



Division of Wildlife

ADC Program Overview

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Why?

- Reduce impacts to landowners/producers
- Relationships with landowners
 - 80% private land
 - Raise most wildlife
 - Provide habitat
 - Provide hunting access
- Responsible wildlife management
 - Supported by sportsmen and women



History



- 1939 - Created in SDCL
 - **40-36-9 Programs and rules for control of injurious animals—Payment of expenses**

The Department of Game, Fish and Parks may direct or employ personnel and conduct programs and the Game, Fish and Parks Commission may adopt pursuant to chapter 1-26 necessary rules to control foxes, coyotes, feral dogs, prairie dogs, and other wild animals. The expenses thereof shall be paid out of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks fund or the state animal damage control fund.

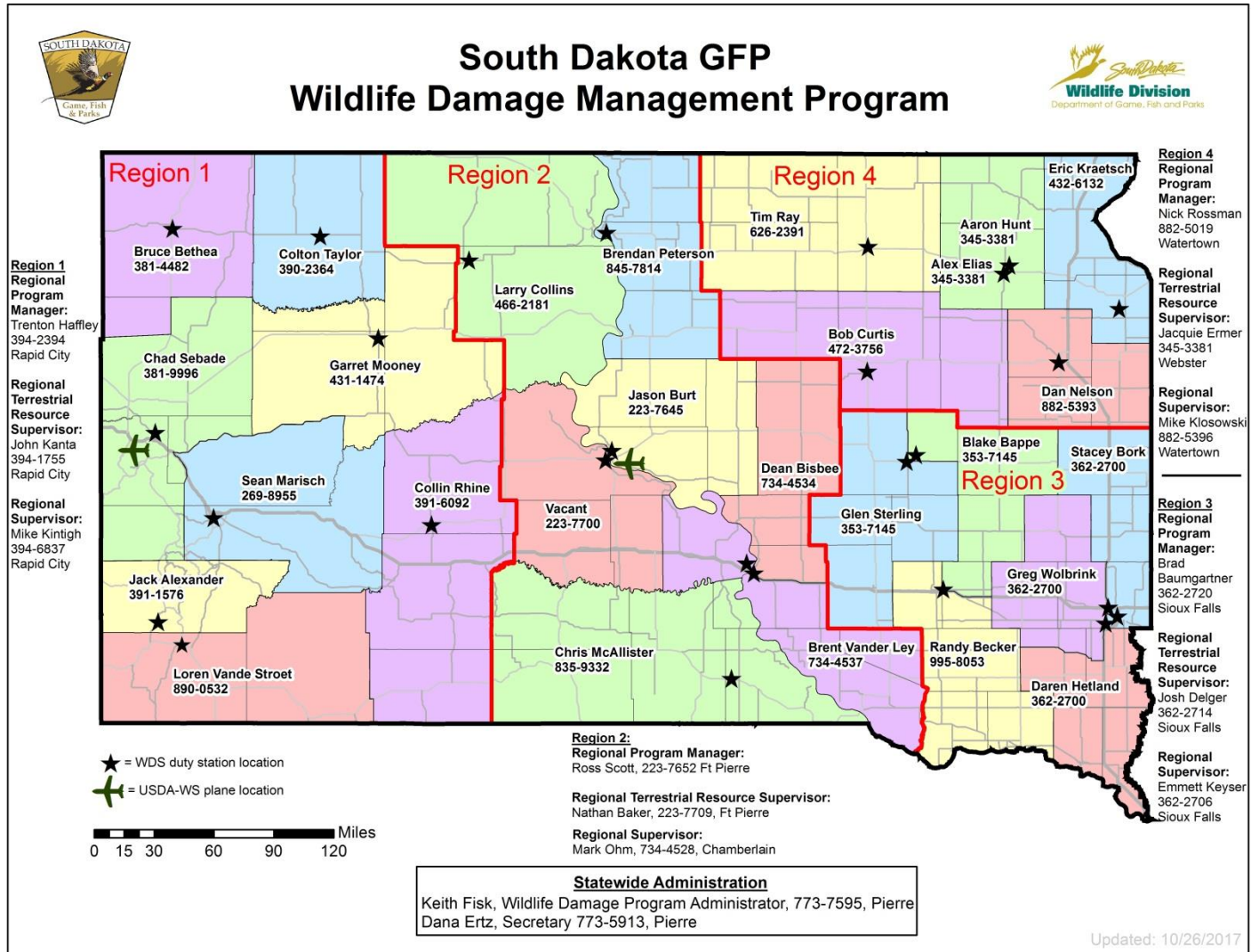
- 1974 - More formalized to provide assistance to producers
 - Predator and nuisance species
- 2009 – Restructured
 - Signed MOU with USDA-Wildlife Services
 - Increased efficiencies
- 2013
 - Added three new positions (27 full-time employees)
- 2016
 - Added 2nd aircraft
- 2017
 - Added one full-time gunner for 2nd aircraft



