

2022 Florida Gulf Red Snapper Update

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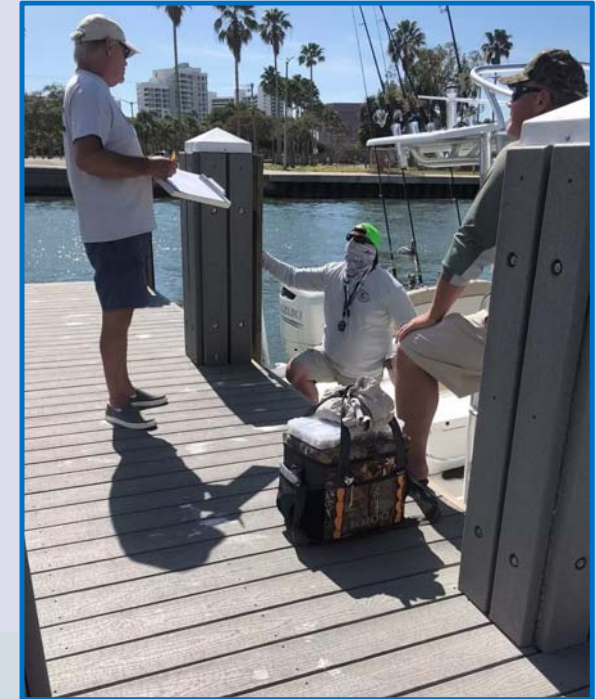
Gulf Council Meeting – Mobile, AL
June 6, 2023



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Florida State Reef Fish Survey (SRFS)

- Replaced the Gulf Reef Fish Survey in July 2020
- Required for all fishers (Gulf and Atlantic) targeting or harvesting **13** reef fish species from a private vessel
 - Annual no-cost designation
- Two survey components
 - Mail survey (monthly) & dockside interviews
 - Supplemented with MRIP angler interviews
- Not designed for “real-time” monitoring like other states
 - Not feasible for FL due to numerous access points and larger amount of anglers



2022 Gulf Red Snapper Season

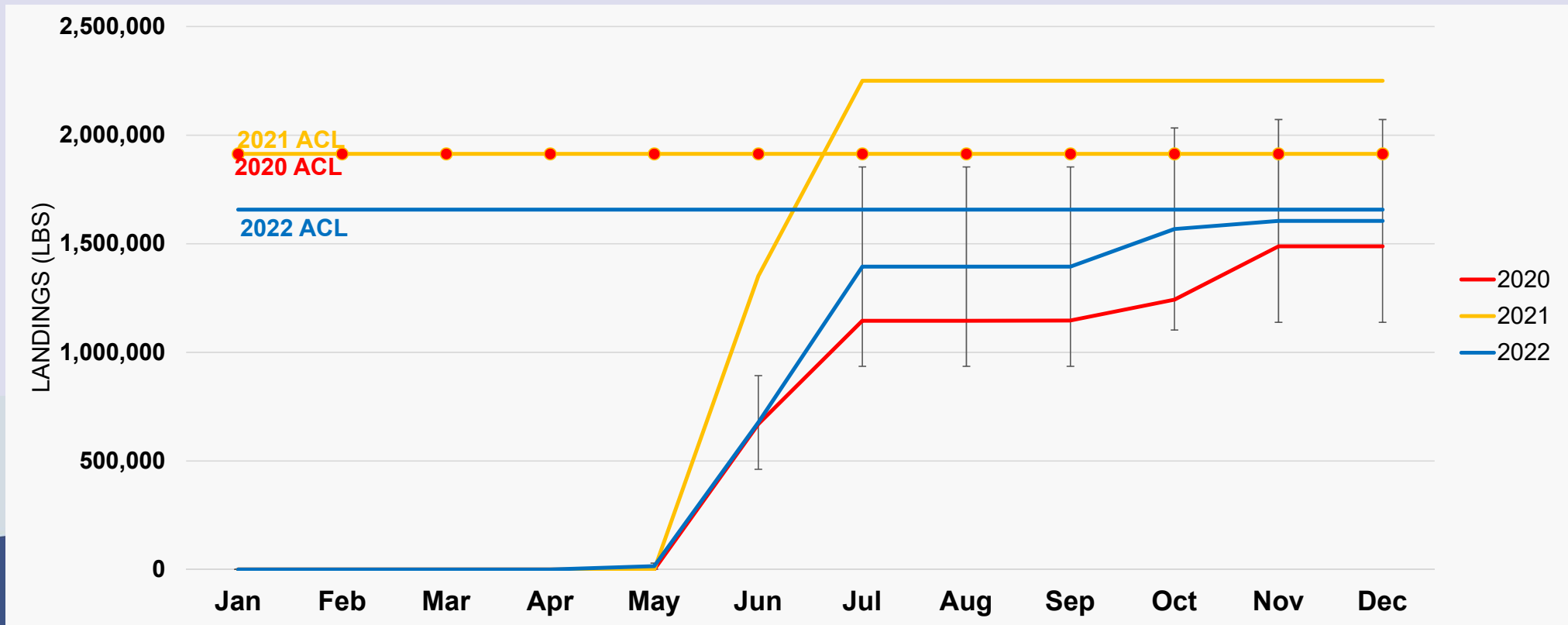
- 2022 quota: 1,657,163 lbs.
 - Accounts for 256,288 lbs. overage in 2021
- Florida recreational season: June 17 – July 31
 - Reopen for select fall weekends:
 - Oct. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23
 - Nov. 11-13 (Veterans Day)
 - Nov. 25-27 (Thanksgiving)



