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Dear Tom:

I thought you might be interested in the "latest" update of 1994 barn owl and bald eagle nestings. I say latest because I am hopeful more information about nestings is yet to come in to us.

In 1994 there were 32 nest attempts made by eagles in the following 14 counties: Allamakee, Clayton, Jackson, Winneshiek, Howard, Black Hawk, Dubuque, Iowa, Jefferson, Washington, Fremont, Lucas, Linn, and Webster. Twenty-three of these nests successfully fledged 42 young.

We also know of six barn owl nestings in 1994. Eleven fledglings were banded in two nest boxes in barns in Taylor County in late August. Six young fledged from a steel corn bin in Wayne County in mid-September. A nest was destroyed by a raccoon in a nest box in southwestern Guthrie County in late August. Barn owls nested successfully, and young apparently fledged in early September in an abandoned farmhouse in Ringgold County. Three barn owl young were rescued by DNR personnel from a grain elevator torn down on October 10 in Chelsea (Tama County). There is little doubt CRP acres are contributing to the recovery of barn owls in Iowa, since all nest sites are in areas of abundant set-aside grasslands.

If you have questions concerning these reports, please don't hesitate to call me at (515) 432-2823.

Thanks, Tom!

Sincerely,

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