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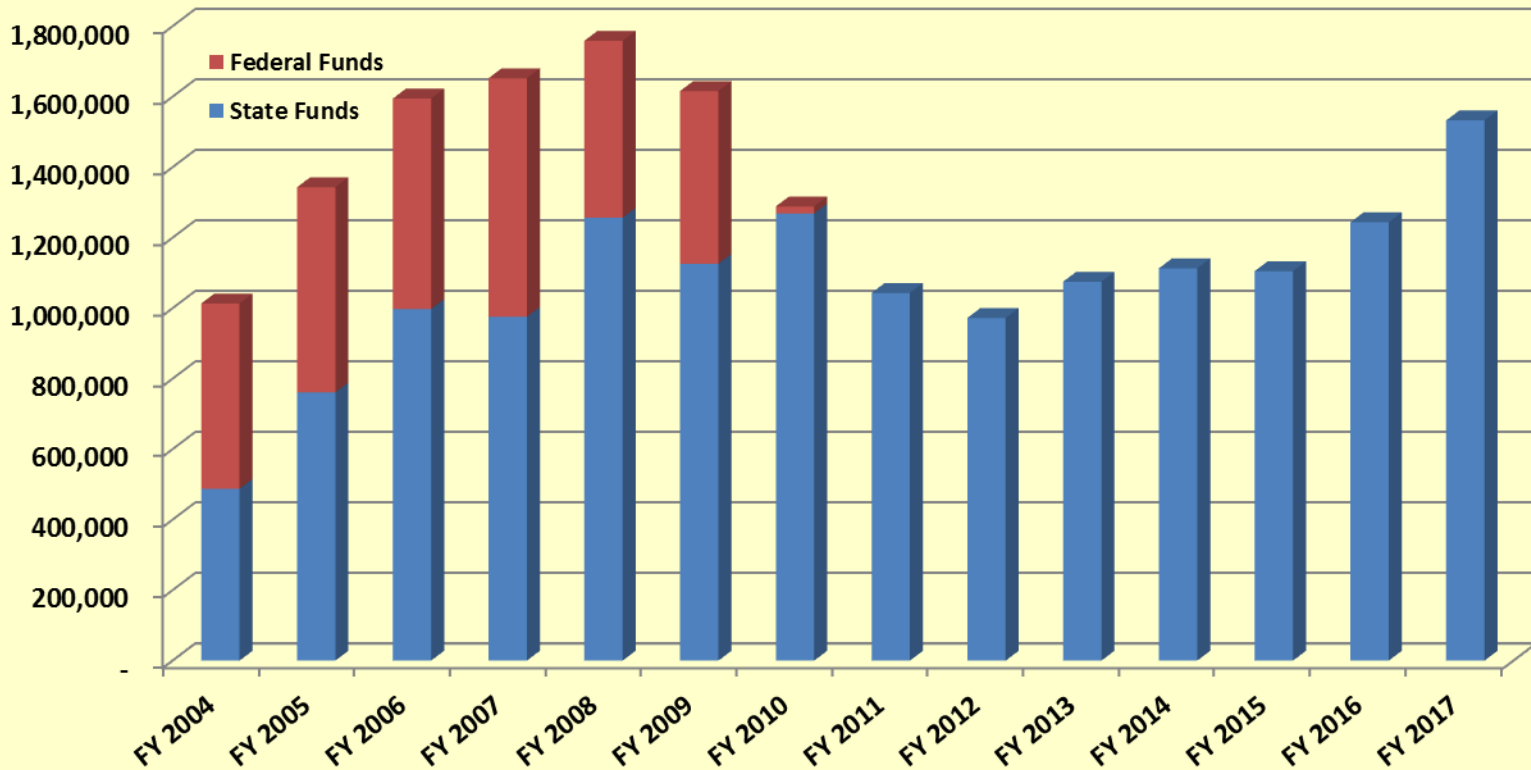
Work Districts



