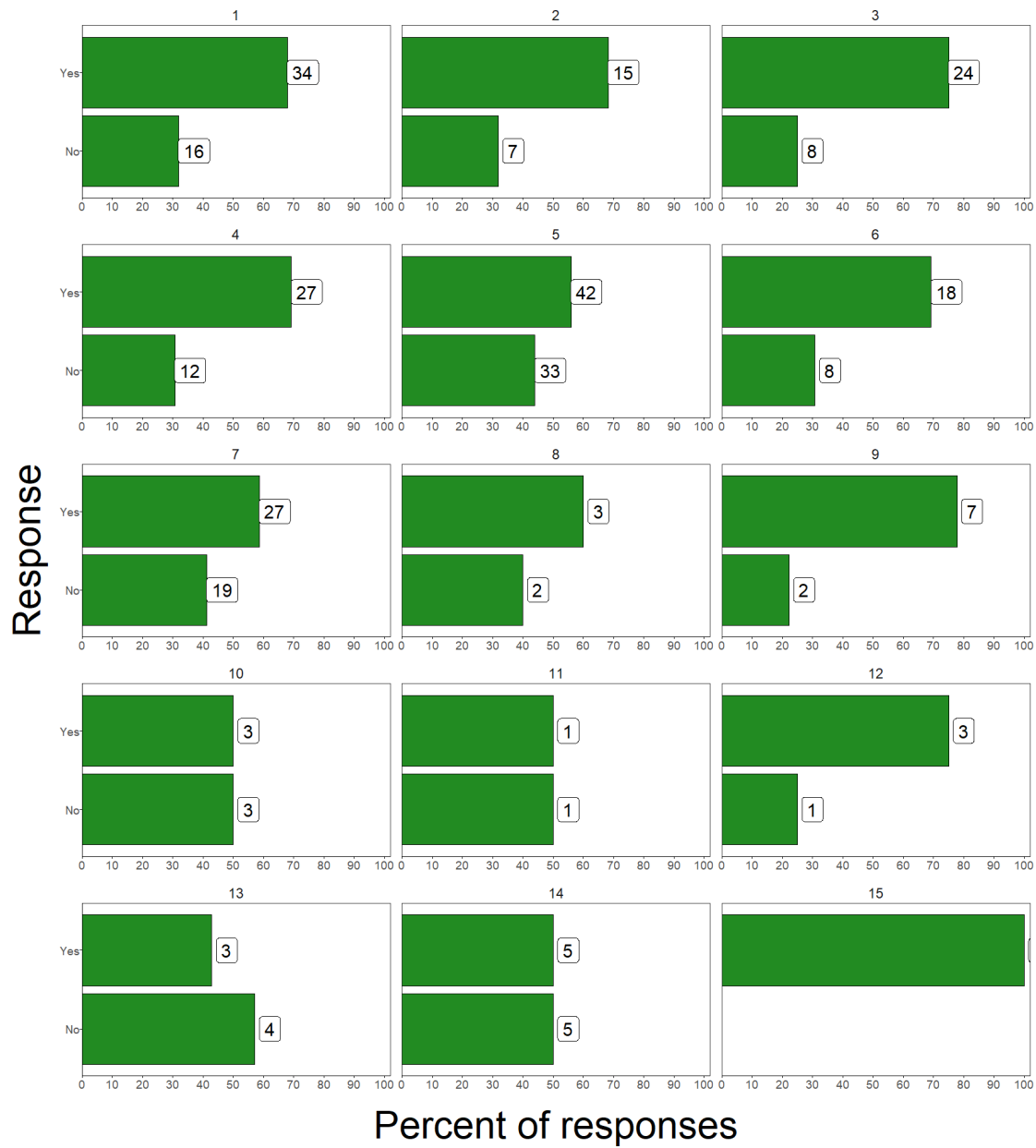


Figure 19. Awareness of NGPC ability to add landowners to depredation list in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 334).

Q8: Are you aware that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission may issue permits to landowners to kill elk outside the hunting season to help reduce damage to their property?

Overall responses

No difference was observed between those who responded prior to the reminder mailing and those who responded after ($\chi^2 = 0.21$, $P = 0.65$).

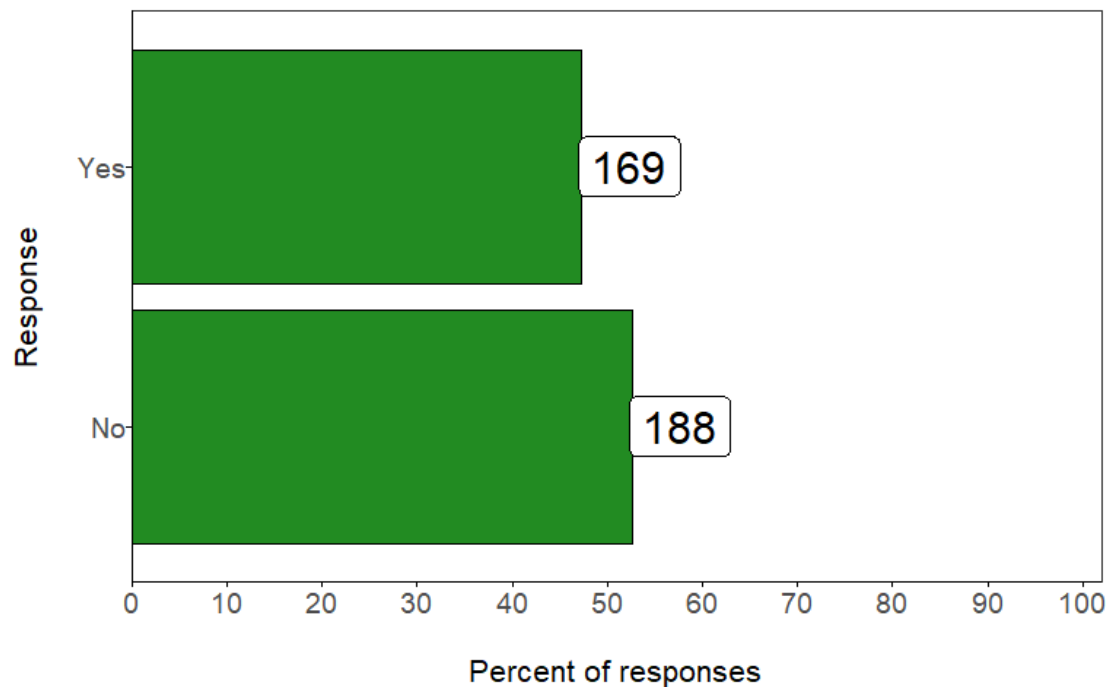


Figure 20. Awareness of NGPC ability to issue special permits indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents ($N = 357$).

Response by EMU

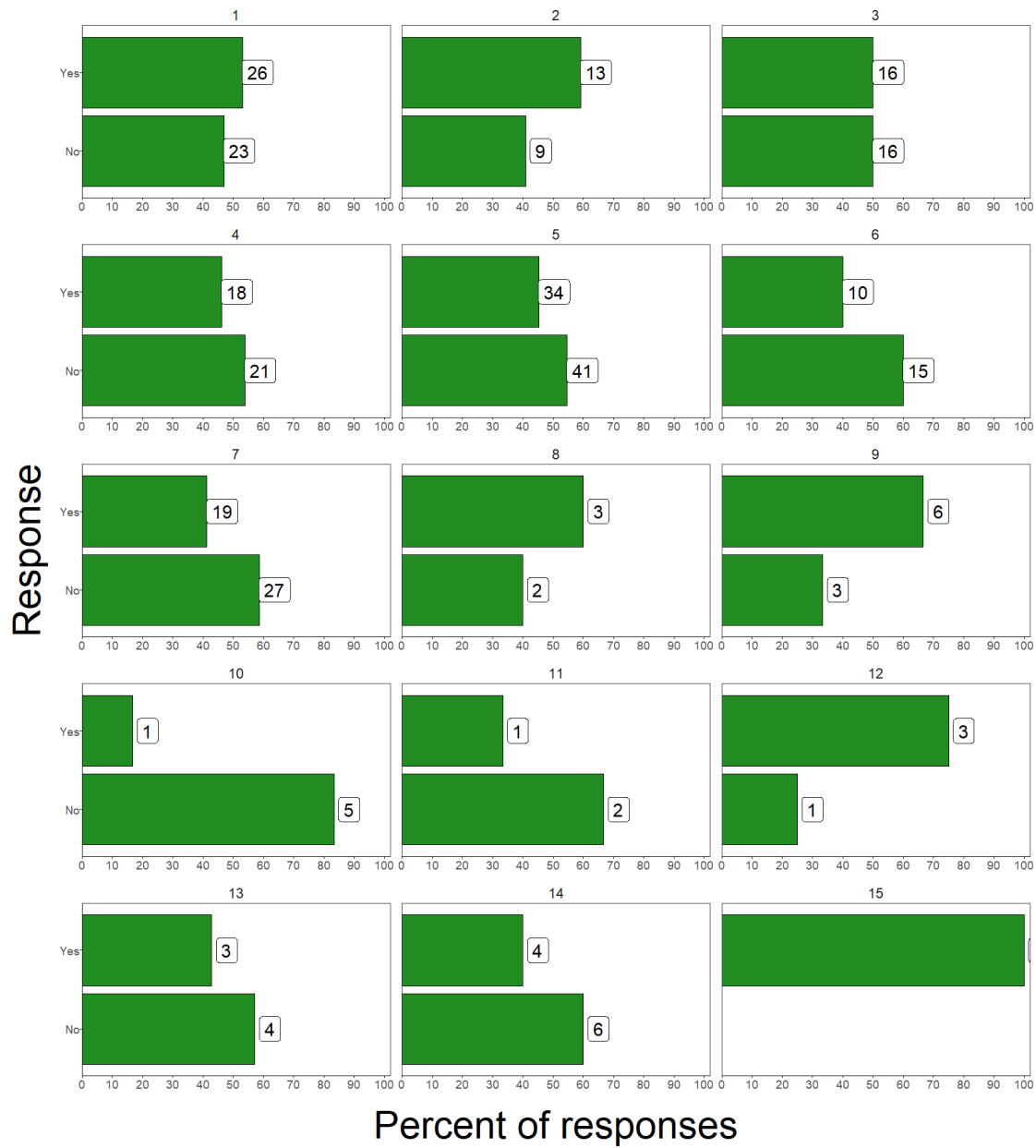


Figure 21. Awareness of NGPC ability to issue special permits in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 333).

Q9: Have you ever contacted the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for assistance in reducing elk damage on your land?

Overall responses

No difference was observed between those who responded prior to the reminder mailing and those who responded after ($\chi^2 = 1.55$, $P = 0.21$).

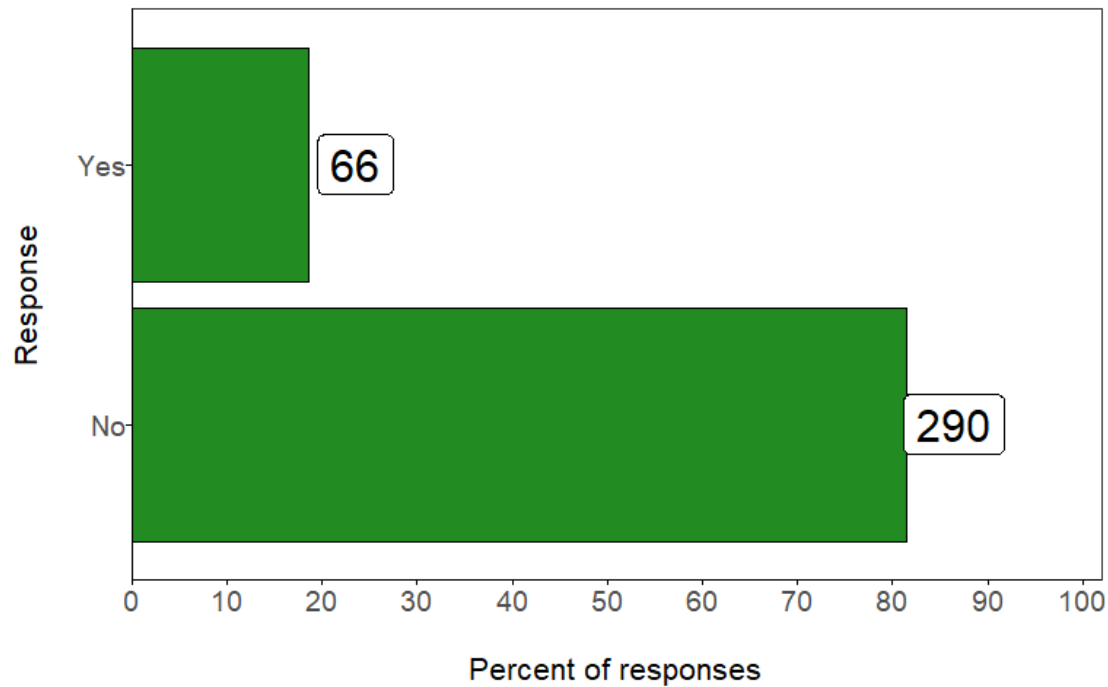


Figure 22. Whether respondent ever contacted NGPC for assistance in reducing elk damage indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 356).

Response by EMU

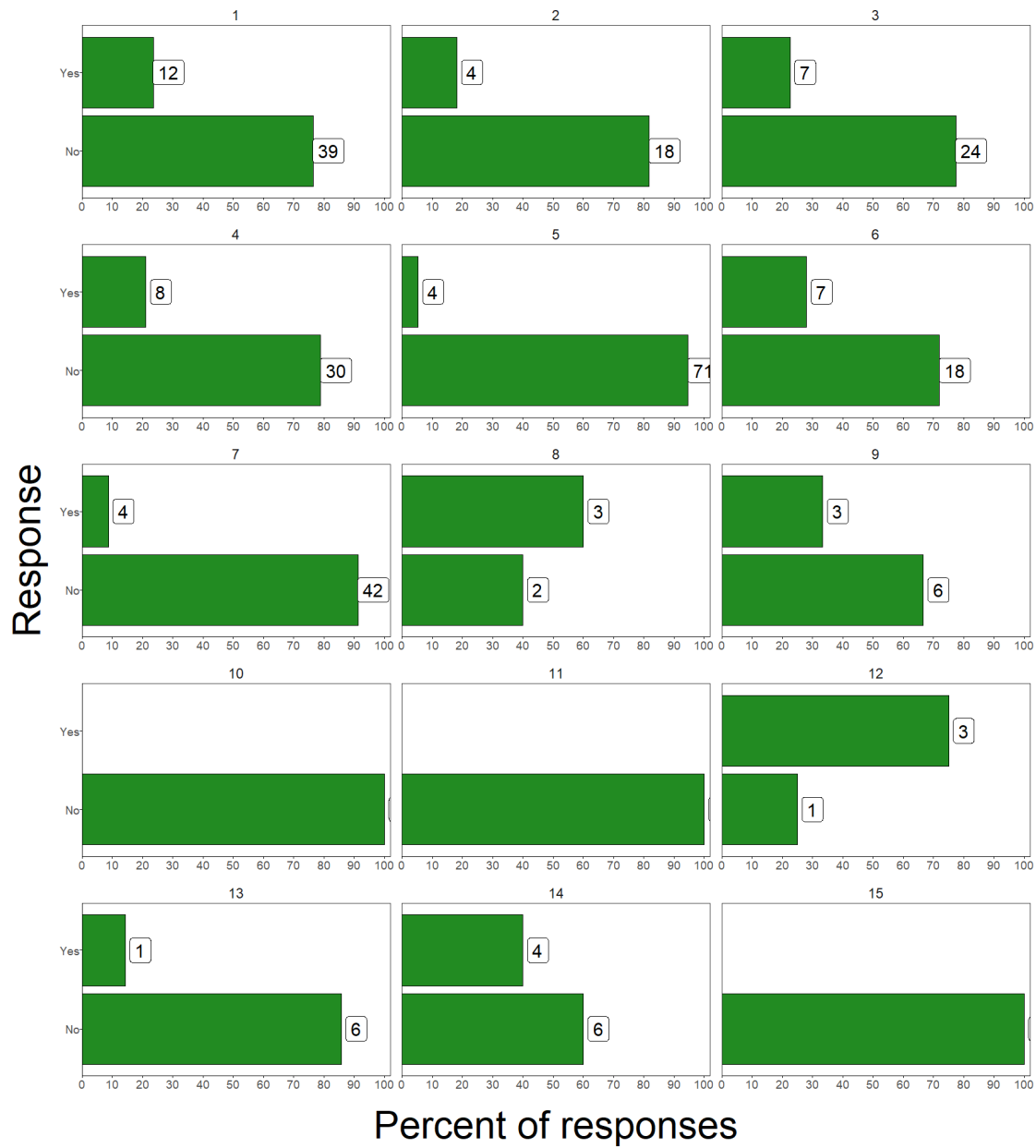


Figure 23. Whether respondent ever contacted NGPC for assistance in reducing elk damage in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 333).

The influence of acceptance of damage by elk on probability of landowner contacting NGPC for help with elk damage

Landowner acceptability of elk damage had a significant influence on the probability of contacting NGPC about help with elk damage (Chi-squared test; $\chi^2 = 15.13$, $df = 4$, $P < 0.01$). Landowners who reported “totally unacceptable” or “somewhat unacceptable” damage were more likely to contact Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for help with elk damage than landowners who reported “somewhat acceptable,” or “totally acceptable” elk damage.

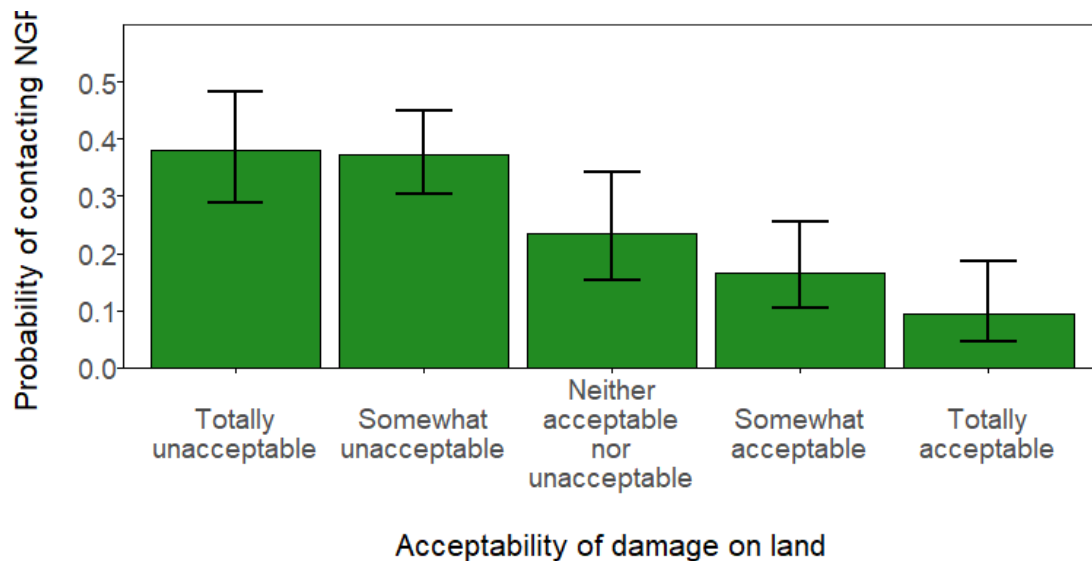


Figure 24. Probability of contacting Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for assistance in reducing elk damage for each level of acceptability of elk damage indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The y-axis indicates the probability of contacting Nebraska Game and Parks and the error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

The influence of opinion about the number of elk on the probability of landowner contacting NGPC for help with elk damage

Landowner perception about the number of elk on their land has a significant influence on the probability of contacting the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission about help with elk damage (Chi-squared test; $\chi^2 = 27.31$, $df = 2$, $P < 0.01$). Landowners who felt their were “too many” elk on their land were more likely to contact NGPC for help with elk damage than landowners who felt the number of elk on their land was “about what they prefer,” or “too few.” Landowners who felt the the amount of elk was “about what they prefer” were more likely to contact NGPC than those who reported the number of elk as “too few.”

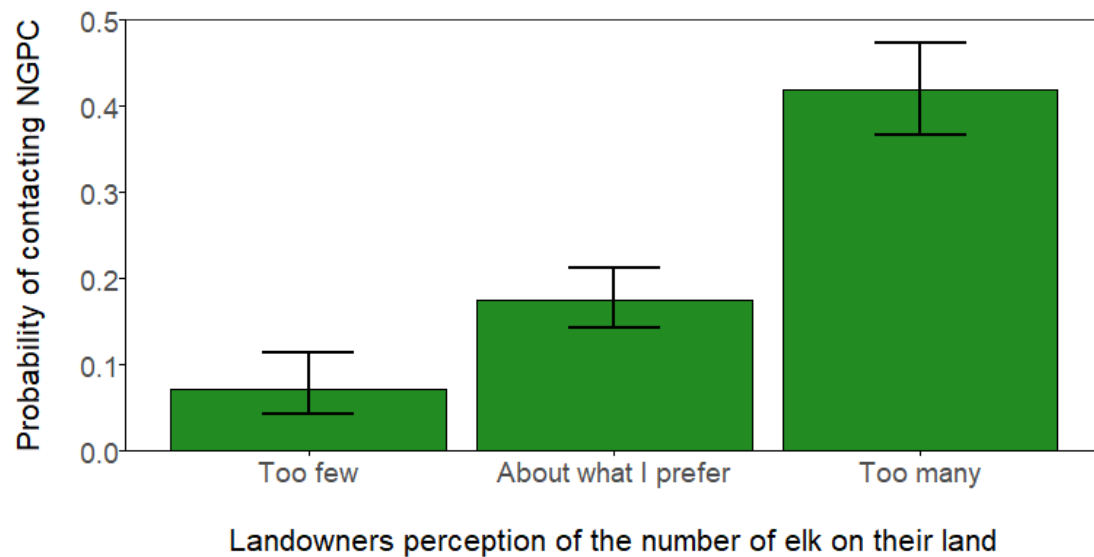


Figure 25. Probability of contacting Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for assistance in reducing elk damage for each perceived level of the elk population indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The y-axis indicates the probability of contacting Nebraska Game and Parks and the error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

The influence of severity of damage by elk on probability of landowner contacting NGPC for help with elk damage

Severity of elk damage had a significant effect on the probability of contacting NGPC about help with elk damage (Chi-squared test; $\chi^2 = 50.93$, $df = 3$, $P < 0.01$). Landowners who reported “severe” or “moderate” damage were more likely to contact Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for help with elk damage than landowners who reported “light,” or “no” elk damage. Those who answered “light” were more likely to contact NGPC than those who answered “no damage.”

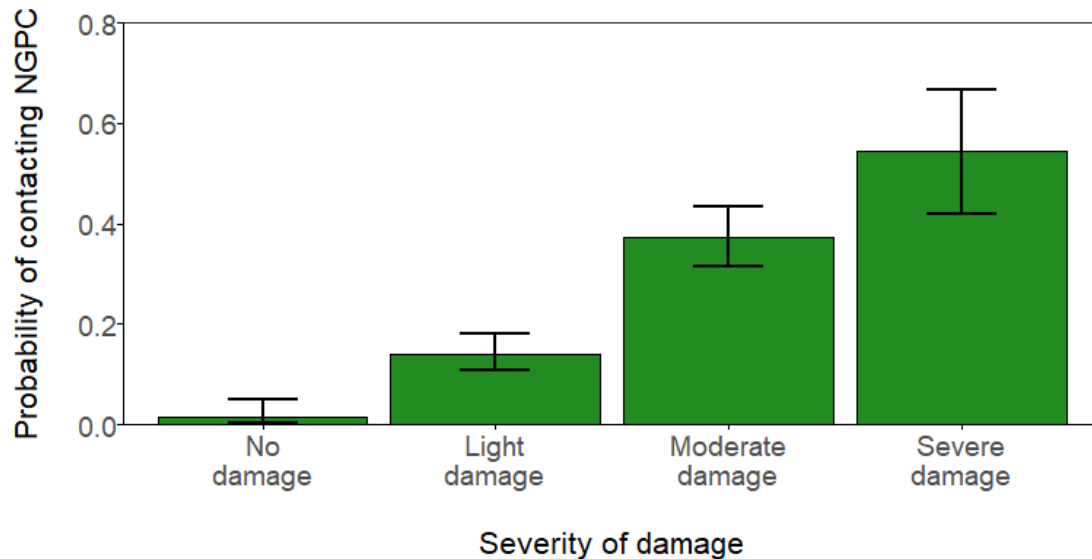


Figure 26. Probability of contacting Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for assistance in reducing elk damage for each level of severity of elk damage indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The y-axis indicates the probability of contacting Nebraska Game and Parks and the error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

9a) In what year did you last contact the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission concerning damage caused by elk?

Overall responses

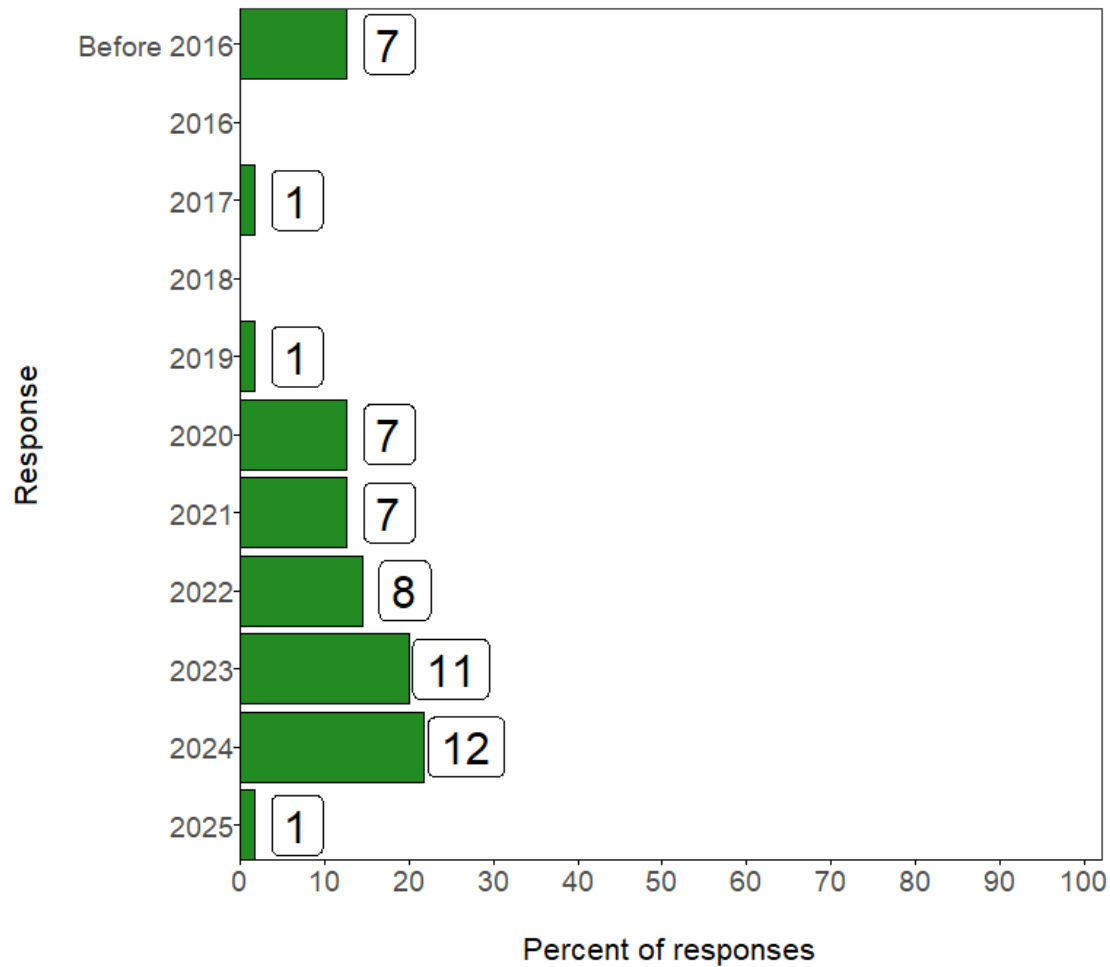


Figure 27. Year in which landowners most recently contacted Nebraska Game and Parks concerning damage caused by elk indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the horizontal green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported that they contacted NGPC (N = 55).

