

A Nez Perce Tribe Perspective- LSRCF Next 10 Years

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Nez Perce View



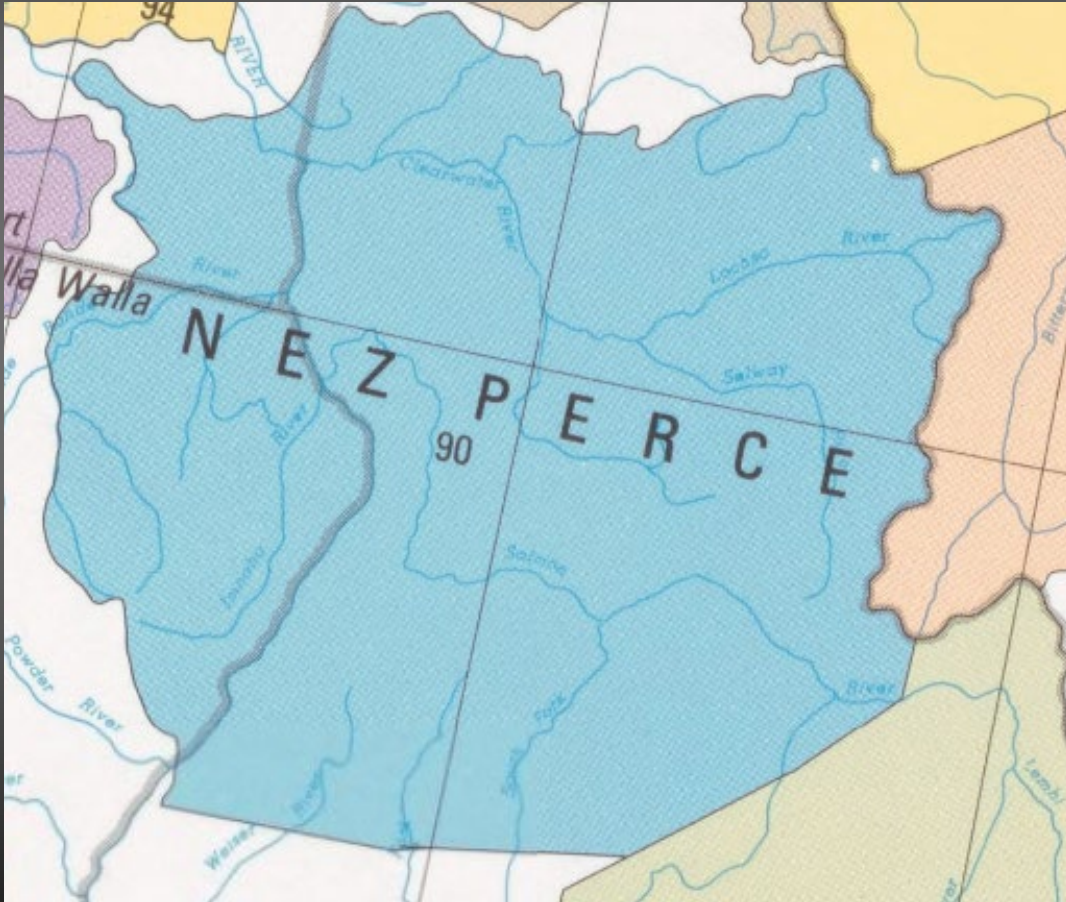
- NPT view is centered around the primary goal of the LSRCPP which is to mitigate loss of harvestable salmon and steelhead from operation of four Lower Snake River Dams.
- LSRCPP has not achieved the mitigation responsibility of 58,700 - not even once.
- This is a broken promise and we need this to change.

Three critical inter-related aspects for LSRCP to focus on in the next 10 years



1. Nez Perce Treaty Rights
2. LSRCP Mitigation Obligation & LSRCP Infrastructure Needs
3. Support NPT Treaty Management Needs to Produce Fish for the Future