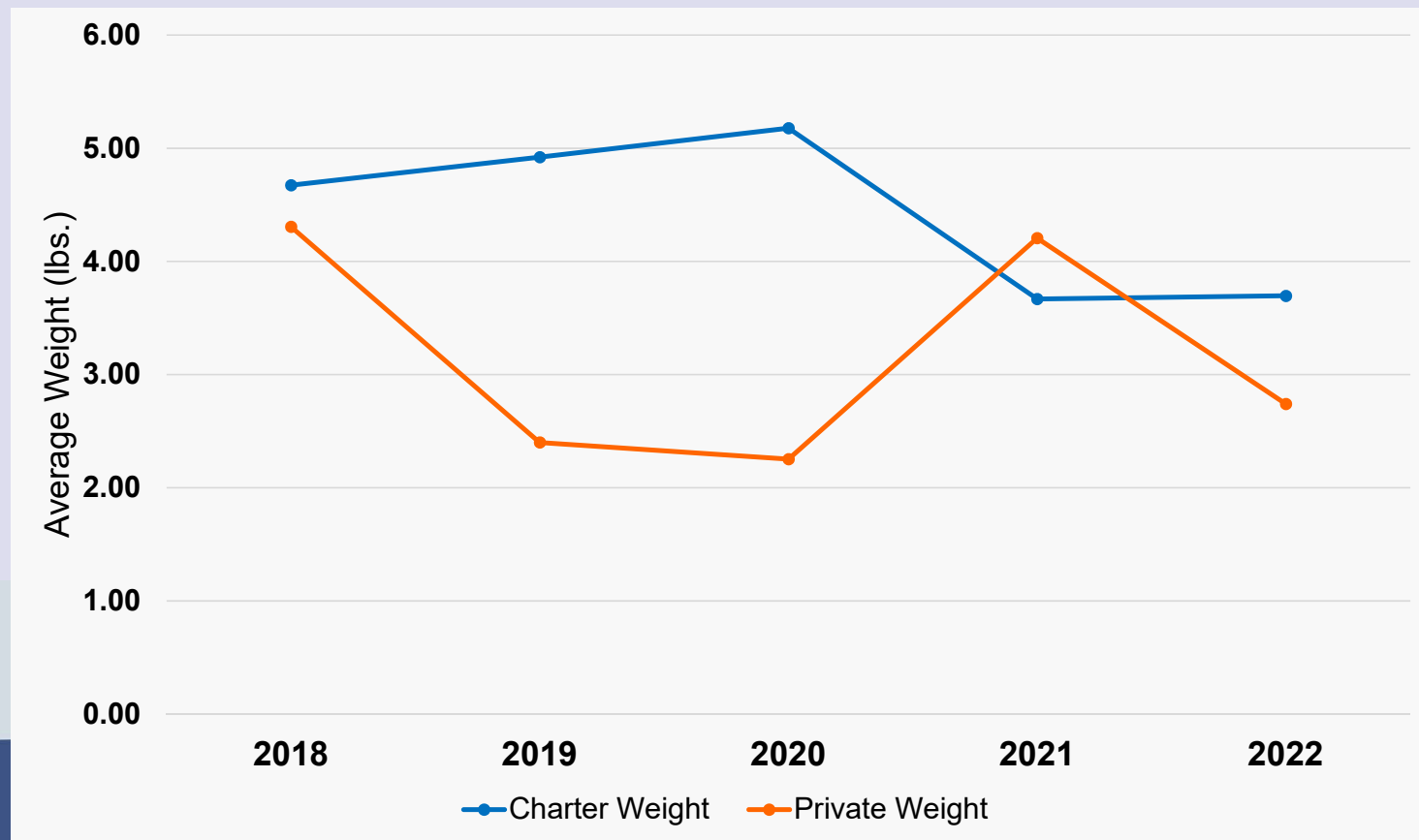
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Recreational Private and State Charter Gulf Red Snapper Landings Estimates

