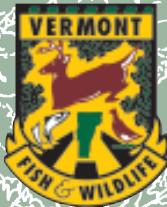


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2003 Moose Report

Vermont's moose hunt was extended from four to six days for the 2003 season. The hunting weather was excellent on opening day and most every day thereafter except Tuesday when there was heavy rain throughout the morning. Hunters in the northern Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) had tracking snow at higher elevations on Wednesday, and snow was even more widespread on Thursday. Overall hunter success was 68%, up from 61% in 2002 due at least in part to the extra two days of hunting opportunity. Approximately 44.5 tons (an estimated 89,000 lbs) of boneless moose venison was harvested.

A total of 11,008 valid applications were received for the 2003 Vermont moose season (9,659 residents and 1,349 nonresidents). The chances of drawing a permit were 1 in 24 for residents (396 permits allocated) and 1 in 31 for nonresidents (44 permits allocated). Of the 284 residents who were issued either-sex permits, 84% received permits for their unit of first choice and 97% received their 5th choice or lower.

2003 VERMONT MOOSE APPLICATIONS BY MWU

WMU	Permits Issued	Resident Applicants Receiving First Choice	
		Number	Percent
B	4	4	100%
C	13	12	92%
D1	23	22	96%
D2	45	44	98%
E1	36	36	100%
E2	50	45	90%
G	9	6	67%
H1	14	14	100%
H2	4	1	25%
I	9	9	100%
J1	9	9	100%
J2	22	5	23%
L	17	7	50%
M1	9	8	89%
O1	9	5	55%
P	14	13	93%
TOTALS	284	240	84%

Harvest Dates and Success Rates

The moose season began on the third Saturday in October, the 18th. Eighty-seven moose (29% of the harvest) were taken on opening day (see Table 1) and over three-fourths of the total moose harvested were taken by the fourth day. For the southernmost units of L, M1, O1 and P, 60% of hunters filled their tags within the first 4 days. This success rate was much improved from the 36% rate experienced when these units were first opened for the 2002 four-day season. Either-sex permit holders recorded a 70% overall success rate, up from 61% in 2002. Sixty-two percent of antlerless permit holders were successful, down from 66% the previous year. Over 68% of resident hunters were successful, as were 66% of nonresidents. Success rates by WMU and type are given in Table 2.

Biological Data

One hundred fifty-six (52%) of the moose taken were bulls, 127 (43%) were cows, and 15 (5%) were calves (6 males and 9 females). Seventeen bulls weighed over 800 lbs, including the largest, which weighed 908 lbs and was taken in Lemington. The average completely dressed weight of 27 yearling and 113 older bulls was 445 and 695 lbs, respectively. Five male calves averaged 261 lbs. Table 3 summarizes biological data collected from all harvested males.

The heaviest cow weighed 760 lbs and was taken in Lowell (Table 4). The average weight of 34 yearling and 76 older cows was 441 and 587 lbs,

TABLE 1. 2003 VERMONT Moose Harvest Distribution by Date, Sex and Age Class

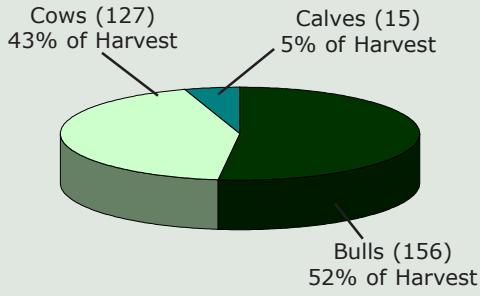
Date	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Total	Percent of Harvest
October 18	47	36	4	87	29%
October 19	37	26	1	64	21%
October 20	27	19	1	47	16%
October 21	15	17	4	36	12%
October 22	17	23	4	44	15%
October 23	13	6	1	20	7%
Totals	156	127	15	298	100%

TABLE 2. 2003 VERMONT Moose Hunter Success Rates by WMU and Permit Type

WMU	Bulls	Cows	Male Calves	Female Calves	Total Harvest	Permits Issued	Percent Success	2002 Success Rate
B	—	2	1	—	3	5	60%	00%
C	3	3	—	—	6	15	40%	67%
D1	7	9	—	1	17	25	68%	64%
D2	24	15	—	—	39	50	78%	68%
D2A	—	7	2	2	11	20	55%	30%
E1 (E)	22	7	—	—	29	40	72%	72%
E1 (A)	1	29	1	2	33	45	73%	67%
E2 (E)	34	8	—	—	42	55	76%	75%
E2 (A)	—	29	2	3	34	60	57%	66%
G	6	—	—	—	6	10	60%	40%
H1	7	3	—	—	10	15	67%	53%
H2	3	—	—	—	3	5	60%	60%
I	2	4	—	1	7	10	70%	50%
J1	8	1	—	—	9	10	90%	80%
J2	12	4	—	—	16	25	64%	33%
L	9	—	—	—	9	15	60%	30%
M1	5	3	—	—	8	10	80%	40%
O1	5	—	—	—	5	10	50%	—
P	8	3	—	—	11	15	73%	40%
TOTALS	156	127	6	9	298	440	68%	61%
E1 & E2 (E)	56	15	—	—	71	95	75%	74%
E1 & E2 (A)	1	58	3	5	67	105	64%	66%
E1&E2 (A&E)	57	73	3	5	138	200	69%	71%
All either-sex permits	155	62	1	2	220	315	70%	61%