Previous Efforts



ADC Program Expenditures

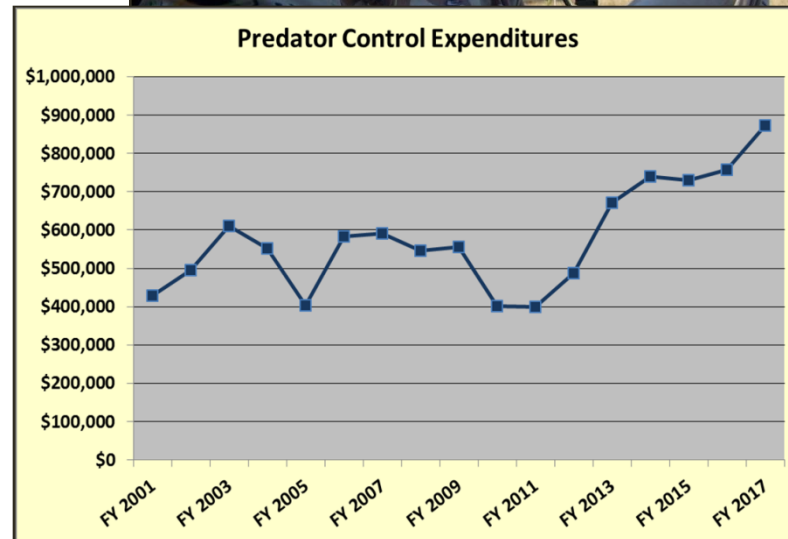


- Over \$18 million spent on ADC activities (2004-2017)



Fiscal Year 2017 Results

Predator Control



- FY 2017, spent over \$873,000
 - Responded to 1,168 requests for service
 - Worked with 904 landowners/producers

Aerial Predator Control



- USDA-Wildlife Services
 - Primary provider
 - GFP funds second aircraft
 - Approx. \$160,000/year
 - Flew 378 hours
 - Emergency contract in Feb. 2017
 - Federal planes - grounded
 - \$5,000 from Multi-County PCD
- Partnered with predator control districts
 - Reimbursed \$7,000
 - Utilized permitted pilots