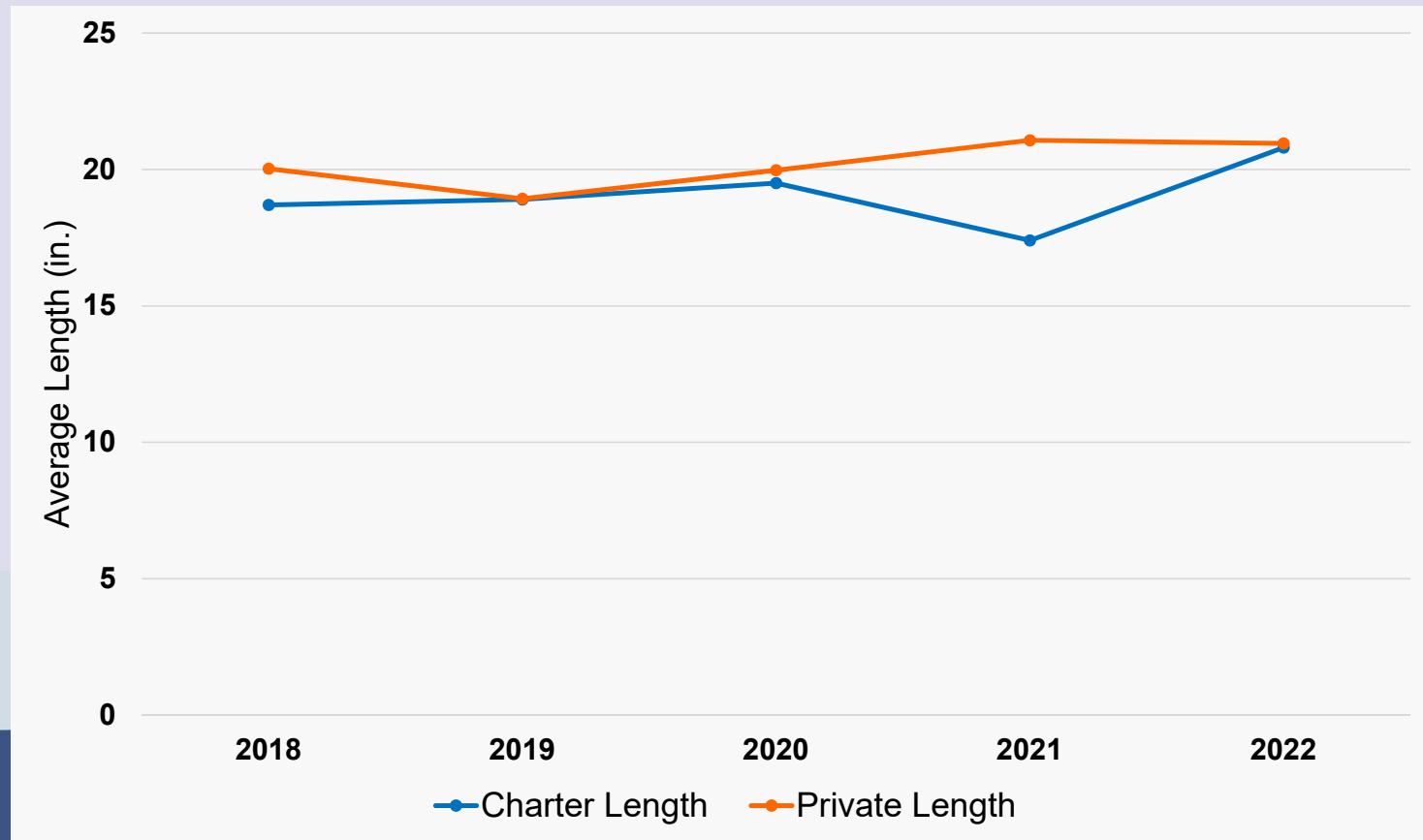
- Final 2022 landings: 1,605,799 pounds (97% of quota)