Response by EMU

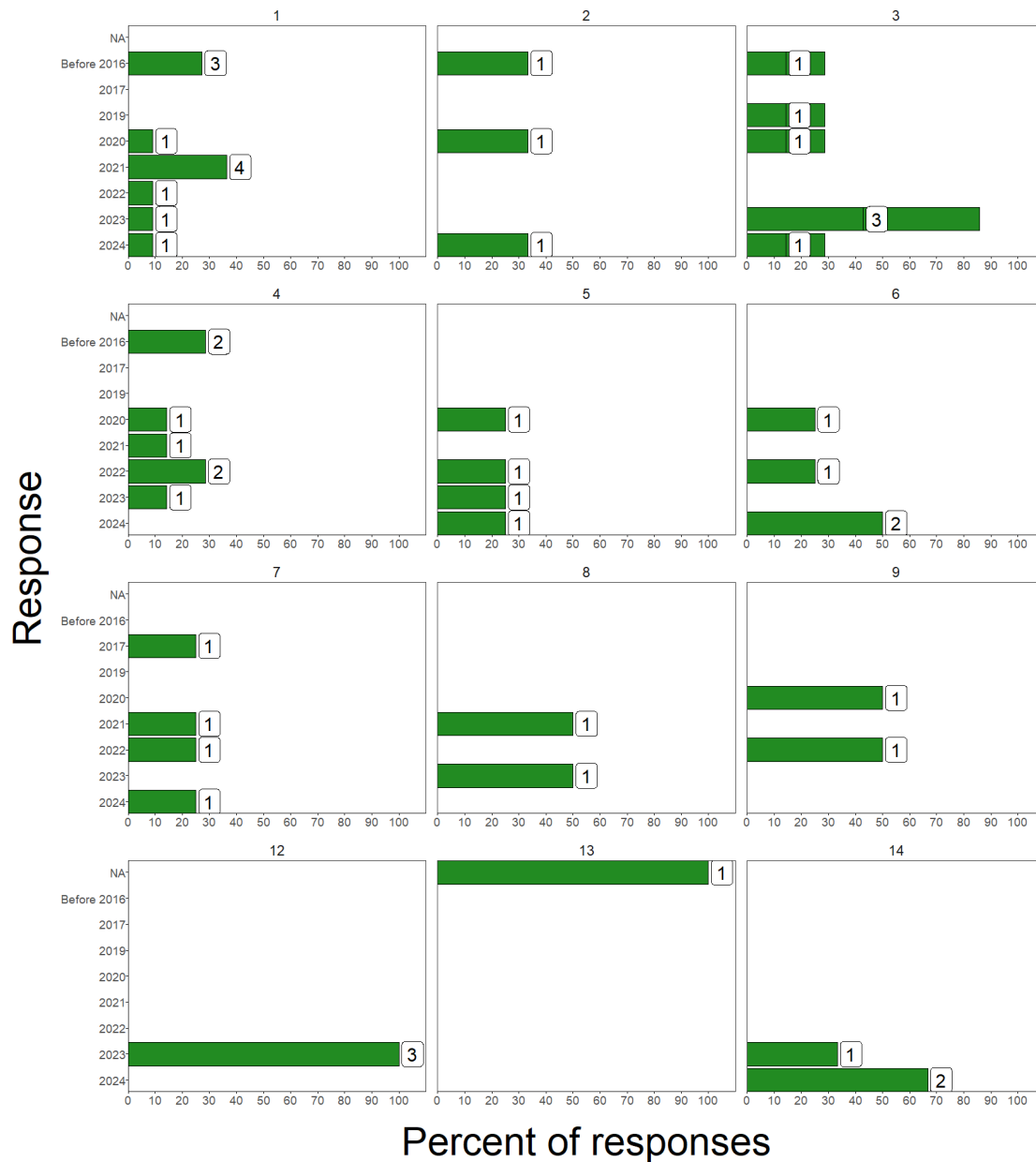


Figure 28. Year in which landowners most recently contacted Nebraska Game and Parks concerning damage caused by elk indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the horizontal green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported that they contacted NGPC (N = 51).

Q9b: How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received?

Overall responses

No significant difference was observed between early and late respondents ($\chi^2 = 0.12$, OR = 1.22, $P = 0.73$).

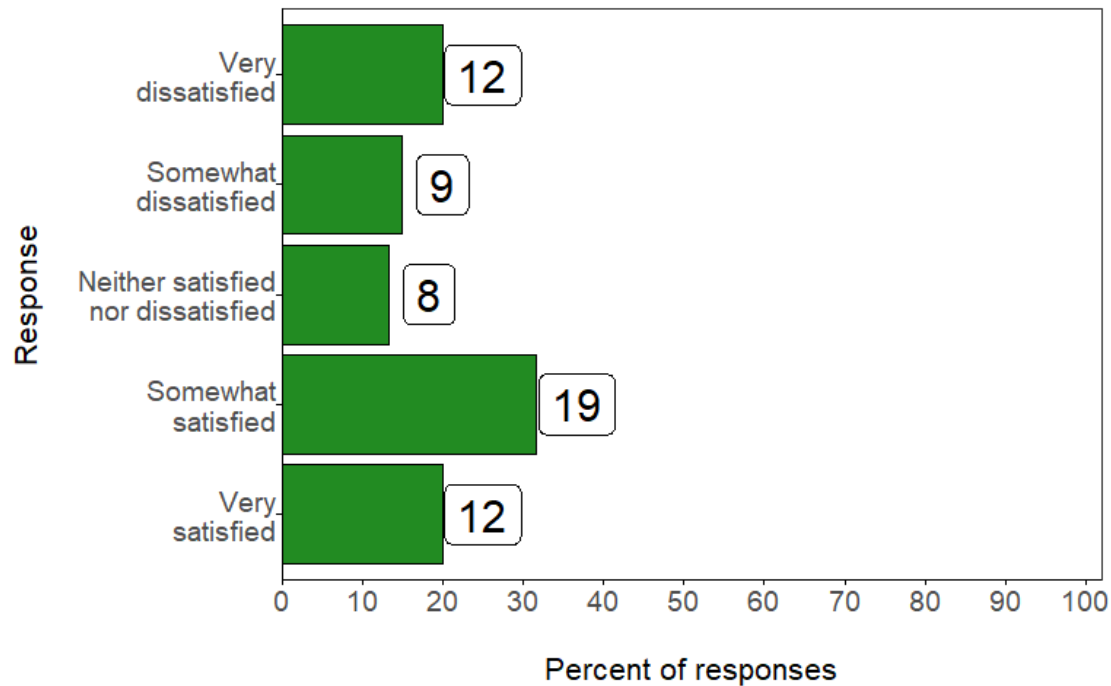


Figure 29. Satisfaction with NGPC indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported that they contacted NGPC (N = 60).

Response by EMU

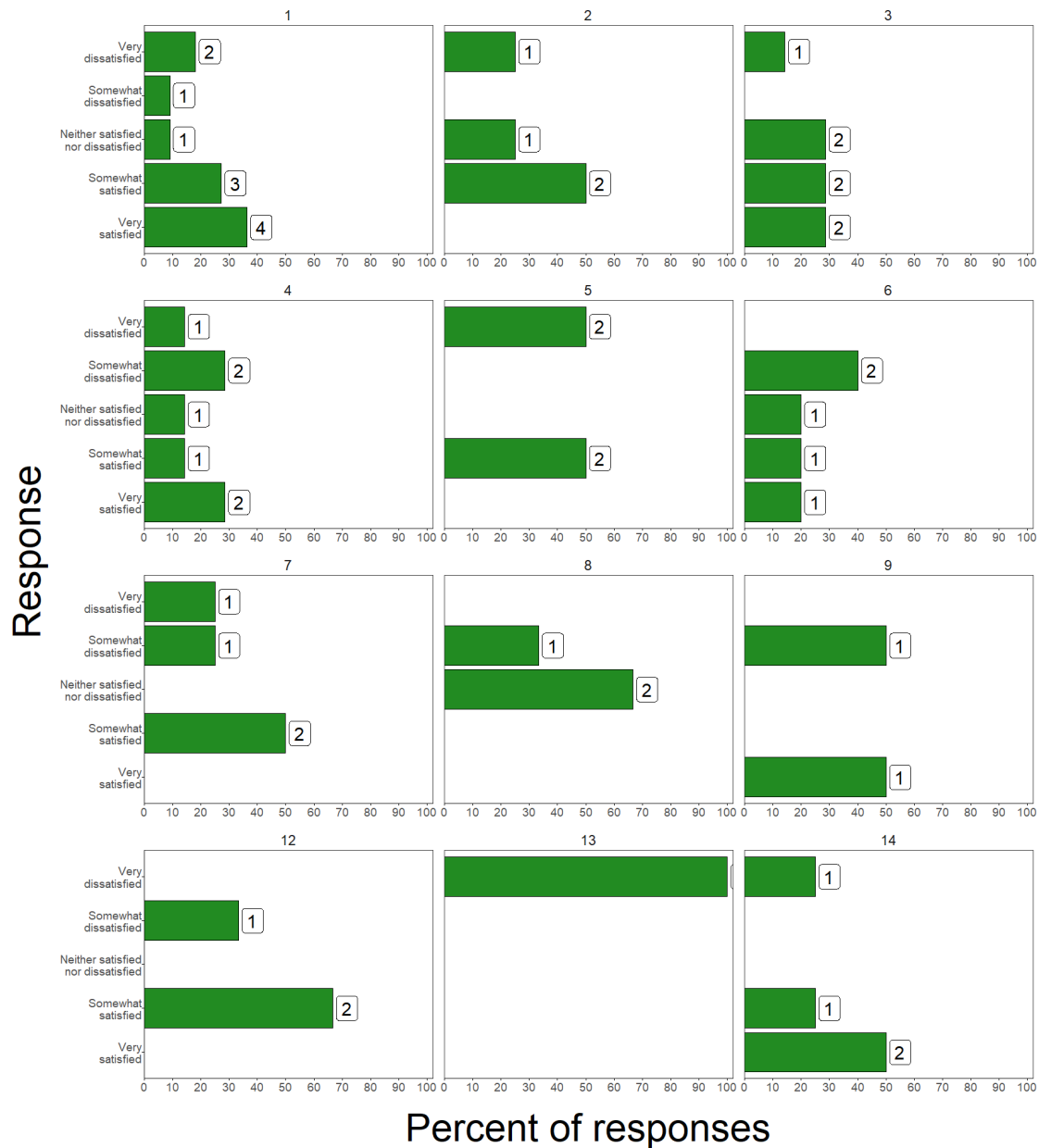


Figure 30. Satisfaction with NGPC in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported that they contacted NGPC (N = 55).

Elk hunting on landowner property

Q10: Did anyone (including yourself) hunt elk on your land in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

Landowners who submitted their responses prior to the reminder mailing were more likely to have had hunting occur on their land than landowners who responded after the reminder mailing ($\chi^2 = 6.02$, $P = 0.014$).

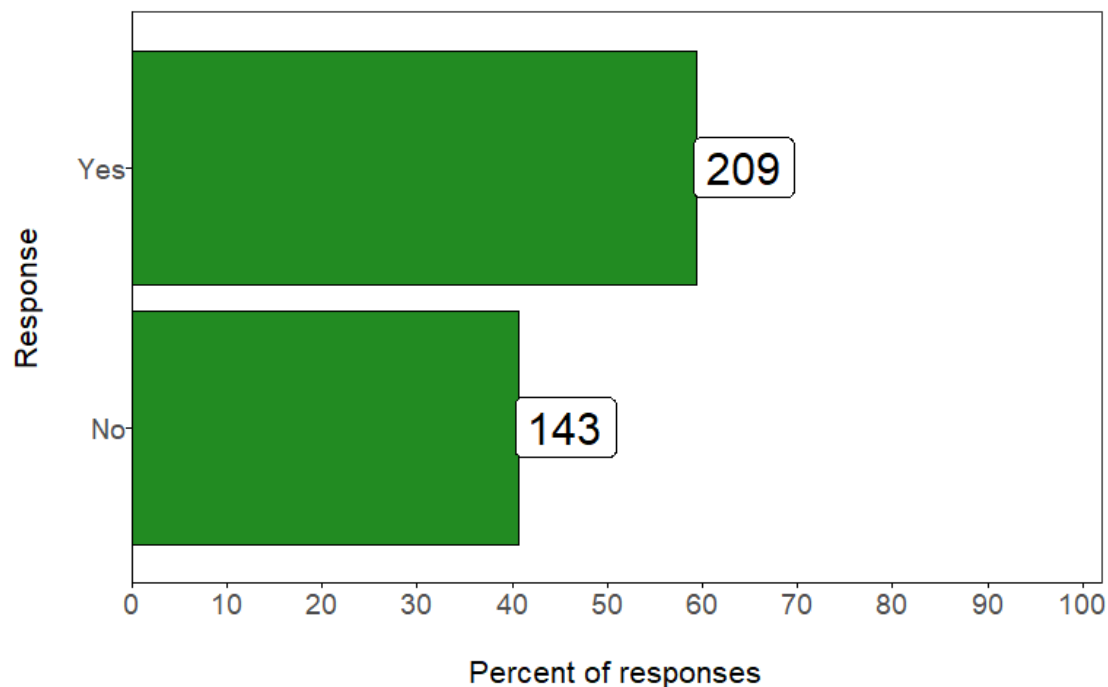


Figure 31. Whether or not anyone hunted elk on land in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents ($N = 352$).

Response by EMU

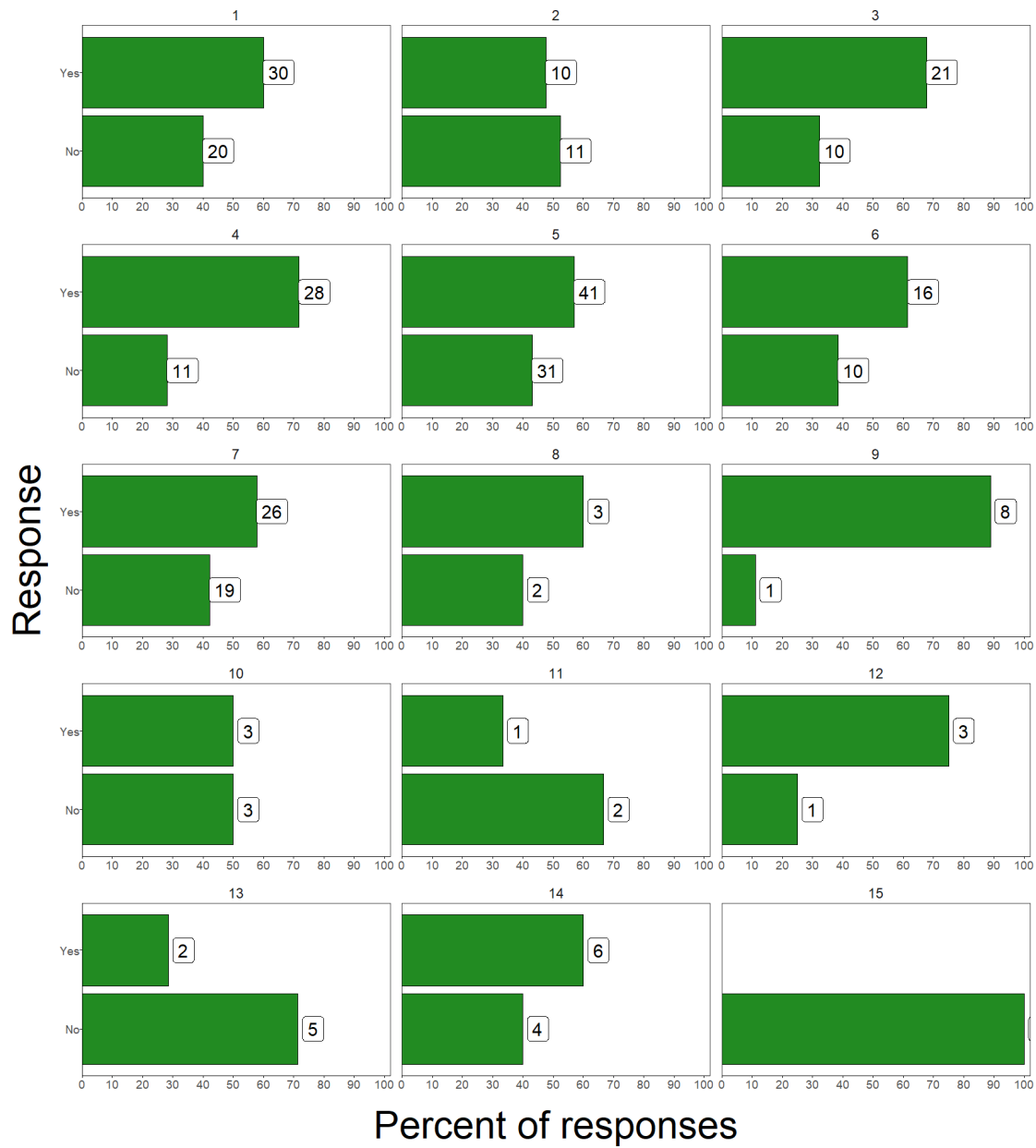


Figure 32. Whether anyone hunted elk on land in the previous 24 months in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 329).

Q10a: Did you yourself hunt elk on your land in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

No difference was observed for not personally hunting elk ($\chi^2 = 0.05$, $P = 0.82$), hunting with a general permit ($\chi^2 = 0.74$, $P = 0.39$), or hunting with a landowner permit ($\chi^2 = 0.19$, $P = 0.66$) between landowners who submitted before the reminder mailing and those who submitted after.

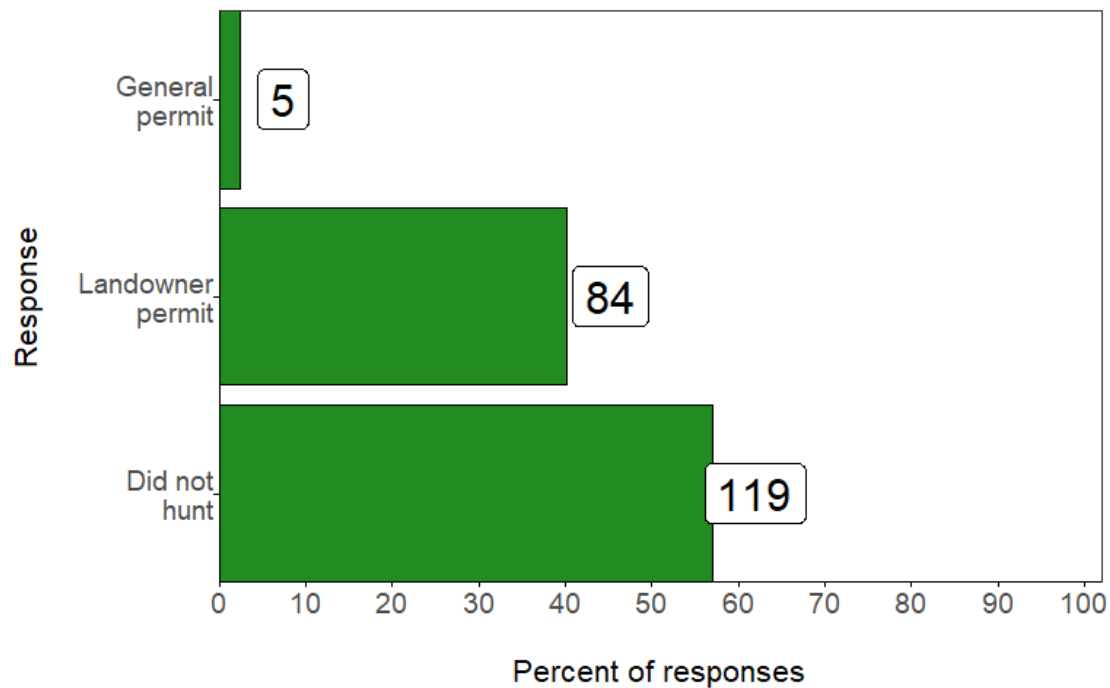


Figure 33. Type of permit landowner used to personally hunt elk on their land in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all responses and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of responses ($N = 209$). Responses are limited to those who indicated that someone had hunted elk on their in the past 24 months.

Response by EMU

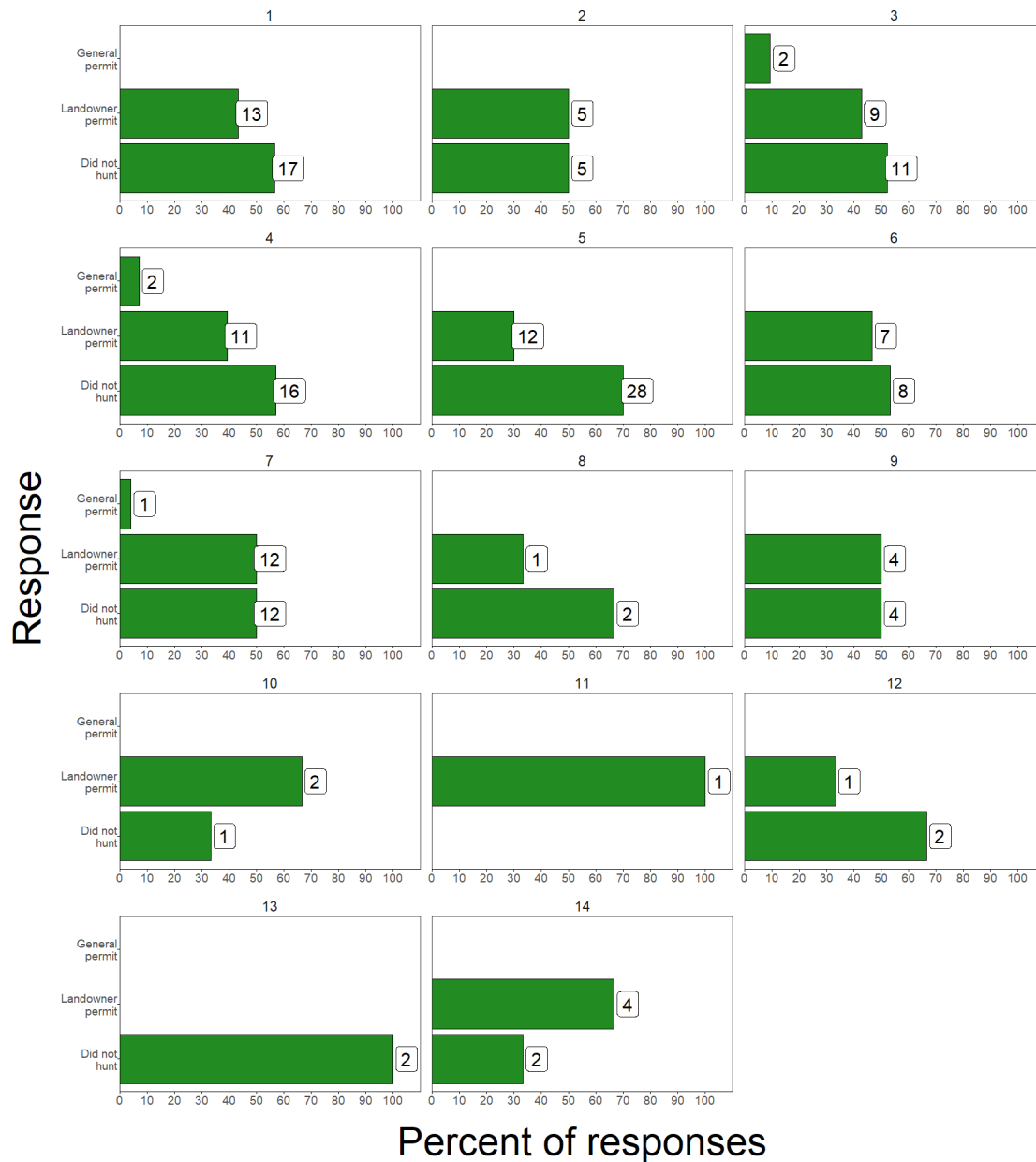


Figure 34. Type of permit landowner used to personally hunt elk on their land in the previous 24 months in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all responses and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of responses (N = 194). Totals within each EMU may exceed N as respondents could have chosen multiple responses. Responses are limited to those who indicated that someone had hunted elk on their in the past 24 months.

Q10b: Who else did you allow to hunt elk on your land in the past 24 months?
(select all that apply)

Overall responses

No difference was observed for allowing family ($\chi^2 = 0.25$, $P = 0.62$), other hunters not previously known ($\chi^2 = 0.08$, $P = 0.78$), friends ($\chi^2 = 0.17$, $P = 0.68$), other hunters previously known ($\chi^2 = 1.26$, $P = 0.26$), or not allowing any hunting ($\chi^2 = 7.87$, $P = 0.99$) between landowners who submitted before the reminder mailing and those who submitted after.