Overall Coyote/Fox Removal

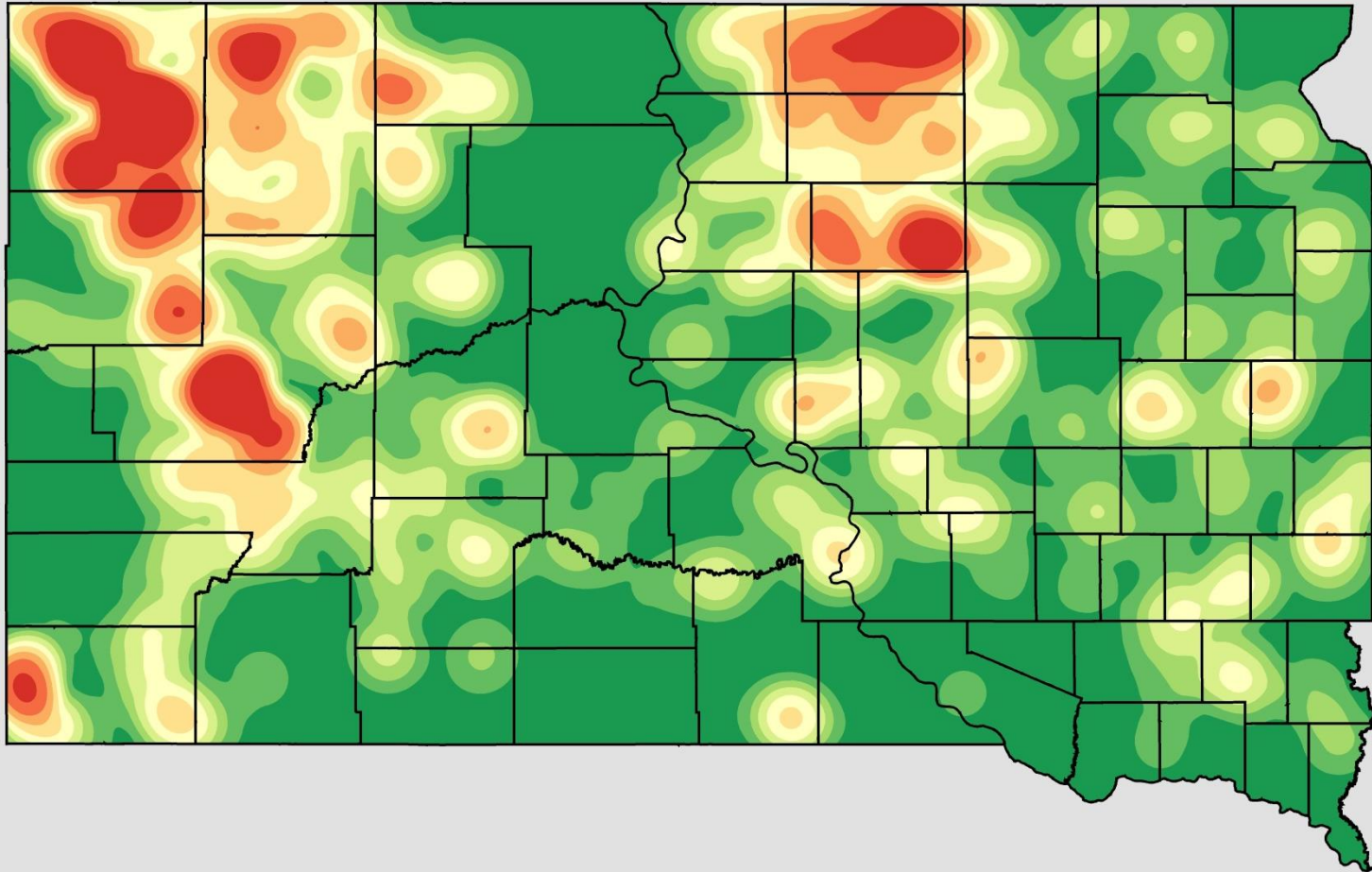
(FY 2017)