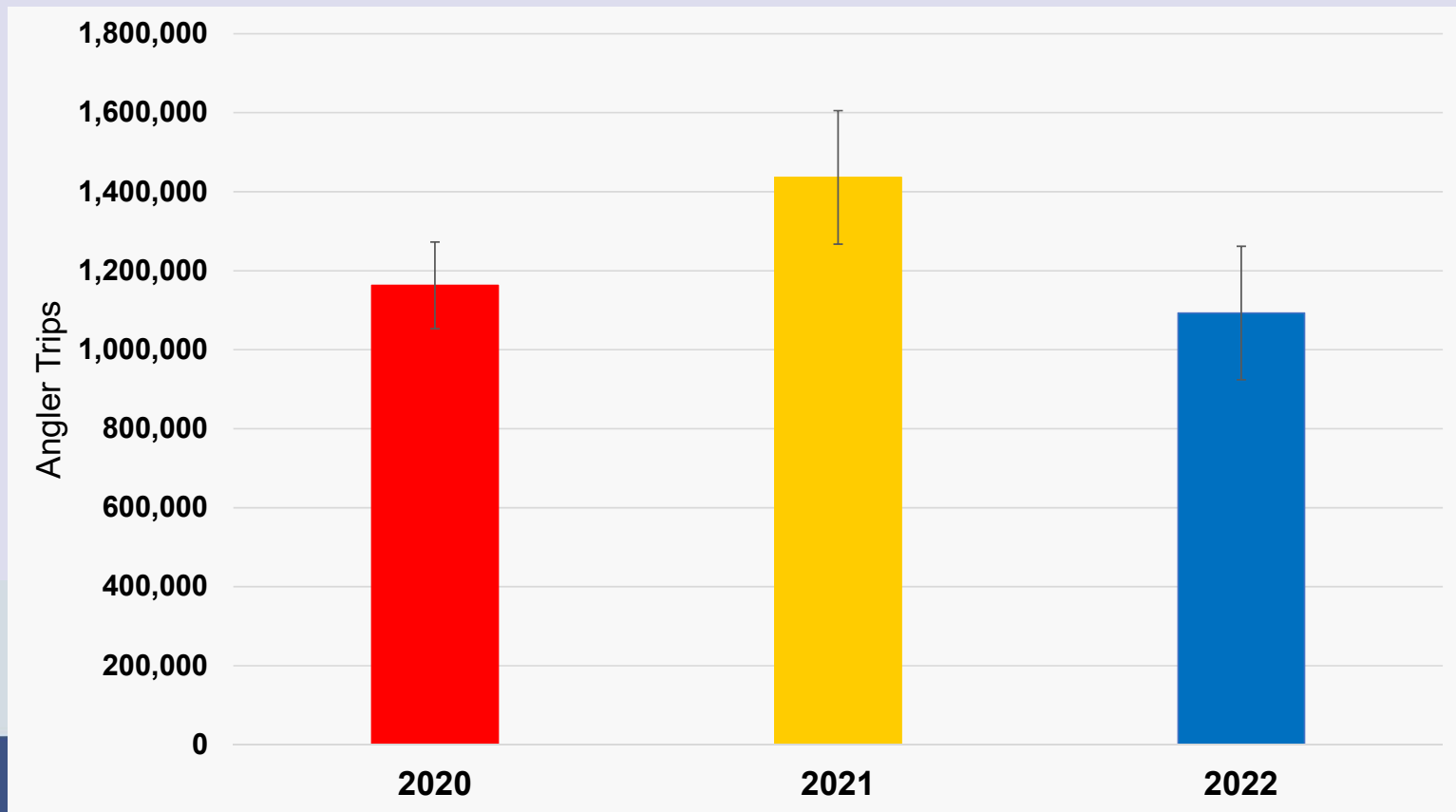
Recreational Private and Charter Gulf Red Snapper Average Weights



