

Road kill deer numbers down in Pa.

HARRISBURG — More than 24,000 deer were reported killed on highways in Pennsylvania in 1981, according to the final statistics compiled by the Game Commission.

The 24,699 figure is down from 28,772 reported in 1980, and well short of the record 29,914 picked up by Game Commission personnel in 1975.

The 1981 figure includes only those animals removed from the state's highways by conservation officers and/or deer from which permits were issued.

Prior to 1980, Game Commission personnel picked up all deer killed on Pennsylvania highways. Starting in 1980, motorists were permitted to take the carcasses if permits were issued by game protectors.

In 1981, regulations were further liberalized to permit motorists or vehicle passengers to salvage deer if they notify wildlife officers within 24 hours and make arrangements to secure a permit.

Leading counties in highway deer kill last year were Butler with 966; Bucks, 886; Westmoreland,

875; Venango, 791; and Luzerne, 757.

Total recorded deer mortality in the state last year, other than those taken by hunters, came to 31,793, about 1,600 less than the figure for 1980.

Dogs killed a reported 547 whitetails last year. In Susquehanna County they killed 87

deer—in Somerset and Bradford counties, dogs pulled down 33 whitetails; in Elk County, they took 26; and in Erie and Jefferson Counties, they accounted for 21.

In 1981 there were 1,251 deer reported killed for causing crop damage, slightly more than the 1,129 which were reported the preceding year.

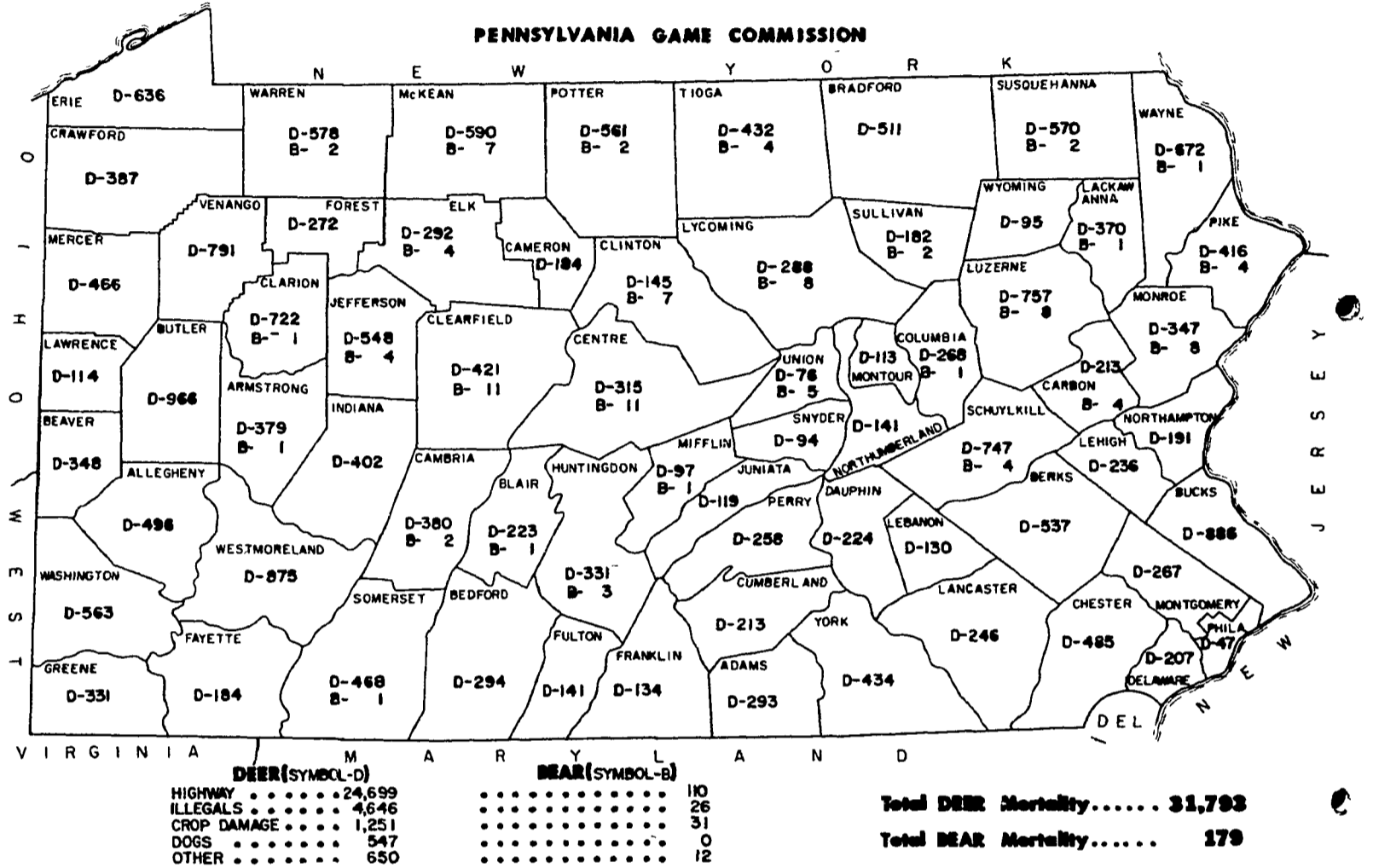
Last year game protectors recorded 4,646 illegal deer kills, an increase from the 4,333 chalked up in 1980.

The number of bears killed on highways remained constant in Pennsylvania last year. In 1981, vehicles took the lives of 110 bruins, the same number as in 1980.

There were 26 illegal kills of bears recorded last year. Another 31 were killed for damaging crops. No bears were reported killed by dogs in 1981, the first time in years—and there were 12 other incidents of bruin mortality.

Total out-of-season bear mortality for 1981 was 179, compared to 180 in 1980.

1981 RECORDED HIGHWAY MORTALITY DEER & BEAR



Delaware goat breeders slate spring show

HARRINGTON, Del. — The Delaware Dairy Goat Association invites the public to its First Annual Spring Show May 22 and 23, at Harrington Fair Grounds, Harrington, Delaware.

An Open Buck Show, Junior Doe Show, and Senior Doe Show, will be held along with an official ADGA milking competition.

The show will be held in an enclosed building with large stalls. Campers are welcome and hook-ups are available at \$8 per plug.

Restrooms and hot showers will be open Friday night thru Sunday.

The association will serve hot homecooked meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Snacks, sodas, and coffee will also be available.

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