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Starting in 2001 bull hunters were asked to submit front incisors for cementum annuli analyses to determine the age of the bull. The age analyses was conducted by Matson's Laboratory. Bull elk teeth were not formally collected in 2002 except from Area 11 and 22 and were not collected in either 2004 or 2005 statewide. Only approximately 50% of the harvested bulls in each unit group were aged. An analysis was conducted based on main antler beam length on all bulls harvested in 2007 which showed that bulls not aged had slightly shorter average main-beam lengths, indicating the average age of the sampled bulls to be representative of all bulls harvested.

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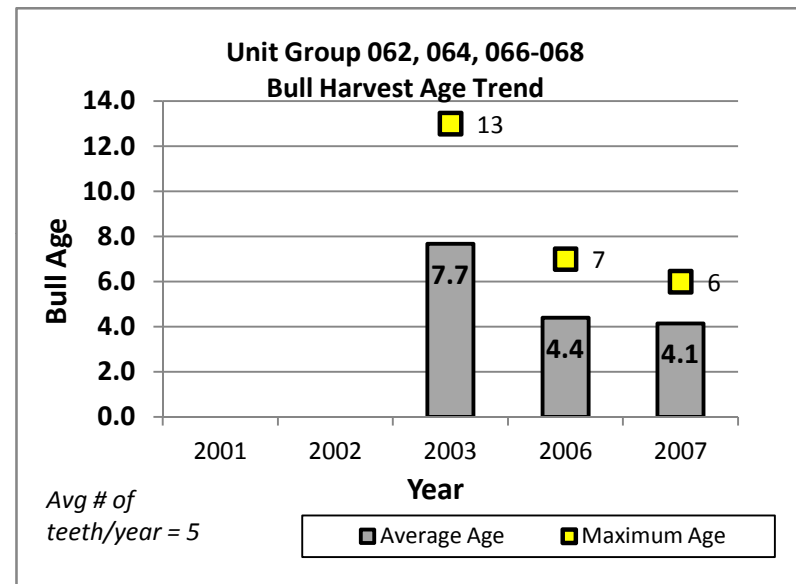
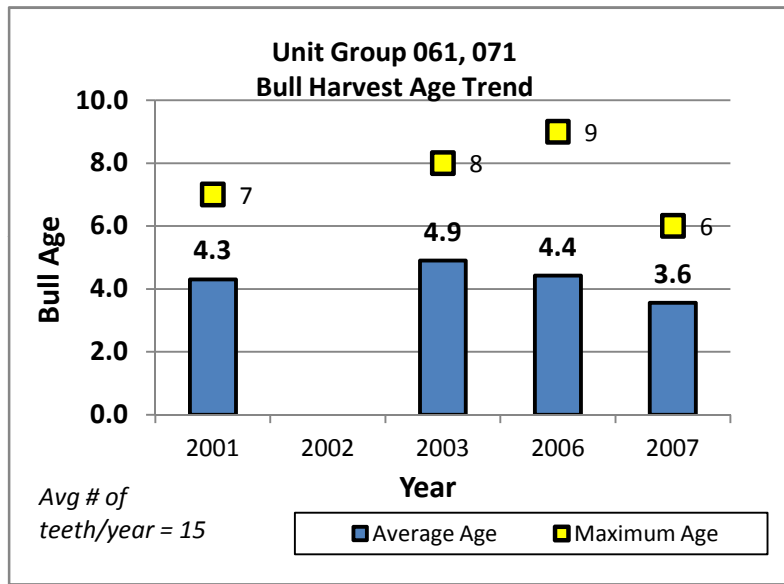