SDGFP	2,962
USDA-WS	2,410
Predator Control Districts	1,311
Total	6,688

- Winter weather
- Federal planes grounded due to crash

Coyote/Fox Control

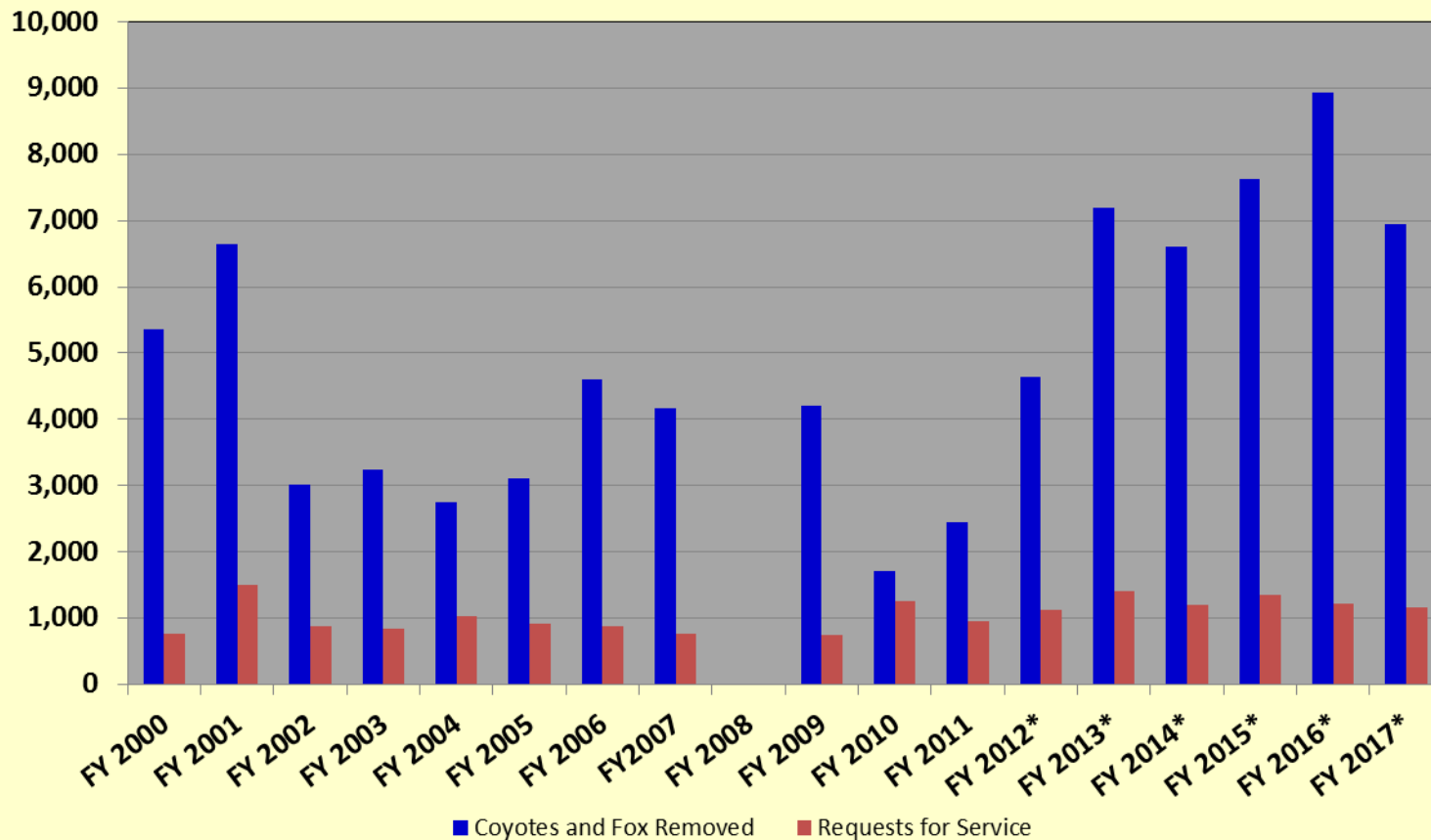


- FY 2017 efforts = Nearly 6,800 animals removed

Requests for Service



Coyotes and Fox Removed / Requests for Service



*Includes coyotes taken with USDA-WS



Fiscal Year 2017 Results - Continued

Beaver Control



- FY 2017
 - Spent \$213,000
 - Removed 1,089 animals

