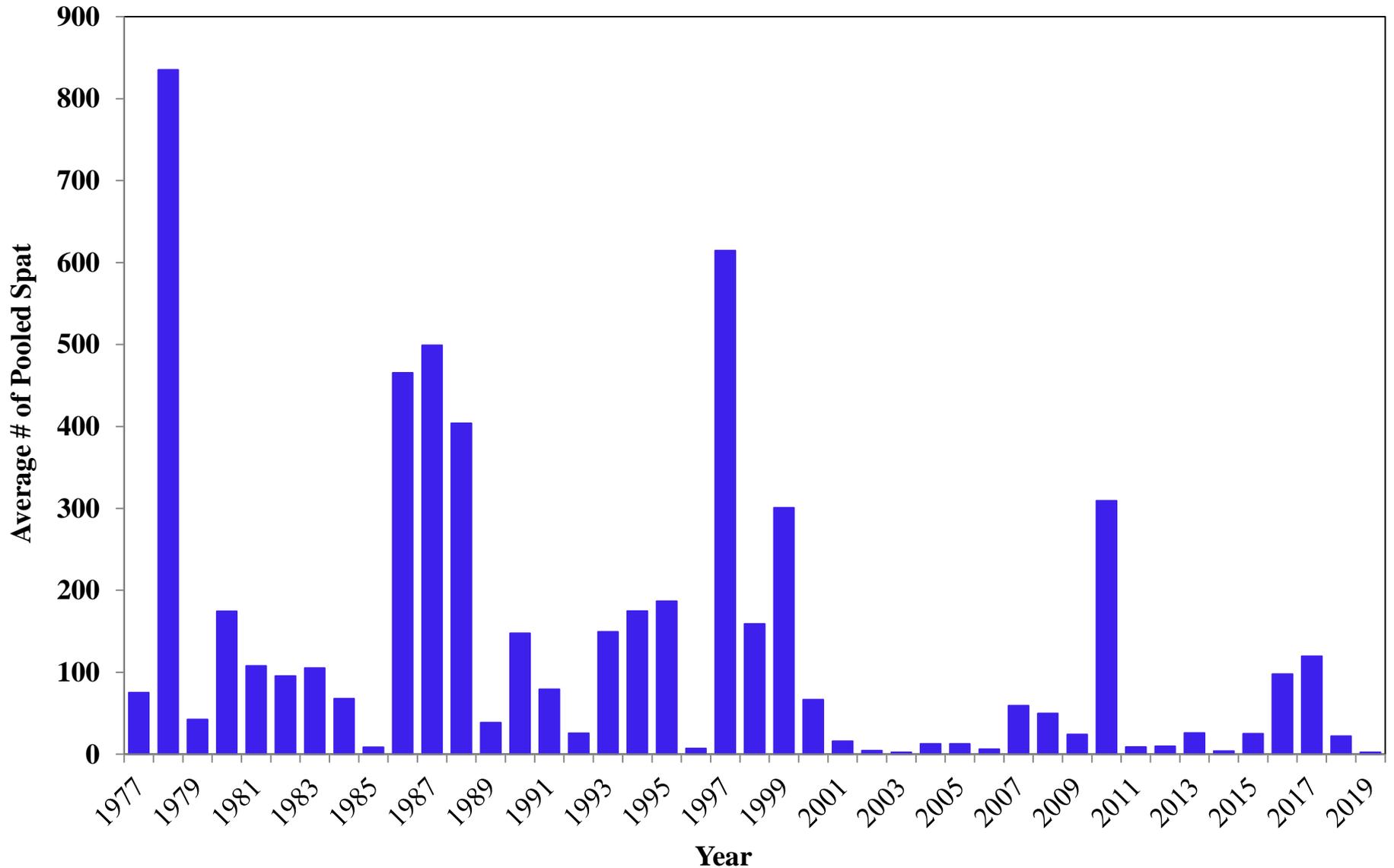


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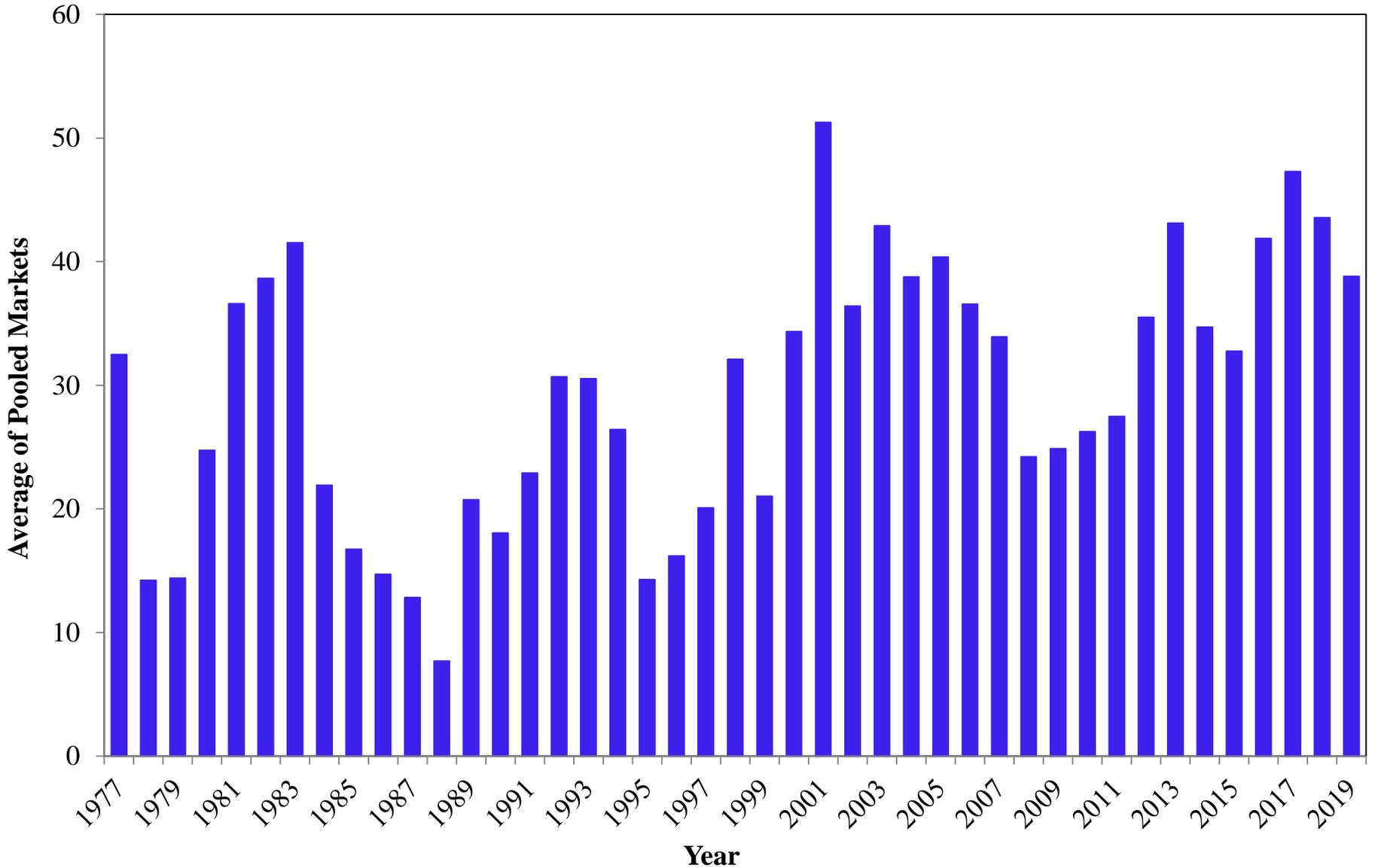


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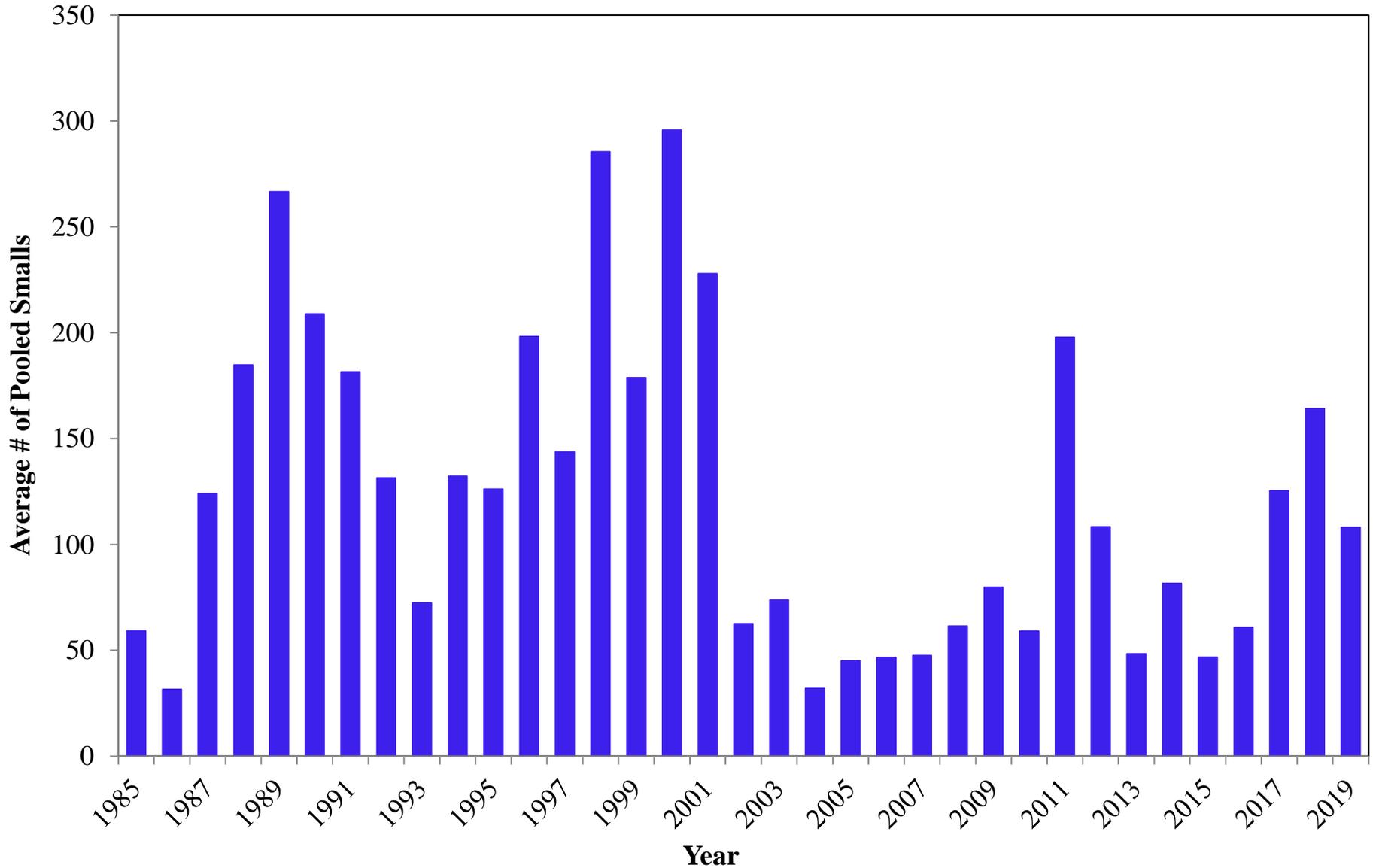
