



# Turtles 101

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# Protect Our Turtles

**Snapping Turtle**



**Painted Turtle**



**Blanding's Turtle**



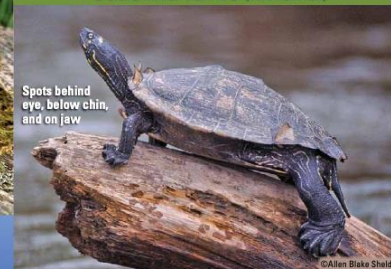
**Wood Turtle**



**Northern Map Turtle**



**Ouachita Turtle (WAH-shi-tah)**



**False Map Turtle**



**Smooth Softshell**






















































**Spiny Softshell**



- Preserve water quality
- Protect upland turtle habitat
- Leave turtles in the wild
- Do not disturb nesting turtles
- Avoid or brake for turtles if it is safe to do so
- Don't release pet turtles



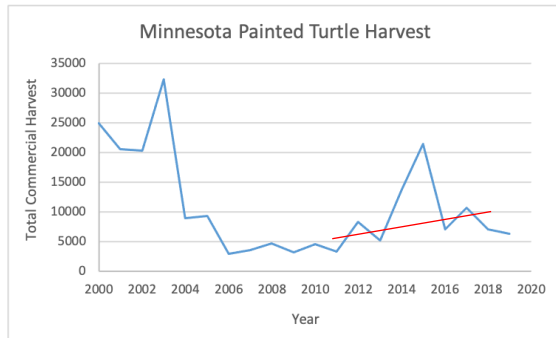
## General comparison of reproductive potential among big-game species in Ontario

Year	Snapping Turtle	Black Bear	Moose	White-tailed Deer
0				
1				
2				 
3			 	 
4			 	 
5			   	 
6		 	    	
17	 	  = 25	   = 681	  = 912

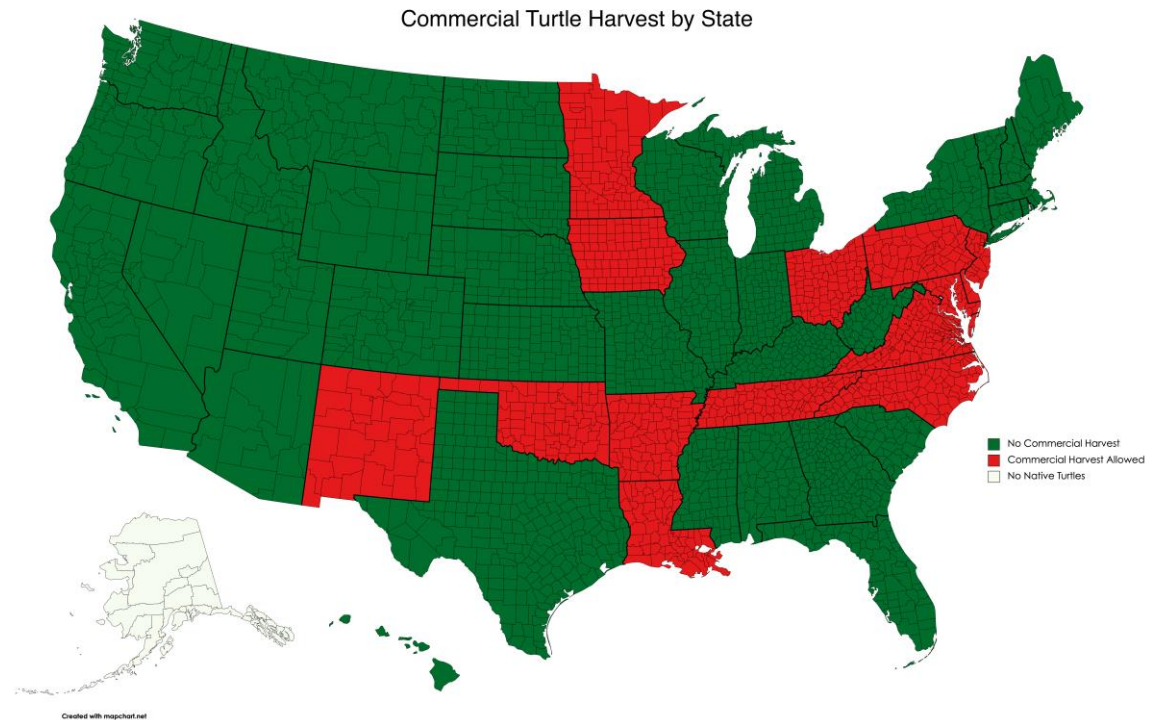
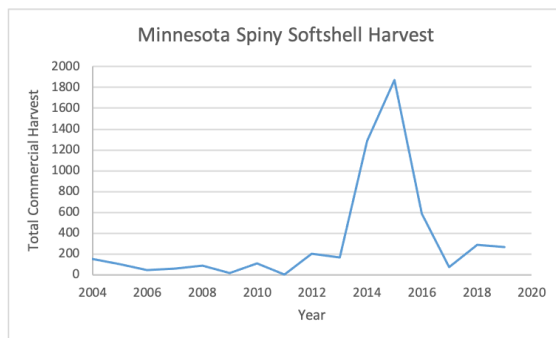
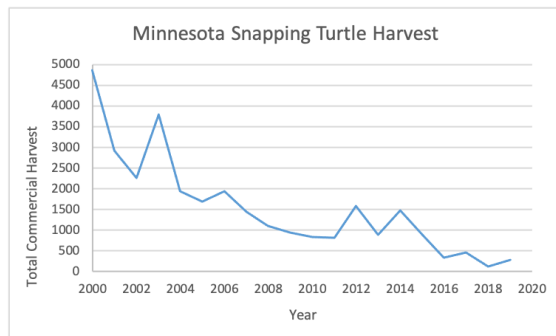
Note this chart does not take mortality into consideration.

This chart was developed by the OMNR Black Bear Technical Team in 2005 based on an original idea by George Kolenosky.

Snapping Turtle column was added by the Ontario Multi-Species Turtle Recovery Team in 2008.



- Moratorium on new turtle seller's licenses early 2000s
- Turtle sellers made aware of goal to eliminate harvest
- Then Senator Bob Lessard announced to the commercial turtle harvesters in the audience that "...this is the initial step and we will eliminate commercial harvesting in the future."





# Questions?

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