288 Moose Harvested

Age and Sex Distribution of Harvest



respectively. The eight female calves that were weighed averaged 224 lbs. Complete sets of paired ovaries collected from 41 cows were sectioned and examined for evidence of ovulation. The ovulation rate was 0.29 for 17 yearling cows, 1.0 ova/cow for three two-year-olds and 1.33 for 36 cows three years old or older.

A central incisor tooth also was collected from each of 269 moose. The teeth were cleaned and shipped to Montana for aging by counting annual rings in the tooth cementum layer. The average age of the 151 bulls and 118 cows was 4.15 and 4.15 years, respectively. Twenty-four percent of these moose were yearlings, and 47% were four years old or older. The oldest bull and cow were 13 and 15 years, respectively.

Scouting

Moose hunter surveys were returned by 258 of the 440 permittees. Of these, 95% reported they scouted prior to the hunting season. Average time spent scouting was 30.5 hours per party, and the average number of moose seen per hour scouted was 0.126, or approximately one moose seen for every eight hours of scouting. A comparison of scouting data between WMUs is presented in the table below.

MOOSE SEEN PER HOUR SCOUTED FROM 258 HUNTER SURVEY RETURNS 2003 VERMONT MOOSE HUNT

WMU	Permit Type ¹	Number Scouting	Moose Seen	Hours Scouted	Moose/Hr Scouted (MSHS)	2002 MSHS	Hours/hunter scouting
B	E	2	0	160	0.00	0.01	80
C	E	6	4	210	0.02	0.06	35
D1	E	12	23	238	0.10	0.05	20
D2	E	25	89	815	0.11	0.13	33
D2	A	9	11	204	0.05	0.03	23
E1	E	25	209	908	0.23	0.23	36
E2	E	38	206	1239	0.17	0.16	33
E1	A	26	82	746	0.11	0.13	29
E2	A	32	126	715	0.18	0.14	22
G	E	5	14	167	0.10	0.06	33
H1	E	6	12	107	0.11	0.10	18
H2	E	3	0	188	0.00	0.03	63
I	E	6	25	284	0.09	0.07	47
J1	E	7	31	261	0.12	0.15	37
J2	E	12	30	360	0.08	0.16	30
L	E	9	12	343	0.03	0.09	48
M1	E	7	20	163	0.12	0.21	23
O1	E	5	14	89	0.16	---	18
P	E	11	39	314	0.12	0.10	29
TOTAL		246	947	7,511	0.126	0.12	30.5
ALL	E only	179	728	5,846	0.124	0.125	32
E1 & E2	E	63	415	2,147	0.19	0.19	34