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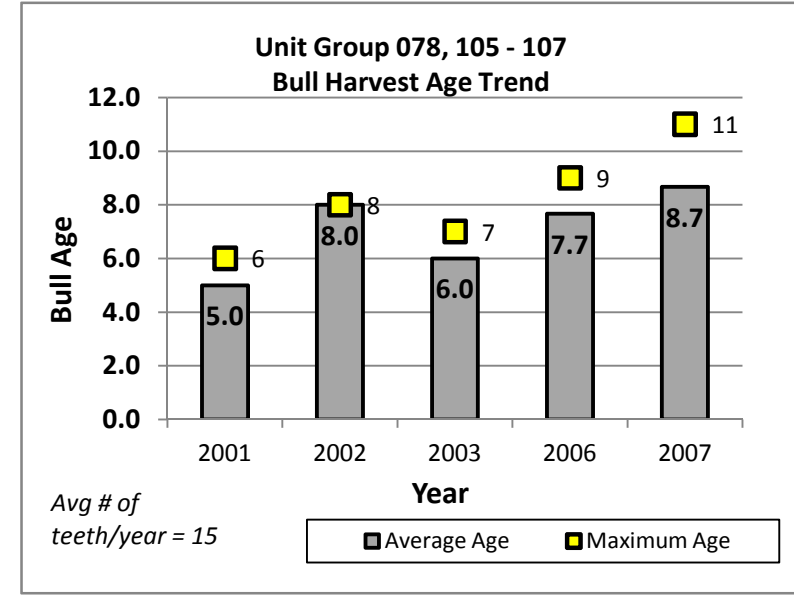
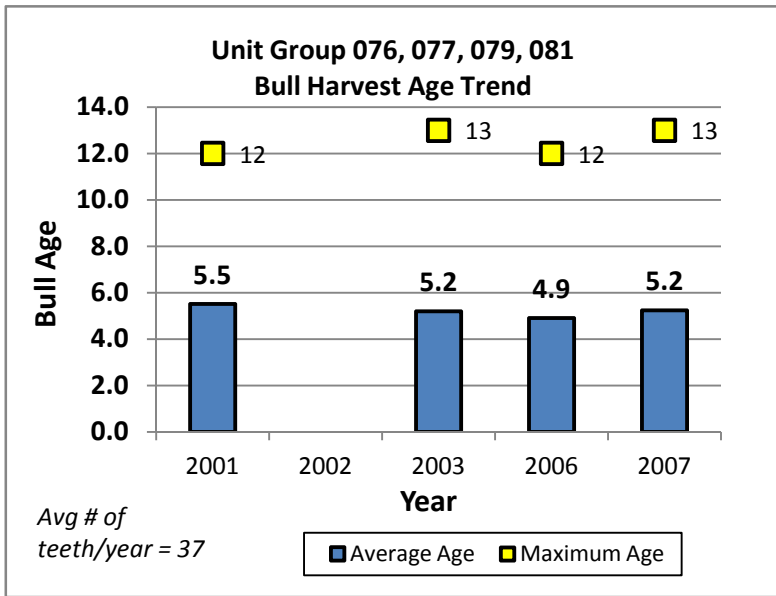
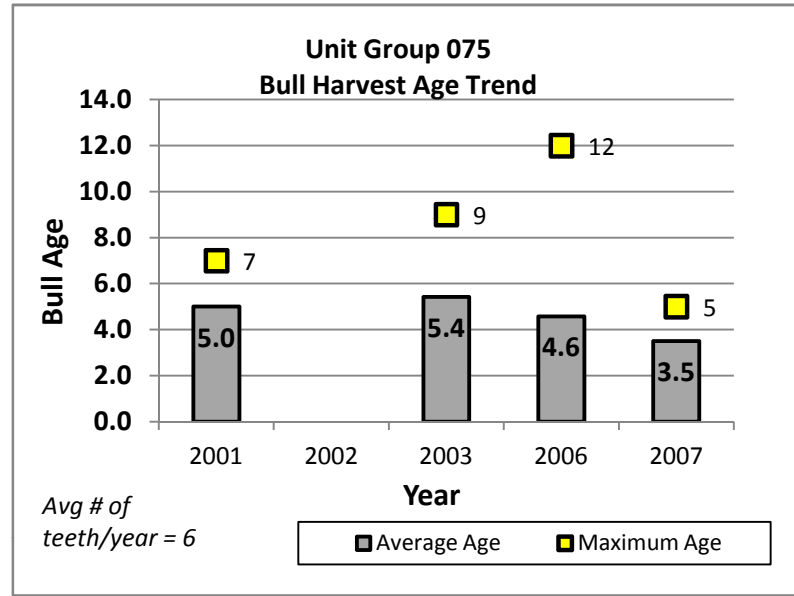
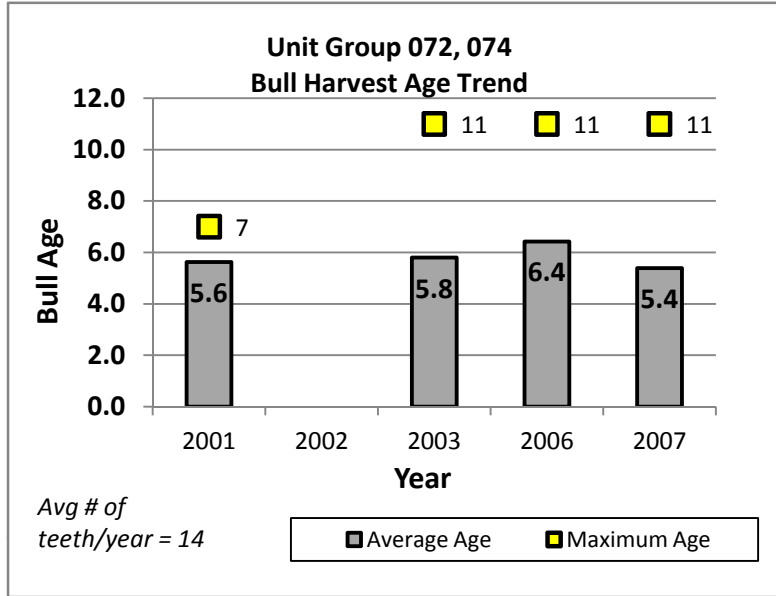


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