Nez Perce Treaty Rights



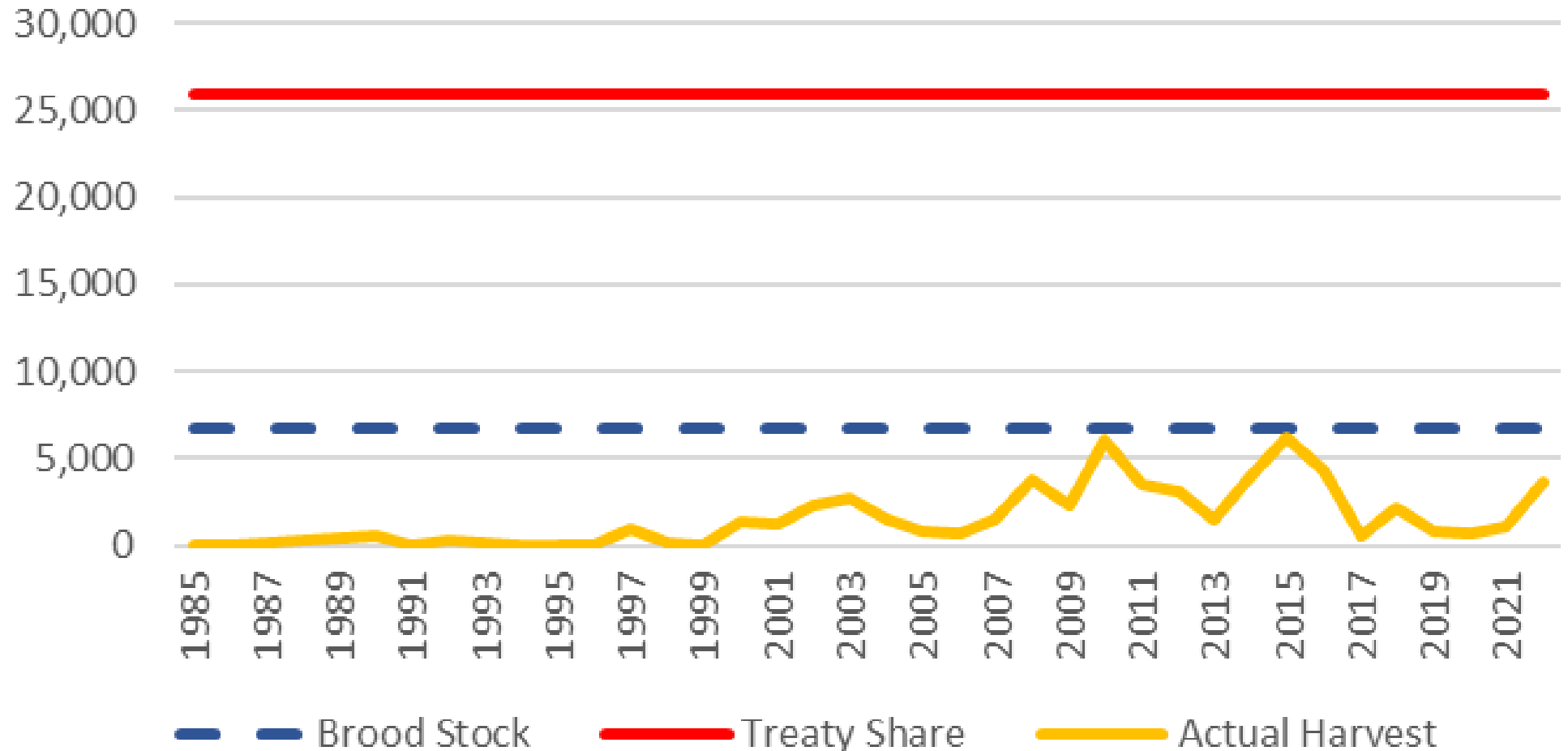
- Our vision is to ensure “all species and populations of anadromous and resident fish and their habitats will be healthy and harvestable within Nez Perce U & A areas.”
- LSRCF plays a critical role in mitigating losses to Nez Perce treaty fisheries, and in providing fish to support the culture, economy and health and wellbeing of our people.

LSRCP Mitigation Obligation & LSRCP Infrastructure Needs

Adult Return Goal	Hatchery Broodstock Need	Harvestable Fish	NPT Harvest Share
58,700	6,729	51,971	25,986

- Since inception of LSRCP, our analysis shows a deficit of approximately 1 million fish that NPT was unable to target.
- From 2013-2022 NPT harvest of Sp/Su Chinook averaged 2,500 adult fish, less than 1 adult fish per tribal member.
- Mitigation goal of 234,000 to downstream fisheries, which NPT participates in, has not been met. Significant fishery loss.

