



2023-2024 Elk Status & Harvest Trends

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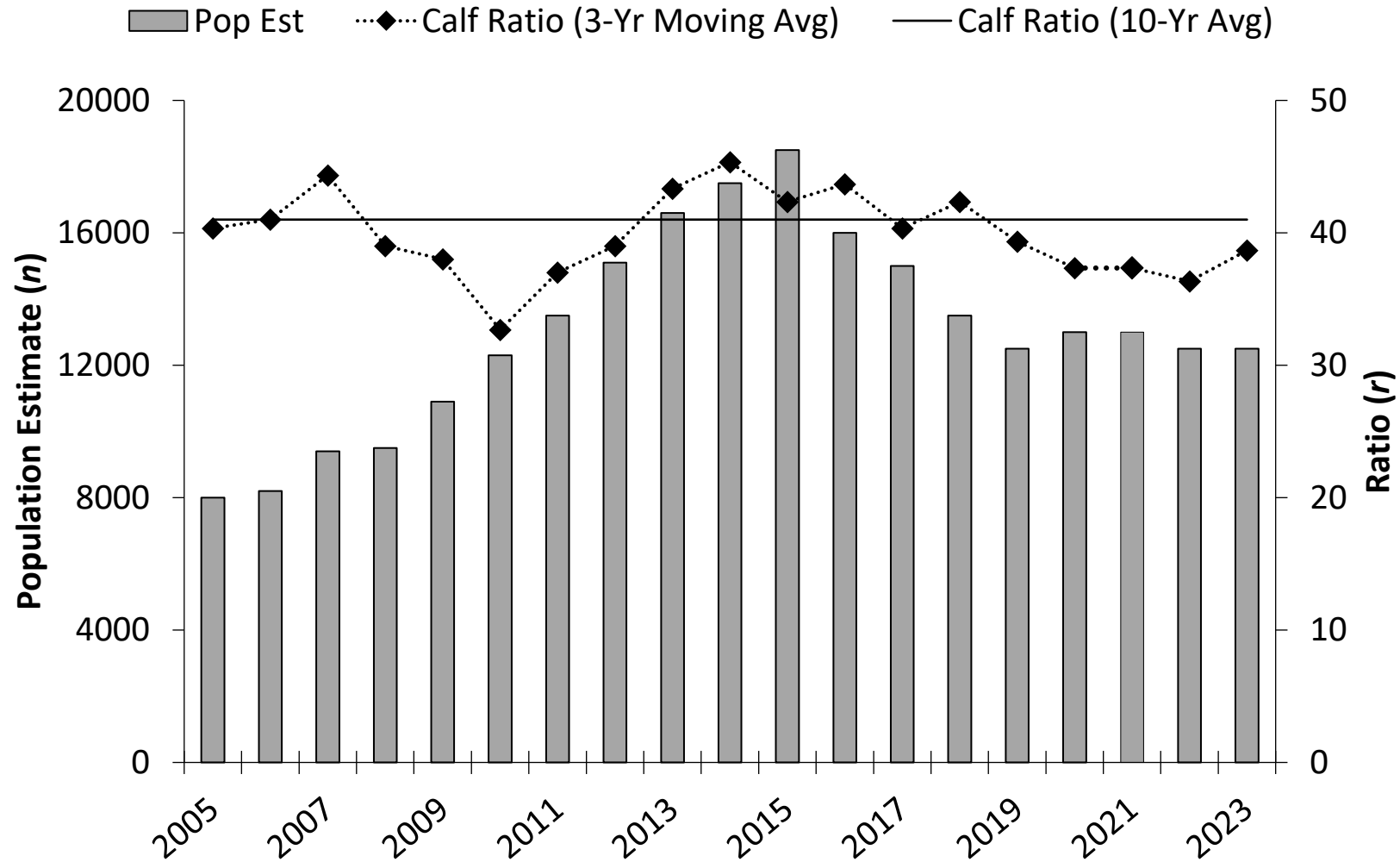


Elk Status Overview

- About 90% of herds are at or below population objective. Exceptions:
 - 076, 077, 079, 081 &
 - 078, 105-107, 109
- Antlerless quota recommendations are well below historic highs and are intended to stabilize or, in some areas, allow for herd growth.
- Harvest metrics for antlered elk continue to indicate an exceptional hunting experience.