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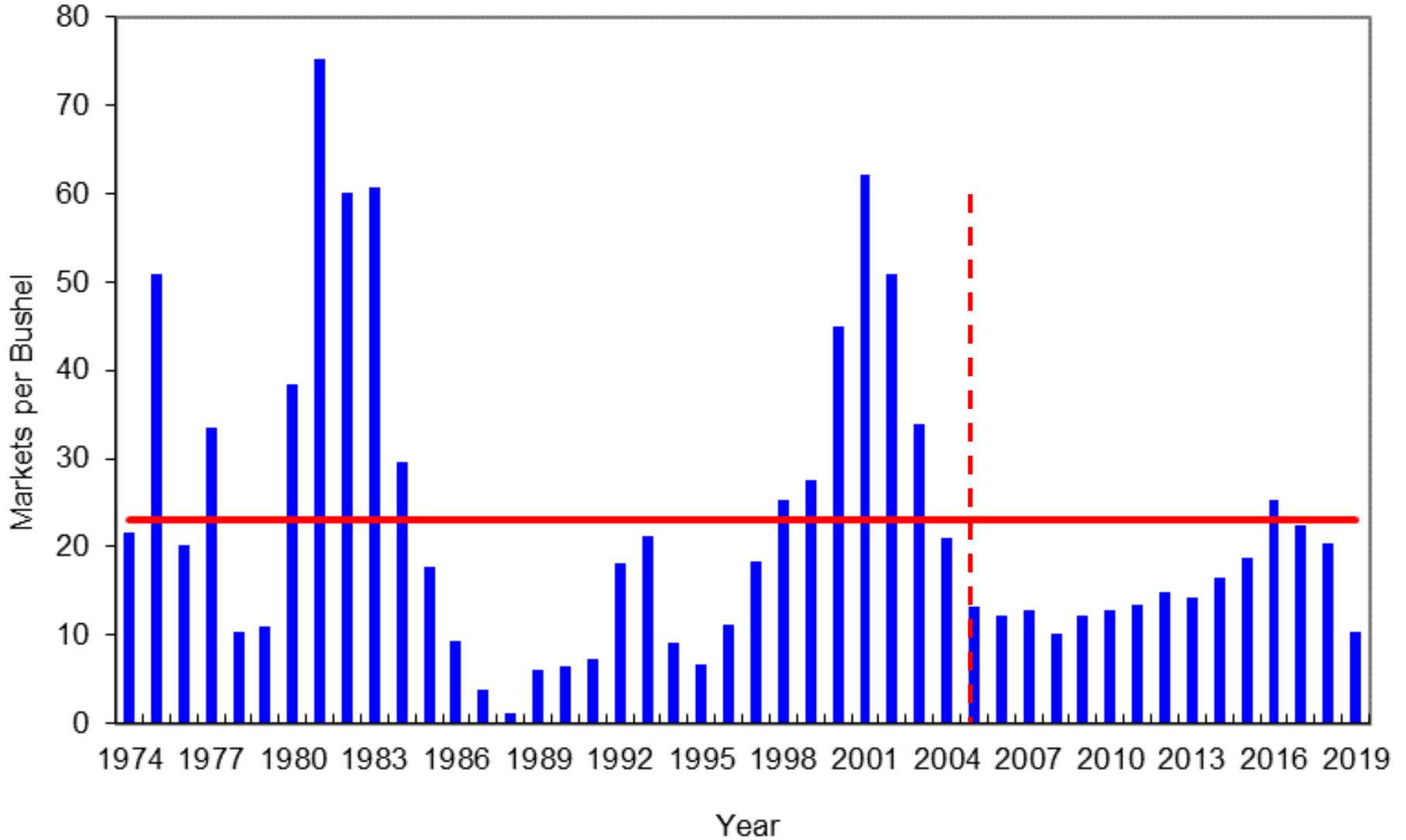
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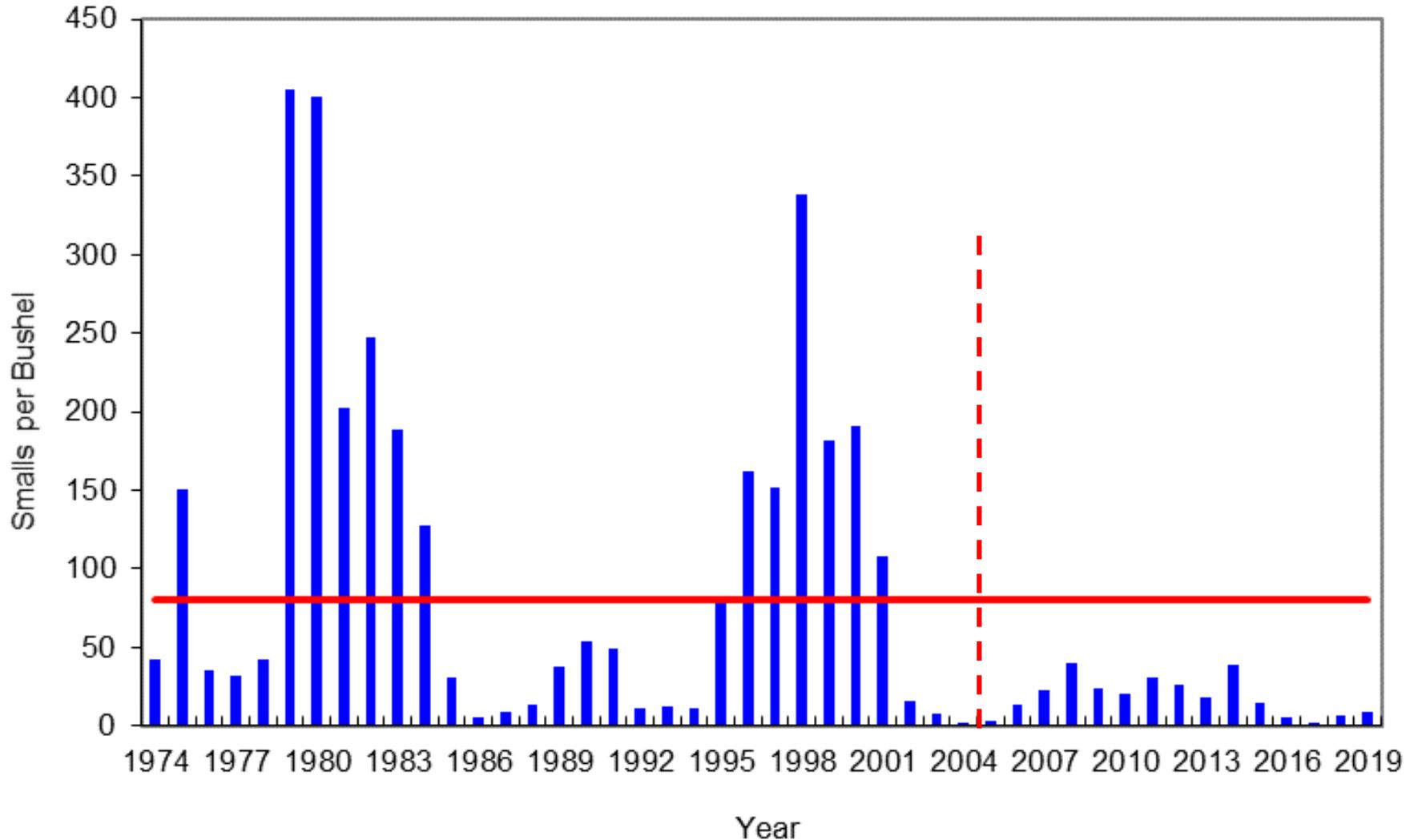