¹E = either sex, A = antlerless only

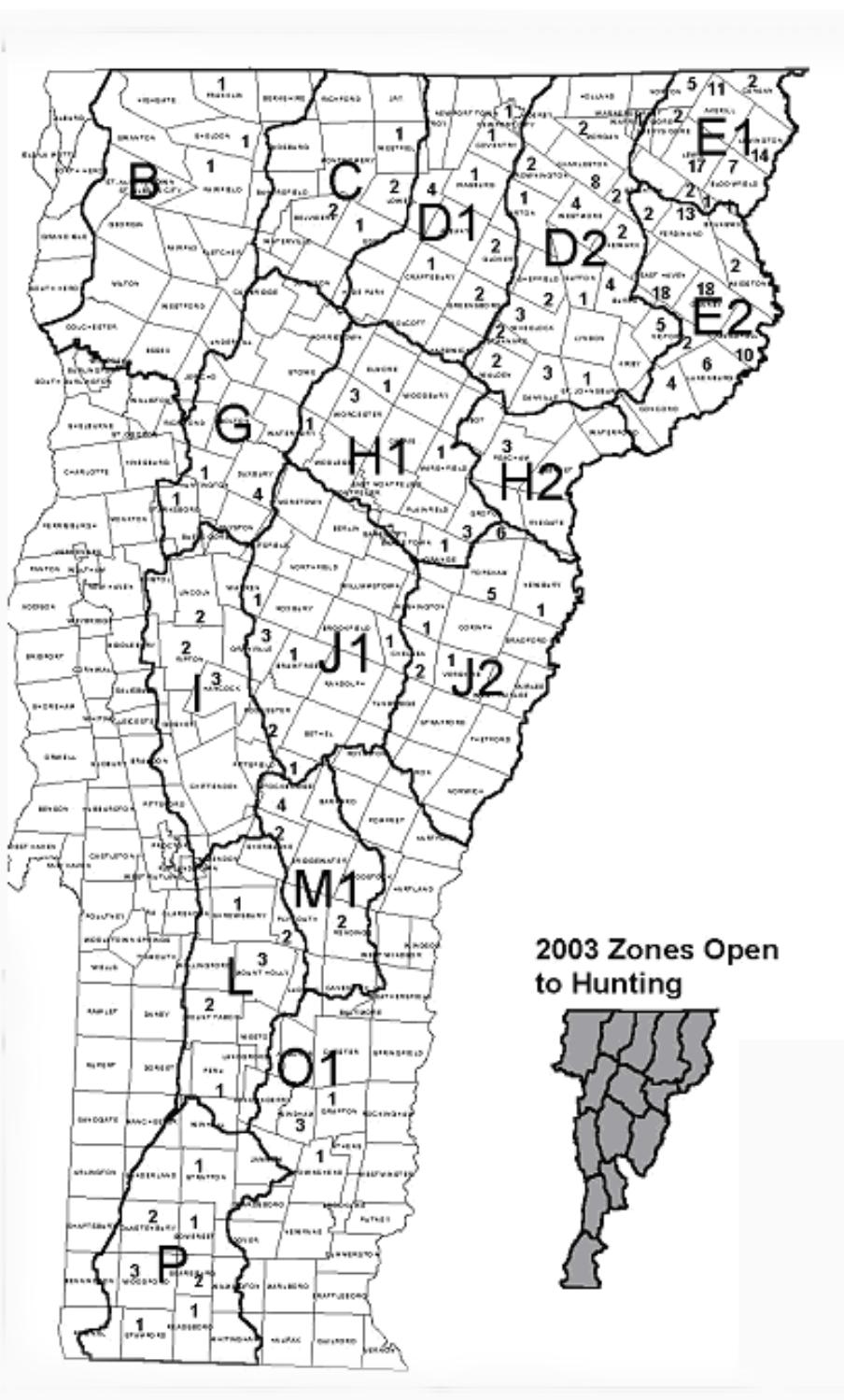
Successful Hunters

Guides accompanied 124 (60%) of all successful hunters. Over 20 moose were taken in 2003 by women or youth hunters. Subpermittees took 57 (19%) of the moose killed. Nonresident hunters who harvested a Vermont moose hailed from NH (7), CT (6), PA (3), MD (2) and 1 each from IA, IN,

KS, MA, ME, MO, NY, OK, TX, VA AND Quebec. All moose were taken with rifles except for five, which were taken with muzzleloaders.

Unsuccessful Hunters

Fifty-two of the survey respondents were unsuccessful hunters, 25 of which hunted all six days. Six hunted for five days, 11 for four days, four for three days, three for two days, and three did not hunt. Nearly 60% of unsuccessful hunters also used guides. Thirty-eight of the unsuccessful hunters saw a total of 154 moose, and 31 passed up moose that they believed they could have taken (24 bulls, 22 cows, and 10 calves). In addition, five hunters with antlerless permits encountered a total of 15 bulls they said they could have taken.



Moose were taken in 85 different towns. The towns with the highest harvests were East Haven and Granby (18 moose each), Lewis (17), Ferdinand (15), Lemington (14) and Averill (11).

This map shows the geographic distribution of the moose harvest by town and Wildlife Management Unit.

TABLE 3. 2003 LEGAL MOOSE HARVEST DATA--MALES ONLY

WMU	Last Name	Town of Kill	Age	Weight	Beam	Pts/Left	Pts/Right	Spread
B	RIVERS	FRANKLIN	0.5	185	99.9	99	99	99.9
C	HISMAN	WESTFIELD	3	9999	44	3	3	27
C	MARTIN	LOWELL	99.9	606	47	6	6	38
C	LEHMAN	EDEN	3	576	44	4	5	32
D1	MEUNIER	COVENTRY	1	532	39	5	4	33
D1	HORNER	IRASBURG	99.9	9999	49	5	4	30.5
D1	HAMMOND	NEWPORT	3	695	48	6	6	45
D1	LONG	GLOVER	3	722	53	6	7	45
D1	GRAVE	EDEN	1	411	39	2	3	24
D1	WAYSVILLE	EDEN	99.9	475	42	3	3	99.9
D1	GREEN	EDEN	3	670	53	7	6	45
D2	TIPPER	NORTON	3	721	48	8	6	41
D2	PELLETIER	CHARLESTON	2	598	45	7	6	34.5
D2	BOVEY	VICTORY	3	614	44	6	5	37.5
D2	GRIMALDI	VICTORY	8	737	57	10	11	56
D2	RAMSDELL	DANVILLE	1	488	42	3	4	23
D2	WARD	NORTON	3	705	56	8	8	46
D2	HEFLEY	SHEFFIELD	7	705	57	8	7	51
D2	DANIELS	WESTMORE	7	9999	58	8	12	48
D2	BENOIT	NORTON	1	381	36	2	2	24.5
D2	PARKER	MORGAN	7	871	62	9	11	55.5
D2	WARD	NORTON	1	375	24	1	2	14.5
D2	FLANAGAN	VICTORY	3	572	41	5	5	32.5
D2	HALL	WHEELOCK	0.5	224	99.9	99	99	99.9
D2	WILLETTE	WALDEN	3	646	49	3	5	49
D2	MACLURE	WESTMORE	9	698	60	6	7	45
D2	BROWN	BROWNINGTON	3	753	49	7	7	48
D2	HOVEY	VICTORY	6	875	58	7	7	59
D2	ROY	WHEELOCK	3	659	49	5	5	33
D2	MORRISON	CHARLESTON	1	525	40	3	3	24
D2	PRAY	BURKE	6	800	61	6	7	58.5
D2	WELCH	NORTON	2	660	45	6	6	37.5
D2	FORTIER	WALDEN	2	596	53	0	7	30
D2	PERRON	STANNARD	9	782	59	12	5	60
D2	HOUSTON	BURKE	0.5	307	99.9	99	99	99.9
D2	SNYDER	DANVILLE	4	705	47	7	8	51
D2	CORCORAN	NEWARK	3	668	46	8	8	45
E1	WAYSVILLE	AVERILL	3	484	36	2	99	99.9
E1	APGAR	FERDINAND	2	614	46	8	7	36.5