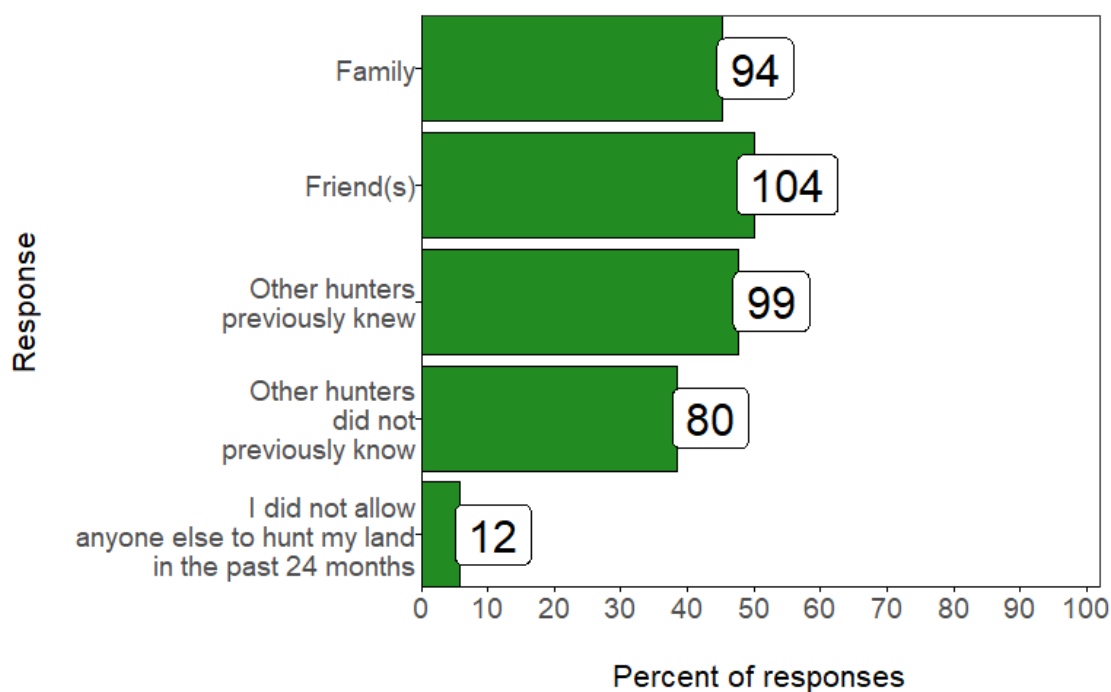


Figure 35. Persons other than the landowner who hunted elk on the landowner's property indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all responses and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of responses ($N = 208$). Responses are limited to those who indicated that someone had hunted elk on their in the past 24 months.

Responses by EMU



Figure 36. Persons other than the landowner who hunted elk on the landowner's property in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all responses and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of responses ($N = 196$). Totals within each EMU may exceed N as respondents could have chosen multiple responses.

Q10c: Which elk did you allow other hunters to harvest on your land?

Overall responses

No difference was observed for allowing hunting of bulls with no restrictions ($\chi^2 = 2.97$, $P = 0.08$), bulls with restrictions ($\chi^2 = 2$, $P = 0.16$), bulls with access fee ($\chi^2 = 0.01$, $P = 0.94$), bulls with lease ($\chi^2 = 5.73$, $P = 1$), antlerless with no restrictions ($\chi^2 = 0.1$, $P = 0.76$), antlerless with restrictions ($\chi^2 = 0.25$, $P = 0.62$), antlerless with access fee ($\chi^2 = 0.18$, $P = 0.67$), antlerless only after bull ($\chi^2 = 0.38$, $P = 0.54$), other ($\chi^2 = 5.13$, $P = 0.99$), or not allowing any hunting ($\chi^2 = 1.12$, $P = 0.29$) between landowners who submitted before the reminder mailing and those who submitted after.

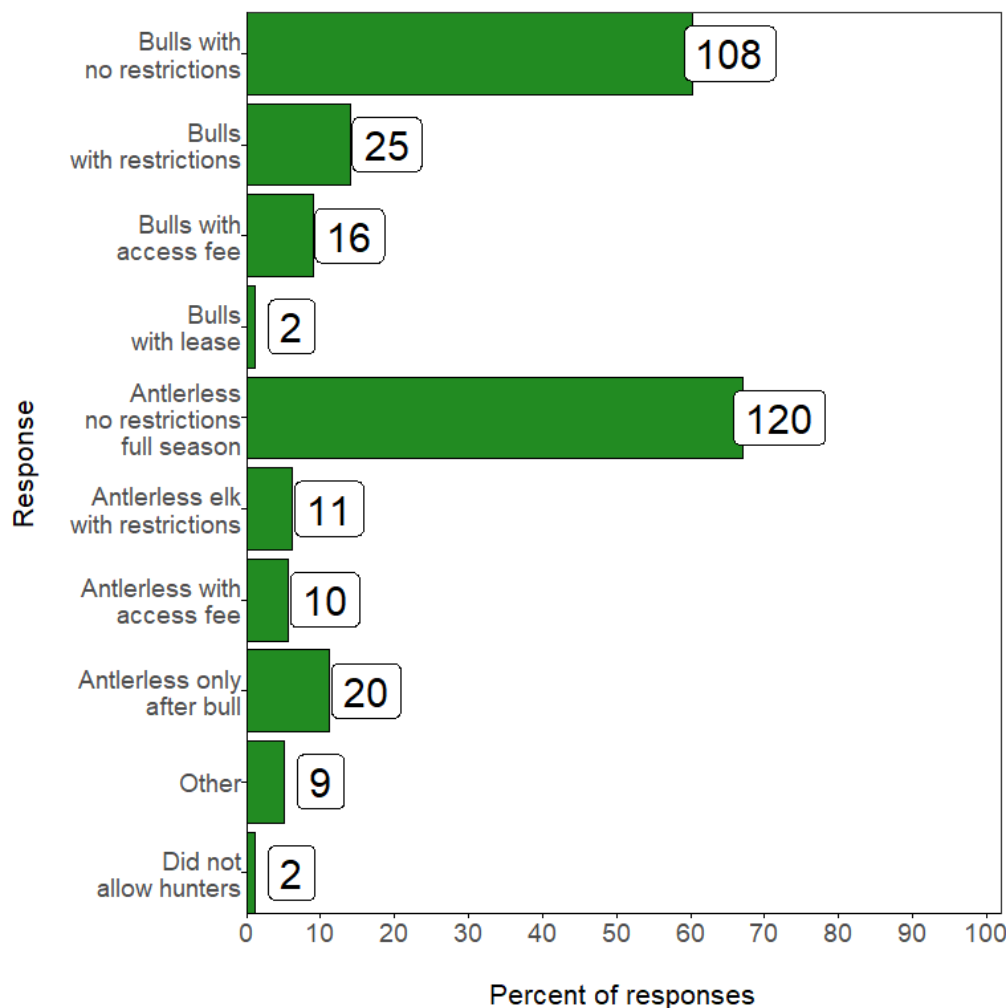


Figure 37. The type of elk landowners allowed others to harvest on their property indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all responses and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of responses. Responses are limited to those who did not select that they did not allow any other hunters ($N = 179$).

Response by EMU



Figure 38. The type of elk landowners allowed others to harvest on their property in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all responses and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of responses. Responses are limited to those who did not select that they did not allow any other hunters (N = 168). Totals within each EMU may exceed N as respondents could have chosen multiple responses.

Q10d: Did you allow antlerless hunters access prior to the bull season?

Overall responses

No difference was observed between landowners who submitted before the reminder mailing and those who submitted after ($\chi^2 = 0.13$, $P = 0.94$).

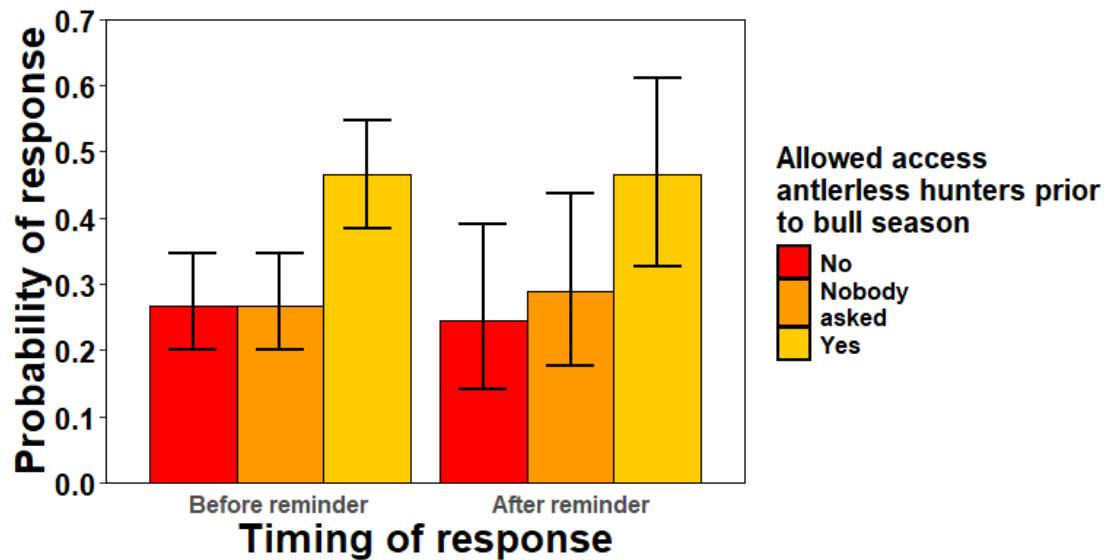


Figure 39. Probability of response as to whether they allowed hunters to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

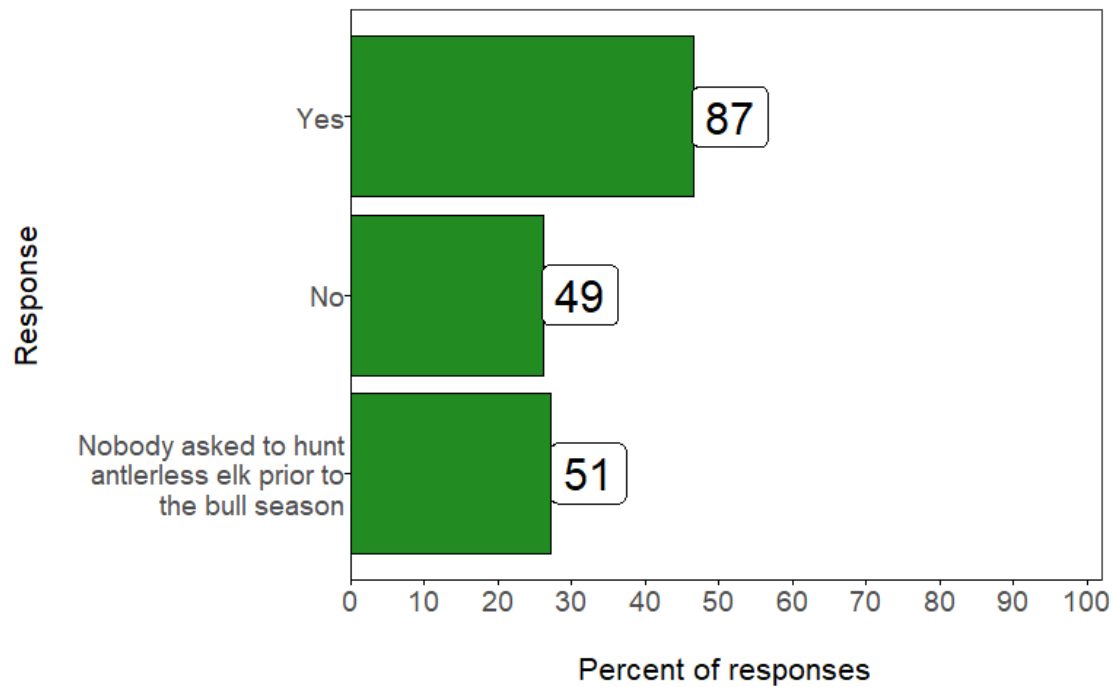


Figure 40. Whether or not landowners allowed antlerless hunter access prior to the bull season indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who did state that hunting occurred on their land, but did not select that they did not allow any other hunters (N = 187).

Response by EMU



Figure 41. Whether or not landowners allowed antlerless hunter access prior to the bull season in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who did state that hunting occurred on their land, but did not select that they did not allow any other hunters (N = 176).

Q10e: How many total people (including yourself) hunted elk on your land in the in the 2024 elk hunting season?

Overall responses

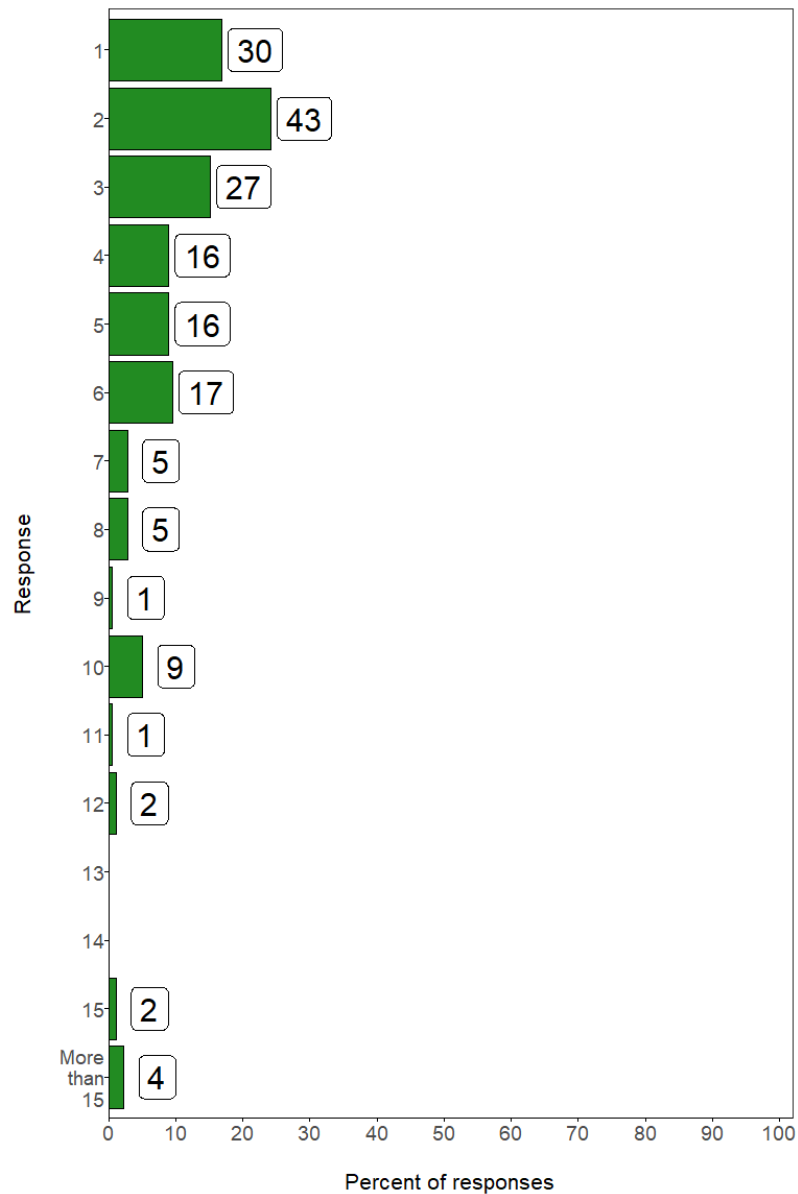
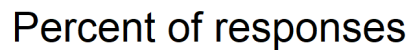


Figure 42. The total number of individuals who hunted elk on the landowners' property in the past 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 178). Responses are limited to those who reported that someone had hunted elk on their property.

Response



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Q10f: How many bull and antlerless elk were harvested on your land in the past 24 months?

Bull elk overall responses

No significant difference was observed between early and late respondents ($\chi^2 = 0.2$, $OR = 1.2$, $P = 0.65$).

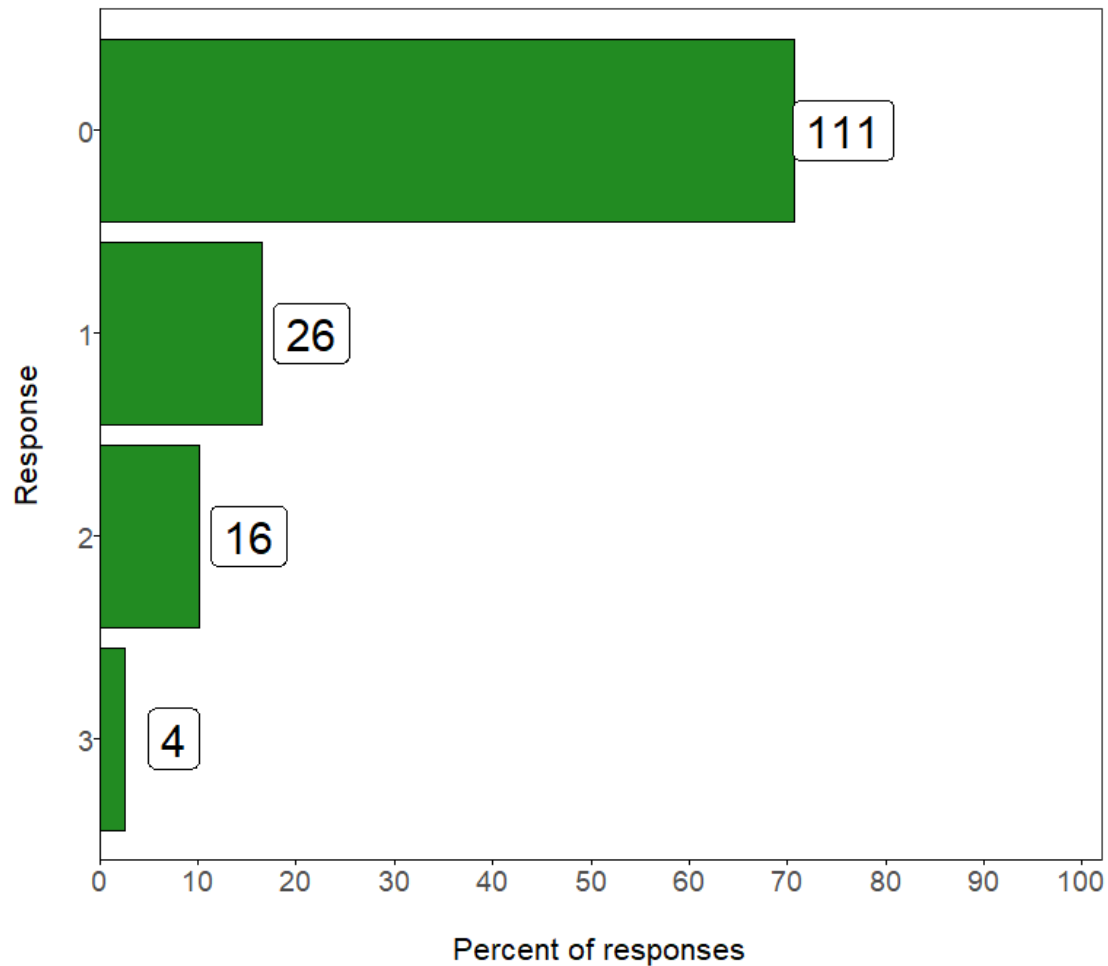


Figure 44. The total number of bulls harvested on landowner property in the past 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land, and due to high item non-response rate, only those respondents who answered the question are represented ($N = 157$).

Bull elk response by EMU

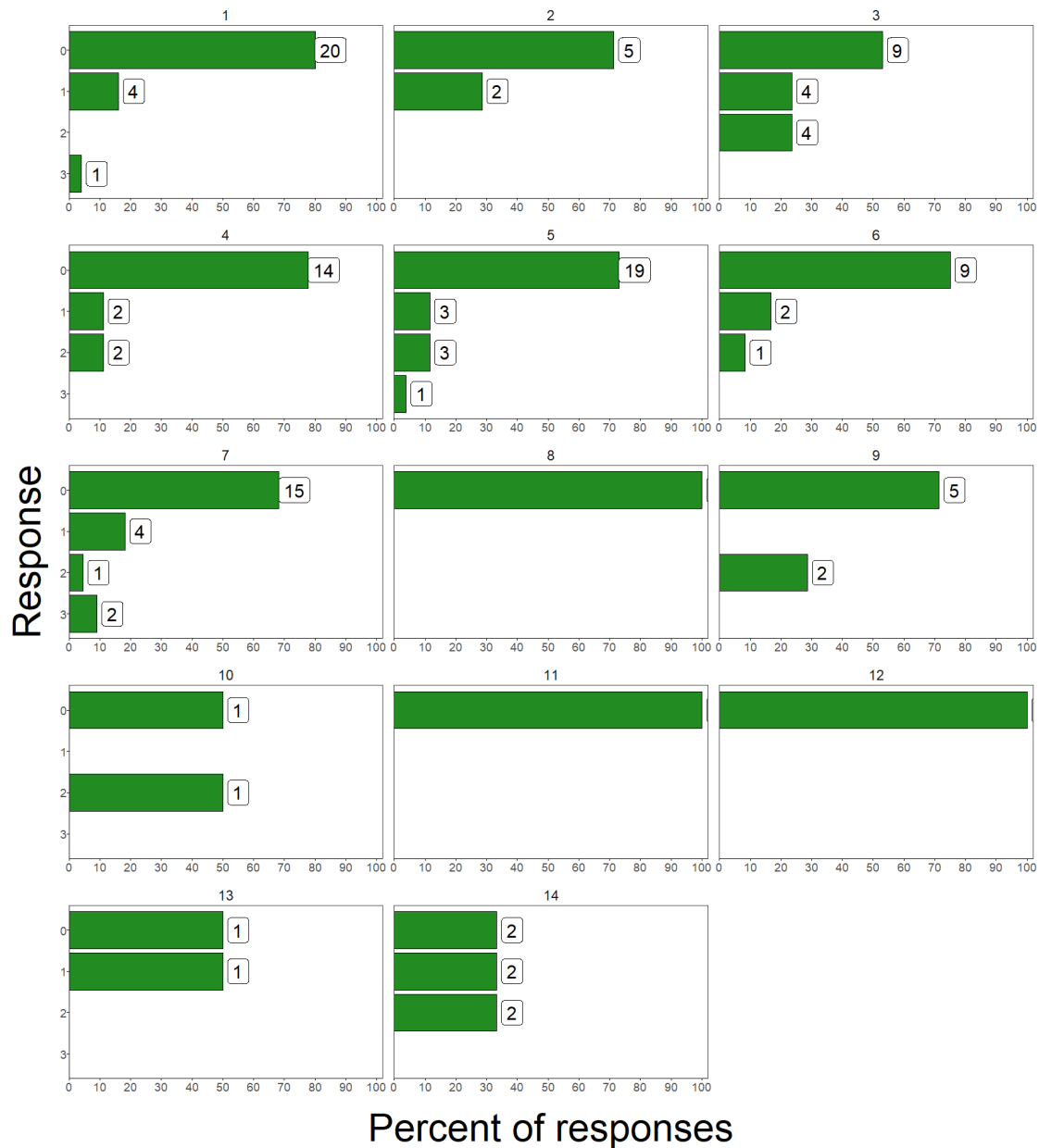


Figure 45. The total number of bulls harvested on landowner property in the past 24 months for each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land, and due to high item non-response rate, only those respondents who answered the question are represented (N = 150).

Antlerless elk overall response

No significant difference was observed between early and late respondents ($\chi^2 = 0.74$, OR = 1.44, $P = 0.39$).

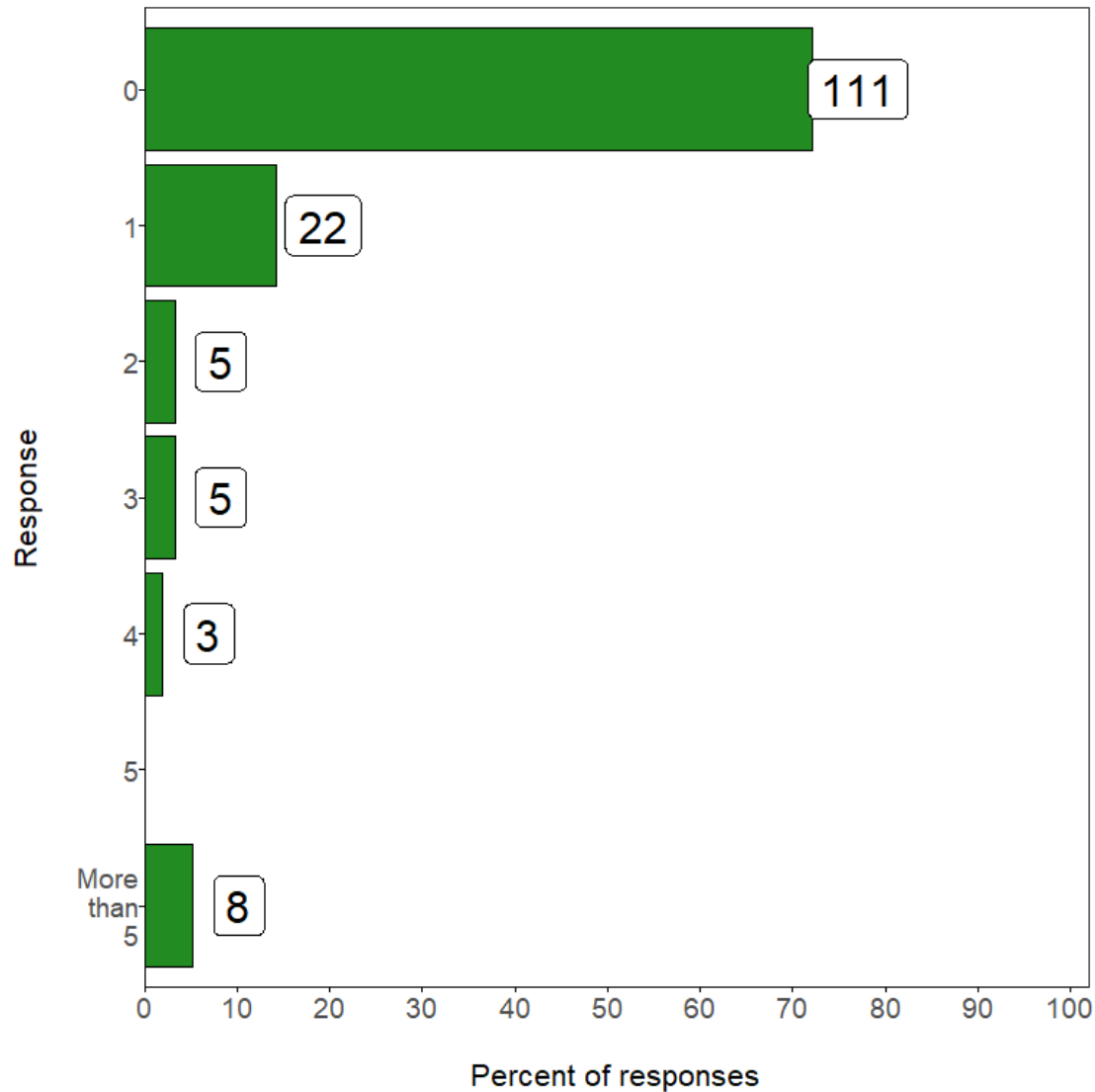


Figure 46. The total number of antlerless elk harvested on landowner property in the past 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land, and due to high item non-response rate, only those respondents who answered the question are represented ($N = 154$).