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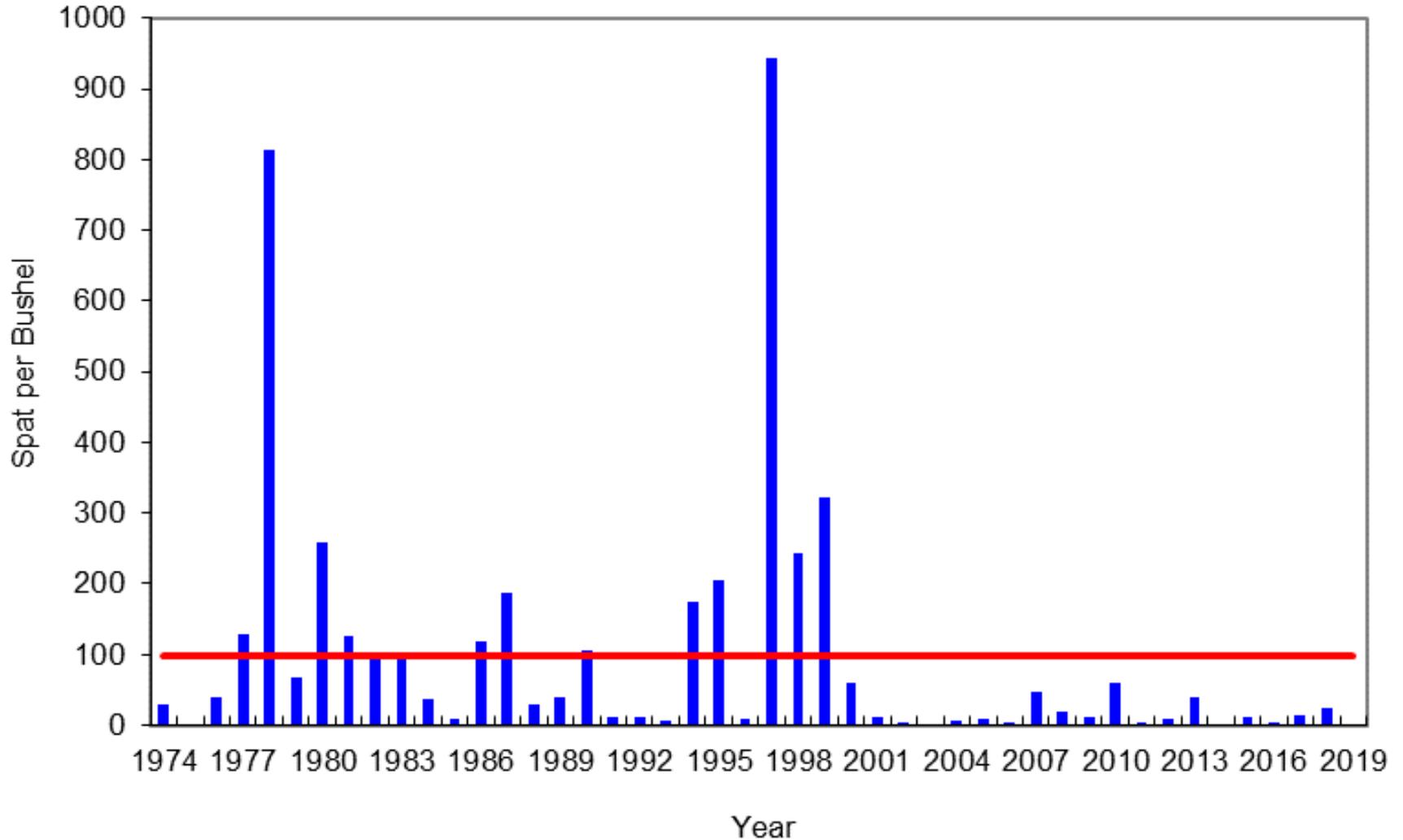
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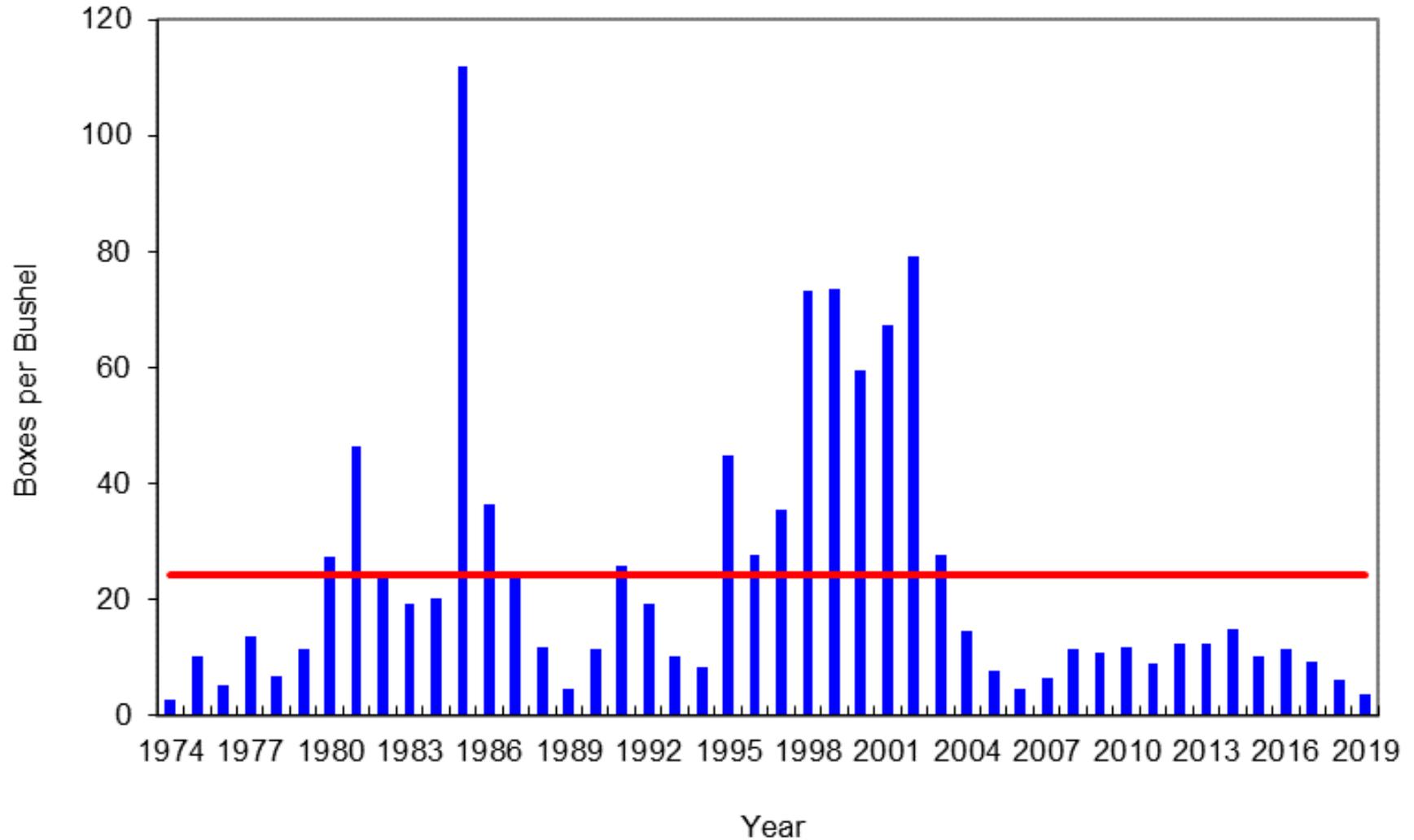