Weight is carcass weight completely dressed in lbs., **Beam** is in millimeters, **Pts./Left and Right** are number of points at least 1 inch long. **Spread** is in inches measured to the nearest half-inch. 99, 99.9 and 9999 = unknown or missing data.

TABLE 3. 2003 LEGAL MOOSE HARVEST DATA--MALES ONLY

WMU	Last Name	Town of Kill	Age	Weight	Beam	Pts/Left	Pts/Right	Spread
E1	BOUCHER	BLOOMFIELD	7	795	59	7	3	32
E1	ROBBINS	LEMINGTON	4	752	52	8	10	49
E1	KENISON	NORTON	1	358	31	1	2	22
E1	BUSHEY	LEMINGTON	1	415	30	1	1	19.5
E1	HAMWEY	LEMINGTON	4	908	65	10	9	63
E1	YOUNG	LEMINGTON	2	533	41	3	3	33.5
E1	ALDRICH	AVERILL	7	797	63	9	10	55.5
E1	PETHIGAL	BRIGHTON	5	766	59	9	11	40
E1	CURTIS	AVERILL	1	386	30	99	99	22.5
E1	PATCH	BLOOMFIELD	4	721	49	9	10	39
E1	CATELLA	BLOOMFIELD	2	564	44	6	6	33
E1	JEFFREY	AVERILL	1	440	29	2	1	19
E1	KRISHER	LEWIS	2	550	47	5	6	32
E1	WRIGHT	BLOOMFIELD	5	884	54	8	10	62
E1	GULDENSCHUH	LEMINGTON	0.5	278	99.9	99	99	99.9
E1	WEBSTER	LEWIS	3	695	52	7	7	44
E1	WILLIS	LEWIS	1	478	99.9	99	99	99.9
E1	ADAMS	BLOOMFIELD	1	412	99.9	2	2	18.5
E1	BLACK	AVERY'S GORE	1	549	43	4	5	27
E1	MAYO	LEWIS	4	641	49	5	4	39
E1	KILCOLLINS	LEWIS	4	734	52	9	9	41.5
E1	WHIPPLE	LEMINGTON	2	588	49	6	6	39.5
E2	BOLIO	GUILDHALL	10	836	64	10	9	54.5
E2	LAFOUNTAIN JR.	FERDINAND	1	481	46	5	4	28
E2	JEWETT	FERDINAND	6	797	51.5	4	3	99.9
E2	JACOBS	FERDINAND	5	852	62	8	7	54.5
E2	BRILL	GRANBY	4	782	54	8	10	44.5
E2	GOSSELIN	FERDINAND	0.5	313	99.9	99	99	99.9
E2	LAVALETTE	EAST HAVEN	8	732	61	9	8	51.5
E2	GOSS	LUNENBURG	6	731	57	8	8	49.5
E2	COVEY	EAST HAVEN	11	835	57	8	7	53.5
E2	MERCURE	GRANBY	4	778	59	7	7	45
E2	HATHORN	GRANBY	4	649	55	6	6	36
E2	STEVENS	LUNENBURG	5	807	56	9	12	48.5
E2	PRESTON	FERDINAND	1	439	33	2	4	22.5
E2	MITCHELL	GRANBY	3	628	44	5	5	38
E2	COTE	EAST HAVEN	6	9999	65	11	10	51.5
E2	MARTINO	CONCORD	4	746	53	8	9	49.5
E2	FOURNIER	GRANBY	2	531	43	4	4	30.5
E2	BLAIR	FERDINAND	10	701	63	11	4	51.5

