



# U.S. Wildlife Damage

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## U.S. Agricultural Losses Valued at \$944 Million Due to Wildlife Damage

Crop and livestock losses from wildlife in the United States totaled \$944 million during 2001. Field crop losses to wildlife totaled \$619 million, livestock and poultry losses totaled \$178 million, and losses of vegetables, fruits and nuts totaled \$146 million. These losses include destruction of or damage to crops in the field and death or injury to livestock caused by wildlife.

Major wildlife species causing damage and the percentage of occurrence reported is also highlighted in the following table. Individuals were allowed to report more than one species, if applicable. Occurrence of wildlife species reported causing damage should not be used to derive dollar loss by species.

A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all crop and livestock producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. About 12,000 operators were contacted during February and March by telephone interview. Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. Non-sampling error was minimized through rigid quality control in the data collection process and a careful review of reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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**Percent of Total Operations Reporting Wildlife Damage and Value of Losses, 2001**

State	Field Crops		Livestock and Poultry		Vegetables, Fruits and Nuts	
	Percent	1,000 Dollars	Percent	1,000 Dollars	Percent	1,000 Dollars
US	48	619,100	19	178,200	55	146,300

**Wildlife Species Reported Causing Damage, United States, 2001<sup>1</sup>**

Field Crops		Livestock and Poultry		Vegetables, Fruits and Nuts	
Species	Percent	Species	Percent	Species	Percent
Deer	58	Coyotes	57	Deer	33
Turkeys	6	Cougars	6	Squirrels, Ground	12
Raccoons	6	and Bobcats	5	and Others	7
Geese, Canada	5	Fox	4	Crows	6
and Others	3	Dogs	3	Raccoons	6
Wild Pigs	22	Raccoons	25	Rabbits	6
Other Wildlife		Other Wildlife		Other Wildlife	36

<sup>1</sup> Percent reported were adjusted to sum to 100.

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