Antlerless elk response by EMU

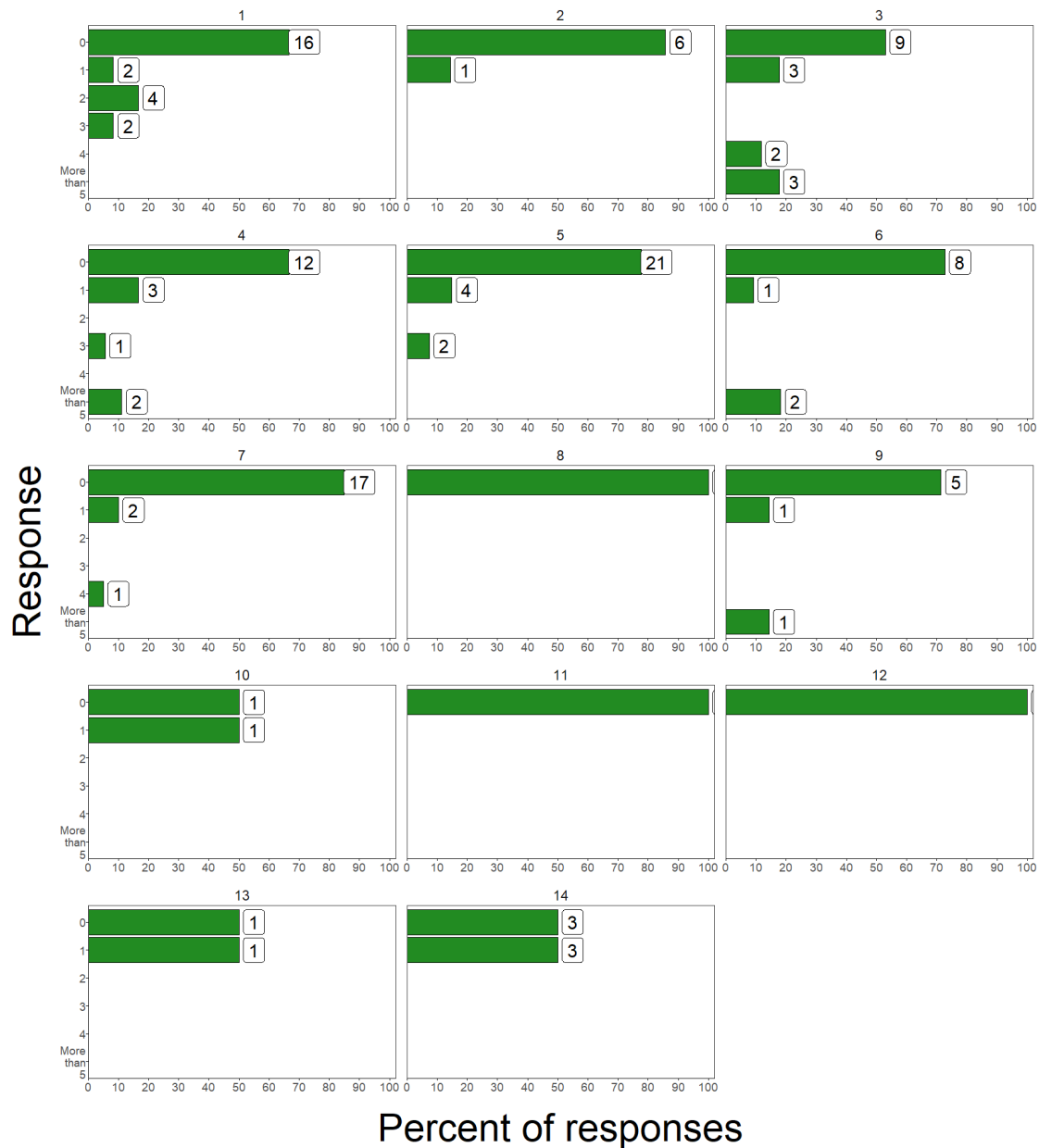


Figure 47. The total number of antlerless elk harvested on landowner property in the past 24 months for each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land, and due to high item non-response rate, only those respondents who answered the question are represented (N = 147).

Landowner attitudes about hunting season

Q11: Currently elk landowner permit holders are allowed to hunt the entire elk management unit. Would you be in favor of landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone?

Overall responses

There was no correlation between the frequency of elk on landowner property and the favor of landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone ($\rho = -0.08$, $P = 0.26$).

Distributions of responses by landowners who responded prior to the reminder mailing was significantly different than distribution of responses from landowners who responded after the reminder mailing ($\chi^2 = 8.48$, $P = 0.01$).

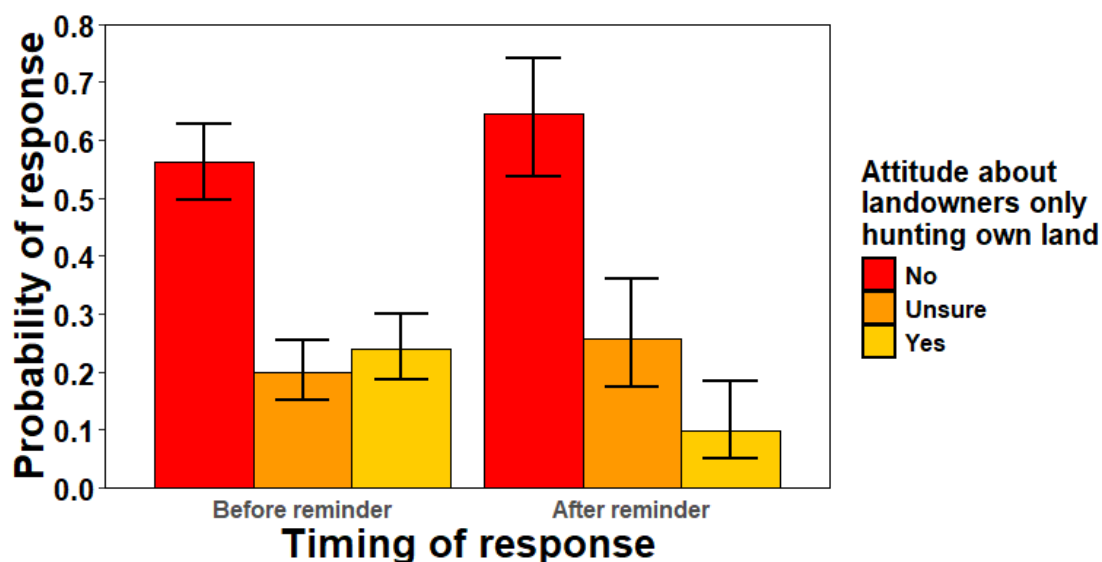


Figure 48. Probability of response as to preference for landowners only being permitted to hunt their own land with a landowner permit indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

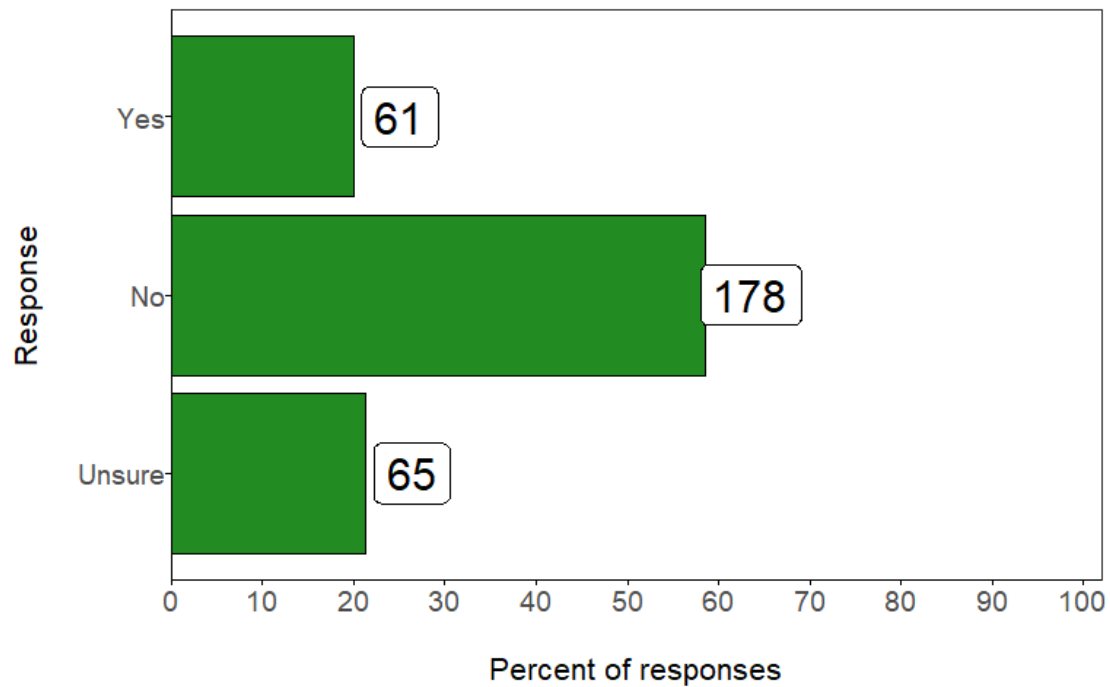


Figure 49. Attitudes about landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 304).

Response by EMU

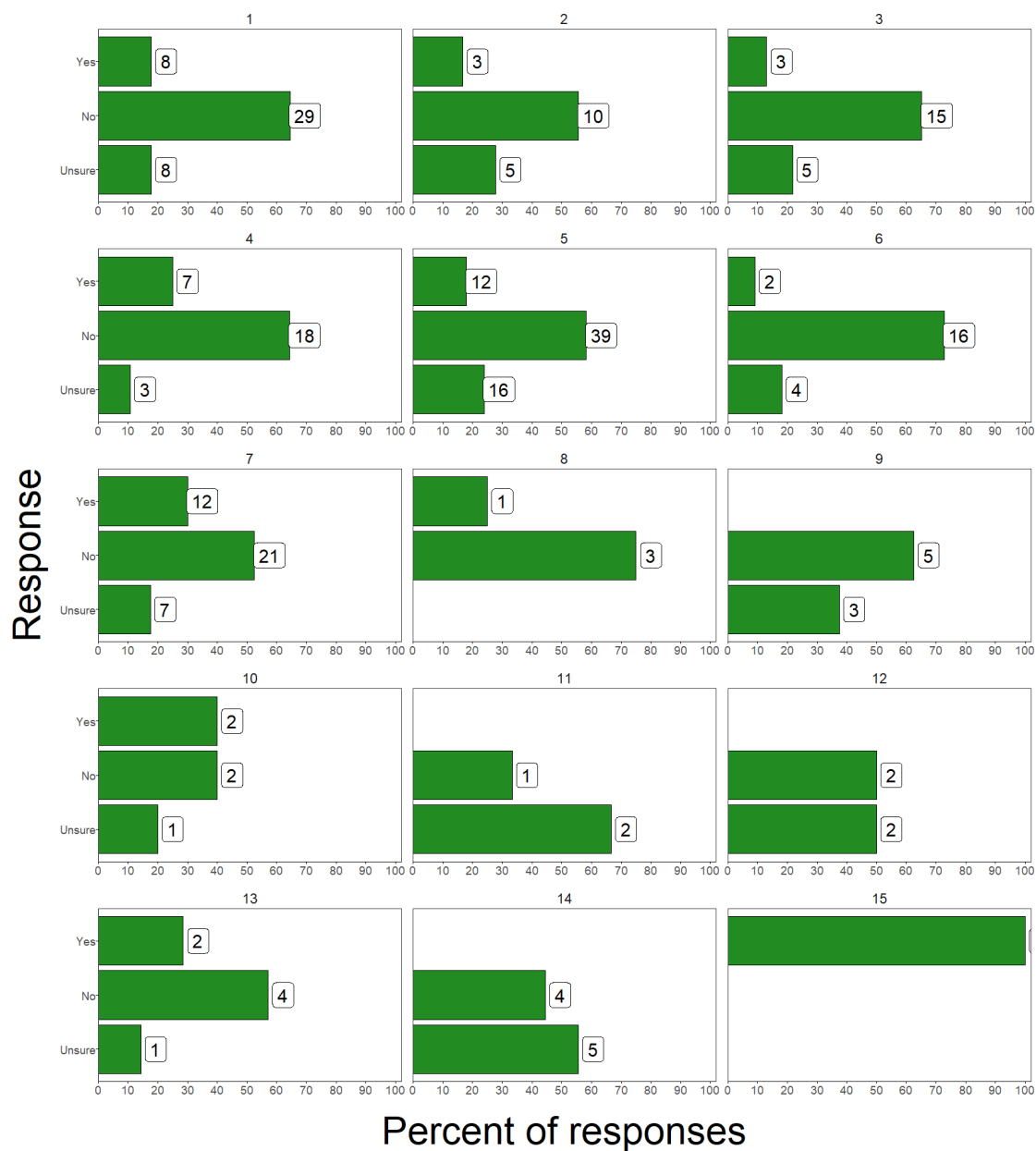


Figure 50. Attitudes about landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 284).

Q11a: Would you be in favor of landowners only hunting their own land during the bull season?

Overall responses

There was no correlation between the frequency of elk on landowner property and favor of landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone during the bull season ($\rho = -0.02$, $P = 0.78$). Responses “Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months” and “Yes, with no changes” were assessed at the same level to estimate Spearman’s rank correlation ρ .

Distributions of responses by landowners who responded prior to the reminder mailing was significantly different than distribution of responses from landowners who responded after the reminder mailing ($\chi^2 = 9.27$, $P = 0.03$).

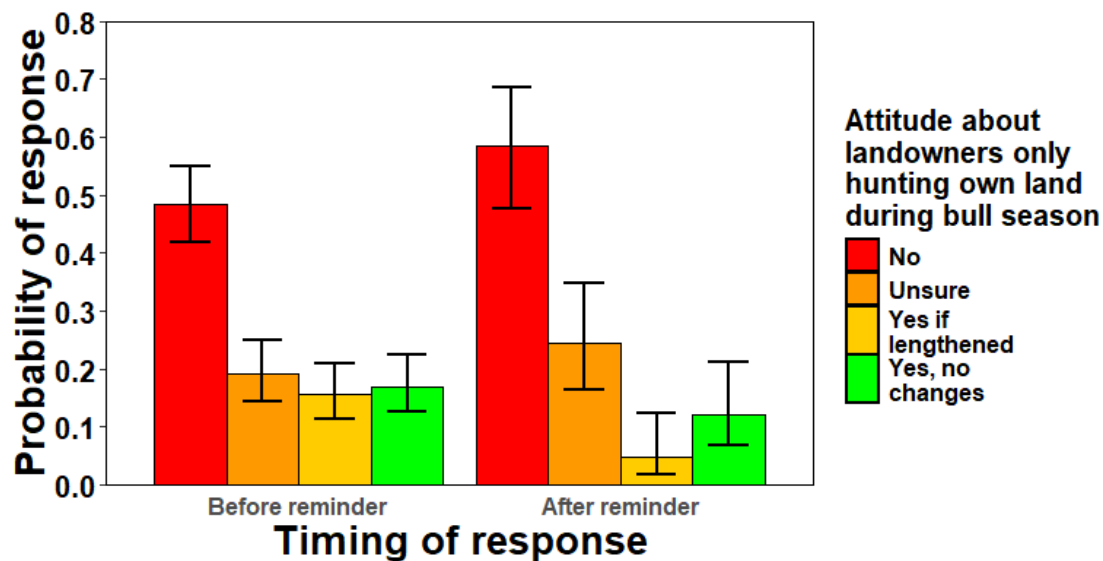


Figure 51. Probability of response as to preference for landowners only being permitted to hunt their own land with a landowner permit during the bull season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

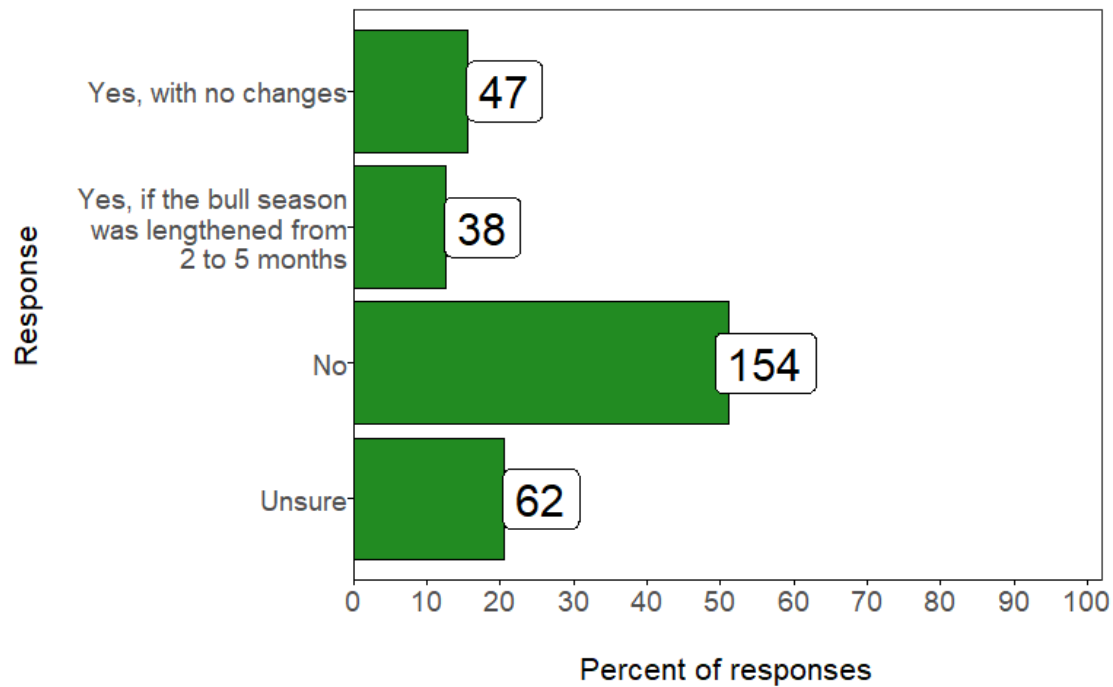


Figure 52. Attitudes about landowners only hunting their own land during the bull season indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 301).

Response by EMU



Figure 53. Attitudes about landowners only hunting their own land during the bull season from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 281).

Q12: The current bull elk archery season runs from Sept. 1 – Oct. 31. How do you feel about the length of the bull archery season?

Overall responses

No differences were observed in distribution of responses by landowners who responded prior to the reminder mailing those from landowners who responded after the reminder mailing ($\chi^2 = 7.23$, $P = 0.06$).

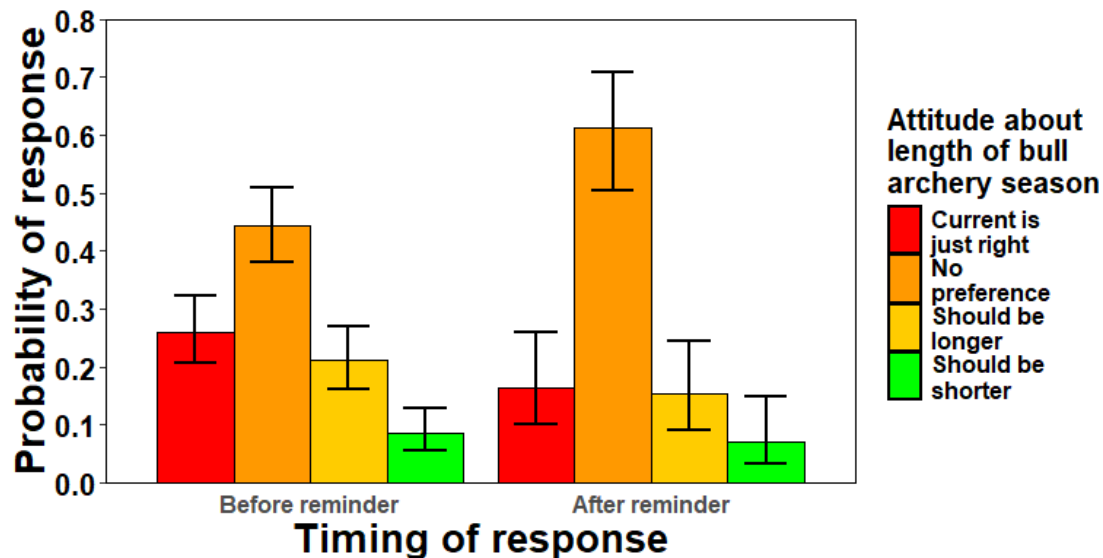


Figure 54. Probability of response as to preference for the length of the bull archery season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

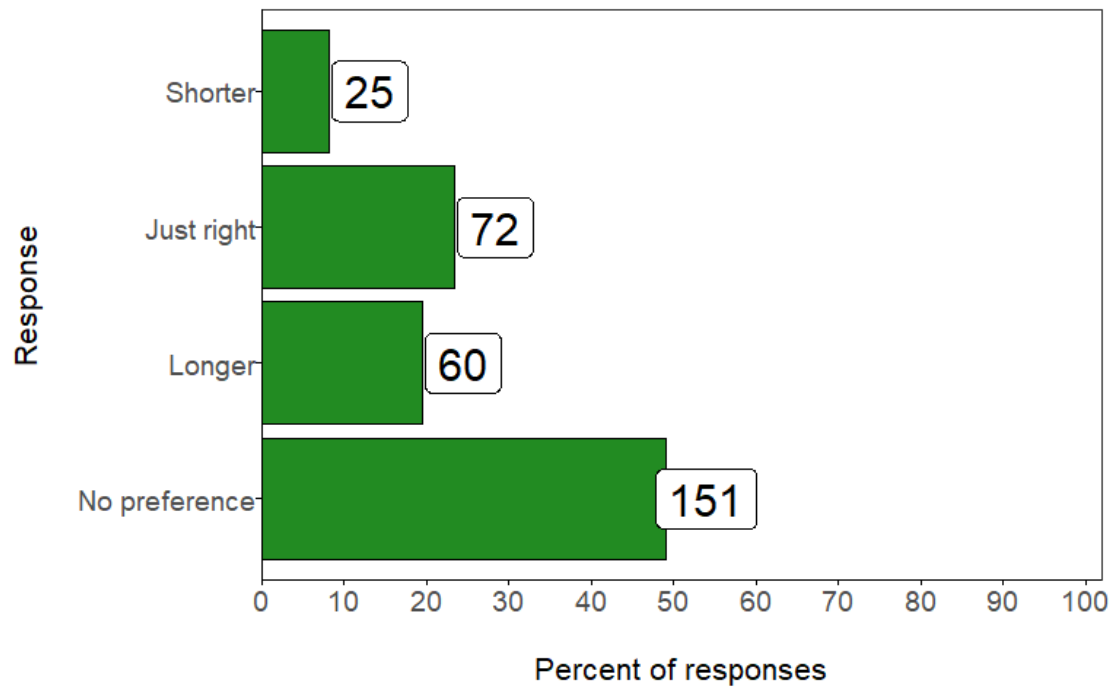


Figure 55. Attitudes about length of the bull archery season indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 308).

Response by EMU

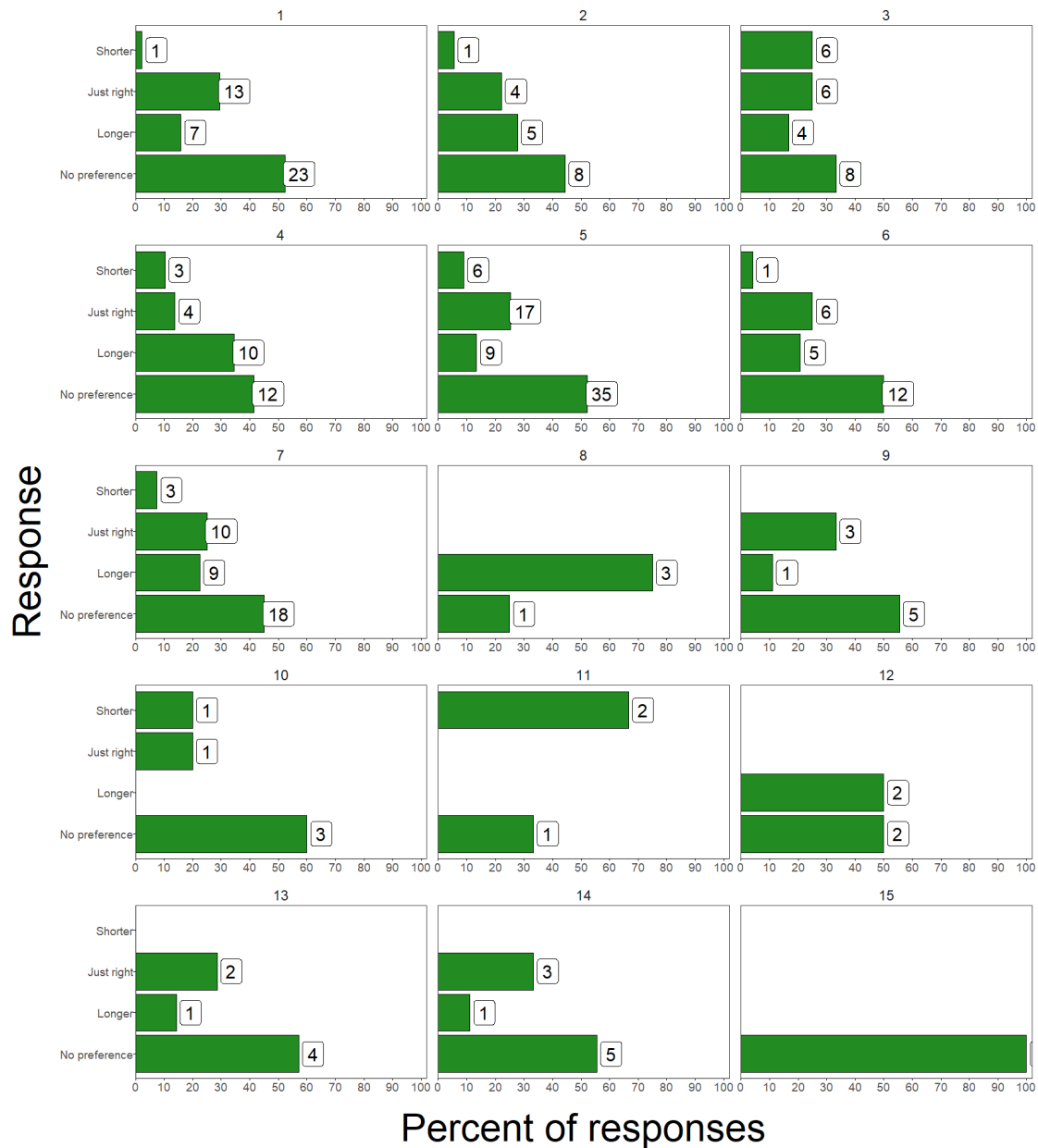


Figure 56. Attitudes about length of the bull archery season from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 288).

Q12a: The current bull elk firearm season runs from Sept. 21 – Oct. 31. How do you feel about the length of the bull firearm season?