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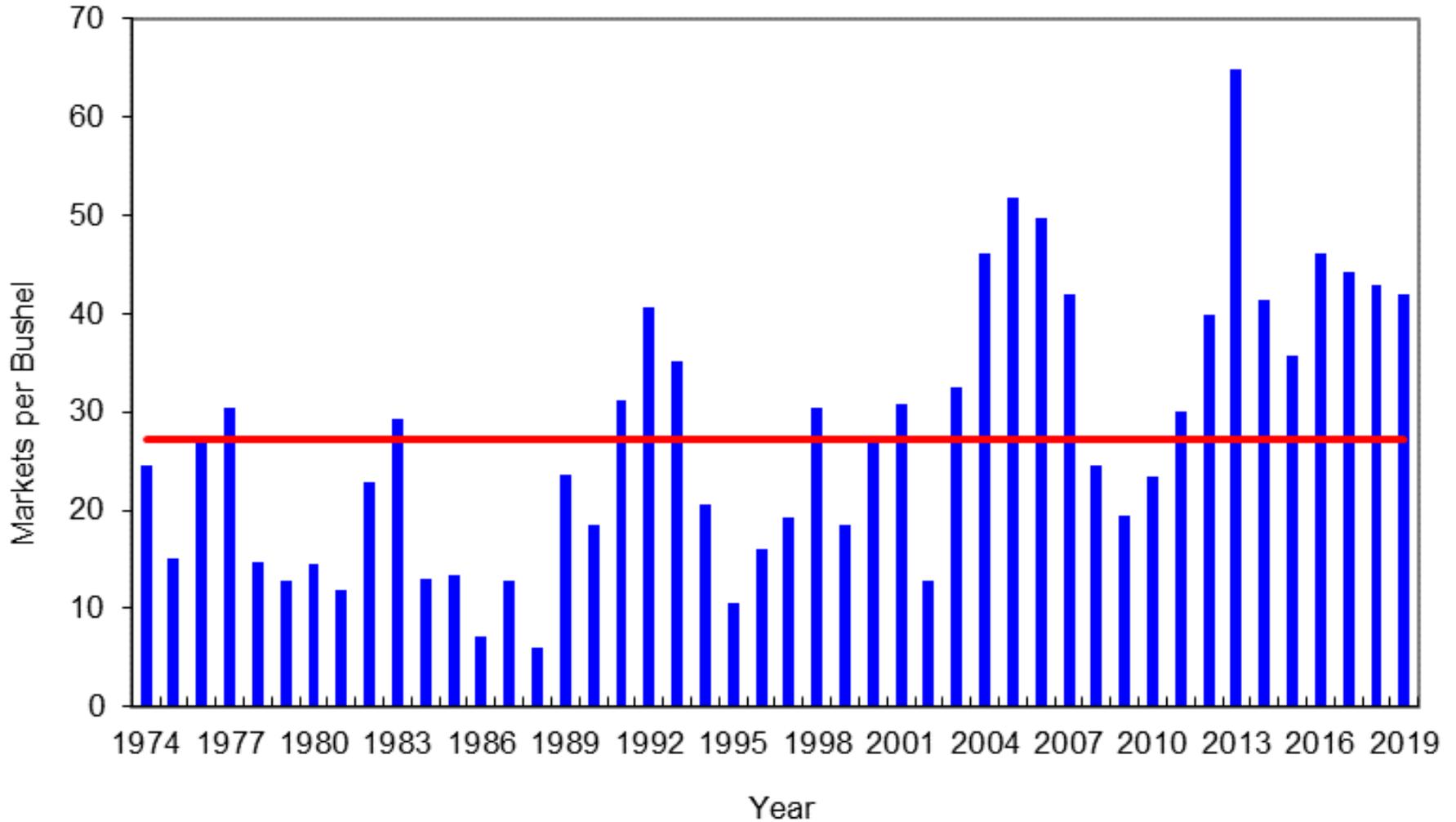
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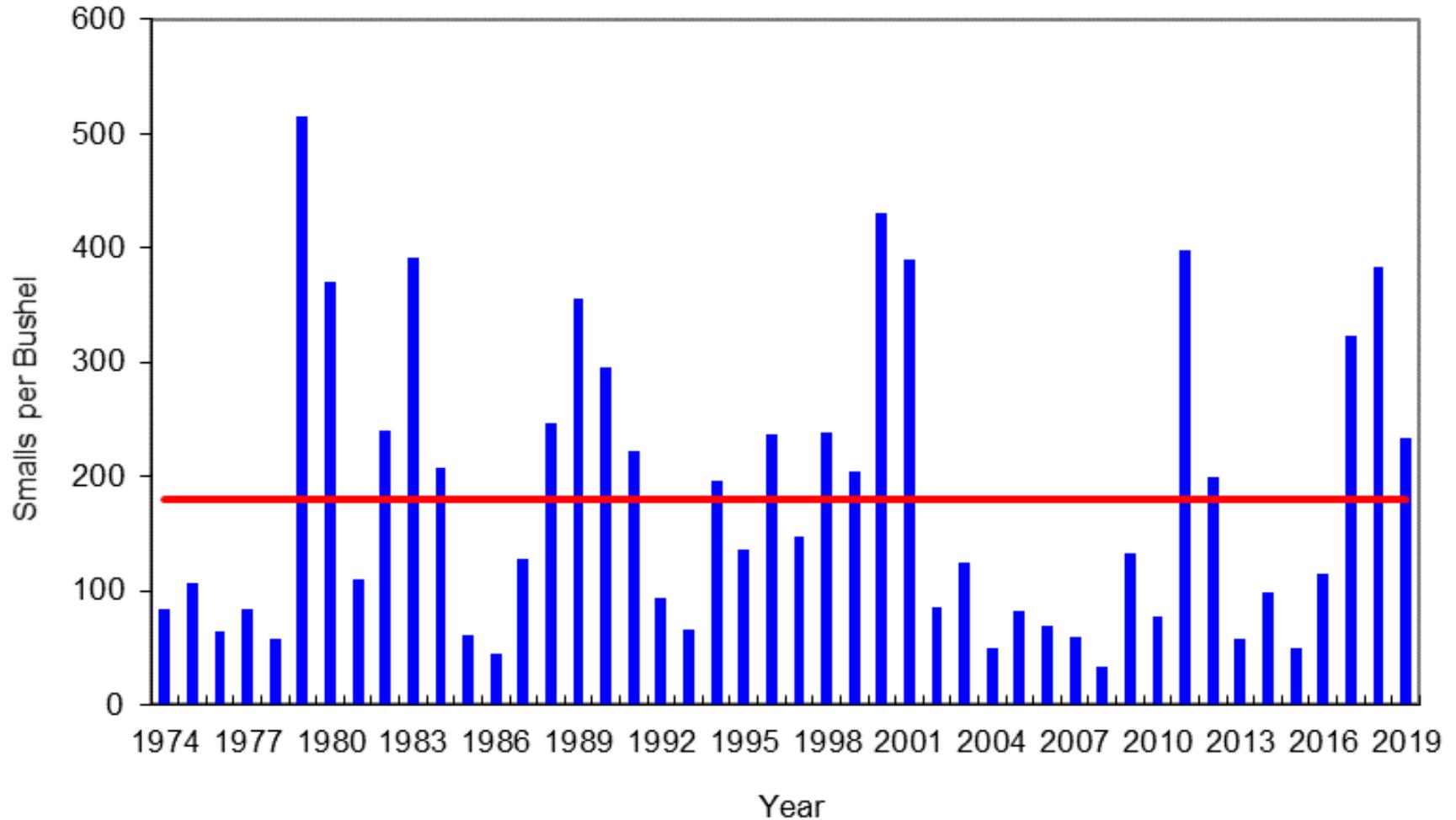
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