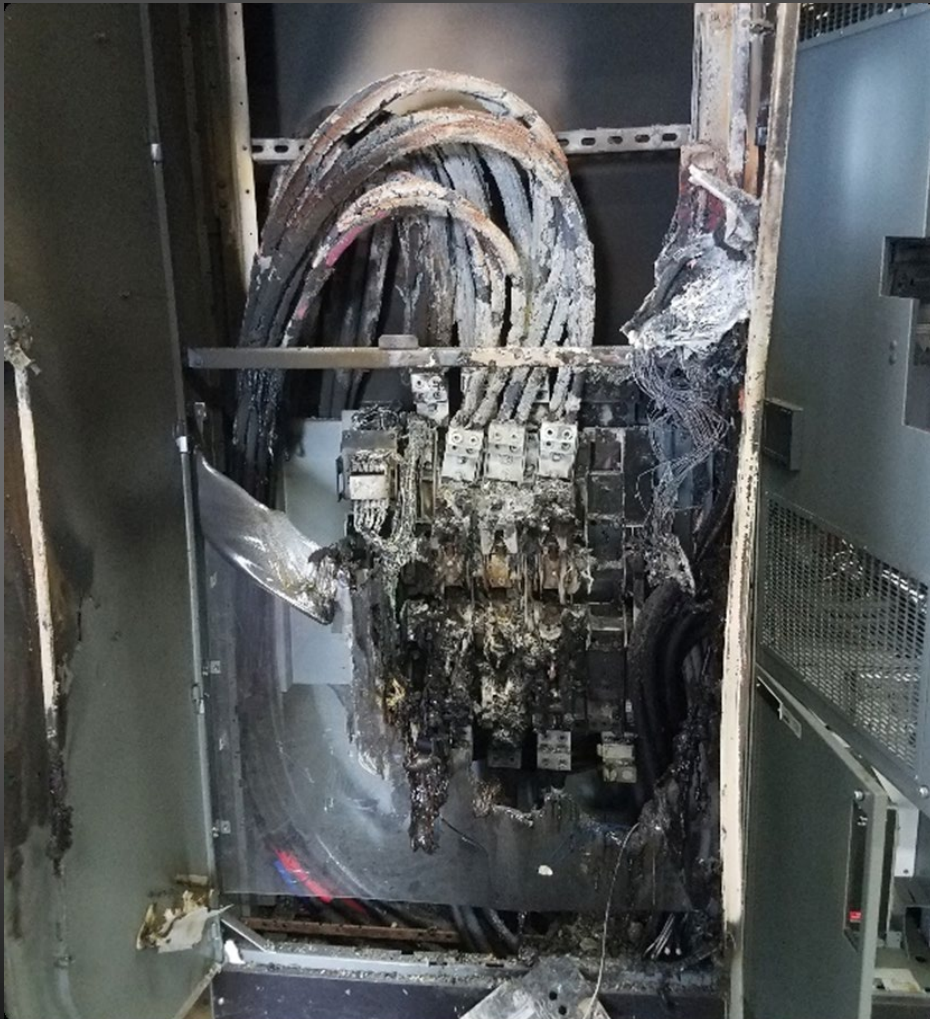
LSRCP Mitigation Obligations Vs. Actual Harvest, 1985-2022



Tribal Contributions to LSRCP

- Development of abundance-based harvest sliding scales.
- Strong collaborative process to manage LSRCP adult returns and hatcheries consistent with LSRCP production goals and HGMP's.
- Conduct extensive monitoring and evaluation of these programs to evaluate their effectiveness and status and trends.
- Implementation of supplementation programs which help conserve wild runs while supporting “fish to tables”.
- **NPT has been accountable to this program. The program needs to be accountable and uphold its part.**

LSRCP Infrastructure Needs



- Need \$131 million to address backlog of non-recurring maintenance and infrastructure needs to get facilities up to par.
- This should be one of our top priorities to achieve immediately.

Support NPT Treaty Management Needs to Produce Fish for the Future

- NPT regulates harvest to ensure LSRCF production goals are met.
- Need to maintain the customs, traditions, and family use and history of these parts of our homeland.
- Seek to operate hatchery programs to conserve wild stocks while maintaining full mitigation level fisheries.
- Ensure the LSRCF funds critical hatchery, harvest, and research activities, and expand on those efforts as necessary.
- NPT is encouraged that FWS recognizes the status quo has not worked in meeting mitigation obligation and that more must be done to improve fish survival back to the project area.