TABLE 3. 2003 LEGAL MOOSE HARVEST DATA--MALES ONLY

WMU	Last Name	Town of Kill	Age	Weight	Beam	Pts/Left	Pts/Right	Spread
E2	MARKO	CONCORD	11	878	62	8	7	59
E2	LABOMBARD	FERDINAND	2	468	32	2	2	24
E2	MCKNIGHT	CONCORD	5	709	59	7	9	43.5
E2	FRENIER	GRANBY	1	502	32	1	2	22
E2	BOLES	FERDINAND	3	622	43	2	4	34
E2	SANBORN	GUILDHALL	2	605	51	5	4	32
E2	RAINVILLE	GRANBY	1	9999	30	3	3	24
E2	PATTERSON	GUILDHALL	4	693	52	9	8	46
E2	HOFFMAN	EAST HAVEN	6	807	69	8	8	42.5
E2	MILLIGAN	GUILDHALL	4	9999	57	8	11	45
E2	DAVIS	FERDINAND	6	727	59	9	10	46.5
E2	PARKER	EAST HAVEN	0.5	9999	99.9	99	99	99.9
E2	CALLAHAN	GRANBY	1	431	33	2	2	20
E2	COUSINO	EAST HAVEN	1	368	30	2	2	21
E2	ROBILLARD	GUILDHALL	2	537	45	5	5	30.5
E2	HAUN	FERDINAND	9	753	60	9	11	50
E2	KENNY	GRANBY	5	648	63	9	7	36
E2	BOULAY	GUILDHALL	13	639	55	3	4	39
G	DELIBAC	STARKSBORO	5	683	58	6	8	45.5
G	SWEET	DUXBURY	5	681	50	5	5	41.5
G	GRIFFITH	DUXBURY	8	728	59	10	7	54
G	HALLSTROM	DUXBURY	6	487	46	3	3	33.5
G	KONKLER	HUNTINGTON	4	605	48	3	5	40.5
G	BOLDUC	DUXBURY	2	538	41	4	6	35
H1	PUZA	MARSHFIELD	9	881	58	7	7	50.5
H1	GUNTOLIS	GROTON	3	515	51	5	5	37
H1	LEBLANC	GROTON	5	777	56	10	7	99.9
H1	FIELDER	WORCESTER	10	764	71	13	16	63
H1	PICARD	WORCESTER	12	664	45	4	2	99.9
H1	SALVADAR	ORANGE	7	706	61	8	9	45
H1	SHERMAN	WATERBURY	5	734	66	7	6	48
H2	GIFFORD	PEACHAM	7	517	45	3	7	40
H2	GREGOIRE	PEACHAM	9	735	58	8	6	52
H2	ELSENBOSCH	PEACHAM	4	843	52	7	9	48
I	TURCO	HANCOCK	6	858	61	7	7	48
I	DORIA	HANCOCK	13	563	53	6	6	45
J1	AZUR	GRANVILLE	2	9999	45	3	3	32
J1	RAYMOND	ROCHESTER	1	581	44	6	5	32
J1	ELDREDGE	GRANVILLE	99.9	9999	45	5	5	38
J1	LEFEVRE	WARREN	3	734	53	8	9	51
J1	SHERMAN	BRAINTREE	99.9	564	39	3	3	28.5

