

September Wild Alligator Harvest in Louisiana, 1972-2005 *

Year **	Commercial Hunters	Tags Issued	Number Taken	Percent Success	Avg T. L. in Feet	Skin Value		Meat ****	
						Avg/foot	Total	Amount (lbs)	Value
1972	59	1,961	1,350	68.8	6.92	\$8.10	\$75,670	***	***
1973	107	3,243	2,921	90.1	7.58	\$13.13	\$290,714	***	***
1975	191	4,645	4,420	95.2	7.51	\$7.88	\$261,570	***	***
1976	198	4,767	4,389	92.1	7.09	\$16.55	\$515,003	***	***
1977	236	5,760	5,474	95	7.35	\$12.23	\$492,061	***	***
1979	708	17,516	16,300	93	6.92	\$15.00	\$1,691,940	100,089	\$125,000
1980	796	19,134	17,692	92.5	6.59	\$13.00	\$1,515,674	100,089	\$125,000
1981	913	15,534	14,870	95.7	6.92	\$17.50	\$1,800,757	100,089	\$125,000
1982	1,184	18,188	17,142	94.2	6.82	\$13.50	\$1,578,264	100,089	\$125,000
1983	945	17,130	16,154	94.3	6.92	\$13.00	\$1,453,214	100,089	\$125,000
1984	1,104	18,386	17,389	94.6	6.99	\$21.00	\$2,552,531	100,089	\$125,000
1985	1,076	17,466	16,691	95.6	7.09	\$21.00	\$2,485,123	150,133	\$675,000
1986	1,207	23,267	22,429	96	6.92	\$23.00	\$3,569,800	310,275	\$1,395,000
1987	1,370	24,635	23,892	97	7.09	\$40.00	\$6,775,771	500,444	\$2,250,000
1988	1,545	24,111	23,526	98	7.25	\$48.00	\$8,187,048	600,533	\$3,000,000
1989	1,769	25,492	24,846	97.4	7.25	\$50.00	\$9,006,675	747,448	\$3,000,000
1990	1,921	26,051	25,575	98.2	7.25	\$57.00	\$10,568,869	701,063	\$3,000,000
1991	1,995	24,532	23,870	97.3	7.45	\$32.00	\$5,690,608	684,109	\$2,935,000
1992	1,686	25,378	24,000	94	7.25	\$23.00	\$4,002,000	687,835	\$2,951,520
1993	1,702	24,805	23,991	96.7	7.25	\$23.00	\$4,000,499	687,615	\$2,889,000
1994	1,774	27,694	27,120	97.9	7.35	\$37.00	\$7,375,284	771,610	\$3,243,000
1995	1,877	28,931	28,442	98.3	7.35	\$41.00	\$8,570,997	809,088	\$3,400,000
1996	1,948	26,578	25,789	97	7.41	\$25.00	\$4,777,412	734,793	\$3,967,800
1997	1,973	29,900	29,085	97.3	7.08	\$18.00	\$3,706,592	828,423	\$4,473,000
1998	1,888	30,198	28,639	94.8	7.08	\$15.00	\$3,041,462	804,679	\$4,350,000
1999 regular	1,902	33,279	32,097	96.4	7.17	\$22.00	\$5,062,981	909,398	\$4,881,000
1999 bonus		3,308	3,173	95.9	5.75	\$15.50	\$282,794	44,335	\$237,250
2000 regular	1,941	31,999	30,532	95.4	7.17	\$27.00	\$5,910,690	1,061,903	\$5,702,419
2000 bonus		3,299	3,146	95.4	5.75	\$23.00	\$416,059	56,785	\$303,801
2001 regular	1,916	32,738	31,935	97.5	7.33	\$22.00	\$5,149,838	734,505	\$3,305,273
2001 bonus		3,333	3,213	96.4	5.83	\$20.00	\$374,636	73,899	\$332,546
2002 regular	1,955	31,847	30,487	95.7	7.25	\$16.00	\$3,536,492	701,201	\$3,155,405
2002 bonus		3,280	2,896	88.3	5.83	\$16.00	\$270,139	66,608	\$299,736
<u>2003 regular</u>	1,873	30,533	28,570	93.6	7.17	\$13.00	\$2,663,010	657,110	\$2,956,995
<u>2003 bonus</u>		3,270	3,011	92.1	5.83	\$13.00	\$228,204	69,253	\$311,639
<u>2004 regular</u>	1,859	31,573	30,447	96.4	7.17	\$22.50	\$4,911,862	700,281	\$3,151,265
<u>2004 bonus</u>		3,662	3,477	94.9	5.83	\$22.50	\$456,095	79,971	\$359,870
<u>2005 regular</u> ¹	1,934	32,569	27,829	85.4	7.17	\$34.50	\$6,883,921	640,067	\$2,880,302
<u>2005 bonus</u> ¹		4,008	3,440	85.8	5.83	\$34.50	\$691,904	79,120	\$356,040

* Does not include Salvador WMA harvests from 1972-2003 and Marsh Island experimental, nuisance, and farm harvests from 1972-present.

** The bonus tag program was initiated in 1999 to increase the overall number of wild alligators harvested without putting any additional pressure on the 6' and over portion of the wild population.

*** Sale of meat not permitted; La. Health Department regulations first allowed meat sales in 1979.

**** Bone in from 1979-1984, deboned from 1985-present.

¹ Subject to change, numbers updated January 27, 2006.

¹ Estimated harvest

