

Mountain Bear Management Unit (BMU) Black Bear Harvest

| County                        | 1996       | 1997       | 1998       | 1999       | 2000       | 2001       | 2002       | 2003       | 2004       | 2005       | 2006       | 2007       | 2008       | 2009         | 2010       | 2011         | 2012       | 2013         | 2014       | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | 2019         | 2020         | 2021         | 2022         | 2023         | 2024         | 2025         | % of 2025 Harvest | % change from 2024 to 2025 | Totals        |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Alleghany                     | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 3          | 9          | 15           | 2          | 8            | 6          | 6            | 2          | 8            | 11           | 11           | 14           | 13           | 23           | 8            | 7            | 29           | 31           | 13           | 1%                | -58%                       | 222           |
| Ashe                          | 0          | 6          | 1          | 2          | 12         | 6          | 14         | 11         | 6          | 12         | 12         | 10         | 17         | 36           | 5          | 31           | 24         | 25           | 8          | 29           | 30           | 50           | 37           | 27           | 38           | 31           | 23           | 67           | 42           | 34           | 2%                | -19%                       | 646           |
| Avery                         | 5          | 21         | 11         | 13         | 15         | 14         | 15         | 23         | 6          | 15         | 26         | 10         | 25         | 46           | 17         | 46           | 25         | 45           | 25         | 48           | 43           | 50           | 52           | 47           | 57           | 41           | 59           | 38           | 37           | 48           | 3%                | 30%                        | 923           |
| Buncombe                      | 13         | 21         | 8          | 12         | 12         | 13         | 24         | 31         | 13         | 18         | 19         | 17         | 39         | 47           | 18         | 49           | 47         | 74           | 30         | 61           | 68           | 69           | 103          | 77           | 121          | 86           | 122          | 105          | 94           | 148          | 10%               | 57%                        | 1559          |
| Burke                         | 15         | 10         | 12         | 6          | 15         | 6          | 19         | 19         | 6          | 5          | 13         | 19         | 26         | 57           | 28         | 37           | 38         | 55           | 19         | 33           | 36           | 47           | 44           | 70           | 41           | 58           | 49           | 55           | 69           | 69           | 5%                | 0%                         | 976           |
| Caldwell                      | 11         | 22         | 10         | 9          | 18         | 23         | 15         | 26         | 9          | 12         | 20         | 16         | 25         | 39           | 15         | 36           | 23         | 31           | 15         | 51           | 40           | 48           | 45           | 49           | 46           | 43           | 57           | 60           | 58           | 68           | 5%                | 17%                        | 940           |
| Cherokee                      | 43         | 115        | 36         | 105        | 56         | 30         | 45         | 61         | 47         | 35         | 62         | 39         | 51         | 75           | 51         | 85           | 71         | 58           | 32         | 65           | 44           | 64           | 60           | 52           | 47           | 35           | 42           | 36           | 51           | 49           | 3%                | -4%                        | 1642          |
| Clay                          | 40         | 34         | 28         | 34         | 50         | 33         | 18         | 32         | 30         | 24         | 43         | 48         | 53         | 27           | 49         | 25           | 40         | 37           | 25         | 29           | 27           | 32           | 40           | 43           | 38           | 34           | 32           | 38           | 50           | 57           | 4%                | 14%                        | 1090          |
| Cleveland                     | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1            | 0          | 0            | 3          | 3            | 1          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 0            | 5            | 1            | 1            | 5            | 4            | 0%                | -20%                       | 28            |
| Graham                        | 43         | 116        | 44         | 63         | 62         | 38         | 51         | 66         | 67         | 86         | 87         | 70         | 55         | 111          | 74         | 134          | 96         | 68           | 77         | 116          | 58           | 103          | 95           | 76           | 81           | 52           | 71           | 53           | 111          | 34           | 2%                | -69%                       | 2258          |
| Haywood                       | 28         | 66         | 18         | 44         | 32         | 37         | 48         | 78         | 33         | 46         | 72         | 60         | 76         | 96           | 41         | 127          | 75         | 102          | 54         | 117          | 92           | 99           | 142          | 104          | 139          | 123          | 161          | 143          | 154          | 139          | 10%               | -10%                       | 2546          |
| Henderson                     | 7          | 10         | 8          | 5          | 26         | 10         | 7          | 16         | 8          | 14         | 13         | 22         | 23         | 35           | 10         | 37           | 25         | 38           | 7          | 28           | 26           | 33           | 61           | 65           | 46           | 59           | 56           | 57           | 69           | 68           | 5%                | -1%                        | 889           |
| Jackson                       | 15         | 13         | 13         | 9          | 24         | 12         | 5          | 25         | 26         | 21         | 31         | 38         | 23         | 47           | 28         | 37           | 59         | 71           | 26         | 63           | 54           | 64           | 80           | 50           | 78           | 51           | 85           | 86           | 98           | 66           | 5%                | -33%                       | 1298          |