TABLE 3. 2003 LEGAL MOOSE HARVEST DATA--MALES ONLY

WMU	Last Name	Town of Kill	Age	Weight	Beam	Pts/Left	Pts/Right	Spread
J1	MURRAY	ROCHESTER	3	636	51	8	7	41.5
J1	CARPENTER	GRANVILLE	1	457	32	3	2	24
J1	STENDER	CHELSEA	3	623	42	4	4	39
J2	EMERSON	NEWBURY	3	590	53	8	6	42
J2	COAN	TOPSHAM	1	489	36	2	2	23
J2	HASELTON	GROTON	2	638	45	6	7	33
J2	RODERICK	TOPSHAM	1	392	30	1	1	10
J2	CRAIG	TOPSHAM	9	718	46	6	2	44
J2	PREVOST	TOPSHAM	7	9999	43	3	3	34.5
J2	FERRIS	GROTON	1	519	43	4	4	29.5
J2	JACOBS	CHELSEA	2	605	53	5	5	29.5
J2	MCCARTHY	GROTON	3	555	46	3	3	30.5
J2	GREGOR	TOPSHAM	4	673	45	6	6	39.5
J2	PEACOCK	VERSHERE	8	794	58	6	6	51.5
J2	SMITH	WASHINGTON	3	575	46	3	2	31
L	SHEEHE	PLYMOUTH	7	881	60	9	8	60.5
L	PETRASKA	MOUNT HOLLY	4	9999	56	8	7	48
L	CRANDALL	PERU	3	570	40	3	3	38
L	WILSON	SHREWSBURY	3	9999	38	2	3	34
L	SEWARD	MOUNT TABOR	1	260	99.9	99	99	99.9
L	BURGESS	MOUNT HOLLY	2	9999	49	6	8	40
L	PATCH	PLYMOUTH	1	433	32	2	1	20.5
L	BUSHEE	MOUNT TABOR	2	9999	38	2	2	26
L	KOITZSCH	MOUNT HOLLY	1	387	30	2	2	99.9
M1	TITUS	SHERBURNE	1	525	99.9	2	2	30.5
M1	BARTLEY	READING	2	543	43	5	5	30
M1	SHATTUCK	STOCKBRIDGE	4	772	56	7	4	33
M1	MAXHAM	SHERBURNE	2	562	40	4	5	30
M1	MITOWSKI	STOCKBRIDGE	5	893	57	9	10	52
O1	CEDARSTAFF	GRAFTON	4	787	56	7	7	43.5
O1	CHICKERING	WINDHAM	12	706	56	10	9	50
O1	WOODRUFF	WINDHAM	2	539	99.9	4	4	32
O1	BICKFORD	TOWNSHEND	7	785	58	9	8	53
O1	DAVIS	WINDHAM	2	620	47	4	4	43
P	HITT	WOODFORD	3	765	59	9	10	56
P	KENYON	SEARSBURG	4	665	51	8	8	48
P	BIRCH	READSBORO	3	625	49	6	6	44
P	KASANOFF	SOMERSET	3	792	50	10	9	47
P	GARDNER	WOODFORD	9	756	73	8	10	57
P	DAIGNAULT	GLASTENBURY	4	688	58	6	7	37
P	MALLORY	WOODFORD	7	767	60	9	12	47
P	BUFFUM	STRATTON	5	840	64	12	9	47

TABLE 4. 2003 LEGAL MOOSE HARVEST DATA--FEMALES AND CALVES ONLY
127 ADULTS AND 9 CLAVES

WMU	Last Name	Town of Kill	Age	Weight	Ovaries	Total CL	Lactating
B	MORRIS	SHELDON	5	499	NO	9	NO
B	ABAIR	FAIRFIELD	3	534	NO	9	YES
C	MANNING	BELVIDERE	1	400	YES	1	NO
C	LOCKE	BELVIDERE	3	573	YES	2	YES
C	THOMPSON	LOWELL	99.9	585	YES	1	NO
D1	MORRIS	EDEN	6	624	NO	9	9
D1	KEENE	GLOVER	0.5	230	NO	9	NO
D1	WHEELER	GREENSBORO	7	533	NO	9	NO
D1	ROLAND	GREENSBORO	99.9	632	YES	1	YES
D1	BUCK	LOWELL	2	538	NO	9	NO
D1	NOLET	CRAFTSBURY	1	480	NO	9	9
D1	LOGAN	LOWELL	7	760	NO	9	NO
D1	ADAMS	LOWELL	4	545	YES	2	YES
D1	GEOFFROY	LOWELL	1	414	NO	9	NO
D1	HOFFMAN	EDEN	3	614	YES	9	NO
D2	NEWLAND	BURKE	0.5	9999		9	NO
D2	MCCOY	WESTMORE	1	426	YES	1	YES
D2	GRAY	SUTTON	1	400	NO	9	NO
D2	ERICKSON	STANNARD	99.9	9999	YES	9	NO
D2	CURTIS	CHARLESTON	3	483	YES	0	9
D2	POUTRE	SHEFFIELD	6	582	NO	9	YES
D2	BEDOR	ST. JOHNSBURY	99.9	452		9	YES
D2	MESSIER	CHARLESTON	1	500	YES	1	NO
D2	WOOD	WARREN'S GORE	1	391	NO	9	NO
D2	BANDY	BURKE	3	462		9	YES
D2	HOUGHTON	VICTORY	0.5	176	NO	9	NO
D2	GRANT	CHARLESTON	1	483	NO	9	NO
D2	WILSON	DANVILLE	99.9	500	NO	9	NO
D2	COLE	WESTMORE	1	9999	NO	9	9
D2	SAYERS	CHARLESTON	5	693		9	NO
D2	TURNER	MORGAN	7	608	YES	2	YES
D2	HAMSPON	BROWNINGTON	2	530	NO	9	YES
D2	TIRABOSCHI	BRIGHTON	9	698	YES	2	NO
D2	HAZARD	NEWARK	1	428	NO	9	NO
D2	SICARD	BARTON	4	610	YES	1	NO
D2	HARWOOD	WHEELOCK	1	429	YES	1	NO
D2	MYERS	BRIGHTON	3	545	NO	9	NO
D2	WOOD	CHARLESTON	1	463	NO	9	NO
D2	BARBER	CHARLESTON	1	490	YES	1	NO
E1	DEMAR	BLOOMFIELD	1	455	YES	0	NO
E1	FANTASKEY	LEWIS	1	408	YES	0	NO
E1	VARILEK	AVERILL	3	599	YES	1	NO
E1	COBURN	LEWIS	1	414	NO	9	NO
E1	CHOQUETTE	LEWIS	9	614	NO	9	NO
E1	FARRELL	LEMINGTON	1	369	YES	0	NO
E1	BOISVERT	NORTON	3	669	NO	9	NO
E1	CHESNEY	AVERY'S GORE	6	540	NO	9	NO
E1	SHATNEY	BRUNSWICK	3	646	YES	2	NO
E1	PORTER	AVERILL	4	703	YES	1	NO
E1	CHAMPNEY	LEWIS	1	465	YES	0	NO
E1	BLISS	LEWIS	3	711	NO	9	YES
E1	ENGLISH	AVERILL	4	654	YES	1	NO
E1	BARTLETT	AVERILL	5	613	YES	1	NO
E1	MYERS	LEWIS	1	504	YES	0	9
E1	HAWES	BLOOMFIELD	5	675	YES	2	YES
E1	EPSTEIN	FERDINAND	2	569	NO	9	NO
E1	MILLER SR.	NORTON	6	703	YES	1	NO
E1	HIGGINS	LEWIS	1	9999	NO	9	NO