Overall responses

Distribution of responses were significantly different between landowners who responded prior to the reminder mailing those from landowners who responded after the reminder mailing ($\chi^2 = 11.09$, $P = 0.01$).

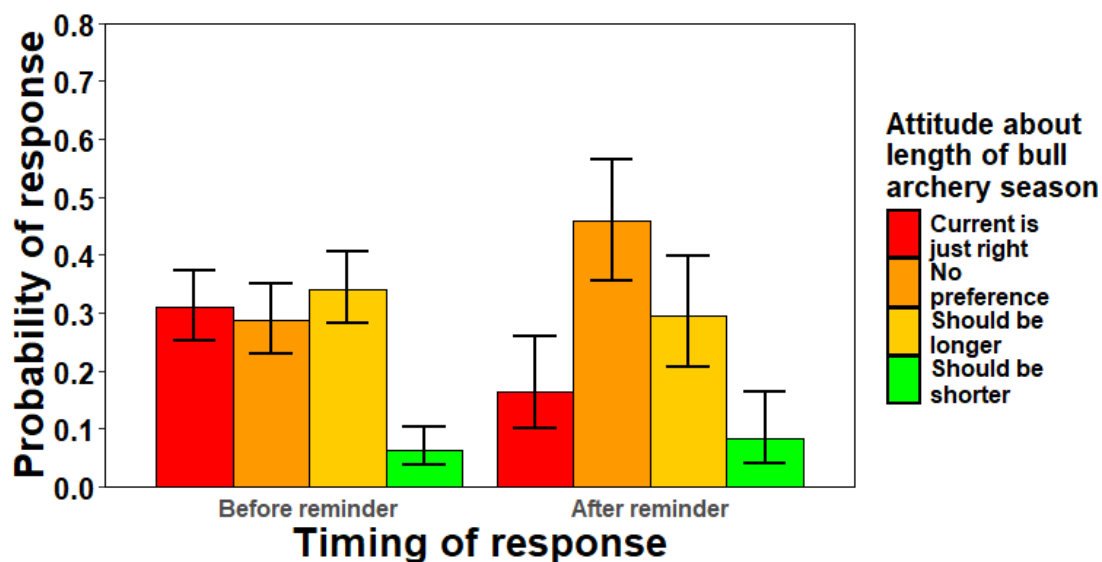


Figure 57. Probability of response as to preference for the length of the bull firearm season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

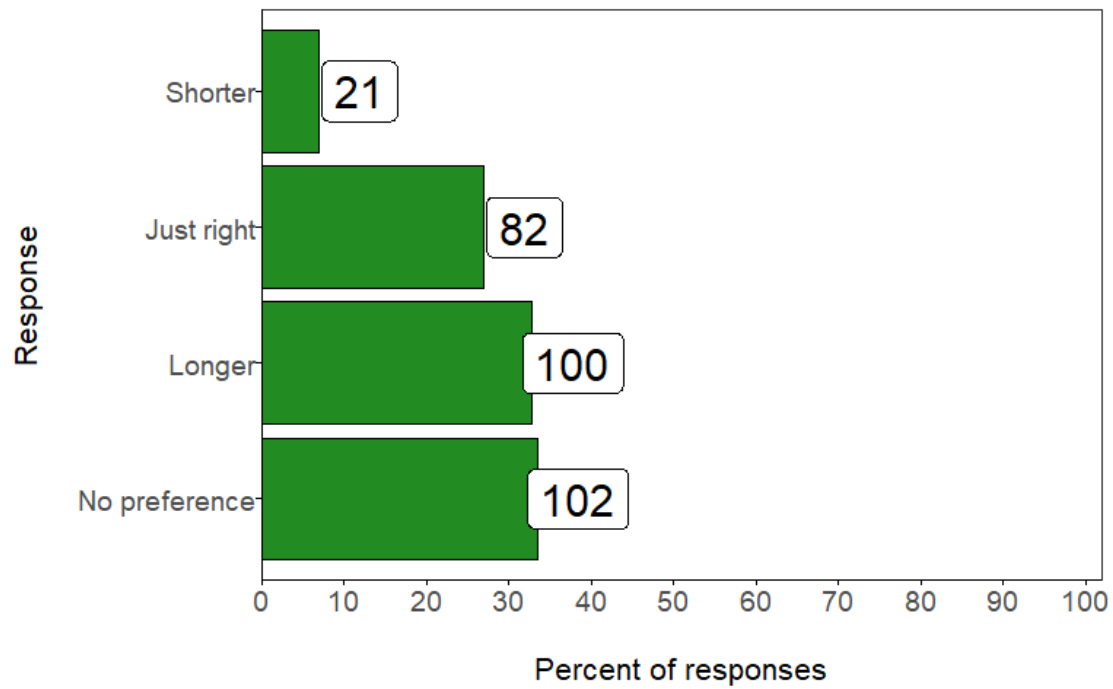


Figure 58. Attitudes about length of the bull firearm season indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 305).

Response by EMU

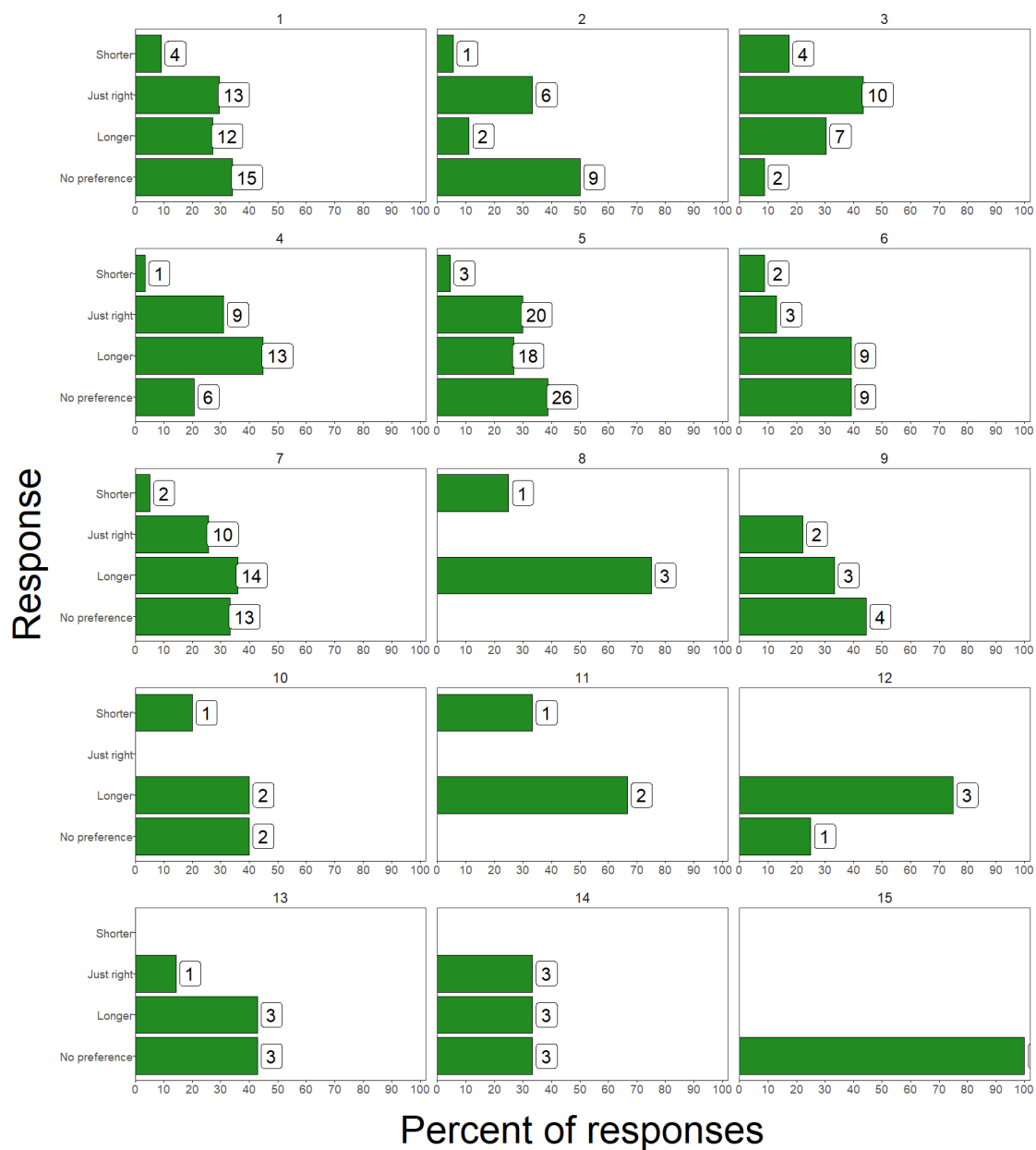


Figure 59. Attitudes about length of the bull firearm season from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 285).

Q12b: The current antlerless elk season runs Aug. 1 – Jan. 31 with some units having early (Aug. 1 – Oct. 31) and late (Nov. 1 – Jan. 31) season splits. How do you feel about the length of the antlerless elk season?

Overall responses

Distribution of responses were significantly different between landowners who responded prior to the reminder mailing those from landowners who responded after the reminder mailing ($\chi^2 = 10.33$, $P = 0.02$).

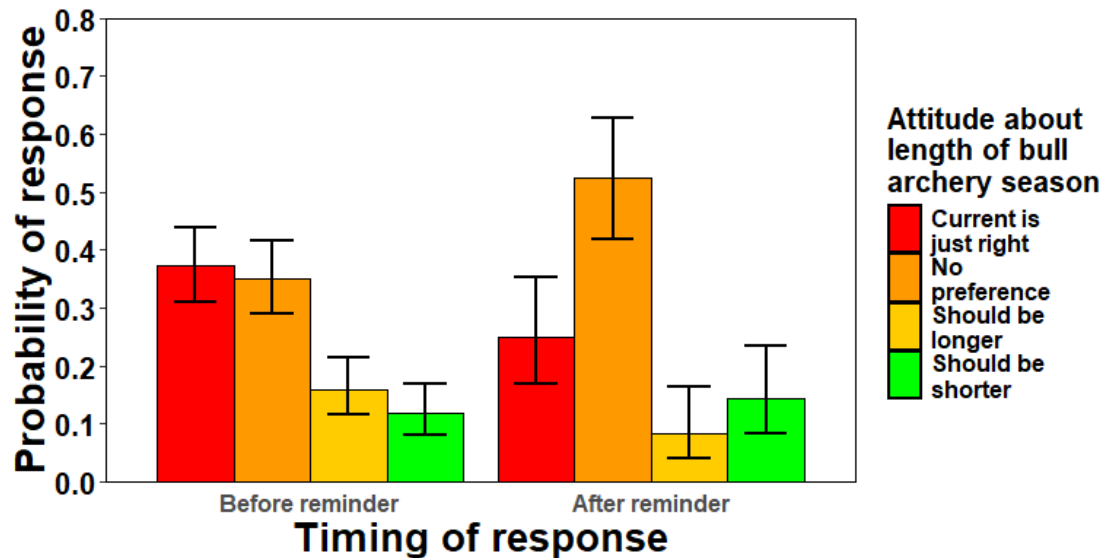


Figure 60. Probability of response as to preference for the length of the antlerless elk season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

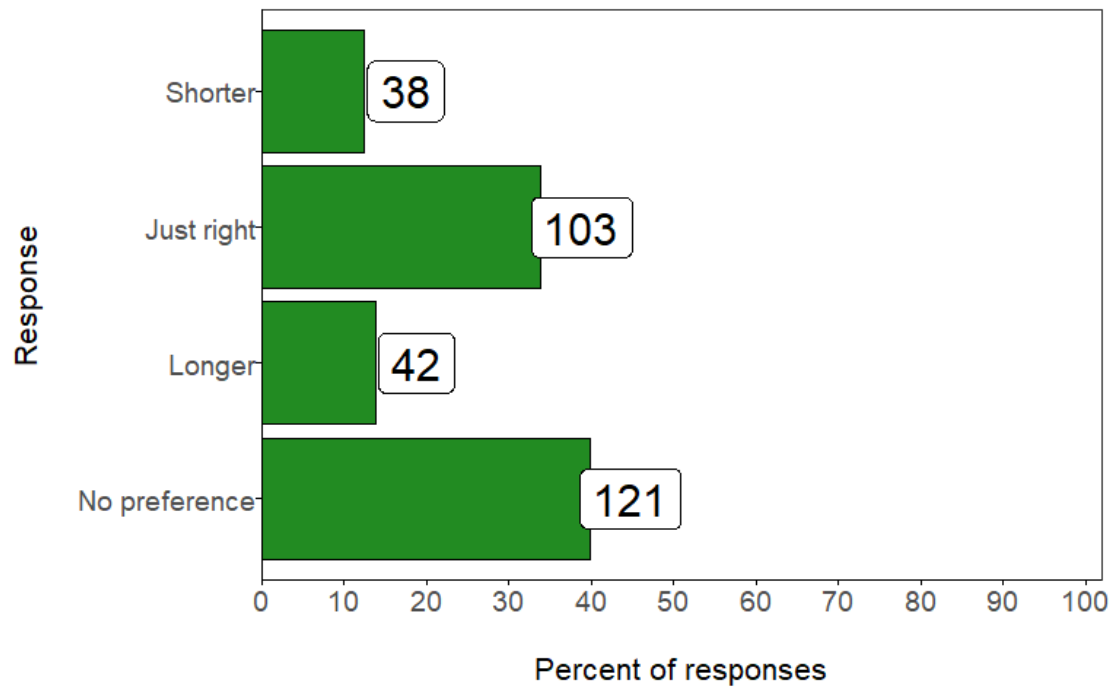


Figure 61. Attitudes about length of the antlerless elk season indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 304).

Response by EMU

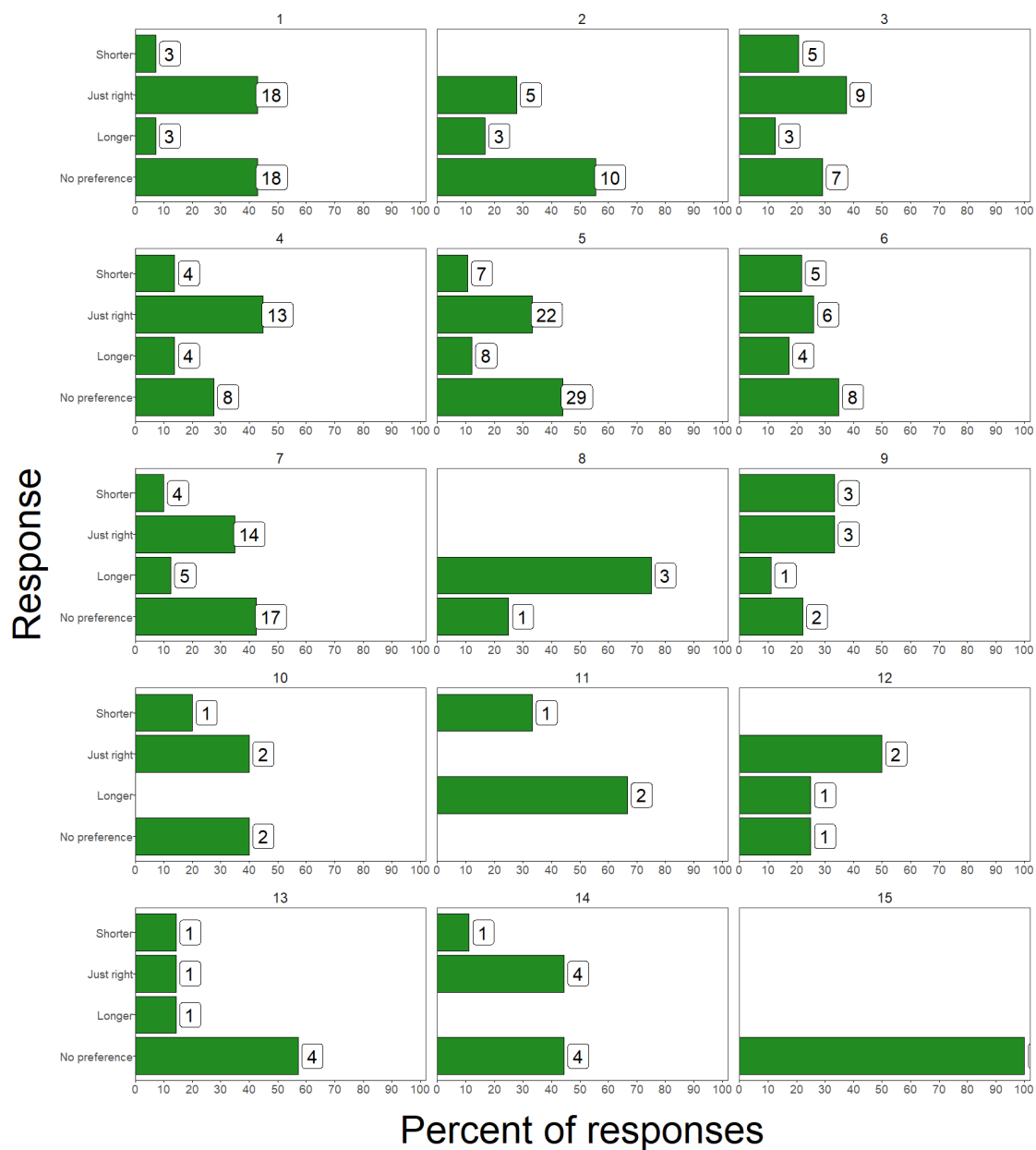


Figure 62. Attitudes about length of the antlerless elk season from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents (N = 284).

Q13: What would influence you to allow more elk hunters access to your property? (select all that apply)

Overall responses

No difference was observed between landowners who submitted before the reminder mailing and those who submitted after for the following instances that would allow for more elk hunters on landowner property: having enough hunters ($\chi^2 = 0.4$, $P = 0.53$), hunter proficiency certification program ($\chi^2 = 1.94$, $P = 0.16$), different season dates ($\chi^2 = 0.71$, $P = 0.4$), knowing hunters better ($\chi^2 = 1.16$, $P = 0.28$), hunters helping work on land ($\chi^2 = 0.16$, $P = 0.69$), increasing state access program rates ($\chi^2 = 0.15$, $P = 0.7$), longer elk seasons ($\chi^2 = 1.2$, $P = 0.27$), more antlerless elk season splits ($\chi^2 = 0.15$, $P = 0.7$), restricted access program ($\chi^2 = 0.31$, $P = 0.58$), and other ($\chi^2 = 0.8$, $P = 0.37$).

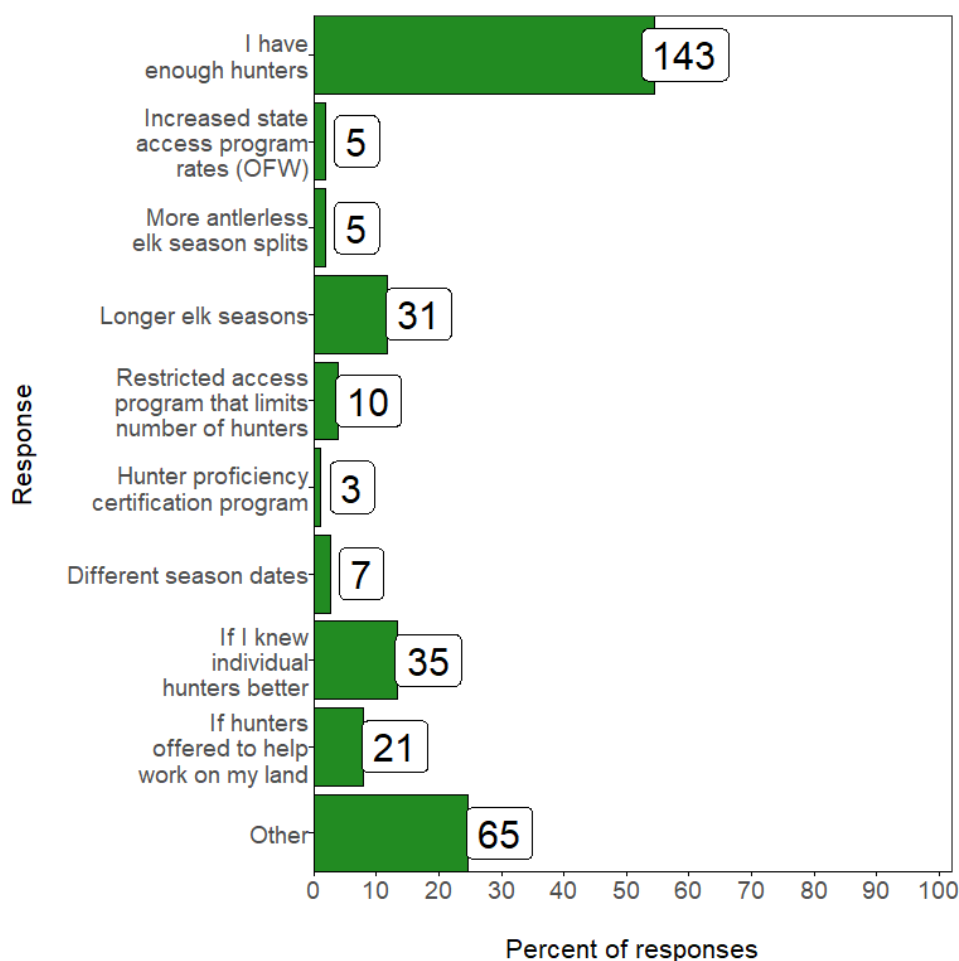


Figure 63. Instances that would influence the allowance of more hunter to access land indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all responses and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of responses ($N = 263$).

Response by EMU

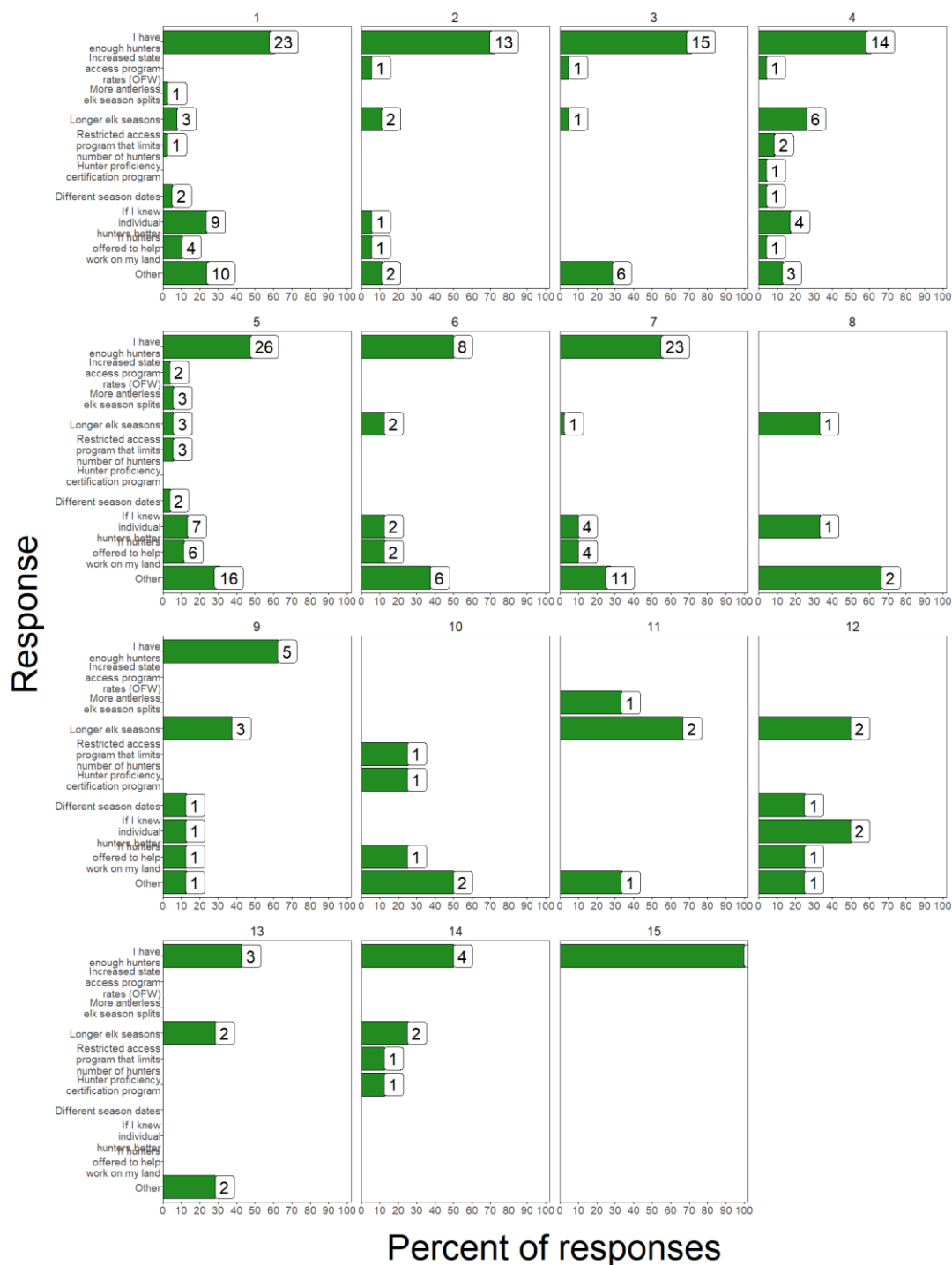


Figure 64. Instances that would influence the allowance of more hunter to access land in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all responses and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of responses. Responses are limited to those who did not select that they did not allow any other hunters (N = 246). Totals within each EMU may exceed N as respondents could have chosen multiple responses.

Appendices

Appendix A: Survey Response Tables

1) In which Elk Management Unit is the majority of your land located?

Table A1. The Nebraska Elk Management Unit in which respondents of the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey hold the majority of their land

Elk Management Unit	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	51	345	14.8
2	22	345	6.4
3	32	345	9.3
4	39	345	11.3
5	76	345	22.0
6	26	345	7.5
7	47	345	13.6
8	5	345	1.4
9	9	345	2.6
10	6	345	1.7
11	3	345	0.9
12	4	345	1.2
13	7	345	2.0
14	10	345	2.9
15	1	345	0.3
I do not know	7	345	2.0

Q2: About how many acres do you operate (own or lease) for agricultural purposes?