Elk Population & Recruitment Trends

Population Estimate & Observed Ratios: 2005-2023



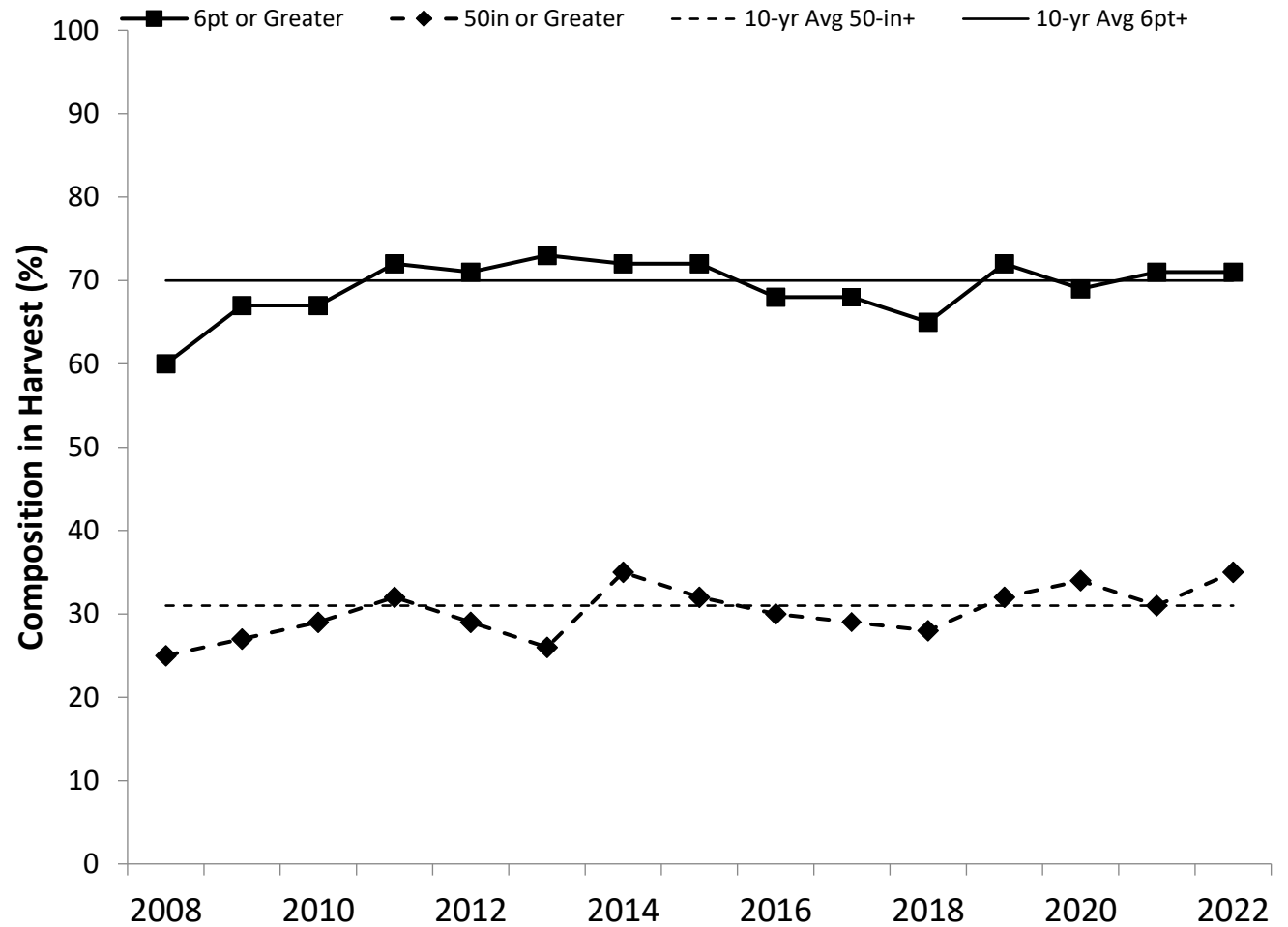
Harvest Trends & Objectives

Standard Area:
25-35% 50-in Beams

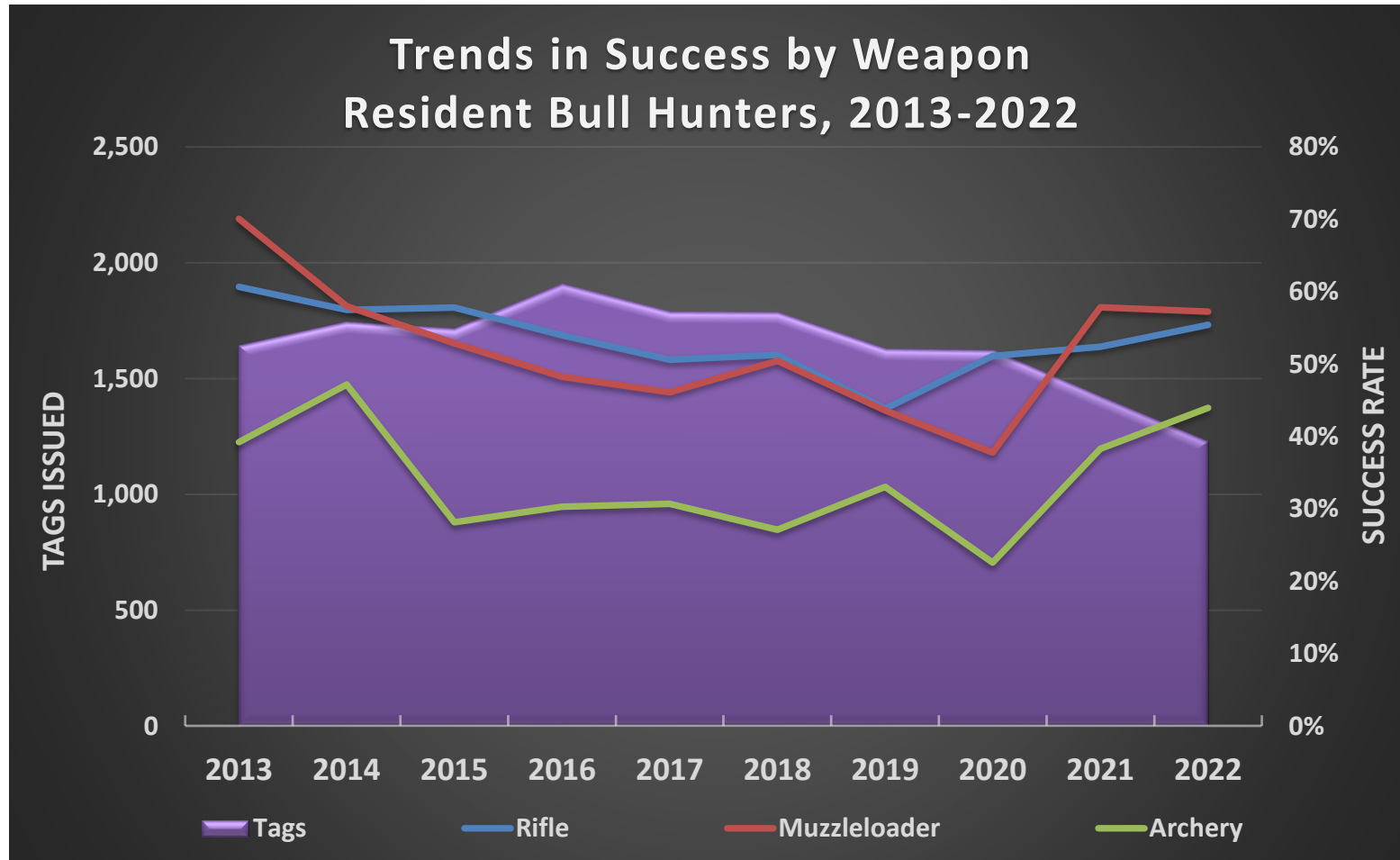
Alternative Area:
35-45% 50-in Beams

Non-Standard Area:
Review of Harvest

6pt Harvest and Beam Composition of Antlered Elk 2008-2022



Success Rates by Weapon Class



Reminder: Revision to Spike Definition



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Statewide Quota Recs

1. Antlered Elk & Spike Quotas:

-2% more than 2022 to 1,797 tags

Antlered – 1,521 tags

Spike – 276 tags

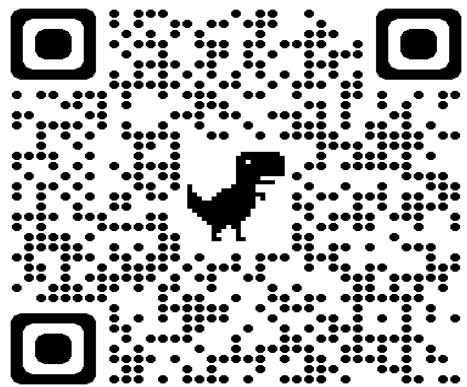
2. Antlerless Quotas:

-6% more than 2022 to 2,279 tags

3. Overall Quotas:

-4% more than 2022 to 4,073 tags





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