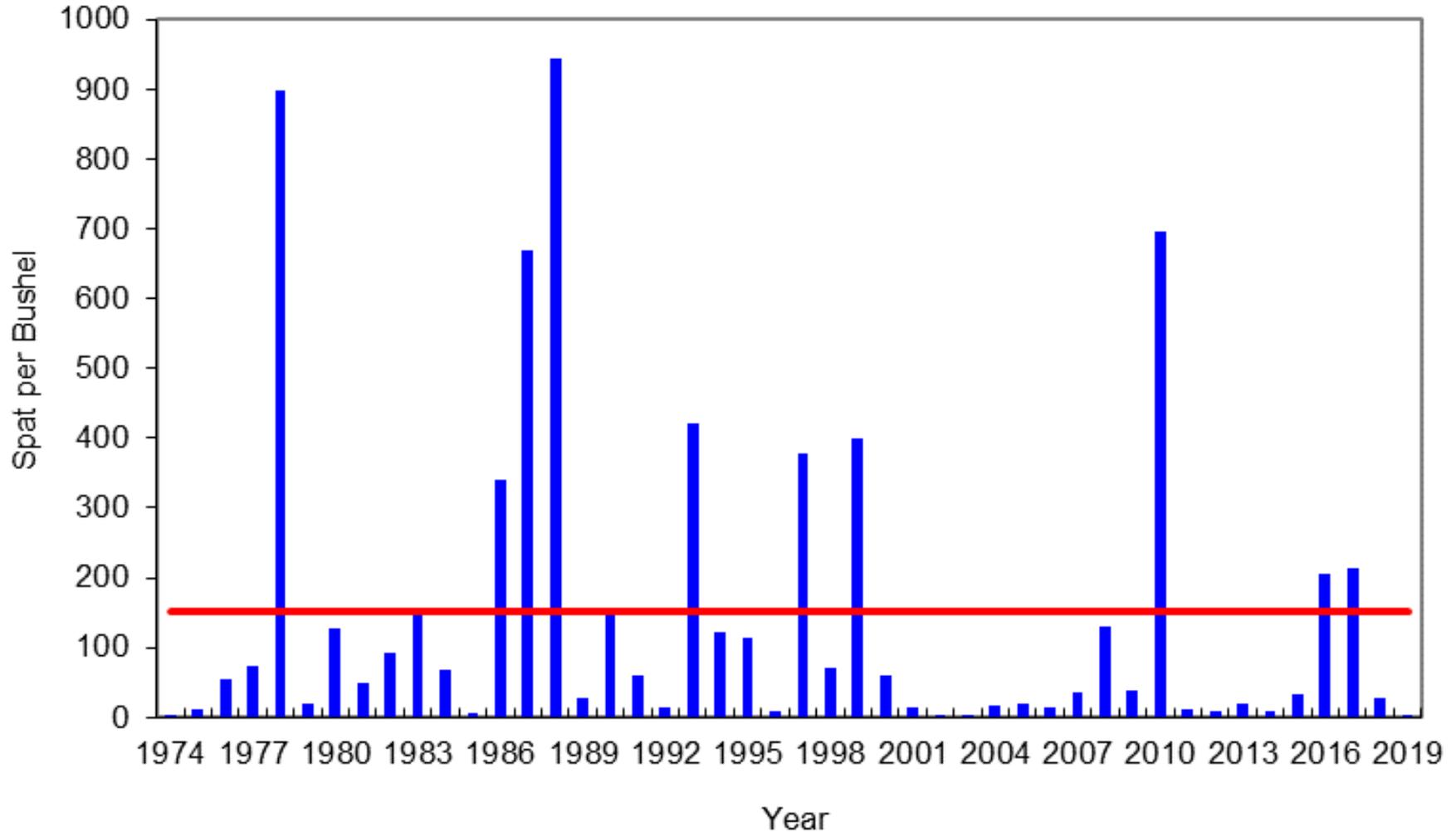
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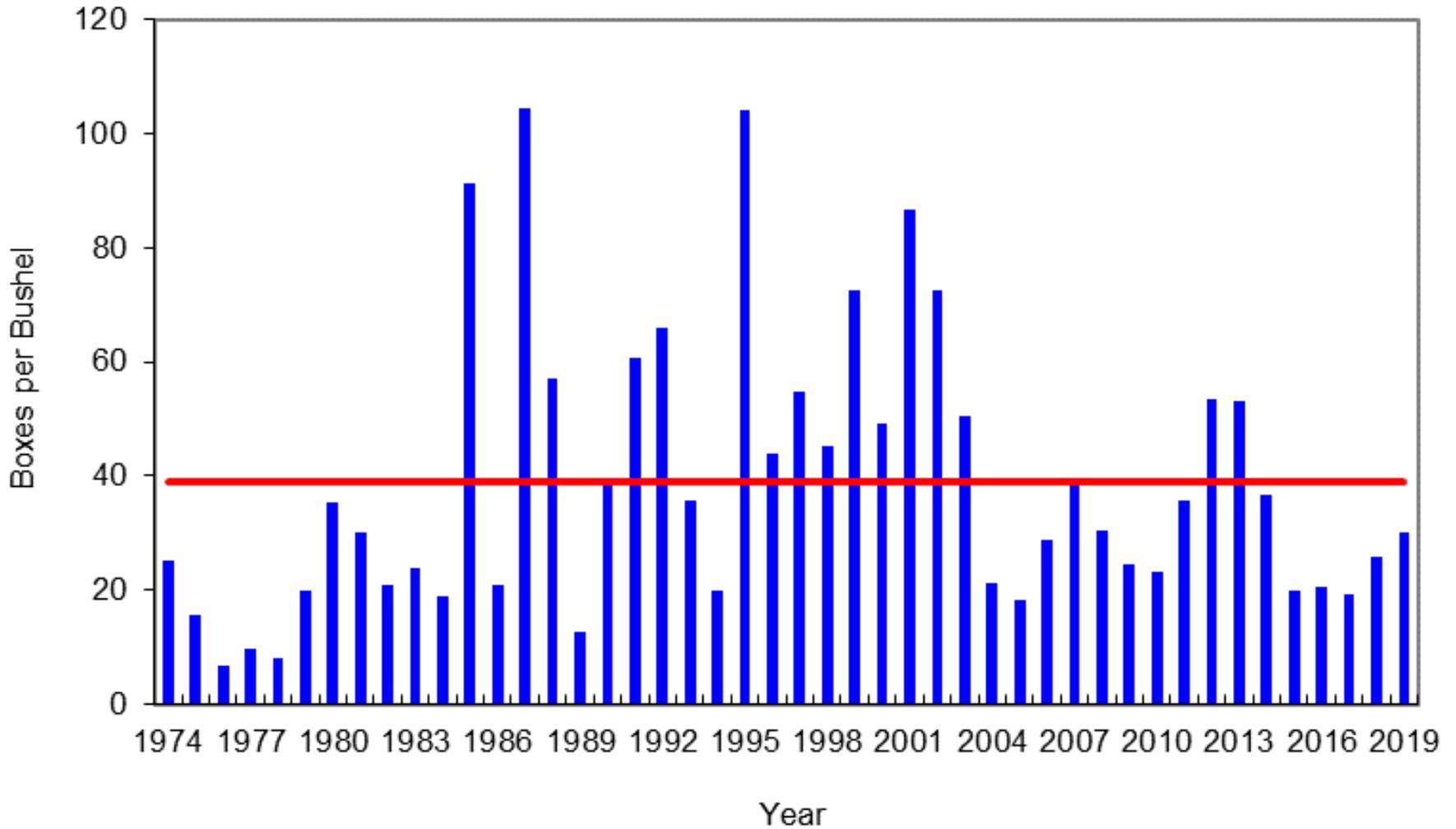
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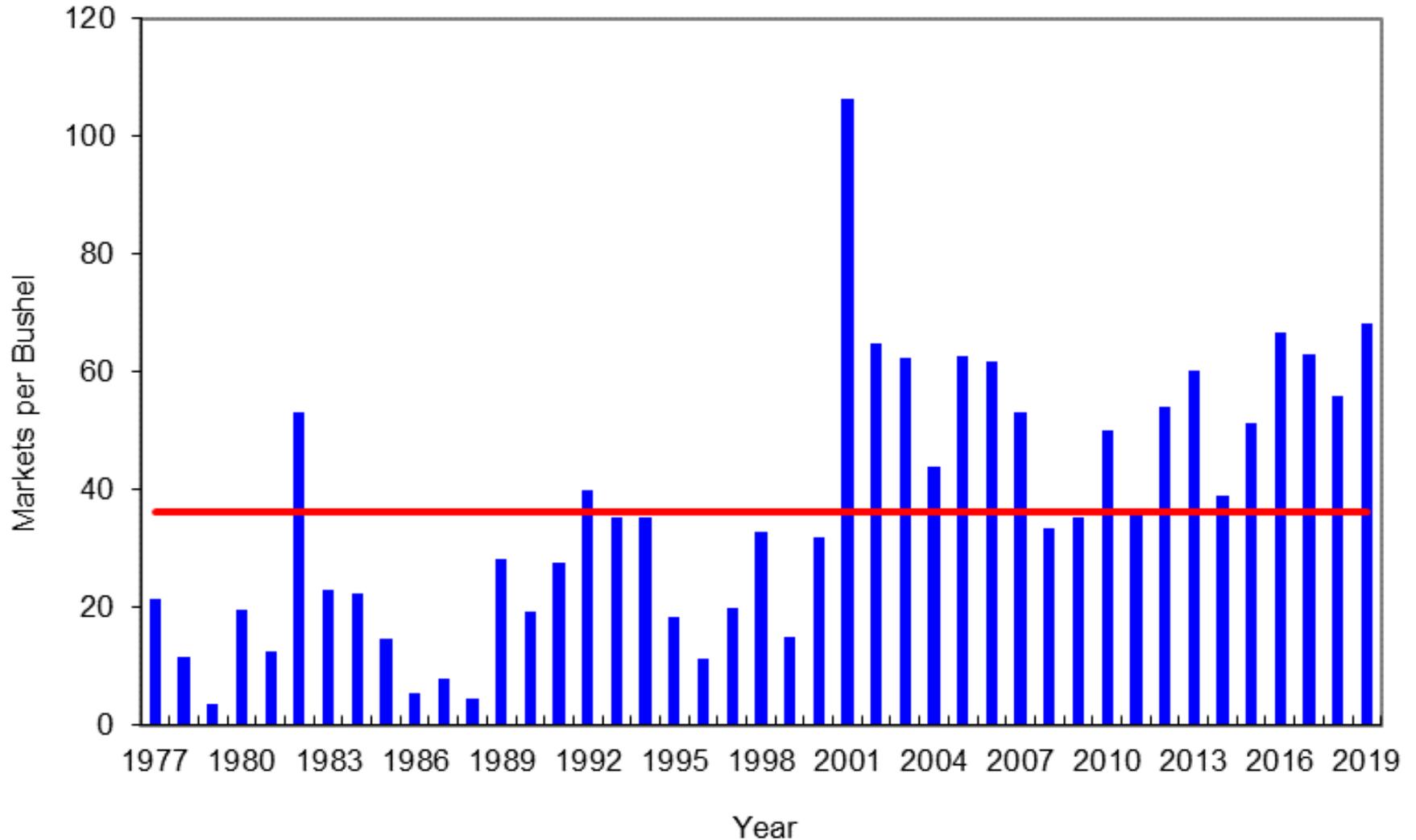