Fish for the Future

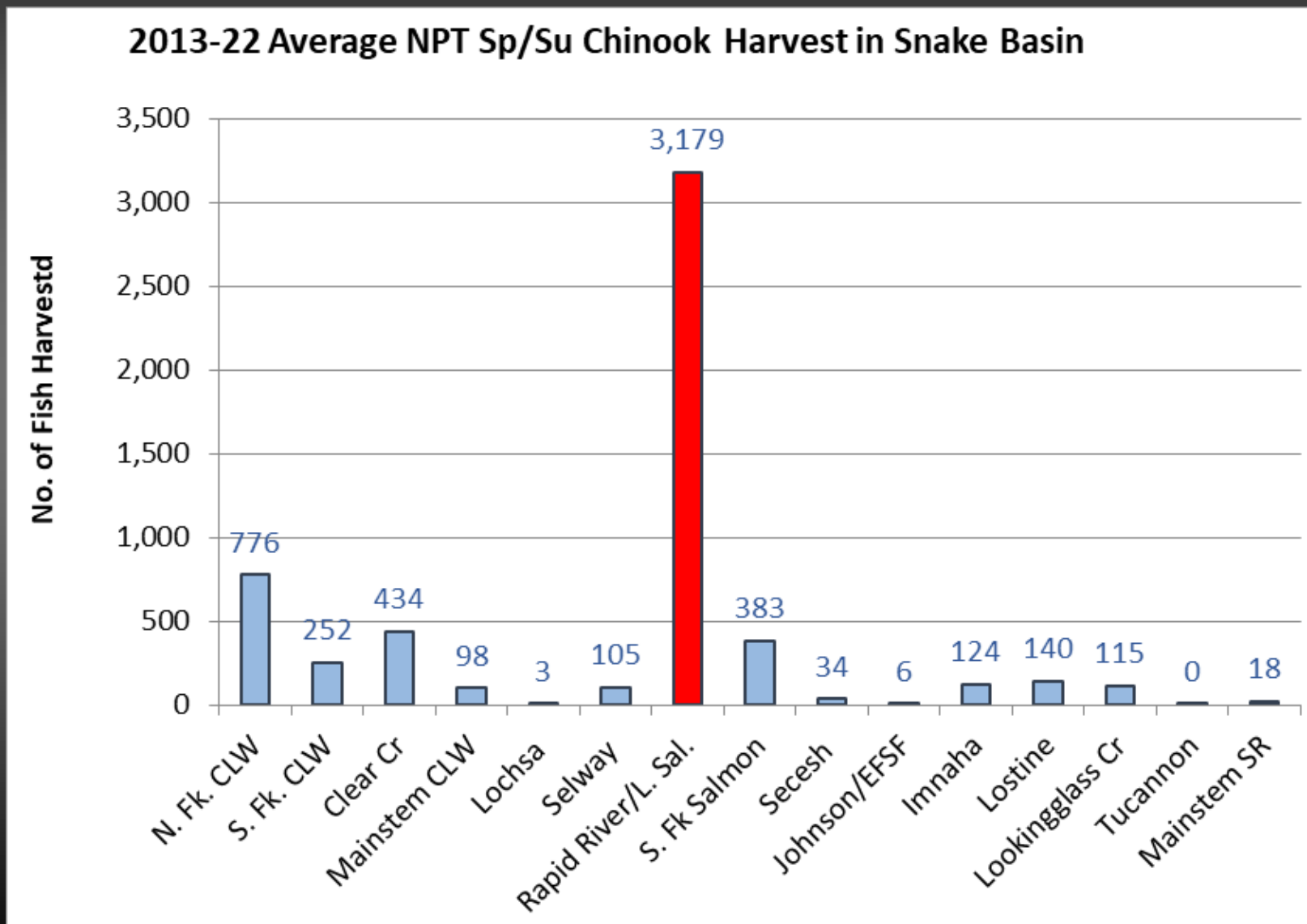
- NPT supports restoring Snake River to a natural, free-flowing river by removing these dams.
- NPT believes removal of the dams is necessary to save wild fish and reach mitigation goals.
- We need to understand connections of CBP goals, and NOAA's "Rebuilding Interior Columbia Basin Salmon and Steelhead" Report, to LSRCP & collaborators 10-Year Vision



QUESTIONS?