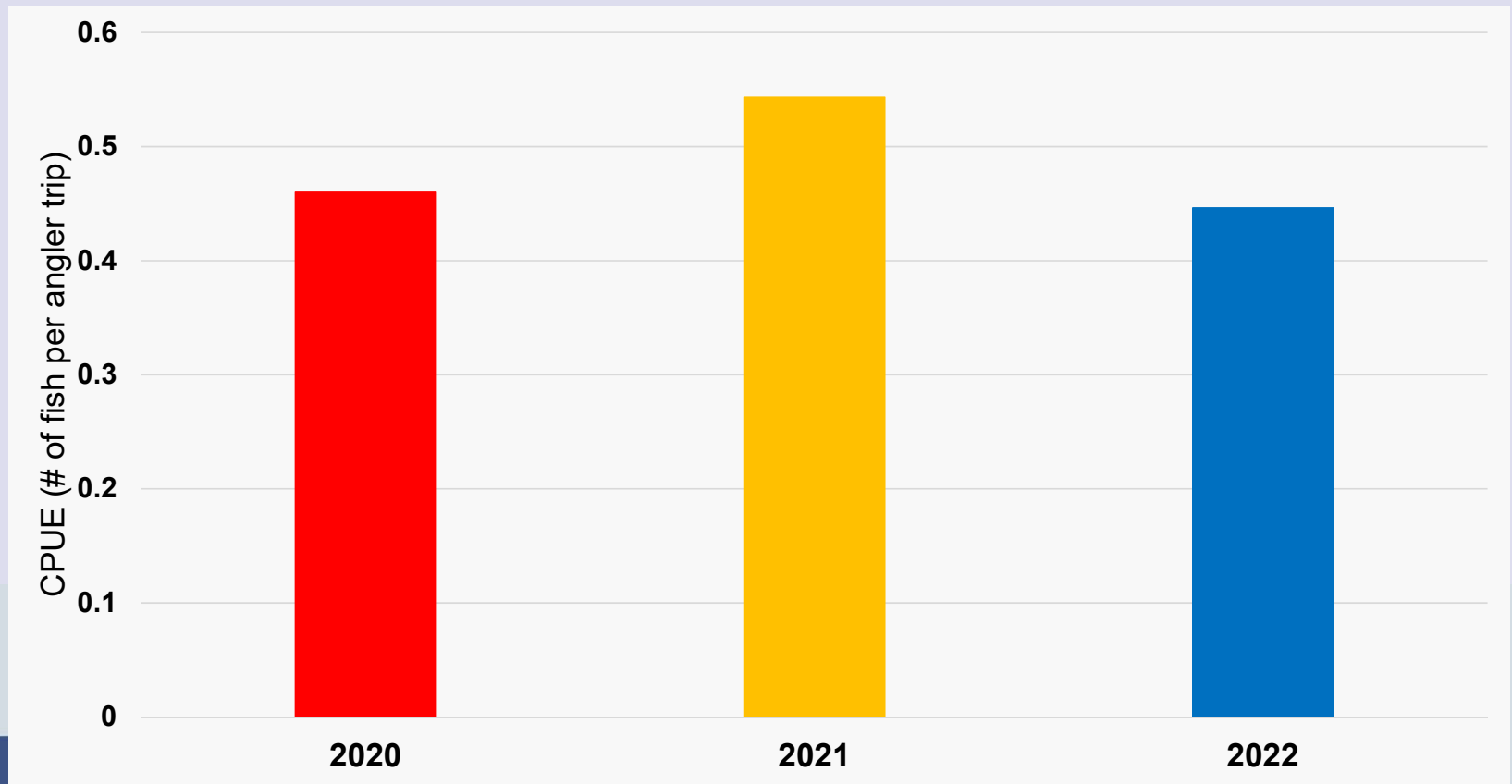
Average Recreational Private and Charter Gulf Red Snapper Average Lengths



Private Recreational Gulf Red Snapper Effort Estimates



Private Recreational Gulf Red Snapper CPUE



2023 Gulf Red Snapper Season

- Summer season: June 16 – July 31
- Reopen for select fall weekends:
 - Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29
 - Nov. 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26
- In-season harvest monitoring will occur



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