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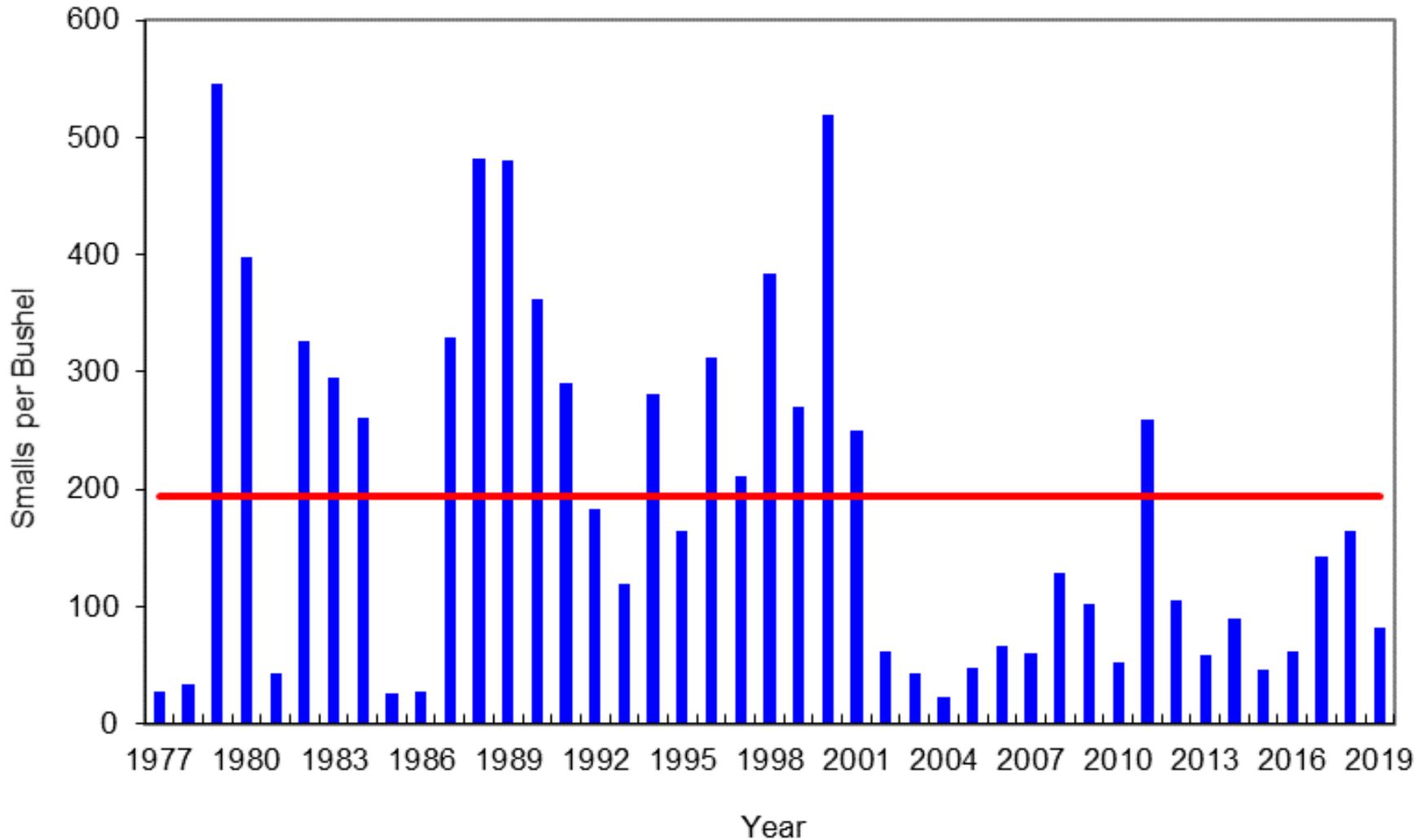
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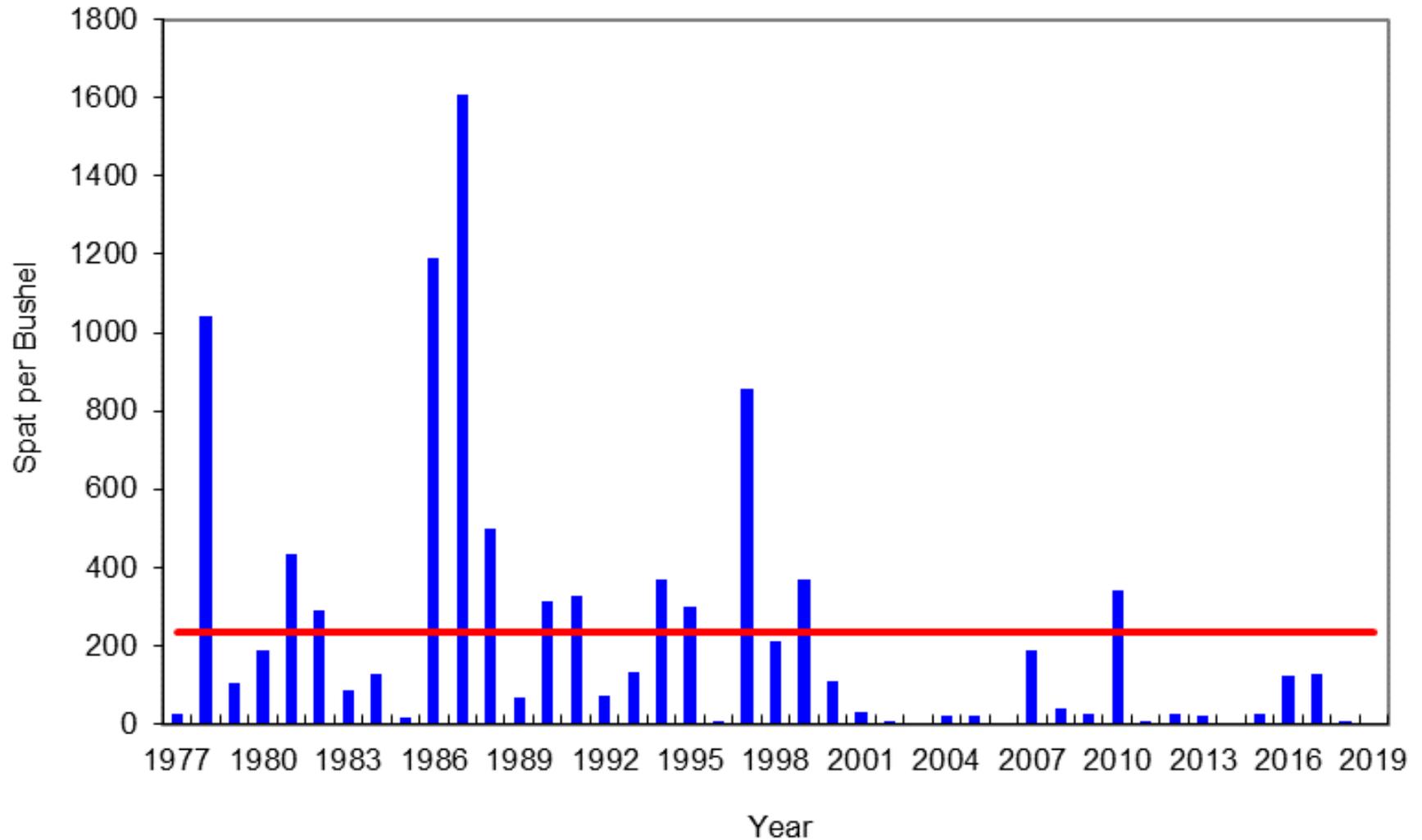