Prairie Dogs

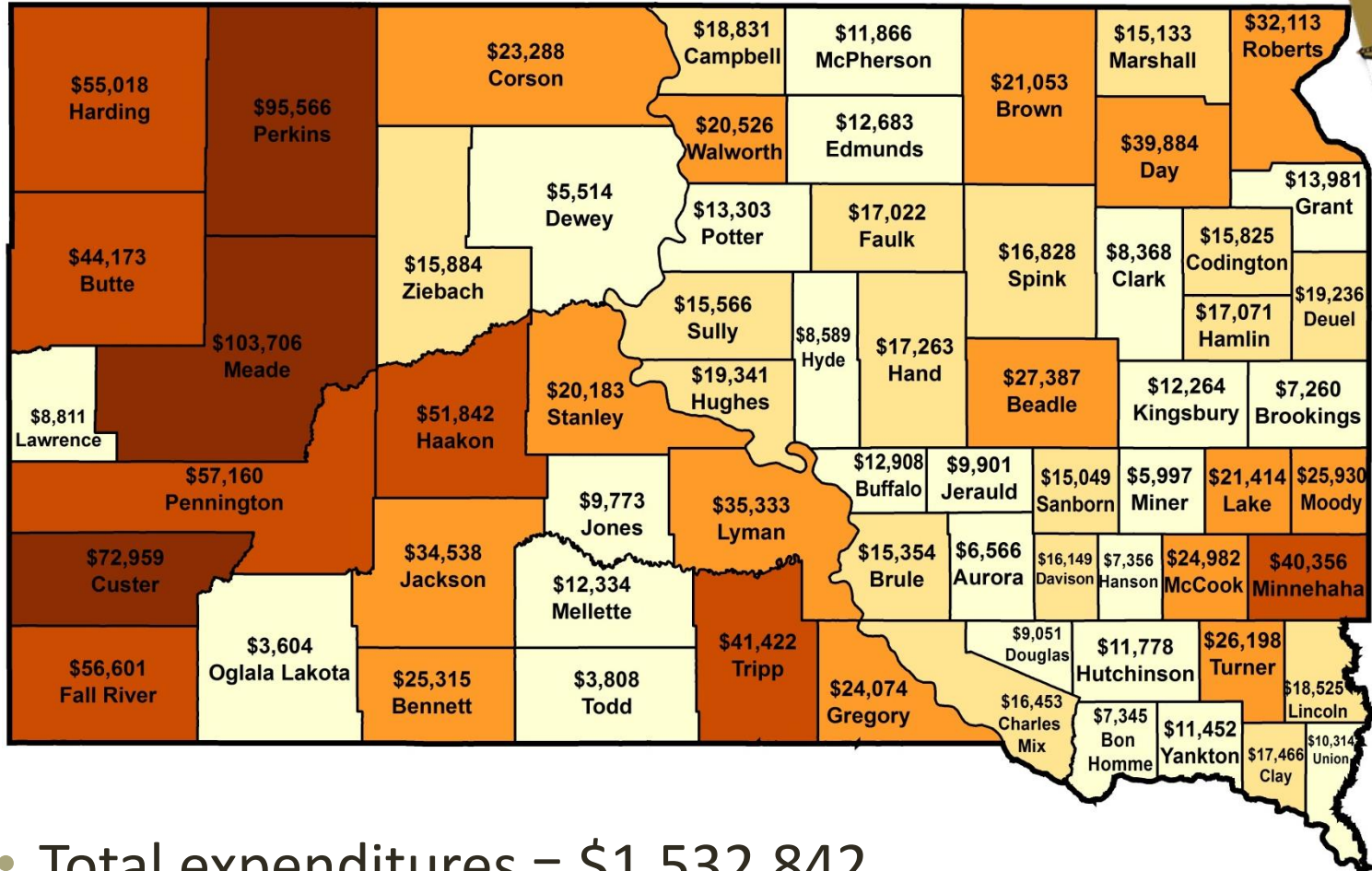


Year	Number of Complaints	Acres Poisoned	Total Expenditure
2008	201	26,224	\$333,925
2009	208	16,410	\$211,208
2010	146	7,032	\$107,857
2011	85	1,130	\$32,308
2012	47	3,591	\$64,162
2013	52	1,397	\$27,062
2014	38	1,697	\$31,081
2015	44	3,624	\$50,104
2016	56	5,298	\$116,551

- What did 2017 bring?
 - Drought
 - Landowner concerns
 - Over 10,000 acres controlled
 - Spent over \$152,000