| Macon                         | 24         | 49         | 65         | 31         | 47         | 78         | 51         | 65         | 53         | 44         | 89         | 80         | 81         | 95           | 65         | 77           | 67         | 110          | 50         | 87           | 41           | 76           | 72           | 92           | 77           | 66           | 95           | 91           | 106          | 82           | 6%                | -23%                       | 2106          |
| Madison                       | 7          | 48         | 38         | 33         | 36         | 26         | 44         | 57         | 35         | 49         | 48         | 66         | 80         | 92           | 46         | 73           | 73         | 91           | 55         | 120          | 107          | 79           | 135          | 102          | 97           | 122          | 108          | 148          | 83           | 6%           | -44%              | 2225                       |               |
| McDowell                      | 32         | 70         | 43         | 28         | 33         | 38         | 42         | 67         | 41         | 68         | 38         | 54         | 66         | 98           | 87         | 105          | 110        | 98           | 67         | 81           | 119          | 117          | 128          | 109          | 144          | 107          | 135          | 140          | 99           | 151          | 10%               | 53%                        | 2515          |
| Mitchell                      | 4          | 16         | 20         | 9          | 15         | 7          | 32         | 24         | 13         | 14         | 24         | 16         | 47         | 64           | 19         | 40           | 29         | 42           | 22         | 37           | 36           | 45           | 52           | 32           | 37           | 35           | 43           | 31           | 31           | 45           | 3%                | 45%                        | 881           |
| Polk                          | 0          | 0          | 3          | 2          | 3          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 3          | 3          | 8            | 2          | 5            | 3          | 13           | 5          | 9            | 3            | 7            | 15           | 13           | 18           | 25           | 34           | 42           | 22           | 27           | 2%                | 23%                        | 267           |
| Rutherford                    | 7          | 14         | 4          | 4          | 4          | 3          | 6          | 16         | 7          | 8          | 15         | 5          | 15         | 29           | 8          | 6            | 10         | 25           | 7          | 14           | 13           | 16           | 24           | 29           | 23           | 19           | 35           | 37           | 29           | 53           | 4%                | 83%                        | 485           |
| Surry                         | n/s        | n/s        | n/s        | n/s        | n/s        | n/s        | n/s        | n/s        | n/s        | 5          | 3          | 3          | 2          | 11           | 2          | 15           | 11         | 15           | 6          | 8            | 21           | 18           | 6            | 17           | 23           | 18           | 12           | 30           | 31           | 15           | 1%                | -52%                       | 272           |
| Swain                         | 8          | 24         | 9          | 11         | 26         | 6          | 15         | 18         | 7          | 24         | 27         | 14         | 16         | 22           | 15         | 43           | 24         | 23           | 14         | 24           | 23           | 33           | 52           | 13           | 42           | 35           | 27           | 30           | 46           | 30           | 2%                | -35%                       | 701           |
| Transylvania                  | 3          | 21         | 23         | 19         | 28         | 19         | 22         | 17         | 11         | 34         | 12         | 30         | 20         | 36           | 26         | 43           | 42         | 52           | 18         | 33           | 25           | 42           | 45           | 55           | 53           | 45           | 59           | 53           | 63           | 65           | 4%                | 3%                         | 1014          |
| Watauga                       | 2          | 5          | 3          | 3          | 3          | 4          | 7          | 2          | 3          | 5          | 8          | 5          | 9          | 17           | 3          | 9            | 10         | 20           | 8          | 26           | 10           | 17           | 18           | 18           | 20           | 14           | 19           | 23           | 25           | 20           | 1%                | -20%                       | 336           |
| Wilkes                        | 1          | 1          | 5          | 4          | 4          | 4          | 9          | 9          | 6          | 8          | 13         | 3          | 21         | 20           | 9          | 24           | 13         | 16           | 10         | 29           | 27           | 35           | 62           | 28           | 46           | 40           | 30           | 57           | 62           | 26           | 2%                | -58%                       | 622           |
| Yancey                        | 17         | 44         | 19         | 38         | 39         | 19         | 41         | 51         | 17         | 43         | 48         | 45         | 74         | 73           | 42         | 78           | 56         | 89           | 51         | 83           | 97           | 109          | 84           | 107          | 94           | 78           | 87           | 87           | 43           | 68           | 5%                | 58%                        | 1821          |
| <b>Totals</b>                 | <b>325</b> | <b>726</b> | <b>421</b> | <b>485</b> | <b>561</b> | <b>426</b> | <b>530</b> | <b>717</b> | <b>444</b> | <b>590</b> | <b>724</b> | <b>677</b> | <b>856</b> | <b>1,197</b> | <b>662</b> | <b>1,170</b> | <b>980</b> | <b>1,207</b> | <b>634</b> | <b>1,199</b> | <b>1,051</b> | <b>1,264</b> | <b>1,466</b> | <b>1,290</b> | <b>1,429</b> | <b>1,230</b> | <b>1,468</b> | <b>1,497</b> | <b>1,574</b> | <b>1,462</b> |                   |                            | <b>28,262</b> |
| % change from previous season |            | 123%       | -42%       | 15%        | 16%        | -24%       | 24%        | 35%        | -38%       | 33%        | 23%        | -6%        | 26%        | 40%          | -45%       | 77%          | -16%       | 23%          | -47%       | 89%          | -12%         | 20%          | 16%          | -12%         | 11%          | -14%         | 19%          | 2%           | 5%           | -7%          |                   |                            |               |