Table A2. The approximate number of acres owned or leased by landowners as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Acres	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
0-200	19	347	5.5
201-400	27	347	7.8
401-600	26	347	7.5
601-800	31	347	8.9
801-1000	26	347	7.5
>1000	218	347	62.8

Response by EMU

Table A3. The approximate number of acres owned by landowners as indicated by respondents each Elk Management Unit to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Acres	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	0-200	2	51	3.9
1	201-400	1	51	2.0
1	401-600	4	51	7.8
1	601-800	5	51	9.8
1	801-1000	4	51	7.8
1	>1000	34	51	66.7
2	0-200	1	22	4.5
2	201-400	2	22	9.1
2	401-600	2	22	9.1
2	601-800	1	22	4.5
2	801-1000	2	22	9.1
2	>1000	13	22	59.1
3	0-200	3	32	9.4
3	201-400	2	32	6.2
3	401-600	3	32	9.4
3	601-800	2	32	6.2
3	801-1000	2	32	6.2
3	>1000	20	32	62.5
4	0-200	1	39	2.6

4	201-400	3	39	7.7
4	401-600	2	39	5.1
4	601-800	3	39	7.7
4	801-1000	3	39	7.7
4	>1000	24	39	61.5
5	0-200	4	76	5.3
5	201-400	9	76	11.8
5	401-600	8	76	10.5
5	601-800	9	76	11.8
5	801-1000	4	76	5.3
5	>1000	37	76	48.7
6	0-200	1	26	3.8
6	201-400	1	26	3.8
6	401-600	1	26	3.8
6	601-800	2	26	7.7
6	801-1000	1	26	3.8
6	>1000	20	26	76.9
7	0-200	1	47	2.1
7	201-400	2	47	4.3
7	401-600	2	47	4.3
7	601-800	3	47	6.4
7	801-1000	4	47	8.5

7	>1000	33	47	70.2
8	0-200	1	5	20.0
8	601-800	1	5	20.0
8	>1000	3	5	60.0
9	0-200	1	9	11.1
9	201-400	2	9	22.2
9	>1000	5	9	55.6
10	401-600	1	6	16.7
10	601-800	1	6	16.7
10	801-1000	1	6	16.7
10	>1000	3	6	50.0
11	0-200	1	3	33.3
11	601-800	1	3	33.3
11	>1000	1	3	33.3
12	801-1000	1	4	25.0
12	>1000	3	4	75.0
13	201-400	1	7	14.3
13	401-600	1	7	14.3
13	801-1000	2	7	28.6
13	>1000	3	7	42.9
14	0-200	1	10	10.0
14	201-400	1	10	10.0
14	401-600	1	10	10.0
14	601-800	3	10	30.0

14	801-1000	1	10	10.0
14	>1000	3	10	30.0
15	0-200	1	1	100.0

Q3: To your knowledge, how frequently did you have elk on your land in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

Table A4. The frequency in which landowners had elk on their land as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Frequency	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Never	21	361	5.8
Occasionally	135	361	37.4
Frequently	172	361	47.6
Don't know	33	361	9.1

Response by EMU

Table A5. The frequency in which landowners had elk on their land from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Frequency	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Never	2	51	3.9
1	Occasionally	16	51	31.4
1	Frequently	30	51	58.8
1	Don't know	3	51	5.9
2	Never	3	22	13.6
2	Occasionally	12	22	54.5
2	Frequently	7	22	31.8
3	Never	2	32	6.2
3	Occasionally	9	32	28.1
3	Frequently	21	32	65.6
4	Never	2	39	5.1
4	Occasionally	14	39	35.9
4	Frequently	20	39	51.3
4	Don't know	3	39	7.7
5	Never	5	76	6.6
5	Occasionally	31	76	40.8
5	Frequently	31	76	40.8
5	Don't know	9	76	11.8
6	Never	1	26	3.8
6	Occasionally	7	26	26.9
6	Frequently	15	26	57.7
6	Don't know	3	26	11.5
7	Never	1	47	2.1
7	Occasionally	28	47	59.6
7	Frequently	12	47	25.5
7	Don't know	5	47	10.6
7		1	47	2.1
8	Never	1	5	20.0

8	Frequently	4	5	80.0
9	Occasionally	2	9	22.2
9	Frequently	7	9	77.8
10	Never	1	6	16.7
10	Occasionally	2	6	33.3
10	Frequently	3	6	50.0
11	Occasionally	1	3	33.3
11	Frequently	2	3	66.7
12	Occasionally	1	4	25.0
12	Frequently	3	4	75.0
13	Occasionally	4	7	57.1
13	Frequently	1	7	14.3
13	Don't know	2	7	28.6
14	Occasionally	3	10	30.0
14	Frequently	5	10	50.0
14	Don't know	2	10	20.0
15	Never	1	1	100.0

Percentage indicating frequent occurrence of elk by EMU

Table A6. The percentage of landowners from each EMU who responded that they frequently had elk on their land as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Unit 1	30	51	58.8
Unit 2	7	22	31.8
Unit 3	21	32	65.6
Unit 4	20	39	51.3
Unit 5	31	76	40.8
Unit 6	15	26	57.7
Unit 7	12	47	25.5
Unit 8	4	5	80.0
Unit 9	7	9	77.8
Unit 10	3	6	50.0
Unit 11	2	3	66.7
Unit 12	3	4	75.0
Unit 13	1	7	14.3
Unit 14	5	10	50.0
Unit 15			

Q4: How do you feel about the number of elk on your land in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

Table A7. Attitude about the number of elk that were present on the landowners' property in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land.

Landowner sentiment	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Too few	57	306	18.6
About what I prefer	121	306	39.5
Too many	88	306	28.8
No opinion	40	306	13.1

Response by EMU

Table A8. Attitude about the number of elk that were present on the landowners' property in the previous 24 months from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land.

Elk Management Unit	Landowner sentiment	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Too few	7	46	15.2
1	About what I prefer	23	46	50.0
1	Too many	11	46	23.9
1	No opinion	5	46	10.9
2	Too few	2	19	10.5
2	About what I prefer	6	19	31.6
2	Too many	6	19	31.6
2	No opinion	5	19	26.3
3	Too few	4	30	13.3
3	About what I prefer	13	30	43.3
3	Too many	9	30	30.0
3	No opinion	4	30	13.3
4	Too few	3	34	8.8
4	About what I prefer	19	34	55.9
4	Too many	10	34	29.4
4	No opinion	2	34	5.9
5	Too few	15	61	24.6
5	About what I prefer	22	61	36.1
5	Too many	12	61	19.7
5	No opinion	12	61	19.7
6	Too few	5	22	22.7
6	About what I prefer	6	22	27.3

6	Too many	9	22	40.9
6	No opinion	2	22	9.1
7	Too few	15	40	37.5
7	About what I prefer	12	40	30.0
7	Too many	6	40	15.0
7	No opinion	7	40	17.5
8	About what I prefer	1	4	25.0
8	Too many	3	4	75.0
9	Too few	3	9	33.3
9	About what I prefer	2	9	22.2
9	Too many	3	9	33.3
9	No opinion	1	9	11.1
10	About what I prefer	1	5	20.0
10	Too many	3	5	60.0
10	No opinion	1	5	20.0
11	Too few	1	3	33.3
11	About what I prefer	1	3	33.3
11	Too many	1	3	33.3
12	About what I prefer	2	4	50.0
12	Too many	2	4	50.0
13	Too few	1	5	20.0
13	About what I prefer	2	5	40.0
13	Too many	2	5	40.0
14	About what I prefer	4	8	50.0
14	Too many	3	8	37.5
14	No opinion	1	8	12.5

Q5: How much, if any, damage from elk occurred on your land during the past 24 months?

Overall responses

Table A9. The severity of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. The x-axis indicates the percentage of all respondents and the number to the right of the green bars represents the actual number of respondents. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land.

Damage severity	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
No damage	67	303	22.1
Light damage	122	303	40.3
Moderate damage	92	303	30.4
Severe damage	22	303	7.3

Response by EMU

Table A10. The severity of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported having elk on their land.

Elk Management Unit	Damage severity	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	No damage	7	46	15.2
1	Light damage	16	46	34.8
1	Moderate damage	21	46	45.7
1	Severe damage	2	46	4.3
2	No damage	4	17	23.5
2	Light damage	6	17	35.3
2	Moderate damage	7	17	41.2
3	No damage	5	30	16.7
3	Light damage	14	30	46.7
3	Moderate damage	8	30	26.7
3	Severe damage	3	30	10.0
4	No damage	5	33	15.2
4	Light damage	18	33	54.5
4	Moderate damage	7	33	21.2
4	Severe damage	3	33	9.1
5	No damage	21	61	34.4
5	Light damage	21	61	34.4
5	Moderate	17	61	27.9

	damage			
5	Severe damage	2	61	3.3
6	No damage	2	22	9.1
6	Light damage	8	22	36.4
6	Moderate damage	9	22	40.9
6	Severe damage	3	22	13.6
7	No damage	14	40	35.0
7	Light damage	21	40	52.5
7	Moderate damage	3	40	7.5
7	Severe damage	2	40	5.0
8	Light damage	1	4	25.0
8	Moderate damage	2	4	50.0
8	Severe damage	1	4	25.0
9	No damage	2	9	22.2
9	Light damage	3	9	33.3
9	Moderate damage	4	9	44.4
10	Light damage	4	5	80.0
10	Moderate damage	1	5	20.0
11	Light damage	1	3	33.3
11	Moderate damage	1	3	33.3
11	Severe damage	1	3	33.3

12	Light damage	1	4	25.0
12	Moderate damage	3	4	75.0
13	No damage	2	5	40.0
13	Light damage	2	5	40.0
13	Severe damage	1	5	20.0
14	No damage	1	8	12.5
14	Light damage	4	8	50.0
14	Moderate damage	1	8	12.5
14	Severe damage	2	8	25.0

Q5a: How acceptable or unacceptable is the amount of damage from elk in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

Table A11. Acceptability of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred.

Type of damage	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Totally acceptable	32	230	13.9
Somewhat acceptable	44	230	19.1
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	35	230	15.2
Somewhat unacceptable	75	230	32.6
Totally unacceptable	44	230	19.1

Response by EMU

Table A12. TAcceptability of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred.

Elk Management Unit	Type of damage	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Totally acceptable	1	37	2.7
1	Somewhat acceptable	11	37	29.7
1	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	4	37	10.8
1	Somewhat unacceptable	13	37	35.1
1	Totally unacceptable	8	37	21.6
2	Somewhat acceptable	2	13	15.4
2	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	2	13	15.4
2	Somewhat unacceptable	7	13	53.8
2	Totally unacceptable	2	13	15.4
3	Totally acceptable	1	24	4.2
3	Somewhat acceptable	8	24	33.3
3	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	4	24	16.7
3	Somewhat unacceptable	5	24	20.8
3	Totally unacceptable	6	24	25.0
4	Totally	7	29	24.1

	acceptable			
4	Somewhat acceptable	7	29	24.1
4	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	2	29	6.9
4	Somewhat unacceptable	10	29	34.5
4	Totally unacceptable	3	29	10.3
5	Totally acceptable	8	40	20.0
5	Somewhat acceptable	9	40	22.5
5	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	4	40	10.0
5	Somewhat unacceptable	13	40	32.5
5	Totally unacceptable	6	40	15.0
6	Totally acceptable	4	20	20.0
6	Somewhat acceptable	1	20	5.0
6	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	5	20	25.0
6	Somewhat unacceptable	4	20	20.0
6	Totally unacceptable	6	20	30.0
7	Totally acceptable	8	26	30.8
7	Somewhat acceptable	3	26	11.5
7	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	7	26	26.9

7	Somewhat unacceptable	3	26	11.5
7	Totally unacceptable	5	26	19.2
8	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	2	4	50.0
8	Somewhat unacceptable	1	4	25.0
8	Totally unacceptable	1	4	25.0
9	Totally acceptable	1	6	16.7
9	Somewhat unacceptable	5	6	83.3
10	Somewhat acceptable	1	3	33.3
10	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	1	3	33.3
10	Somewhat unacceptable	1	3	33.3
11	Totally acceptable	1	3	33.3
11	Somewhat unacceptable	1	3	33.3
11	Totally unacceptable	1	3	33.3
12	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	1	4	25.0
12	Somewhat unacceptable	3	4	75.0
13	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	1	3	33.3
13	Somewhat unacceptable	1	3	33.3
13	Totally	1	3	33.3

	unacceptable			
14	Totally acceptable	1	7	14.3
14	Somewhat unacceptable	4	7	57.1
14	Totally unacceptable	2	7	28.6

Percentage indicating “totally unacceptable” or “somewhat unacceptable” for amount of elk damage by EMU

Table A13. The percentage of landowners from each EMU who responded somewhat unacceptable or totally unacceptable levels of damage from elk on their land as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to individuals who reported having elk on their property and reported some level of elk damage.

Elk Management Unit	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Unit 1	21	37	56.8
Unit 2	9	12	75.0
Unit 3	11	24	45.8
Unit 4	12	28	42.9
Unit 5	19	39	48.7
Unit 6	10	20	50.0
Unit 7	8	26	30.8
Unit 8	2	4	50.0
Unit 9	5	6	83.3
Unit 10	1	3	33.3
Unit 11	2	3	66.7
Unit 12	3	4	75.0
Unit 13	2	3	66.7
Unit 14	6	7	85.7
Unit 15			

Q5b: What kind of damage from elk occurred on your land during the past 24 months?

Overall responses

Table A14. The kind of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred.

Type of damage	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Alfalfa	55	307	17.9
Bales or stored feed	66	307	21.5
Corn or soybeans	85	307	27.7
Fence	197	307	64.2
Other	45	307	14.7
Rye or wheat	27	307	8.8
Sunflowers	2	307	0.7

Response by EMU

Table A15. The type of damage caused by elk to landowner property in the previous 24 months from each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred. Totals within each EMU may exceed N as respondents could have chosen multiple responses.

Elk Management Unit	Type of damage	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Alfalfa	16	39	41.0
1	Bales or stored feed	15	39	38.5
1	Fence	38	39	97.4
1	Other	9	39	23.1
1	Rye or wheat	2	39	5.1
2	Alfalfa	3	15	20.0
2	Bales or stored feed	3	15	20.0
2	Fence	13	15	86.7
2	Other	3	15	20.0
2	Rye or wheat	1	15	6.7
3	Alfalfa	9	25	36.0
3	Bales or stored feed	9	25	36.0
3	Fence	23	25	92.0
3	Other	3	25	12.0
3	Rye or wheat	3	25	12.0
3	Sunflowers	1	25	4.0
4	Alfalfa	2	29	6.9
4	Bales or stored feed	10	29	34.5
4	Fence	23	29	79.3
4	Other	3	29	10.3
4	Rye or wheat	6	29	20.7
5	Alfalfa	1	40	2.5
5	Bales or stored	4	40	10.0

feed				
5	Fence	33	40	82.5
5	Other	5	40	12.5
5	Rye or wheat	4	40	10.0
6	Alfalfa	13	20	65.0
6	Bales or stored feed	10	20	50.0
6	Fence	18	20	90.0
6	Other	5	20	25.0
6	Rye or wheat	4	20	20.0
7	Alfalfa	6	26	23.1
7	Bales or stored feed	8	26	30.8
7	Fence	20	26	76.9
7	Other	4	26	15.4
7	Rye or wheat	1	26	3.8
8	Fence	3	4	75.0
8	Other	2	4	50.0
8	Rye or wheat	2	4	50.0
8	Sunflowers	1	4	25.0
9	Bales or stored feed	2	7	28.6
9	Fence	7	7	100.0
9	Other	2	7	28.6
10	Alfalfa	1	5	20.0
10	Bales or stored feed	1	5	20.0
10	Fence	3	5	60.0
10	Other	1	5	20.0
10	Rye or wheat	1	5	20.0
11	Other	2	3	66.7
12	Fence	1	4	25.0
12	Other	1	4	25.0
13	Fence	2	3	66.7
13	Rye or wheat	1	3	33.3

14	Bales or stored feed	1	7	14.3
14	Fence	5	7	71.4
14	Other	1	7	14.3

Q6: Are you aware that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has mitigation techniques, supplies, and materials available to help reduce damage?

Overall responses

Table A16. Awareness of NGPC elk-mitigation indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Aware	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Yes	220	358	61.5
No	138	358	38.5

Response by EMU

Table A17. Awareness of NGPC elk-mitigation in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Aware	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Yes	40	51	78.4
1	No	11	51	21.6
2	Yes	16	21	76.2
2	No	5	21	23.8
3	Yes	26	32	81.2
3	No	6	32	18.8
4	Yes	28	39	71.8
4	No	11	39	28.2
5	Yes	31	76	40.8
5	No	45	76	59.2
6	Yes	14	25	56.0
6	No	11	25	44.0
7	Yes	30	46	65.2
7	No	16	46	34.8
8	Yes	3	5	60.0
8	No	2	5	40.0
9	Yes	6	9	66.7
9	No	3	9	33.3
10	Yes	3	6	50.0
10	No	3	6	50.0
11	Yes	2	3	66.7
11	No	1	3	33.3
12	Yes	2	4	50.0
12	No	2	4	50.0
13	Yes	1	7	14.3
13	No	6	7	85.7
14	Yes	4	10	40.0
14	No	6	10	60.0
15	Yes	1	1	100.0

Q7: Are you aware that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission can add landowners to a depredation list that would allow hunters to contact you for permission to hunt elk?

Overall responses

Table A18. Awareness of NGPC ability to add landowners to depredation list indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Aware	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Yes	228	357	63.9
No	129	357	36.1

Response by EMU

Table A19. Awareness of NGPC ability to add landowners to depredation list in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Aware	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Yes	34	50	68.0
1	No	16	50	32.0
2	Yes	15	22	68.2
2	No	7	22	31.8
3	Yes	24	32	75.0
3	No	8	32	25.0
4	Yes	27	39	69.2
4	No	12	39	30.8
5	Yes	42	75	56.0
5	No	33	75	44.0
6	Yes	18	26	69.2
6	No	8	26	30.8
7	Yes	27	46	58.7
7	No	19	46	41.3
8	Yes	3	5	60.0
8	No	2	5	40.0
9	Yes	7	9	77.8
9	No	2	9	22.2
10	Yes	3	6	50.0
10	No	3	6	50.0
11	Yes	1	2	50.0
11	No	1	2	50.0
12	Yes	3	4	75.0
12	No	1	4	25.0
13	Yes	3	7	42.9
13	No	4	7	57.1
14	Yes	5	10	50.0
14	No	5	10	50.0
15	Yes	1	1	100.0

Q8: Are you aware that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission may issue permits to landowners to kill elk outside the hunting season to help reduce damage to their property?

Overall responses

Table A20. Awareness of NGPC ability to issue special permits indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Aware	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Yes	169	357	47.3
No	188	357	52.7

Response by EMU

Table A21. Awareness of NGPC ability to issue special permits in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Aware	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Yes	26	49	53.1
1	No	23	49	46.9
2	Yes	13	22	59.1
2	No	9	22	40.9
3	Yes	16	32	50.0
3	No	16	32	50.0
4	Yes	18	39	46.2
4	No	21	39	53.8
5	Yes	34	75	45.3
5	No	41	75	54.7
6	Yes	10	25	40.0
6	No	15	25	60.0
7	Yes	19	46	41.3
7	No	27	46	58.7
8	Yes	3	5	60.0
8	No	2	5	40.0
9	Yes	6	9	66.7
9	No	3	9	33.3
10	Yes	1	6	16.7
10	No	5	6	83.3
11	Yes	1	3	33.3
11	No	2	3	66.7
12	Yes	3	4	75.0
12	No	1	4	25.0
13	Yes	3	7	42.9
13	No	4	7	57.1
14	Yes	4	10	40.0
14	No	6	10	60.0
15	Yes	1	1	100.0

Q9: Have you ever contacted the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for assistance in reducing elk damage on your land?

Overall responses

Table A22. Whether respondent ever contacted NGPC for assistance in reducing elk damage indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Contacted NGPC	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Yes	66	356	18.5
No	290	356	81.5

Response by EMU

Table A23. Whether respondent ever contacted NGPC for assistance in reducing elk damage in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Contacted NGPC	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Yes	12	51	23.5
1	No	39	51	76.5
2	Yes	4	22	18.2
2	No	18	22	81.8
3	Yes	7	31	22.6
3	No	24	31	77.4
4	Yes	8	38	21.1
4	No	30	38	78.9
5	Yes	4	75	5.3
5	No	71	75	94.7
6	Yes	7	25	28.0
6	No	18	25	72.0
7	Yes	4	46	8.7
7	No	42	46	91.3
8	Yes	3	5	60.0
8	No	2	5	40.0
9	Yes	3	9	33.3
9	No	6	9	66.7
10	No	6	6	100.0
11	No	3	3	100.0
12	Yes	3	4	75.0
12	No	1	4	25.0
13	Yes	1	7	14.3
13	No	6	7	85.7
14	Yes	4	10	40.0
14	No	6	10	60.0
15	No	1	1	100.0

Influence of elk damage acceptability

Table A24. Probability of contacting Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for assistance in reducing elk damage for each level of acceptability of elk damage indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Acceptability of elk damage	Probability of response	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Totally acceptable	0.1	0.0	0.2
Somewhat acceptable	0.2	0.1	0.3
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	0.2	0.2	0.3
Somewhat unacceptable	0.4	0.3	0.4
Totally unacceptable	0.4	0.3	0.5

Influence of opinion about the number of elk on land

Table A25. Probability of contacting Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for assistance in reducing elk damage for each perceived level of the elk population indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Perception of elk population	Probability of response	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Too few	0.1	0.0	0.1
About what I prefer	0.2	0.1	0.2
Too many	0.4	0.4	0.5

Influence severity of damage by elk on probability of landowner contacting NGPC for help with elk damage

Table A26. Probability of contacting Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for assistance in reducing elk damage for each level of damage caused by elk indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Severity of elk damage	Probability of contact	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
No damage	0.0	0.0	0.0
Light damage	0.1	0.1	0.2
Moderate damage	0.4	0.3	0.4
Severe damage	0.5	0.4	0.7

9a) In what year did you last contact the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission concerning damage caused by elk?

Overall responses

Table A27. Year in which landowners most recently contacted Nebraska Game and Parks concerning damage caused by elk indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred.

Year	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Before 2016	7	55	12.7
2016			
2017	1	55	1.8
2018			
2019	1	55	1.8
2020	7	55	12.7
2021	7	55	12.7
2022	8	55	14.5
2023	11	55	20.0
2024	12	55	21.8
2025	1	55	1.8

Response by EMU

Table A28. Year in which landowners most recently contacted Nebraska Game and Parks concerning damage caused by elk indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred.

Elk Management Unit	Year	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Before 2016	3	11	27.3
1	2020	1	11	9.1
1	2021	4	11	36.4
1	2022	1	11	9.1
1	2023	1	11	9.1
1	2024	1	11	9.1
2	Before 2016	1	3	33.3
2	2020	1	3	33.3
2	2024	1	3	33.3
3	Before 2016	1	7	14.3
3	2019	1	7	14.3
3	2020	1	7	14.3
3	2023	3	7	42.9
3	2024	1	7	14.3
3	Before 2016	1	7	14.3
3	2019	1	7	14.3
3	2020	1	7	14.3
3	2023	3	7	42.9
3	2024	1	7	14.3
4	Before 2016	2	7	28.6
4	2020	1	7	14.3
4	2021	1	7	14.3
4	2022	2	7	28.6
4	2023	1	7	14.3

5	2020	1	4	25.0
5	2022	1	4	25.0
5	2023	1	4	25.0
5	2024	1	4	25.0
6	2020	1	4	25.0
6	2022	1	4	25.0
6	2024	2	4	50.0
7	2017	1	4	25.0
7	2021	1	4	25.0
7	2022	1	4	25.0
7	2024	1	4	25.0
8	2021	1	2	50.0
8	2023	1	2	50.0
9	2020	1	2	50.0
9	2022	1	2	50.0
12	2023	3	3	100.0
13		1	1	100.0
14	2023	1	3	33.3
14	2024	2	3	66.7

Q9b: How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received?

Overall responses

Table A29. Satisfaction with NGPC assistance indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred.

Satisfaction	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Very dissatisfied	12	60	20.0
Somewhat dissatisfied	9	60	15.0
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	8	60	13.3
Somewhat satisfied	19	60	31.7
Very satisfied	12	60	20.0

Response by EMU

Table A30. Satisfaction with NGPC assistance in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that damage occurred.

Elk Management Unit	Satisfaction	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Very dissatisfied	2	11	18.2
1	Somewhat dissatisfied	1	11	9.1
1	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	1	11	9.1
1	Somewhat satisfied	3	11	27.3
1	Very satisfied	4	11	36.4
2	Very dissatisfied	1	4	25.0
2	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	1	4	25.0
2	Somewhat satisfied	2	4	50.0
3	Very dissatisfied	1	7	14.3
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2	7	28.6
3	Somewhat satisfied	2	7	28.6
3	Very satisfied	2	7	28.6
4	Very dissatisfied	1	7	14.3
4	Somewhat dissatisfied	2	7	28.6
4	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	1	7	14.3
4	Somewhat satisfied	1	7	14.3
4	Very satisfied	2	7	28.6
5	Very dissatisfied	2	4	50.0
5	Somewhat satisfied	2	4	50.0

6	Somewhat dissatisfied	2	5	40.0
6	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	1	5	20.0
6	Somewhat satisfied	1	5	20.0
6	Very satisfied	1	5	20.0
7	Very dissatisfied	1	4	25.0
7	Somewhat dissatisfied	1	4	25.0
7	Somewhat satisfied	2	4	50.0
8	Somewhat dissatisfied	1	3	33.3
8	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2	3	66.7
9	Somewhat dissatisfied	1	2	50.0
9	Very satisfied	1	2	50.0
12	Somewhat dissatisfied	1	3	33.3
12	Somewhat satisfied	2	3	66.7
13	Very dissatisfied	1	1	100.0
14	Very dissatisfied	1	4	25.0
14	Somewhat satisfied	1	4	25.0
14	Very satisfied	2	4	50.0

Q10: Did anyone (including yourself) hunt elk on your land in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

Table A31. Whether or not anyone hunted elk on land in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Anyone hunt land	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Yes	209	352	59.4
No	143	352	40.6

Response by EMU

Table A32. Whether anyone hunted elk on land in the previous 24 months in each Elk Management Unit as indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Anyone hunt land	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Yes	30	50	60.0
1	No	20	50	40.0
2	Yes	10	21	47.6
2	No	11	21	52.4
3	Yes	21	31	67.7
3	No	10	31	32.3
4	Yes	28	39	71.8
4	No	11	39	28.2
5	Yes	41	72	56.9
5	No	31	72	43.1
6	Yes	16	26	61.5
6	No	10	26	38.5
7	Yes	26	45	57.8
7	No	19	45	42.2
8	Yes	3	5	60.0
8	No	2	5	40.0
9	Yes	8	9	88.9
9	No	1	9	11.1
10	Yes	3	6	50.0
10	No	3	6	50.0
11	Yes	1	3	33.3
11	No	2	3	66.7
12	Yes	3	4	75.0
12	No	1	4	25.0
13	Yes	2	7	28.6
13	No	5	7	71.4
14	Yes	6	10	60.0
14	No	4	10	40.0
15	No	1	1	100.0

Q10a: Did you yourself hunt elk on your land in the past 24 months?

Overall responses

Table A33. Type of permit landowner used to personally hunt elk on their land in the previous 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who indicated that someone had hunted elk on their in the past 24 months.

