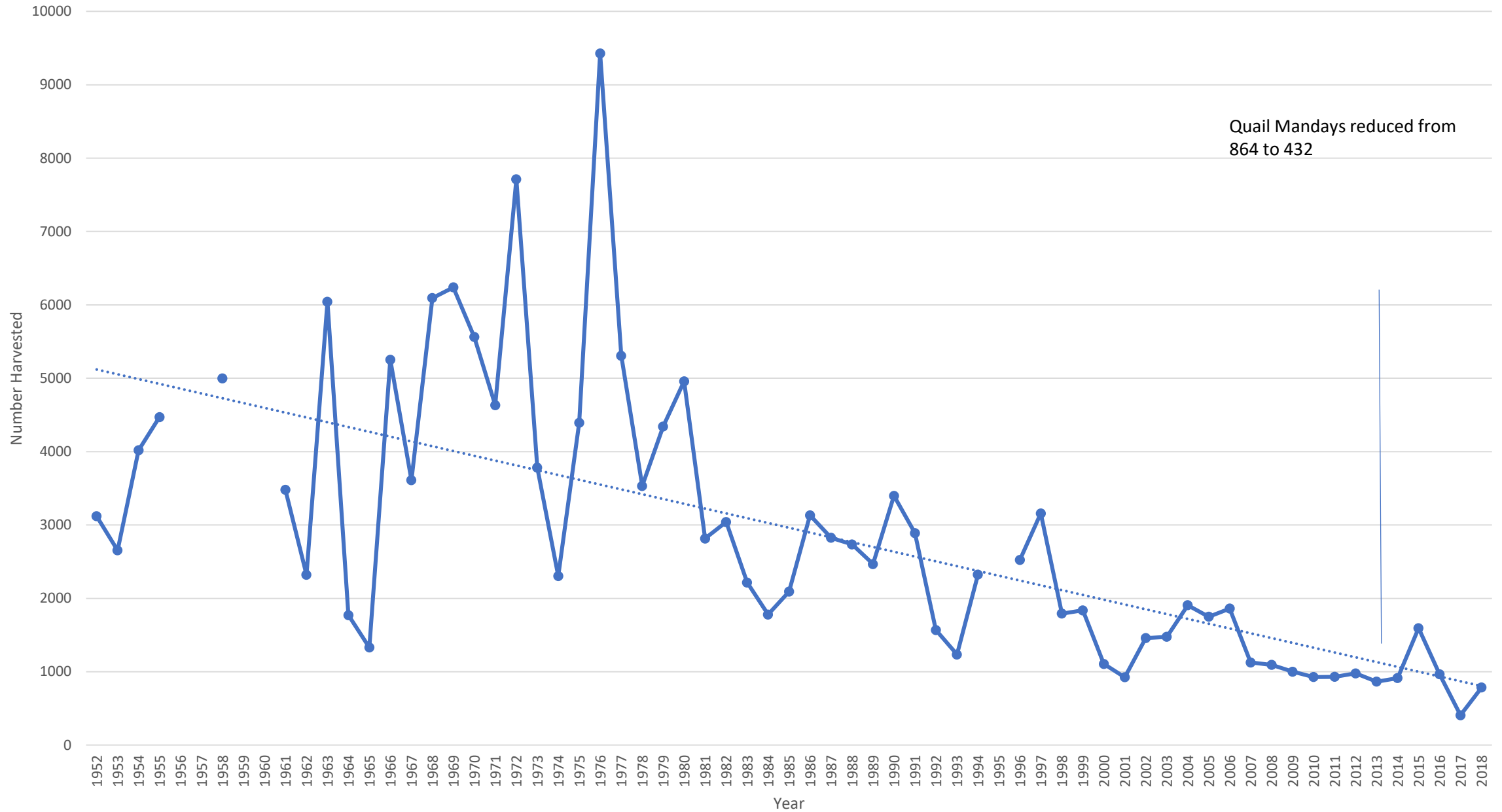


Babcock/Webb WMA Quail Harvest from 1952-2018



Results from vegetative monitoring on BWWMA further suggest the need for additional hydrological restoration. FWC utilizes an Objective-Based Vegetation Management (OBVM) program which monitors specific vegetative parameters on an area and provides feedback to help determine if areas are transitioning towards the desired future conditions established for each plant community. Wet flatwoods and prairies have experienced significant declines in herbaceous vegetation between 2003 and 2018 (Table 1), which FWC suspects is directly linked to hydrologic changes.

BWWMA herbaceous cover changes in wet flatwoods and prairie from 2003 – 2018:

YEAR		2008	2013	2018
Habitat Type	Desired Future Herbaceous Condition			
Wet Flatwoods	➤ 40%	55%	53%	25%
Wet Prairie	➤ 70%	15%	8%	3%