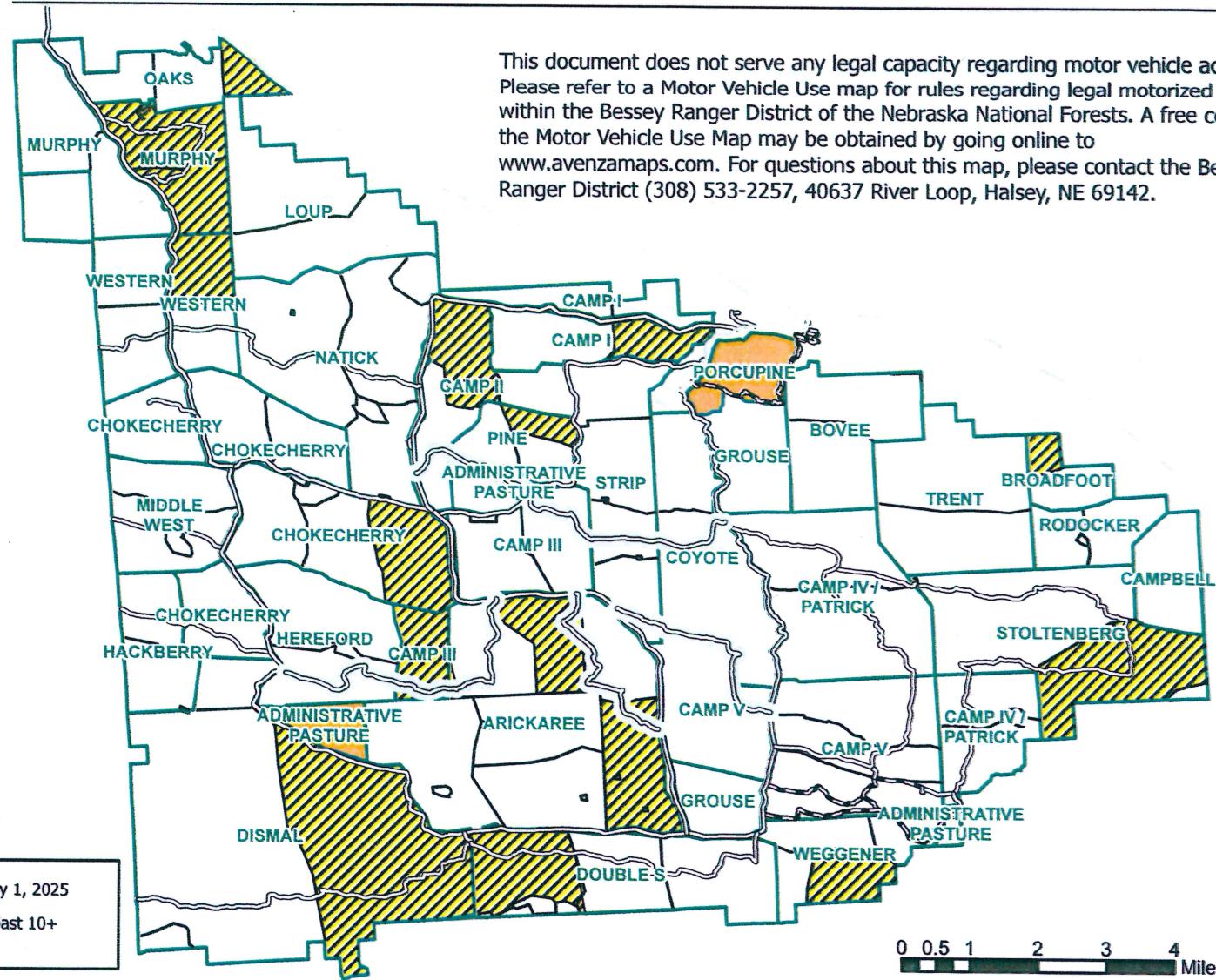


## 2025 Recently Rested Pastures at Bessey



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## Harvest Summary

Prairie grouse populations are cyclical and respond to a number of variables, including habitat conditions and climatic events. Prairie grouse wing collection helps resource managers determine trends in sharp-tailed grouse and greater prairie chicken populations, as well as the recreational activity of grouse hunting. They also provide a useful index of prairie grouse productivity. Wings collected by hunters on public lands in the sandhills (right) provide a glimpse at the number of birds harvested by hunters since the late 1970's. Thank you for your participation, and good luck.