Type of permit	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Did not hunt	119	209	56.9
General permit	5	209	2.4
Landowner permit	84	209	40.2

Response by EMU

Table A34. Type of permit landowner used to personally hunt elk on their land in the previous 24 months in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Totals within each EMU may exceed N as respondents could have chosen multiple responses. Responses are limited to those who indicated that someone had hunted elk on their in the past 24 months.

Elk Management Unit	Type of permit	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Did not hunt	17	30	56.7
1	Landowner permit	13	30	43.3
2	Did not hunt	5	10	50.0
2	Landowner permit	5	10	50.0
3	Did not hunt	11	21	52.4
3	General permit	2	21	9.5
3	Landowner permit	9	21	42.9
4	Did not hunt	16	28	57.1
4	General permit	2	28	7.1
4	Landowner permit	11	28	39.3
5	Did not hunt	28	40	70.0
5	Landowner permit	12	40	30.0
6	Did not hunt	8	15	53.3
6	Landowner permit	7	15	46.7
7	Did not hunt	12	24	50.0
7	General permit	1	24	4.2
7	Landowner permit	12	24	50.0
8	Did not hunt	2	3	66.7
8	Landowner permit	1	3	33.3

9	Did not hunt	4	8	50.0
9	Landowner permit	4	8	50.0
10	Did not hunt	1	3	33.3
10	Landowner permit	2	3	66.7
11	Landowner permit	1	1	100.0
12	Did not hunt	2	3	66.7
12	Landowner permit	1	3	33.3
13	Did not hunt	2	2	100.0
14	Did not hunt	2	6	33.3
14	Landowner permit	4	6	66.7

**Q10b: Who else did you allow to hunt elk on your land in the past 24 months?
(select all that apply)**

Overall responses

Table A35. Persons other than the landowner who hunted elk on the landowner's property indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Totals within each EMU may exceed N as respondents could have chosen multiple responses. Responses are limited to those who indicated that someone had hunted elk on their in the past 24 months.

Person(s) allowed to hunt	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Family	94	208	45.2
Friend(s)	104	208	50.0
Other hunters previously knew	99	208	47.6
I did not allow anyone else to hunt my land in the past 24 months	12	208	5.8
Other hunters did not previously know	80	208	38.5

Response by EMU

Table A36. Persons other than the landowner who hunted elk on the landowner's property in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Totals within each EMU may exceed N as respondents could have chosen multiple responses. Responses are limited to those who indicated that someone had hunted elk on their in the past 24 months.

Elk Management Unit	Person(s) allowed to hunt	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Family	14	30	46.7
1	Friend(s)	16	30	53.3
1	I did not allow anyone else to hunt my land in the past 24 months	3	30	10.0
1	Other hunters did not previously know	14	30	46.7
1	Other hunters previously knew	16	30	53.3
2	Family	6	10	60.0
2	Friend(s)	5	10	50.0
2	Other hunters did not previously know	2	10	20.0
2	Other hunters previously knew	5	10	50.0
3	Family	9	21	42.9
3	Friend(s)	11	21	52.4
3	Other hunters did not previously know	9	21	42.9
3	Other hunters previously knew	8	21	38.1
4	Family	14	28	50.0
4	Friend(s)	14	28	50.0
4	I did not allow anyone else to hunt my land in the past 24 months	2	28	7.1
4	Other hunters did not previously know	9	28	32.1
4	Other hunters	13	28	46.4

	previously knew			
5	Family	17	42	40.5
5	Friend(s)	23	42	54.8
5	I did not allow anyone else to hunt my land in the past 24 months	2	42	4.8
5	Other hunters did not previously know	17	42	40.5
5	Other hunters previously knew	23	42	54.8
6	Family	6	15	40.0
6	Friend(s)	8	15	53.3
6	I did not allow anyone else to hunt my land in the past 24 months	1	15	6.7
6	Other hunters did not previously know	9	15	60.0
6	Other hunters previously knew	10	15	66.7
7	Family	9	25	36.0
7	Friend(s)	12	25	48.0
7	I did not allow anyone else to hunt my land in the past 24 months	2	25	8.0
7	Other hunters did not previously know	5	25	20.0
7	Other hunters previously knew	11	25	44.0
8	Family	2	3	66.7
8	Friend(s)	1	3	33.3
8	Other hunters did not previously know	2	3	66.7
8	Other hunters previously knew	1	3	33.3
9	Family	5	7	71.4
9	Friend(s)	4	7	57.1
9	Other hunters did not	3	7	42.9

	previously know			
9	Other hunters previously knew	3	7	42.9
10	Family	1	3	33.3
10	I did not allow anyone else to hunt my land in the past 24 months	1	3	33.3
10	Other hunters previously knew	1	3	33.3
11	Family	1	1	100.0
11	Other hunters did not previously know	1	1	100.0
12	Friend(s)	1	3	33.3
12	Other hunters did not previously know	2	3	66.7
12	Other hunters previously knew	1	3	33.3
13	Family	1	2	50.0
13	Friend(s)	1	2	50.0
13	Other hunters previously knew	2	2	100.0
14	Family	3	6	50.0
14	Friend(s)	3	6	50.0
14	Other hunters did not previously know	2	6	33.3
14	Other hunters previously knew	1	6	16.7

Q10c: Which of the following did you allow others to hunt for on your land in the past 24 months? (Select all that apply)

Overall responses

Table A37. The type of elk landowners allowed others to harvest on their property indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who did not select that they did not allow any other hunters.

Type of elk	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Antlerless no restrictions full season	120	179	67.0
Antlerless elk with restrictions	11	179	6.1
Antlerless only after bull	20	179	11.2
Antlerless with access fee	10	179	5.6
Bulls with lease	2	179	1.1
Bulls with restrictions	25	179	14.0
Bulls with access fee	16	179	8.9
Bulls with no restrictions	108	179	60.3
Did not allow hunters	2	179	1.1
Other	9	179	5.0

Response by EMU

Table A38. The type of elk landowners allowed others to harvest on their property in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who did not select that they did not allow any other hunters.

Elk Management Unit	Type of elk	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Antlerless no restrictions full season	16	24	66.7
1	Antlerless elk with restrictions	1	24	4.2
1	Antlerless only after bull	7	24	29.2
1	Antlerless with access fee	4	24	16.7
1	Bulls with lease	1	24	4.2
1	Bulls with restrictions	4	24	16.7
1	Bulls with access fee	7	24	29.2
1	Bulls with no restrictions	7	24	29.2
1	Other	3	24	12.5
2	Antlerless no restrictions full season	7	9	77.8
2	Antlerless elk with restrictions	1	9	11.1
2	Bulls with restrictions	2	9	22.2
2	Bulls with access fee	1	9	11.1
2	Bulls with no restrictions	8	9	88.9
3	Antlerless no restrictions full season	11	20	55.0

3	Antlerless elk with restrictions	4	20	20.0
3	Antlerless only after bull	1	20	5.0
3	Antlerless with access fee	2	20	10.0
3	Bulls with restrictions	4	20	20.0
3	Bulls with access fee	1	20	5.0
3	Bulls with no restrictions	9	20	45.0
4	Antlerless no restrictions full season	17	23	73.9
4	Antlerless only after bull	2	23	8.7
4	Antlerless with access fee	3	23	13.0
4	Bulls with restrictions	1	23	4.3
4	Bulls with access fee	4	23	17.4
4	Bulls with no restrictions	15	23	65.2
5	Antlerless no restrictions full season	24	35	68.6
5	Antlerless elk with restrictions	1	35	2.9
5	Antlerless only after bull	2	35	5.7
5	Bulls with restrictions	3	35	8.6
5	Bulls with access fee	1	35	2.9
5	Bulls with no restrictions	27	35	77.1

5	Other	3	35	8.6
6	Antlerless no restrictions full season	10	14	71.4
6	Antlerless elk with restrictions	1	14	7.1
6	Antlerless only after bull	1	14	7.1
6	Bulls with restrictions	3	14	21.4
6	Bulls with no restrictions	10	14	71.4
6	Other	1	14	7.1
7	Antlerless no restrictions full season	14	21	66.7
7	Antlerless only after bull	3	21	14.3
7	Antlerless with access fee	1	21	4.8
7	Bulls with restrictions	3	21	14.3
7	Bulls with access fee	2	21	9.5
7	Bulls with no restrictions	13	21	61.9
8	Antlerless no restrictions full season	3	3	100.0
8	Bulls with no restrictions	2	3	66.7
9	Antlerless no restrictions full season	4	7	57.1
9	Antlerless only after bull	1	7	14.3
9	Bulls with lease	1	7	14.3
9	Bulls with	1	7	14.3

	restrictions			
9	Bulls with no restrictions	4	7	57.1
11	Antlerless elk with restrictions	1	1	100.0
11	Bulls with restrictions	1	1	100.0
12	Antlerless no restrictions full season	2	3	66.7
12	Antlerless only after bull	1	3	33.3
12	Bulls with no restrictions	3	3	100.0
12	Other	1	3	33.3
13	Antlerless no restrictions full season	1	2	50.0
13	Bulls with no restrictions	1	2	50.0
13	Other	1	2	50.0
14	Antlerless no restrictions full season	4	6	66.7
14	Antlerless elk with restrictions	1	6	16.7
14	Antlerless only after bull	1	6	16.7
14	Bulls with restrictions	1	6	16.7
14	Bulls with no restrictions	4	6	66.7

Q10d: Did you allow antlerless hunters access prior to the bull season in the past 24 months?

Wave results

Table A39. Probability of response as to whether they allowed hunters to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

0 = before reminder 1 = after reminder	Response	Probability of response	Upper 95% CI	Lower 95% CI
0	No	0.27	0.35	0.20
1	No	0.24	0.39	0.14
0	Nobody asked	0.27	0.35	0.20
1	Nobody asked	0.29	0.44	0.18
0	Yes	0.46	0.55	0.38
1	Yes	0.47	0.61	0.33

Overall responses

Table A40. Whether or not landowners allowed antlerless hunter access prior to the bull season indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who did state that hunting occurred on their land, but did not select that they did not allow any other hunters.

Allow access	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Yes	87	187	46.5
No	49	187	26.2
Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	51	187	27.3

Response by EMU

Table A41. Whether or not landowners allowed antlerless hunter access prior to the bull season in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who did state that hunting occurred on their land, but did not select that they did not allow any other hunters.

Elk Management Unit	Allow access	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Yes	10	26	38.5
1	No	8	26	30.8
1	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	8	26	30.8
2	Yes	3	10	30.0
2	No	5	10	50.0
2	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	2	10	20.0
3	Yes	11	20	55.0
3	No	3	20	15.0
3	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	6	20	30.0
4	Yes	9	24	37.5
4	No	6	24	25.0
4	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	9	24	37.5
5	Yes	18	37	48.6
5	No	12	37	32.4
5	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	7	37	18.9
6	Yes	8	12	66.7
6	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	4	12	33.3
7	Yes	13	24	54.2

7	No	6	24	25.0
7	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	5	24	20.8
8	Yes	1	3	33.3
8	No	1	3	33.3
8	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	1	3	33.3
9	Yes	3	8	37.5
9	No	2	8	25.0
9	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	3	8	37.5
10	No	1	2	50.0
10	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	1	2	50.0
11	Yes	1	1	100.0
12	Yes	1	2	50.0
12	No	1	2	50.0
13	Yes	1	2	50.0
13	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	1	2	50.0
14	Yes	2	5	40.0
14	No	2	5	40.0
14	Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season	1	5	20.0

Q10e: How many total people (including yourself) hunted elk on your land in the in the 2024 elk hunting season?

Overall responses

Table A42. The total number of individuals who hunted elk on the landowners' property in the past 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that someone had hunted elk on their property.

Number of hunters	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	30	178	16.9
2	43	178	24.2
3	27	178	15.2
4	16	178	9.0
5	16	178	9.0
6	17	178	9.6
7	5	178	2.8
8	5	178	2.8
9	1	178	0.6
10	9	178	5.1
11	1	178	0.6
12	2	178	1.1
13			
14			
15	2	178	1.1
More than 15	4	178	2.2

Response by EMU

Table A43. The total number of individuals who hunted elk on the landowners' property in the past 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey. Responses are limited to those who reported that someone had hunted elk on their property.

Elk Management Unit	Number of hunters	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	1	3	27	11.1
1	2	6	27	22.2
1	3	3	27	11.1
1	4	2	27	7.4
1	5	1	27	3.7
1	6	3	27	11.1
1	7	2	27	7.4
1	10	3	27	11.1
2	2	2	10	20.0
2	3	1	10	10.0
2	4	2	10	20.0
2	5	1	10	10.0
2	6	2	10	20.0
2	7	1	10	10.0
3	1	3	20	15.0
3	2	5	20	25.0
3	3	1	20	5.0
3	4	2	20	10.0
3	5	1	20	5.0
3	6	2	20	10.0
3	8	2	20	10.0
3	10	2	20	10.0
3	12	1	20	5.0
3	More than 15	1	20	5.0
4	1	4	27	14.8
4	2	8	27	29.6
4	3	3	27	11.1
4	5	5	27	18.5

4	6	3	27	11.1
4	15	1	27	3.7
4	More than 15	1	27	3.7
5	1	9	40	22.5
5	2	4	40	10.0
5	3	7	40	17.5
5	4	3	40	7.5
5	5	4	40	10.0
5	6	3	40	7.5
5	7	2	40	5.0
5	8	2	40	5.0
5	10	2	40	5.0
6	1	1	12	8.3
6	2	2	12	16.7
6	3	5	12	41.7
6	4	1	12	8.3
6	5	1	12	8.3
6	12	1	12	8.3
6	15	1	12	8.3
7	1	6	26	23.1
7	2	10	26	38.5
7	3	1	26	3.8
7	4	1	26	3.8
7	5	2	26	7.7
7	6	2	26	7.7
7	9	1	26	3.8
8	1	1	3	33.3
8	8	1	3	33.3
8	More than 15	1	3	33.3
9	1	1	8	12.5
9	2	2	8	25.0
9	3	1	8	12.5
9	4	1	8	12.5
9	10	1	8	12.5

9	11	1	8	12.5
10	2	1	3	33.3
10	3	1	3	33.3
10	8	1	3	33.3
11	4	1	1	100.0
12	6	1	3	33.3
13	1	1	2	50.0
13	4	1	2	50.0
14	1	1	6	16.7
14	2	1	6	16.7
14	3	1	6	16.7
14	4	1	6	16.7
14	5	1	6	16.7
14	6	1	6	16.7

Q10f: How many bull and antlerless elk were harvested on your land in the past 24 months?

Bull elk overall responses

Table A44. The total number of bulls harvested on landowner property in the past 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Number of bulls harvested	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
0	111	157	70.7
1	26	157	16.6
2	16	157	10.2
3	4	157	2.5

Bull elk response by EMU

Table A45. The total number of bulls harvested on landowner property in the past 24 months for each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Number of bulls harvested	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	0	20	25	80.0
1	1	4	25	16.0
1	3	1	25	4.0
2	0	5	7	71.4
2	1	2	7	28.6
3	0	9	17	52.9
3	1	4	17	23.5
3	2	4	17	23.5
4	0	14	18	77.8
4	1	2	18	11.1
4	2	2	18	11.1
5	0	19	26	73.1
5	1	3	26	11.5
5	2	3	26	11.5
5	3	1	26	3.8
6	0	9	12	75.0
6	1	2	12	16.7
6	2	1	12	8.3
7	0	15	22	68.2
7	1	4	22	18.2
7	2	1	22	4.5
7	3	2	22	9.1
8	0	2	2	100.0
9	0	5	7	71.4
9	2	2	7	28.6
10	0	1	2	50.0
10	2	1	2	50.0
11	0	1	1	100.0

12	0	3	3	100.0
13	0	1	2	50.0
13	1	1	2	50.0
14	0	2	6	33.3
14	1	2	6	33.3
14	2	2	6	33.3

Antlerless elk overall response

Table A46. The total number of antlerless elk harvested on landowner property in the past 24 months indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Number of antlerless elk harvested	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
0	111	154	72.1
1	22	154	14.3
2	5	154	3.2
3	5	154	3.2
4	3	154	1.9
5			
More than 5	8	154	5.2

Antlerless elk response by EMU

Table A47. The total number of antlerless elk harvested on landowner property in the past 24 months for each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Number of antlerless elk harvested	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	0	16	24	66.7
1	1	2	24	8.3
1	2	4	24	16.7
1	3	2	24	8.3
2	0	6	7	85.7
2	1	1	7	14.3
3	0	9	17	52.9
3	1	3	17	17.6
3	4	2	17	11.8
3	More than 5	3	17	17.6
4	0	12	18	66.7
4	1	3	18	16.7
4	3	1	18	5.6
4	More than 5	2	18	11.1
5	0	21	27	77.8
5	1	4	27	14.8
5	3	2	27	7.4
6	0	8	11	72.7
6	1	1	11	9.1
6	More than 5	2	11	18.2
7	0	17	20	85.0
7	1	2	20	10.0
7	4	1	20	5.0
8	0	2	2	100.0
9	0	5	7	71.4
9	1	1	7	14.3
9	More than 5	1	7	14.3
10	0	1	2	50.0

10	1	1	2	50.0
11	0	1	1	100.0
12	0	3	3	100.0
13	0	1	2	50.0
13	1	1	2	50.0
14	0	3	6	50.0
14	1	3	6	50.0

Q11: Currently elk landowner permit holders are allowed to hunt the entire elk management unit. Would you be in favor of landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone?

Wave results

Table A48. Probability of response as to preference for landowners only being permitted to hunt their own land with a landowner permit indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

0 = before reminder 1 = after reminder	Response	Probability of response	Upper 95% CI	Lower 95% CI
0	No	0.56	0.63	0.50
1	No	0.65	0.74	0.54
0	Unsure	0.20	0.26	0.15
1	Unsure	0.26	0.36	0.17
0	Yes	0.24	0.30	0.19
1	Yes	0.10	0.18	0.05

Overall responses

Table A49. Attitudes about landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Favor of landowners only hunting their own land	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Yes	61	304	20.1
No	178	304	58.6
Unsure	65	304	21.4

Response by EMU

Table A50. Attitudes about landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Favor of landowners only hunting their own land	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Yes	8	45	17.8
1	No	29	45	64.4
1	Unsure	8	45	17.8
2	Yes	3	18	16.7
2	No	10	18	55.6
2	Unsure	5	18	27.8
3	Yes	3	23	13.0
3	No	15	23	65.2
3	Unsure	5	23	21.7
4	Yes	7	28	25.0
4	No	18	28	64.3
4	Unsure	3	28	10.7
5	Yes	12	67	17.9
5	No	39	67	58.2
5	Unsure	16	67	23.9
6	Yes	2	22	9.1
6	No	16	22	72.7
6	Unsure	4	22	18.2
7	Yes	12	40	30.0
7	No	21	40	52.5
7	Unsure	7	40	17.5
8	Yes	1	4	25.0
8	No	3	4	75.0
9	No	5	8	62.5
9	Unsure	3	8	37.5
10	Yes	2	5	40.0
10	No	2	5	40.0
10	Unsure	1	5	20.0

11	No	1	3	33.3
11	Unsure	2	3	66.7
12	No	2	4	50.0
12	Unsure	2	4	50.0
13	Yes	2	7	28.6
13	No	4	7	57.1
13	Unsure	1	7	14.3
14	No	4	9	44.4
14	Unsure	5	9	55.6
15	Yes	1	1	100.0

Q11a: Would you be in favor of landowners only hunting their own land during the bull season?

Wave results

Table A51. Probability of response as to preference for landowners only being permitted to hunt their own land with a landowner permit during the bull season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

0 = before reminder 1 = after reminder	Response	Probability of response	Upper 95% CI	Lower 95% CI
0	No	0.48	0.55	0.42
1	No	0.59	0.69	0.48
0	Unsure	0.19	0.25	0.14
1	Unsure	0.24	0.35	0.16
0	Yes if lengthened	0.16	0.21	0.11
1	Yes if lengthened	0.05	0.12	0.02
0	Yes, no changes	0.17	0.22	0.12
1	Yes, no changes	0.12	0.21	0.07

Overall responses

Table A52. Attitudes about landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Favor of landowners only hunting their own land	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Yes, with no changes	47	301	15.6
Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	38	301	12.6
No	154	301	51.2
Unsure	62	301	20.6

Response by EMU

Table A53. Attitudes about landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Favor of landowners only hunting their own land	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Yes, with no changes	6	44	13.6
1	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	5	44	11.4
1	No	25	44	56.8
1	Unsure	8	44	18.2
2	Yes, with no changes	4	17	23.5
2	No	10	17	58.8
2	Unsure	3	17	17.6
3	Yes, with no changes	2	22	9.1
3	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	2	22	9.1
3	No	12	22	54.5
3	Unsure	6	22	27.3
4	Yes, with no changes	7	29	24.1
4	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	3	29	10.3
4	No	17	29	58.6
4	Unsure	2	29	6.9
5	Yes, with no changes	5	66	7.6
5	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	9	66	13.6
5	No	34	66	51.5
5	Unsure	18	66	27.3
6	Yes, with no changes	3	23	13.0
6	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2	1	23	4.3

	to 5 months			
6	No	15	23	65.2
6	Unsure	4	23	17.4
7	Yes, with no changes	8	40	20.0
7	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	8	40	20.0
7	No	16	40	40.0
7	Unsure	8	40	20.0
8	Yes, with no changes	1	4	25.0
8	No	3	4	75.0
9	Yes, with no changes	1	8	12.5
9	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	2	8	25.0
9	No	4	8	50.0
9	Unsure	1	8	12.5
10	Yes, with no changes	1	5	20.0
10	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	1	5	20.0
10	No	3	5	60.0
11	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	1	3	33.3
11	No	1	3	33.3
11	Unsure	1	3	33.3
12	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	1	4	25.0
12	No	1	4	25.0
12	Unsure	2	4	50.0
13	Yes, with no changes	2	7	28.6
13	Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months	1	7	14.3
13	No	3	7	42.9

13	Unsure	1	7	14.3
14	No	2	8	25.0
14	Unsure	6	8	75.0
15	Yes, with no changes	1	1	100.0

Q12: The current bull elk archery season runs from Sept. 1 – Oct. 31. How do you feel about the length of the bull archery season?

Wave results

Table A54. Probability of response as to preference for the length of the bull archery season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

0 = before reminder 1 = after reminder	Response	Probability of response	Upper 95% CI	Lower 95% CI
0	No preference	0.44	0.51	0.38
1	No preference	0.61	0.71	0.50
0	Current is just right	0.26	0.32	0.21
1	Current is just right	0.16	0.26	0.10
0	Should be longer	0.21	0.27	0.16
1	Should be longer	0.15	0.25	0.09
0	Should be shorter	0.09	0.13	0.06
1	Should be shorter	0.07	0.15	0.03

Overall responses

Table A55. Attitudes about length of the bull archery season indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Current season should be	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Shorter	25	308	8.1
Just right	72	308	23.4
Longer	60	308	19.5
No preference	151	308	49.0

Response by EMU

Table A56. Attitudes about length of the bull archery season within the elk landowner zone in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Current season should be	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Shorter	1	44	2.3
1	Just right	13	44	29.5
1	Longer	7	44	15.9
1	No preference	23	44	52.3
2	Shorter	1	18	5.6
2	Just right	4	18	22.2
2	Longer	5	18	27.8
2	No preference	8	18	44.4
3	Shorter	6	24	25.0
3	Just right	6	24	25.0
3	Longer	4	24	16.7
3	No preference	8	24	33.3
4	Shorter	3	29	10.3
4	Just right	4	29	13.8
4	Longer	10	29	34.5
4	No preference	12	29	41.4
5	Shorter	6	67	9.0
5	Just right	17	67	25.4
5	Longer	9	67	13.4
5	No preference	35	67	52.2
6	Shorter	1	24	4.2
6	Just right	6	24	25.0
6	Longer	5	24	20.8
6	No preference	12	24	50.0
7	Shorter	3	40	7.5
7	Just right	10	40	25.0
7	Longer	9	40	22.5
7	No preference	18	40	45.0
8	Longer	3	4	75.0

8	No preference	1	4	25.0
9	Just right	3	9	33.3
9	Longer	1	9	11.1
9	No preference	5	9	55.6
10	Shorter	1	5	20.0
10	Just right	1	5	20.0
10	No preference	3	5	60.0
11	Shorter	2	3	66.7
11	No preference	1	3	33.3
12	Longer	2	4	50.0
12	No preference	2	4	50.0
13	Just right	2	7	28.6
13	Longer	1	7	14.3
13	No preference	4	7	57.1
14	Just right	3	9	33.3
14	Longer	1	9	11.1
14	No preference	5	9	55.6
15	No preference	1	1	100.0

Q12a: The current bull elk firearm season runs from Sept. 21 – Oct. 31. How do you feel about the length of the bull firearm season?

Wave results

Table A57. Probability of response as to preference for the length of the bull firearm season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

0 = before reminder 1 = after reminder	Response	Probability of response	Upper 95% CI	Lower 95% CI
0	No preference	0.29	0.35	0.23
1	No preference	0.46	0.57	0.36
0	Current is just right	0.31	0.37	0.25
1	Current is just right	0.16	0.26	0.10
0	Should be longer	0.34	0.41	0.28
1	Should be longer	0.29	0.40	0.21
0	Should be shorter	0.06	0.10	0.04
1	Should be shorter	0.08	0.16	0.04

Overall responses

Table A58. Attitudes about length of the bull firearm season indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Current season should be	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Shorter	21	305	6.9
Just right	82	305	26.9
Longer	100	305	32.8
No preference	102	305	33.4

Response by EMU

Table A59. Attitudes about length of the bull firearm season within the elk landowner zone in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Current season should be	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Shorter	4	44	9.1
1	Just right	13	44	29.5
1	Longer	12	44	27.3
1	No preference	15	44	34.1
2	Shorter	1	18	5.6
2	Just right	6	18	33.3
2	Longer	2	18	11.1
2	No preference	9	18	50.0
3	Shorter	4	23	17.4
3	Just right	10	23	43.5
3	Longer	7	23	30.4
3	No preference	2	23	8.7
4	Shorter	1	29	3.4
4	Just right	9	29	31.0
4	Longer	13	29	44.8
4	No preference	6	29	20.7
5	Shorter	3	67	4.5
5	Just right	20	67	29.9
5	Longer	18	67	26.9
5	No preference	26	67	38.8
6	Shorter	2	23	8.7
6	Just right	3	23	13.0
6	Longer	9	23	39.1
6	No preference	9	23	39.1
7	Shorter	2	39	5.1
7	Just right	10	39	25.6
7	Longer	14	39	35.9
7	No preference	13	39	33.3
8	Shorter	1	4	25.0

8	Longer	3	4	75.0
9	Just right	2	9	22.2
9	Longer	3	9	33.3
9	No preference	4	9	44.4
10	Shorter	1	5	20.0
10	Longer	2	5	40.0
10	No preference	2	5	40.0
11	Shorter	1	3	33.3
11	Longer	2	3	66.7
12	Longer	3	4	75.0
12	No preference	1	4	25.0
13	Just right	1	7	14.3
13	Longer	3	7	42.9
13	No preference	3	7	42.9
14	Just right	3	9	33.3
14	Longer	3	9	33.3
14	No preference	3	9	33.3
15	No preference	1	1	100.0

Q12b: The current antlerless elk season runs Aug. 1 – Jan. 31 with some units having early (Aug. 1 – Oct. 31) and late (Nov. 1 – Jan. 31) season splits. How do you feel about the length of the antlerless elk season?