TABLE 4. 2003 LEGAL MOOSE HARVEST DATA--FEMALES AND CALVES ONLY
127 ADULTS AND 9 CLAVES

WMU	Last Name	Town of Kill	Age	Weight	Ovaries	Total CL	Lactating
E1	TORRE	NORTON	5	564	YES	1	YES
E1	BISHOP	LEMINGTON	5	541	NO	9	YES
E1	RAYMOND	LEMINGTON	6	599	YES	2	YES
E1	DEMATTEO	LEMINGTON	3	688	NO	9	NO
E1	CARBONNEAU	LEMINGTON	1	503	YES	0	NO
E1	LAMBERT	AVERILL	4	556	NO	9	YES
E1	AUSTIN	LEMINGTON	5	702	YES	2	YES
E1	BENSON	LEMINGTON	0.5	234		9	9
E1	ASHFORD	LEWIS	8	589	YES	1	9
E1	LONGWAY	CANAAN	10	723	YES	2	NO
E1	BENSON	LEMINGTON	7	599		9	NO
E1	BROWN	LEWIS	9	660	NO	9	YES
E1	CHENEY	LEWIS	10	466	NO	9	YES
E1	NORRIS	CANAAN	0.5	254	NO	9	NO
E1	KAISER	LEWIS	5	580	YES	9	YES
E1	SPENCER	AVERILL	6	531	NO	9	YES
E1	SANTAW	NORTON	2	541	YES	1	YES
E1	JOYAL	LEWIS	1	438	NO	9	NO
E1	BEDEE	AVERILL	4	508	YES	9	YES
E2	CALHOUN	EAST HAVEN	13	9999	YES	9	NO
E2	LYON	FERDINAND	10	654	NO	9	NO
E2	CORLISS	EAST HAVEN	1	438	YES	0	NO
E2	SABIN	EAST HAVEN	1	472	NO	9	NO
E2	ROGERS	GRANBY	4	9999	YES	1	NO
E2	TOWNSEND	BRIGHTON	1	443	NO	9	NO
E2	NOEL	GRANBY	1	465	YES	0	NO
E2	MCDONALD	GUILDHALL	1	470	NO	9	9
E2	GERVAIS	GUILDHALL	14	435	NO	9	NO
E2	CHARBONNEAU	FERDINAND	1	427	YES	0	NO
E2	KINSLEY	BRIGHTON	0.5	208	NO	9	NO
E2	SNIDER	EAST HAVEN	1	389	YES	9	NO
E2	JETTE	MAIDSTONE	5	600	NO	9	NO
E2	GONYER	MAIDSTONE	1	433	YES	0	NO
E2	TRAYAH	GRANBY	99.9	498	YES	0	NO
E2	GREGORY	EAST HAVEN	11	9999	YES	1	YES
E2	BOUCHER	EAST HAVEN	99.9	485	YES	0	NO
E2	DUNKLING	GRANBY	0.5	232		9	9
E2	PAYE	GRANBY	5	550	YES	1	YES
E2	DELANO	EAST HAVEN	1	420	YES	9	NO
E2	DOTY	LUNENBURG	14	683	YES	2	9
E2	HOWARD	LUNENBURG	3	656	YES	2	NO
E2	DROWN	EAST HAVEN	15	448	YES	0	NO
E2	WARD	GUILDHALL	1	435	YES	0	NO
E2	TETREAULT	FERDINAND	3	9999	YES	1	YES
E2	NEWLAND	VICTORY	8	572	YES	1	NO
E2	BROW	GRANBY	5	666	NO	9	YES
E2	MCCORMACK	EAST HAVEN	2	553	YES	1	NO
E2	NEWLAND	EAST HAVEN	2	575	NO	9	NO
E2	DAVENPORT	LUNENBURG	2	545	NO	9	YES
E2	HUGHES	GRANBY	1	9999	YES	0	NO
E2	OSGOOD	VICTORY	1	451	NO	9	NO
E2	LARAMEE	CONCORD	0.5	222	NO	9	9
E2	AYERS	GRANBY	11	560	YES	1	9
E2	PIKE	EAST HAVEN	3	650		9	NO
E2	HUNTER	BLOOMFIELD	4	684	YES	2	NO
E2	PRONTO	EAST HAVEN	7	625	YES	1	NO
E2	JARRY	LUNENBURG	7	656	YES	9	NO
E2	GIROUX	GUILDHALL	5	611	NO	9	YES