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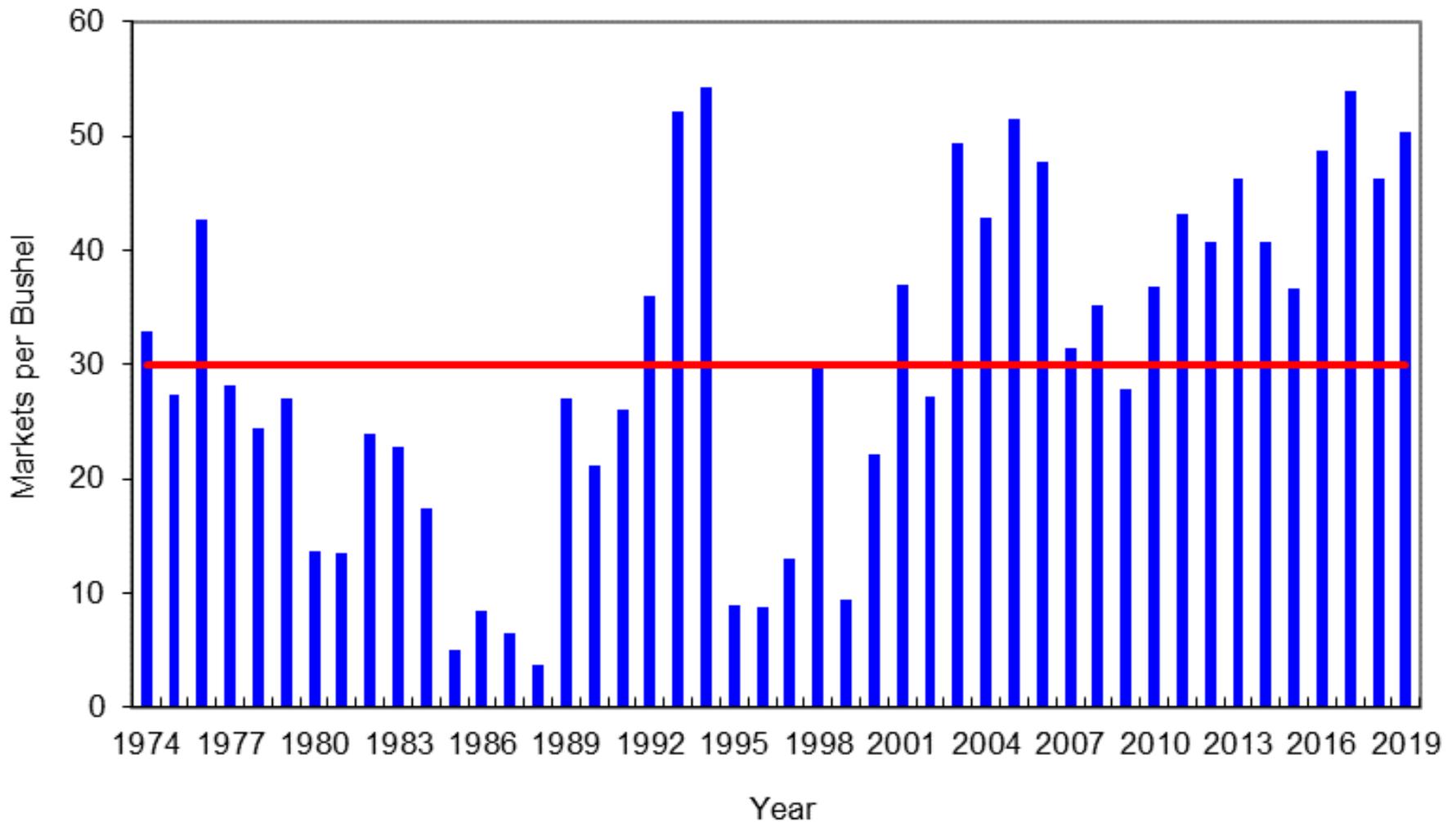
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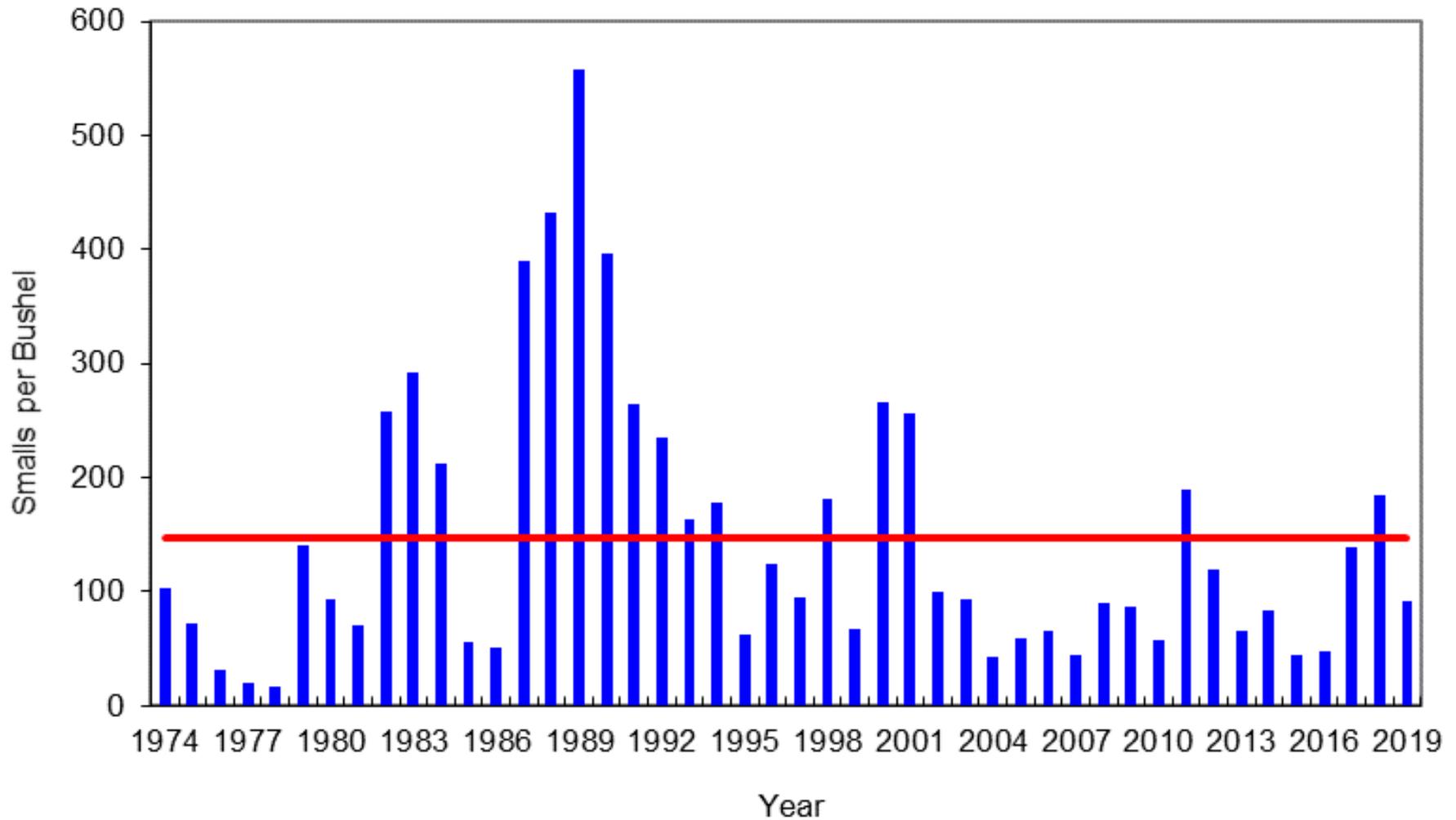