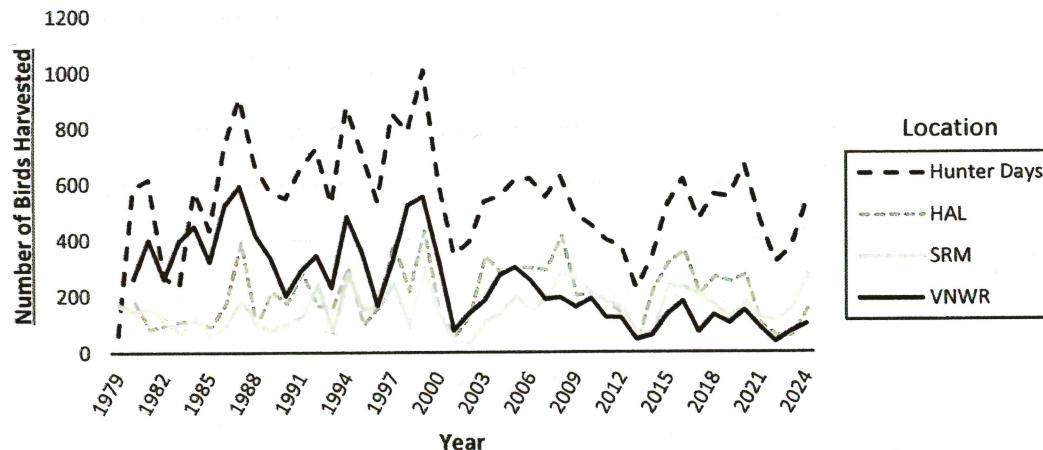
**HAL** = Halsey (Bessey Ranger District)

**SRM** = Samuel R. McElvie National Forest

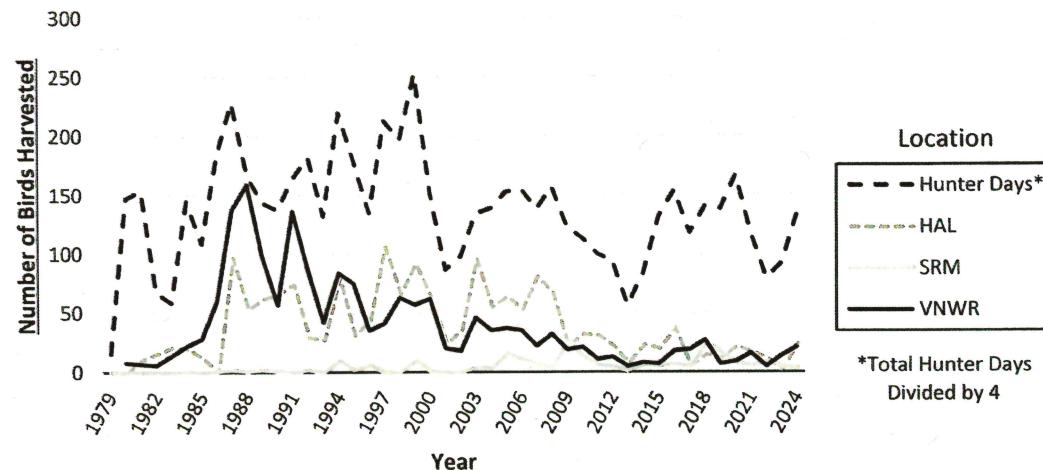
**VNWR** = Valentine National Wildlife Refuge



### Sharp-tailed Grouse Harvest 1979-2024



### Greater Prairie Chicken Harvest 1979-2024



\*Total Hunter Days  
Divided by 4