



Wildlife Damage Management

Wildlife Services supports ranchers, farmers, wildlife, and others by exercising Federal leadership and expertise to resolve conflicts between people and wildlife and allow them to coexist by protecting agriculture; natural resources, including threatened and endangered species; property and infrastructure; and public health and safety.



\$290M
BUDGET

2,016
EMPLOYEES



**WHERE
WE WORK**

2019 Highlights



Responded to **440,000** requests from farmers, ranchers, and others for direct control or technical assistance to reduce the impact of predators on their animals, protecting more than **15.8 million** head of cattle, sheep, and goats valued at over **\$2.5 billion**



Protected **378** threatened and endangered species in **39** States and **2** territories using **\$11.7 million** of funding from cooperating agencies and others to support the Endangered Species Act



Managed beaver damage on **7,030** sites in **43** States through cooperatively funded efforts, with each **\$1** invested in management protecting an estimated **\$45** in natural resources on average



With USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, selected **20** projects in **10** States for funding to target problem feral swine populations, while continuing work to reduce feral swine damage across **37** States and **3** territories



Donated **138 tons** of goose, deer/elk, and other meat—more than **1 million** servings of protein—for people in need, making full use of this resource from wildlife damage management work



Collected more than **6,200** samples from **42** different wildlife species for testing **8** diseases in **42** States, including **3,500** samples from invasive feral swine



Initiated **86** new research studies to find innovative solutions to wildlife damage issues, with broad public impact—**133** articles published in **76** different venues and **216** presentations by researchers given at scientific, stakeholder, and public forums in 2019 alone



Distributed approximately **9.4 million** oral rabies vaccination baits over **64,000 square miles** and collected samples from more than **12,000** wild animals in **18** States to reduce rabies in wildlife and prevent disease spread to people, livestock, and pets



Deployed WS employees for a total of **1,878 days** to **8** emergency responses nationwide ranging from wildfires and flooding to agricultural or wildlife disease outbreaks



Managed cormorant populations at **185** facilities in **3** States to protect farmed fish stock worth millions of dollars from avian depredation



Reduced aviation hazards at more than **150** military airbases and joint civilian-military airports around the globe and marked **10 years** of voluntary deployments by **60+** wildlife biologists to numerous U.S. or coalition airbases in southwest Asia

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