Wave results

Table A60. Probability of response as to preference for the length of the antlerless elk season indicated by those who responded before and after the reminder mailing for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

0 = before reminder 1 = after reminder	Response	Probability of response	Upper 95% CI	Lower 95% CI
0	No preference	0.35	0.42	0.29
1	No preference	0.52	0.63	0.42
0	Current is just right	0.37	0.44	0.31
1	Current is just right	0.25	0.35	0.17
0	Should be longer	0.16	0.21	0.12
1	Should be longer	0.08	0.16	0.04
0	Should be shorter	0.12	0.17	0.08
1	Should be shorter	0.14	0.23	0.08

Overall responses

Table A61. Attitudes about length of the antlerless elk season indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Current season should be	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Shorter	38	304	12.5
Just right	103	304	33.9
Longer	42	304	13.8
No preference	121	304	39.8

Response by EMU

Table A62. Attitudes about length of the antlerless elk season within the elk landowner zone in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Current season should be	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Shorter	3	42	7.1
1	Just right	18	42	42.9
1	Longer	3	42	7.1
1	No preference	18	42	42.9
2	Just right	5	18	27.8
2	Longer	3	18	16.7
2	No preference	10	18	55.6
3	Shorter	5	24	20.8
3	Just right	9	24	37.5
3	Longer	3	24	12.5
3	No preference	7	24	29.2
4	Shorter	4	29	13.8
4	Just right	13	29	44.8
4	Longer	4	29	13.8
4	No preference	8	29	27.6
5	Shorter	7	66	10.6
5	Just right	22	66	33.3
5	Longer	8	66	12.1
5	No preference	29	66	43.9
6	Shorter	5	23	21.7
6	Just right	6	23	26.1
6	Longer	4	23	17.4
6	No preference	8	23	34.8
7	Shorter	4	40	10.0
7	Just right	14	40	35.0
7	Longer	5	40	12.5
7	No preference	17	40	42.5
8	Longer	3	4	75.0

8	No preference	1	4	25.0
9	Shorter	3	9	33.3
9	Just right	3	9	33.3
9	Longer	1	9	11.1
9	No preference	2	9	22.2
10	Shorter	1	5	20.0
10	Just right	2	5	40.0
10	No preference	2	5	40.0
11	Shorter	1	3	33.3
11	Longer	2	3	66.7
12	Just right	2	4	50.0
12	Longer	1	4	25.0
12	No preference	1	4	25.0
13	Shorter	1	7	14.3
13	Just right	1	7	14.3
13	Longer	1	7	14.3
13	No preference	4	7	57.1
14	Shorter	1	9	11.1
14	Just right	4	9	44.4
14	No preference	4	9	44.4
15	No preference	1	1	100.0

Q13: What would influence you to allow more elk hunters access to your property? (select all that apply)

Overall responses

Table A63. Instances that would influence the allowance of more hunter to access land indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Instance	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
Different season dates	7	263	2.7
Hunter proficiency certification program	3	263	1.1
I have enough hunters	143	263	54.4
If I knew individual hunters better	35	263	13.3
If hunters offered to help work on my land	21	263	8.0
Increased state access program rates (OFW)	5	263	1.9
Longer elk seasons	31	263	11.8
More antlerless elk season splits	5	263	1.9
Other	65	263	24.7
Restricted access program that limits number of hunters	10	263	3.8

Response by EMU

Table A64. Instances that would influence the allowance of more hunter to access land in each Elk Management Unit indicated by respondents to the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey.

Elk Management Unit	Instance	Number of responses (N)	Total responses (N)	Percent of responses (%)
1	Different season dates	2	38	5.3
1	I have enough hunters	23	38	60.5
1	If I knew individual hunters better	9	38	23.7
1	If hunters offered to help work on my land	4	38	10.5
1	Longer elk seasons	3	38	7.9
1	More antlerless elk season splits	1	38	2.6
1	Other	10	38	26.3
1	Restricted access program that limits number of hunters	1	38	2.6
2	I have enough hunters	13	18	72.2
2	If I knew individual hunters better	1	18	5.6
2	If hunters offered to help work on my land	1	18	5.6
2	Increased state access program rates (OFW)	1	18	5.6
2	Longer elk seasons	2	18	11.1
2	Other	2	18	11.1
3	I have enough hunters	15	21	71.4
3	Increased state access program rates (OFW)	1	21	4.8
3	Longer elk seasons	1	21	4.8
3	Other	6	21	28.6
4	Different season dates	1	23	4.3
4	Hunter proficiency	1	23	4.3

	certification program			
4	I have enough hunters	14	23	60.9
4	If I knew individual hunters better	4	23	17.4
4	If hunters offered to help work on my land	1	23	4.3
4	Increased state access program rates (OFW)	1	23	4.3
4	Longer elk seasons	6	23	26.1
4	Other	3	23	13.0
4	Restricted access program that limits number of hunters	2	23	8.7
5	Different season dates	2	52	3.8
5	I have enough hunters	26	52	50.0
5	If I knew individual hunters better	7	52	13.5
5	If hunters offered to help work on my land	6	52	11.5
5	Increased state access program rates (OFW)	2	52	3.8
5	Longer elk seasons	3	52	5.8
5	More antlerless elk season splits	3	52	5.8
5	Other	16	52	30.8
5	Restricted access program that limits number of hunters	3	52	5.8
6	I have enough hunters	8	16	50.0
6	If I knew individual hunters better	2	16	12.5
6	If hunters offered to help work on my land	2	16	12.5
6	Longer elk seasons	2	16	12.5
6	Other	6	16	37.5

7	I have enough hunters	23	40	57.5
7	If I knew individual hunters better	4	40	10.0
7	If hunters offered to help work on my land	4	40	10.0
7	Longer elk seasons	1	40	2.5
7	Other	11	40	27.5
8	If I knew individual hunters better	1	3	33.3
8	Longer elk seasons	1	3	33.3
8	Other	2	3	66.7
9	Different season dates	1	8	12.5
9	I have enough hunters	5	8	62.5
9	If I knew individual hunters better	1	8	12.5
9	If hunters offered to help work on my land	1	8	12.5
9	Longer elk seasons	3	8	37.5
9	Other	1	8	12.5
10	Hunter proficiency certification program	1	4	25.0
10	If hunters offered to help work on my land	1	4	25.0
10	Other	2	4	50.0
10	Restricted access program that limits number of hunters	1	4	25.0
11	Longer elk seasons	2	3	66.7
11	More antlerless elk season splits	1	3	33.3
11	Other	1	3	33.3
12	Different season dates	1	4	25.0
12	If I knew individual hunters better	2	4	50.0
12	If hunters offered to help work on my land	1	4	25.0
12	Longer elk seasons	2	4	50.0

12	Other	1	4	25.0
13	I have enough hunters	3	7	42.9
13	Longer elk seasons	2	7	28.6
13	Other	2	7	28.6
14	Hunter proficiency certification program	1	8	12.5
14	I have enough hunters	4	8	50.0
14	Longer elk seasons	2	8	25.0
14	Restricted access program that limits number of hunters	1	8	12.5
15	I have enough hunters	1	1	100.0

Appendix B: Write-in responses

5b) What kind of damage from elk occurred on your land?

Response
400 elk grazed off winter pastures that are not grazed in summer.
Antler damage to fruit trees
Bite oil fill cap off irrigation motors tear off screens covering my motors radiators
Elk antler shed completely destroyed a large tractor tire. The cost of repair/replace on the tire was \$4000
Gates
Grass rangeland!! Every 1 elk wintered equals 1 less cow wintered on rangeland.
Grazed pastures
Grazing land but great to see them. Never thought I would ever see elk on our land
Grazing of grass left for cattle to go to thein the spring
Grazing they eat as much as a cow. 30 head of elk = 30 head of cows
I have a lot of tree damage before corn has height
Killing trees (just getting started) in tree row
Millet and oats
Milo and cane. Tramped down; ate up
Native hay and grass
New and existing trees and shrubs
Newer trees stripped
Pasture land that we needed due to dry conditions for our own cow herd
Pivot point - electrical and structure
Raked some bushes with antlers
Shelter belt trees. Just paid \$641 to replace 4 of them.
Spooking cattle
The bull season should be split. My bulls leave me mid July for corn pivots and don't leave until after harvest. By then the season is over. Before they return.
They pasture. Eat as much as a cow. I rent to a cow owner to have income.
They trample more than anything fences are destroyed
Tree damage
Trees (normal elk damage to cedars, pines, shrubs). Fence damage was minimal.
Trees rubbed and died
Trees, poles, guzzlers

We feed our bulls prior to a winter storm. After the storm we found our bull with a broken hind leg not far from the hay with elk on it. The other bulls were chased off.
Winter pasture and creeks use excessive but not in 2024 but prior
ate the alfalfa seed
caeneral choas
damage to shelterbelts
grazing of grass left for next year
hay meadow grazing
meadow hay
millet, oats
none
small amount of alfalfa
trees
trees in shelterbelt
windbreak trees

10c) Which elk did you allow other hunters to harvest on your land?

Response
Anyone who asked
Hunters must have phone app to hunt our land to stay on our land
I didn't ask them
They can shoot anything legal no restriction. Partially leased to outfitter.
We participate in the walk in hunting program on part of our acres
both
family only
no harvest occurred
not sure what they were hunting for
unknown

13) What would influence you to allow more elk hunters access to your property?

Response
99% of elk leave prior to season, so elk would have to be here
Ask for permission. Don't just go
Do not allow hunters

Do not want or need any hunters on property
Early and late season crossing during deer season
Elk hunters pay to support our taxes. I pay each year.
Fire danger is a factor
For free hunting only
Getting paid for hunters
Harvest a cow first
Have been open to allowing any persons hunt that ask permission
Help from the state for fencing costs, materials
I do not like hunters on my land when I have cattle in there
I generally do not like hunters - makes for bad and I worry about fire
I have no elk at this point
I have so very few elk here
I prefer that hunters stay off my land.
I should require cow hunters to sight in guns etc. Nothing NGPC needs to do.
I would like to see numbers increase. Therefore, less harvesting.
If I did not have to allow all neighbors on to hunt with their landowner tag, then I could allow more public tag hunters.
If I had more elk on my property more frequently
If there was more elk
If they ask nicely instead of insisting they get to hunt my property because they have an elk tag
Just need hunters to contact me. Would love to earn another bull.
Landowner should get preference to the first two weeks of the season
Landowners need to be able to transfer their tags to people no questions
Let landowners distribute tags through a pool
Let my tenant decide who hunts
Make landowner permits available to give landowner a 1 point towards next antlerless permit when shot on our ground and not theirs.
More elk
Most hunters can not or do not have the knowledge to work. What about liability of laborer?
Much appreciation for the work the Valentine folks do to help educate hunters scout/hunt, and match hunters w/ landowners to meet our management goals.
Need higher population
Need more elk, more elk, more hunters.

No hunting with cattle in pastures. No driving everywhere
No preference because I don't have elk since the fire of 2016
Not enough elk to support hunting. No hunters allowed
Offer landowners with elk on land a couple permits to sell or use to raise money for fire departments
Paying hunters. Money
Prefer to have local hunters not been happy with hunters I don't know
Property tax relief
Ranching for wildlife system. Allow landowner to control tags and harvest.
Rarely elk on my land
Some kind of credit towards awarding me an elk license of my own based on number of days allowed.
Start elk season on July 1 in AG areas.
The elk just travel through my property. Hard to hunt.
To be honest, the elk are not on my property during the season that much. I would need more elk.
We have no elk
Would need to see more elk population in my area for most of this to be an issue.
have more elk
if I were not an asshole
liability issues
more elk
more elk on the landscape
no comment
no hunters
out-of-state hunters
pay to hunt
reward owner with free permit after 5 elk are harvested that owner could issue party of choice.

Appendix C: Respondent comments to questionnaire

Response
#8 Am aware of only certain areas receive these permits
2023 we had more elk on the property (bulls) 2024 we had much fewer elk (nor cows or calves)
30 elk in one group in our pasture takes a lot of grass
All elk permit holders should be given two years to fill the tag!!
All good
Although depredation is important in AG areas, I do not think there are overall enough elk in area to lengthen season
Antlerless season only - Landowner choice of a permit that is good for 12 months only on my property. Elk migrate and are seasonal.
Better landowner relations would foster better elk management. Giving my name out to strangers to cold call about elk hunting pisses me off!!!!
Bucelousis is s serious problem in some parts of Wyoming and should be of concern for the future of Nebraska.
Bull quality is slipping in our unit. Cut quota to 18. Rebuild age class. I feel cow numbers are diminishing. Cut cow tags 30%. Length of bull season makes no difference if tags are limited to manage for trophy quality. Call me (308) 430-4380
Bull season should be longer in this unit. They stay in corn until it's out. Hard to find them.
By the time cow season open the cows do not come out of cornfields during daylight hours. Makes it nearly impossible to harvest a cow
Depredation permits as currently administered are DUMB
Don't destroy trophy bull potential. Grow the elk herd.
Elk are changing patterns after rut. They pass my land frequently but don't stay like they used to. I feel people east of me are probably getting more of them than they like.
Elk are transit they don't stay in the same location all year!
Elk can be found on my property every month of the year except Aug, Sep, Oct when they move to corn fields. A later bull season would be preferred when the elk come back after corn harvest.
Elk seldom reached typical locations we hunted. Bull season would help if longer as they never leave the corn till its out.
Elk sighting are rare on our land. If there were more, we would hunt.
Expect courtesy among hunters and landowners - both ways!
Flying too close to buildings ripping shingles off and spooking horses. Promised posts and wire last summer. Have not seen any!
How about deer? Do not agree hunt season during rut and need point system so young are

not shot.
How about landowners getting an additional 2-3 days hunting at start of season. But hunt their own ground.
How can NGPC action off 3 transferable elk tags for over 100k but my landowner tag is not transferable?!! What an insult to landowners with elk!!
Hunters no respecting land and entering our property without permission. Hunters only taking best cuts and leaving rest to rot in the field.
I am having damage on my land in Gosper County. I have spotted several elk before, during, and after harvest. I would like a landowner permit on my Gosper County land. Can someone contact me? I would let other hunters on with permission. Steve Kompfe (402) 432-0049
I am not totally up to speed on my property. health has been poor so have not even applied for landowner permit.
I am tired of hunters thinking they do me a favor by hunting my ground.
I appreciate you folks trying to keep the umbers in check. I do think the elk could get out of control.
I can spray to kill other pests in my crops I should be able to protect my crops from damage these elk do. This is costing me a lot of money!!!
I cannot hunt 221 acres so noone else should be allowed. Although I have elk on my land! I feed them I should be able to harvest them!
I do not have any elk on my place
I do not think the numbers are out there.
I enjoy seeing them. So far they have only been on my property short days. No damage to hay as they have my neighbor's, thank goodness.
I feel the elk numbers are about right NGPC is doing a great job.
I ran cameras on my land and see elk in the spring and summer. In the fall mostly bulls and often at night. Making cow hunting hard.
I saw very few elk east of Sparks. If I had more elk around I could let another hunter hunt.
I think game and parks has pressured the elk through the different seasons. So that they are more dispersed in my area. I approve of that.
I think it's wrong to only issue depredation permits when there is not a season. Too much red tape.
I think non resident landowners with 640 acres should be able to apply for a tag.
I think the public should be asked about landowner elk tags hunting anywhere in the unit.
I want to see more elk
I wish landowners had more opportunities to learn about improving habitat for elk and deer.

I would like to see a higher, more dispersed elk population.
I would like to see the bull season for landowners go longer since we usually have them on our land later in the year beside August. We see them through summer and winter more.
If I was to get an elk permit I would hunt elsewhere as they are so seldom seen here.
It a a treat to see elk which is very rare. With new technology - compound bows, crossbows, trail cameras that send images to your phone documenting what time of day the animals pass by, licenses and permissions for access are very expensive because of the rarity of harvesting elk in Nebraska. Do you want to reduce the numbers or increase them?
It is not hunting if done during rut
Landowner bull season should last through Jan 31. Landowners with elk on their property should be offered a antlerless cow tag each year without drawing
Landowner tags should be for landowner property only, at least for bulls. Cows could be all unit.
Landowners need not to be in the draw system or pay a fee
Landowners should be able to set a permit more often than every 4 years.
Landowners should receive free permits every year. Wolves and lions are predators and should not be protected!!!
Let landowners have a permit!
Longer or later bull season to be in colder weather
Longer seasons are needed to harvest bulls and cows
Mountain lions are taking an impact on elk and deer populations. Kill rates on the lions are way too low for the current lion population. Wolf release in Colorado is very concerning to us. Please allow wolves to be treated like coyotes.
Much more needs to be done to shrink the population problem is only getting worse. Nothing you have done has slowed growth.
My daughter said some friend seen one east of my property in the bottom early one morning. As I do know there around.
My phone rings all the time wanting antlerless but can't find them very elusive
My property is on Cherry/ Keya Paha county line and is on open fields and waters. I do not know of a large or any elk population or if any elk are taken on my property.
Need a lot more permits. Too many elk doing damage to crop and fences
Non-resident here. I understand (but do not like) 4 to 1 acreage requirement (vs residents). But to add a 90% penalty on yearly points earned, is added insult to injury.
Numbers are under control from where they were 5 years ago. Thank you very much. I'd recommend trying to keep success rate higher instead of lots of tags.
Numbers have dramatically decreased over last 5 years.

Numbers have drastically been reduced in past 5 years.
Our acceptance of damage is tied to the quality of bulls available for landowners. To hunt we have more elk than ever but age distribution of bulls is pathetic from overharvest over the last 10 years in this unit.
Outfitters should be charged for an outfitting license... At least \$5000. They make that with one animal and contribute nothing to conservation or resources.
Overall, I have noticed the bull quality decrease. I would like to see fewer bull tags.
Populations are too high and concentrated in spots. I cannot be a good steward of my grass resources to preserve adequate growth and winter cover, as I would just be leaving it for the elk population to decimate.
Reduce bull permits. Quality/age has really decreased.
Thank you for landowner input!
The elk are very destructive! Game and Parks has not been good to work with or communicate with. Why don't you come spend time with us farmers, talk with us, see the damage instead of this survey!! I never see any of you!
The elk issue for us ebbs and flows. Currently they are not as much of an issue as in the past, but that likely will change again.
The elk population on my property varies greatly from year to year per my observations and game cams. Bothered by this as I do not know the cause. Reluctant to hunt them.
The population is increasing due to elk habit of hiding in corn all day and only coming out at night. Permit application needs to stay open longer for landowners.
The problem with making landowners hunt their own land is that elk travel. They are not on my land everyday.
The road hunting is out of control. People feel they have the right to chase the elk across any property and at all hours of the day and night.
There are too many coyotes and mountain lions. The deer do not have a chance. Numbers are way down!!
There have been too many elk killed in last 2 years
They are hard on our fences, they eat grass I rent out and hunters are a pain!
Too many and they are starting to calve here and stay longer
Too many elk. Population is out of control.
Too many!! It's nothing to see 70-80 elk running through a field and fences or whatever. Need to issue 2x as many permits!
We are killing too many bulls and trophy quality is going down. Reduce bull tag and location
We need less elk! Ranchers have enough problems to keep in business without more down fences and cats and other issues.
We rarely ever hear or see elk on our property

We would have elk and deer on our ranch if they would let us take the mountain lions out of there. Haven't been hunting. No animals to hunt for. Let us hunt the mountain lions. We used to have lots of elk there.

Would like to see more permits available.

You NGPC keep killing elk like you do deer and the only thing you are going to have is mountain lions, wolves, and coyotes

Your policy now is a bunch of shit

dislike outfitters

state should reimburse landowners for damage and for feeding the state's elk

Appendix D: Survey questionnaire

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Participant Study Title: Landowner Attitudes Toward Wildlife Damage

Dear Nebraska Landowner,

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC), in collaboration with researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, are currently interested in your views and opinions as a landowner on elk populations, hunting, and the effectiveness of your land use for managing elk populations. If you are an active landowner of any type, you may participate in this research.

Participation in this survey will require approximately 15 minutes. You will be asked to complete a consent form pertaining to your views on elk populations and any resulting damage to your property. Participation will take place at your residence.

Reasonable steps will be taken to protect the privacy and the anonymity of your study data. However, in some circumstances we cannot guarantee absolute privacy and/or confidentiality. Research records will be stored electronically through University approved methods. Records will only be used by the research team and/or those authorized to view, access, or use the records during and after the study is complete. If you have questions about this project, you may contact me at 402-471-5111 or email at cschultz@unl.edu.

If you have further questions about this research, you may alternatively contact Matthew Grunwald, Executive Director, at 402-471-5111. If you have questions about your rights or concerns about the research, contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at 402-702-2966 or irb@unl.edu.

You can decide not to be in this research study, or you can withdraw at any time before, during, or after the research begins for any reason. Deciding not to be in this research study or deciding to withdraw will not affect your relationship with the investigator, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, or the NGPC. You will not lose any benefits to which you are entitled.

You are voluntarily making a decision whether or not to participate in this research study. By completing and submitting your survey responses, you have given your consent to participate in the research. You should print/keep a copy of this page for your records.

Detach the letter at the perforation, fold the survey with the Business Reply on the outside and tape the top as directed on page 4. No postage is necessary. The survey will arrive to participants on March 21, 2025.

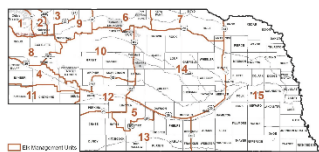
Thank you in advance for your participation!

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Cooperation Program Manager

2024 ELK MANAGEMENT UNITS



1) In which Elk Management Unit is the majority of your land located? (see map on previous page) ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ I do not know

2) About how many acres do you operate (own or lease) for agricultural purposes? _____ acres

3) To your knowledge, how frequently do you have elk on your land in the past 24 months? ☐ Never ☐ Occasionally ☐ Frequently ☐ Don't know

4) How do you feel about the number of elk on your land in the past 24 months? ☐ Too few ☐ About what I prefer ☐ Too many ☐ No opinion

5) How much, if any, damage from elk occurred on your land in the past 24 months? ☐ No damage (Skip to #6) ☐ Light damage ☐ Moderate damage ☐ Severe damage

5a) How acceptable or unacceptable was the amount of damage inflicted by elk? ☐ totally unacceptable ☐ Somewhat unacceptable ☐ Neither acceptable nor unacceptable ☐ Somewhat acceptable ☐ totally acceptable

5b) What kind of damage from elk occurred on your land? (select all that apply) ☐ fence ☐ Bales or stored feed ☐ Hay or wheat ☐ Sunflowers ☐ Alfalfa ☐ Corn or soybeans ☐ Other (please describe): _____

6) Are you aware that Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has mitigation techniques, supplies, and materials available to help reduce damage from elk? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7) Are you aware that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission can add landowners to a degradation list that would allow hunters to contact you for permission to hunt elk? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8) Are you aware that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission may issue permits to landowners to kill elk outside the hunting season to help reduce damage to their property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9) Have you ever contacted the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for assistance in reducing elk damage on your land? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Skip to #10)

9a) In what year did you last contact the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission concerning damage caused by elk?

_____, e.g., 2018

9b) How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the assistance you received? ☐ Very dissatisfied ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied ☐ Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied ☐ Somewhat satisfied ☐ Very satisfied

10) Did anyone (including yourself) hunt elk on your land in the past 24 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Skip to #11)

10a) Did you yourself hunt elk on your land? (select all that apply) ☐ No ☐ Yes, on a general permit ☐ Yes, on a landowner permit

10b) Who else did you allow to hunt elk on your land? (select all that apply) ☐ Family member(s) ☐ Other hunters I previously knew ☐ Friends

☐ Other hunters I did not previously know
☐ I did not allow anyone else to hunt elk on my land in the past 24 months

10c) Which elk did you allow other hunters to harvest on your land? (select all that apply)

☐ Bulls with no restrictions ☐ Antlerless elk with no restrictions
☐ Bulls but with some restrictions (e.g., number of points, dates available to hunt)
☐ Antlerless elk with some restrictions (e.g., number of points, dates available to hunt)
☐ Bulls with access fee ☐ Antlerless elk with access fee
☐ Bulls with long-term lease ☐ Antlerless elk with long-term lease
☐ I did not allow anyone to hunt elk on my land in the past 24 months
☐ Antlerless, but only after the bull season was over
☐ Other (please describe): _____

10d) Did you allow antlerless elk hunter(s) access to your land prior to the bull season? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Nobody asked to hunt antlerless elk prior to the bull season)

10e) How many total people (including yourself) hunted elk on your land in the 2024 elk hunting season? _____ people



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10f) How many bull and antlerless elk were harvested on your land in the 2024 elk hunting season? _____ bull elk; _____ antlerless elk

11) Currently elk landowner permit holders are allowed to hunt the entire elk management unit. Would you be in favor of landowners only hunting their own land within the elk landowner zone? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

11a) Would you be in favor of landowners only hunting their own land during the bull season? ☐ Yes, with no changes ☐ Yes, if the bull season was lengthened from 2 to 5 months ☐ No ☐ Unsure

12) The current bull elk archery season runs from Sept. 1 – Oct. 31. How do you feel about the length of the bull archery season? ☐ The season should be shorter ☐ The current season is just right ☐ The season should be longer ☐ I have no preference

12a) The current bull elk firearm season runs from Sept. 21 – Oct. 31. How do you feel about the length of the bull firearm season? ☐ The season should be shorter ☐ The current season is just right ☐ The season should be longer ☐ I have no preference

12b) The current antlerless elk season runs Aug. 1 – Jan. 31 with some units having early (Aug. 1 – Oct. 31) and late (Nov. 1 – Jan. 31) season splits. How do you feel about the length of the antlerless elk season? ☐ The season should be shorter ☐ The current season is just right ☐ The season should be longer ☐ I have no preference

13) What would influence you to allow more elk hunters access to your property? (select all that apply) ☐ I have enough hunters
☐ Restricted access program that limits number of hunters ☐ Different season dates
☐ Increased state access program rates (JFW) ☐ If I knew individual hunter's better
☐ Allow antlerless elk season splits ☐ Hunter proficiency certification program
☐ If hunters offered to help work on my land ☐ Longer elk seasons
☐ Other (please describe): _____

If you have any comments or concerns about elk populations, please let us know by addressing them in the comment box below. Your input is important and we thank you for taking the time to voice your opinion.

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Survey questionnaire for the 2025 Landowner Elk Survey