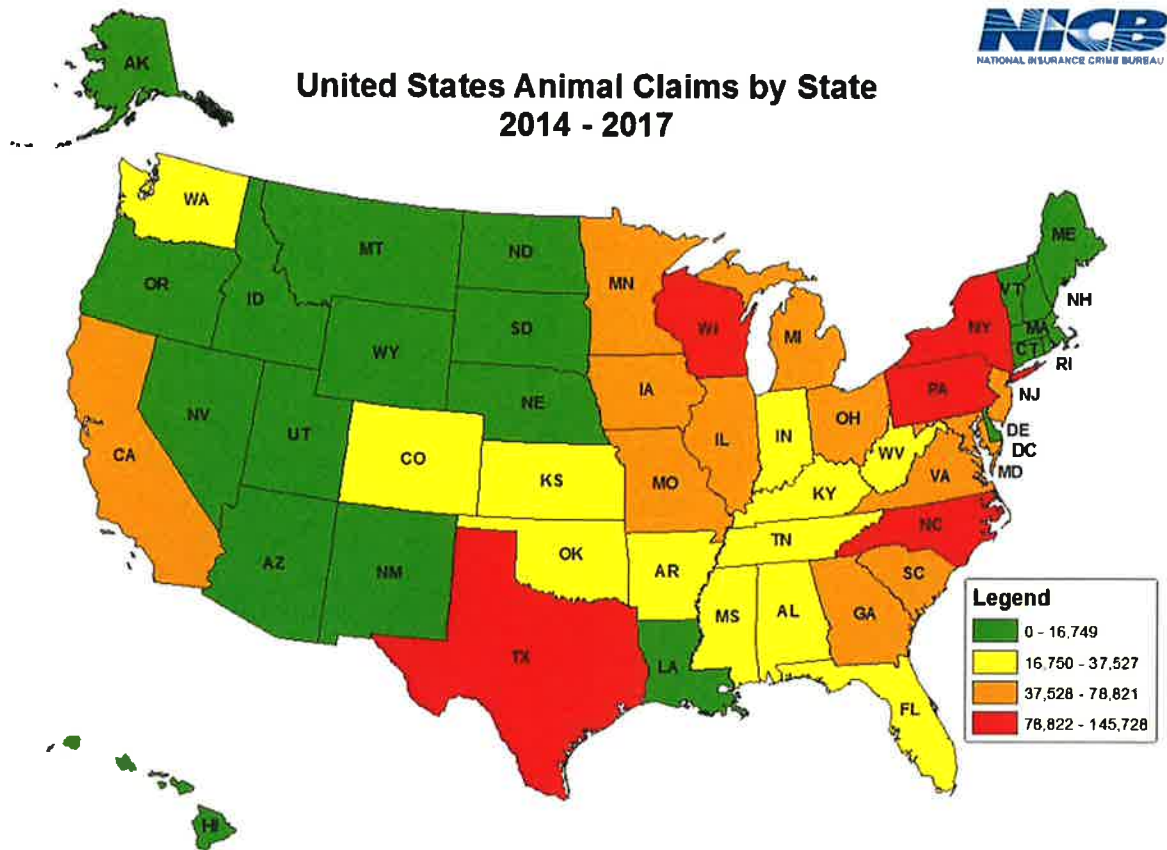


Section 6: Animal Loss Claim Map



Section 7: Conclusion

Research indicates that animal loss claims are on an, overall, upward trajectory. Animal loss claims increased 5% between 2014 and 2015; from 415,917 to 434,820. They then increased an additional 3% between 2015 and 2016; to 446,981. Between 2016 and 2017, animal loss claims took a 1% decrease. Overall, from 2014 through 2017, animal loss claims increased a total of 6% from 415,917 to 442,707. Deer are the number 1 animal to be involved in animal loss claims, eclipsing all other animal types. The majority of animal loss claims occur in the autumn months of October and November. This is likely due to the simultaneity of deer mating season, as noted above. Finally, the highest volume of animal claims are located in the Mid-Atlantic, Appalachian and Great Lakes Regions of the United States. The University of Minnesota (<https://conservancy.umn.edu/handle/11299/178246>) published a report in 2016 on white-tailed deer density in the eastern United States. Many of the top 10 states in this animal forecast correlate with states that have dense populations according to the University of Minnesota report; including Wisconsin, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York.

Appendix 1

Animal Loss Claims 2014 – 2017					
State	2014 Count	2015 Count	2016 Count	2017 Count	Total
PA	36,492	37,567	37,680	33,989	145,728
NY	30,008	26,695	27,681	31,286	115,670
TX	24,255	26,031	26,165	28,585	105,036
WI	18,908	20,571	21,388	20,415	81,282
NC	19,425	20,355	19,832	19,640	79,252
OH	18,944	20,061	19,694	20,122	78,821
VA	19,486	19,861	20,409	18,348	78,104
MO	16,270	17,703	17,777	18,374	70,124
GA	16,283	17,422	17,899	15,165	66,769
MI	14,309	14,038	17,239	18,424	64,010
CA	12,513	13,771	15,797	17,489	59,570
NJ	14,186	13,379	14,817	16,905	59,287
MD	12,321	12,567	12,846	12,483	50,217
MN	11,194	12,704	13,532	11,942	49,372
SC	11,671	12,177	12,371	12,027	48,246
IA	11,145	12,434	11,808	11,328	46,715
IL	10,507	11,163	11,035	10,472	43,177
IN	9,930	10,006	9,036	8,555	37,527
KS	7,921	8,511	8,474	7,590	32,496
FL	7,017	7,276	8,198	8,614	31,105
AL	7,336	7,407	7,836	7,673	30,252
WV	6,985	7,437	6,772	5,659	26,853
TN	6,175	6,863	7,043	6,410	26,491
OK	5,225	5,684	6,211	6,913	24,033
AR	5,605	6,108	6,006	6,114	23,833
MS	6,434	5,553	5,223	5,008	22,218
CO	5,037	5,384	5,902	5,562	21,885
WA	4,801	5,117	5,362	5,308	20,588
KY	4,671	5,294	5,220	4,979	20,164
NE	3,847	4,488	4,227	4,187	16,749
OR	3,767	4,137	4,122	3,810	15,836
UT	3,531	3,958	4,111	3,630	15,230
MT	2,931	3,400	3,575	3,814	13,720
AZ	2,661	3,054	3,511	3,385	12,611
SD	2,764	3,134	3,335	2,839	12,072
CT	3,206	2,730	2,736	3,268	11,940
LA	2,427	2,887	2,662	2,803	10,779
ID	2,328	2,794	2,732	2,373	10,227
NM	1,721	1,962	2,381	2,234	8,298
WY	1,594	1,970	2,129	2,080	7,773
ME	1,871	1,976	1,765	2,072	7,684
MA	1,261	1,556	1,864	2,187	6,868
ND	1,429	1,698	1,909	1,462	6,498
DE	1,373	1,414	1,570	1,578	5,935
NH	1,165	1,279	1,424	1,634	5,502
NV	818	954	1,122	1,214	4,108
VT	929	904	1,068	1,044	3,945
RI	514	519	543	692	2,268
AK	376	425	449	451	1,701
HI	184	234	309	368	1,095
DC	166	208	184	203	761
Grand Total	415,917	434,820	446,981	442,707	1,740,425