TABLE 4. 2003 LEGAL MOOSE HARVEST DATA--FEMALES AND CALVES ONLY**127 ADULTS AND 9 CLAVES**

WMU	Last Name	Town of Kill	Age	Weight	Ovaries	Total CL	Lactating
E2	ORCHITT	GRANBY	2	556	YES	1	9
H1	DOWNING, JR.	GROTON	8	571	YES	1	NO
H1	MCNAMARA	WORCESTER	5	588	YES	2	NO
H1	KENNEDY	ELMORE	4	439	NO	9	NO
I	DRAGON	RIPTON	9	583	YES	1	9
I	COUSINO	LINCOLN	0.5	238	NO	9	NO
I	DEVOID	RIPTON	1	397	NO	9	9
I	GALE	HANCOCK	9	490	YES	1	NO
I	BESSETTE	LINCOLN	99.9	657	YES	9	YES
J1	PERRON	STOCKBRIDGE	7	676	YES	3	YES
J2	COUTURE	CHELSEA	99.9	629	NO	9	NO
J2	JETTE	GROTON	7	503	YES	9	NO
J2	REEN	GROTON	1	441	NO	9	NO
J2	SICELY	GROTON	3	9999	YES	1	YES
M1	MACHIA	STOCKBRIDGE	5	419	YES	0	YES
M1	MCKENNA	STOCKBRIDGE	3	572	NO	9	YES
M1	ZIENOWICZ	READING	9	614		9	YES
P	GARDNER	STAMFORD	3	577	YES	9	NO
P	BROWN	SEARSBURG	2	354		9	9
P	STANLEWICZ	GLASTENBURY	1	474	YES	9	NO

Weight is carcass weight completely dressed in pounds. **Total CL** is total number of corpora lutea.
9, 99.9, and 9999 = unknown or missing data.



HEAVIEST BULLS HARVESTED

Year	Weight	Town of Kill	PTS /R	PTS /L
1996	1040	BRIGHTON	11	8
1997	946	EDEN	10	10
1995	945	FERDINAND	9	7
1996	943	GRANBY	15	12
1997	941	LOWELL	9	7
2002	938	NORTON	9	10
1995	937	GRANBY	7	8
1994	925	FERDINAND	10	9
2001	913	ROCHESTER	6	7
2003	908	LEMINGTON	9	10
1997	906	LUNENBURG	7	11
2001	902	WOLCOTT	13	12
2000	902	LEWIS	7	7
2000	901	NEWARK	10	9
1996	901	NORTON	10	11

Notable Weights of Vermont's Harvested Big Game Wildlife

This program keeps track of some of the largest black bear, white-tailed deer and moose taken by legal means in Vermont each year. All animals recorded must be completely field dressed. Wildlife listed here have been entered in to this program based on a submission by the hunter to the department.

Cleaned field dressed weight: All animals must be reported completely field dressed (all internal organs removed, including heart, liver and lungs). By completely field dressing your deer, bear or turkey immediately after tagging you insure the most rapid cooling of the body cavity and the least amount of coagulated blood, and thus the least amount of meat will be at risk of spoilage.

It is your responsibility as a sportsperson to properly care for your game and use it fully. If you take more meat than you and your family can consume within a year, you will easily find friends, relatives and/or local food shelves that will gladly accept your surplus meat. By properly dressing your game you will help to ensure that the meat you consume or give away will be of the finest possible quality.

Points: points are defined as 1 inch above the antler beam.

FIVE HEAVIEST REPORTED BLACK BEAR BY WEIGHT

Year	Weight (lbs.)	Town Harvested
1986	514	Lemington
1985	441	Jay
2001	383	Brookfield
1985	383	Irasburg
1995	363	Ferdinand

FIVE HEAVIEST REPORTED WHITE-TAILED DEER BY WEIGHT

Year	Weight (lbs.)	Points	Town Harvested
1989	269	8	Granby
1993	267	8	Alburg
1994	261	8	Bloomfield
1995	257	11	Averill
1995	255	8	Maidstone

FIVE HEAVIEST MOOSE BY WEIGHT

Year	Weight (lbs.)	Points	Town Harvested
1996	1040	19	Brighton
1997	946	20	Eden
1995	945	16	Ferdinand
1996	943	27	Granby
1997	941	16	Lowell

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