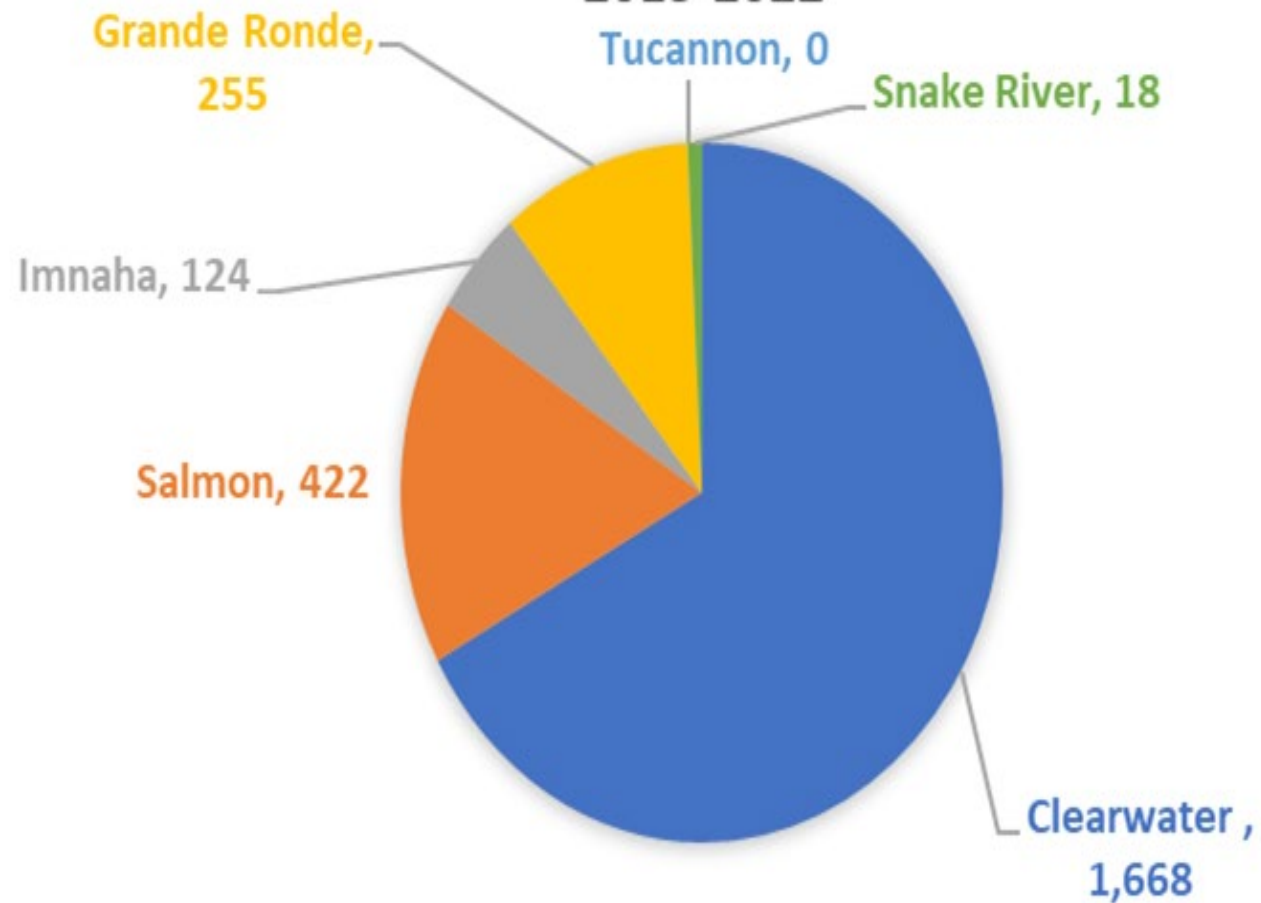


Recent NPT Average 10-Year Harvest



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SRB SPRING/SUMMER CHINOOK 10-YEAR NPT HARVEST,
2013-2022



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Average 10-Year NPT Harvest By State, 2013-2022