ADC Expenditures – FY 2017

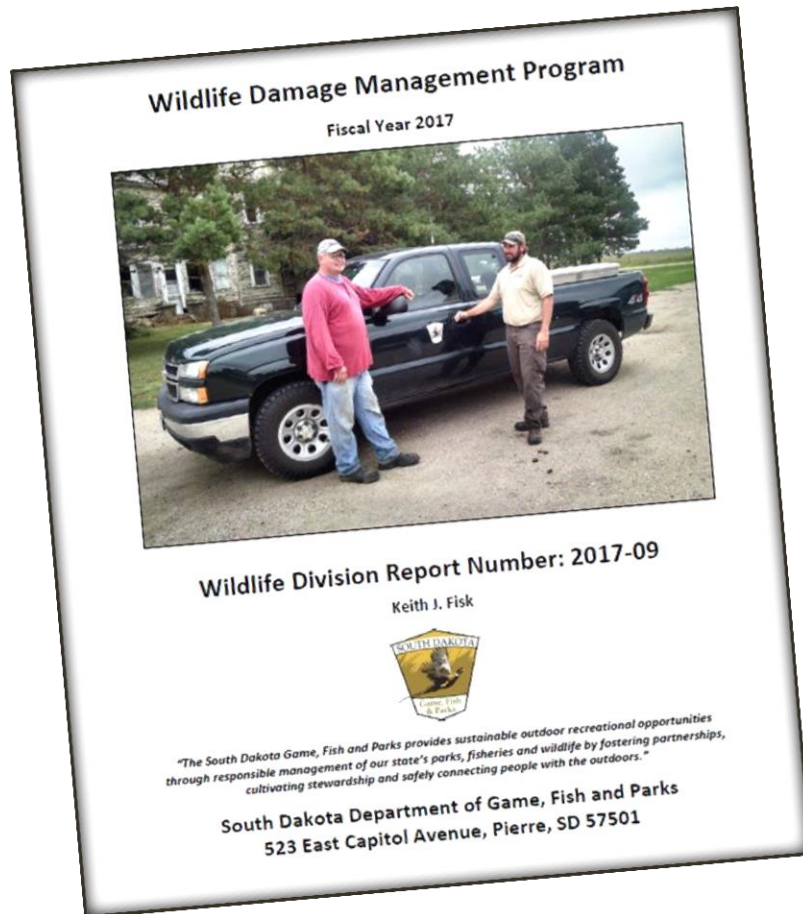


- Total expenditures = \$1,532,842
 - More than 32,000 hours worked



Wrapping up.....

Annual Program Report



Summary of activities

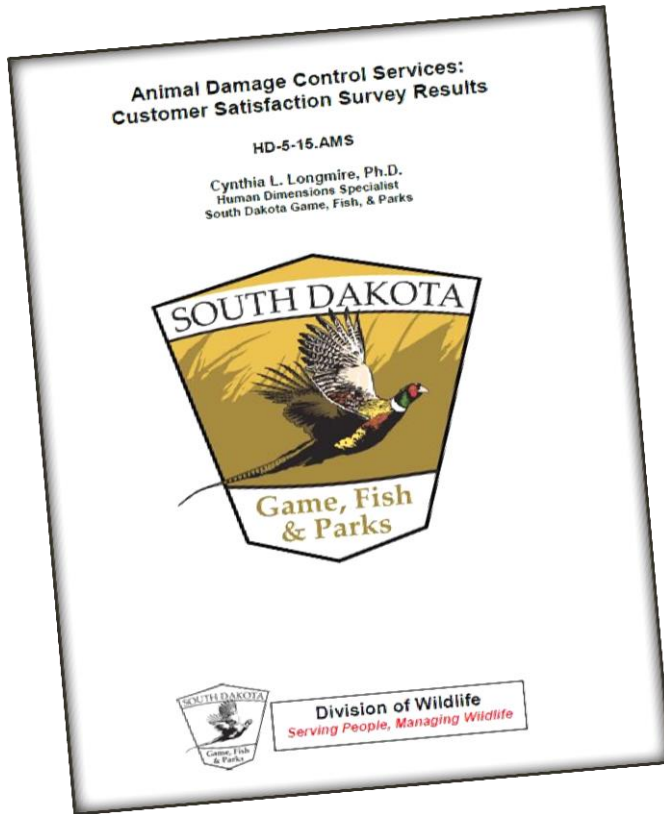
- *Statewide information*
- *Transparency*
- *Accountability*
- *Available on GFP website*
- *Special Edition-Landowners Matter*
- *Released December 2017*

ADC Policy Advisory Committee



- Established by the South Dakota Legislature
 - *40-36-46. Policy advisory committee for animal damage control.*
- Members
 - USDA-Wildlife Services
 - SD Stockgrowers
 - SD Sheepgrowers
 - SD Cattlemen
 - SD Farm Bureau
 - SD Farmers Union
 - SD Wildlife Federation
 - SDGFP and SDDA officials
- Meets annually
 - Members actively engage

2015 ADC Survey Results



- Recommendation from the ADC Policy Advisory Committee
- Surveyed nearly 1,600 producers
- Coyote control was the number one type of service requested
- 80% were satisfied or very satisfied with current ADC program services
- Large number of comments for increased levels of aerial predator control
 - Responsible for addition of 2nd aircraft

Program Impacts

- Fiscal Year 2017
 - Responded to 1,622 requests for assistance
 - Impacted 1,282 landowners/producers
- Effective and efficient program
 - Many partners
 - Cooperating landowners/producers
 - USDA Wildlife Services
 - Predator Control Districts
 - Other agencies





Questions / Comments?