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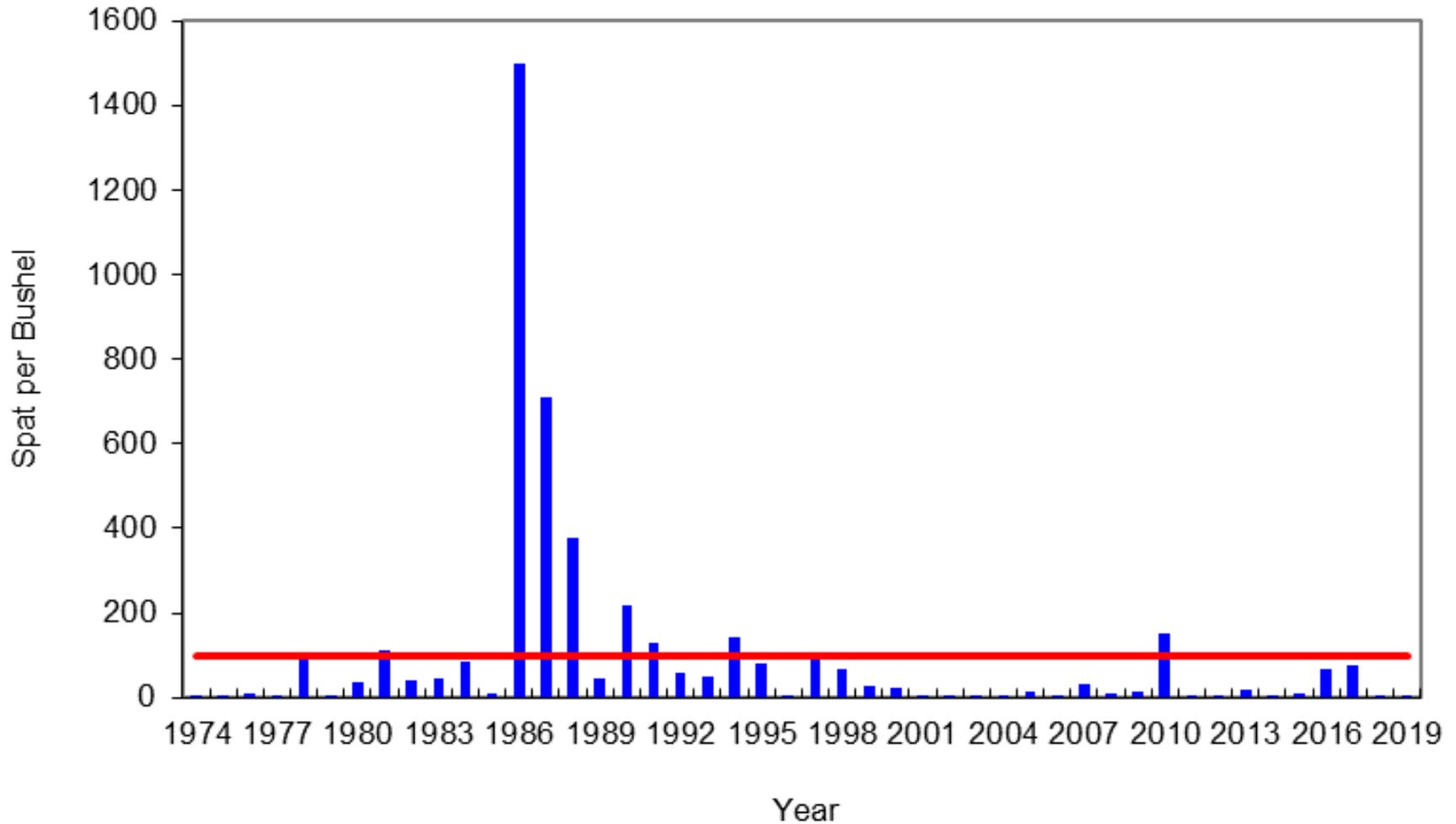
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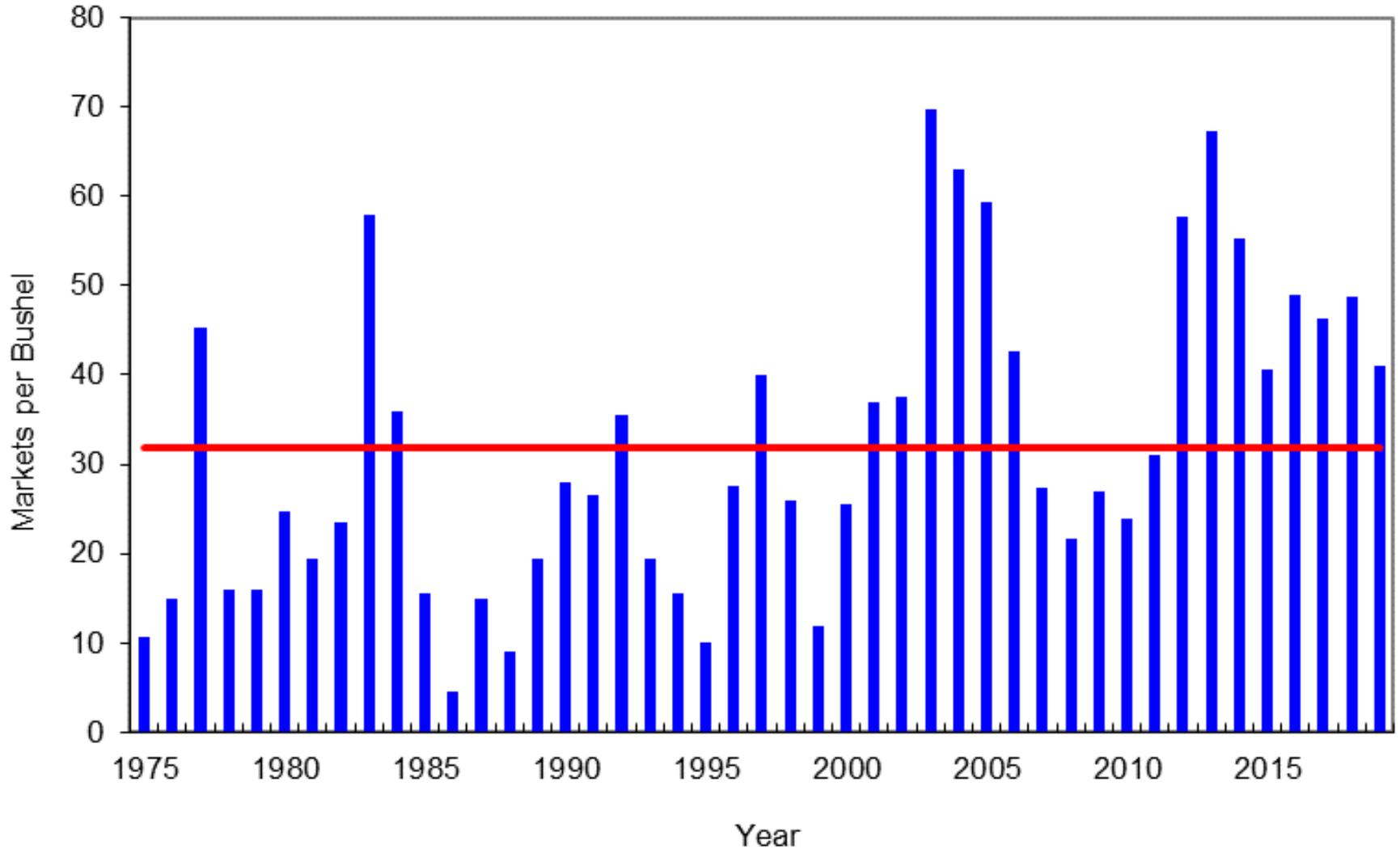
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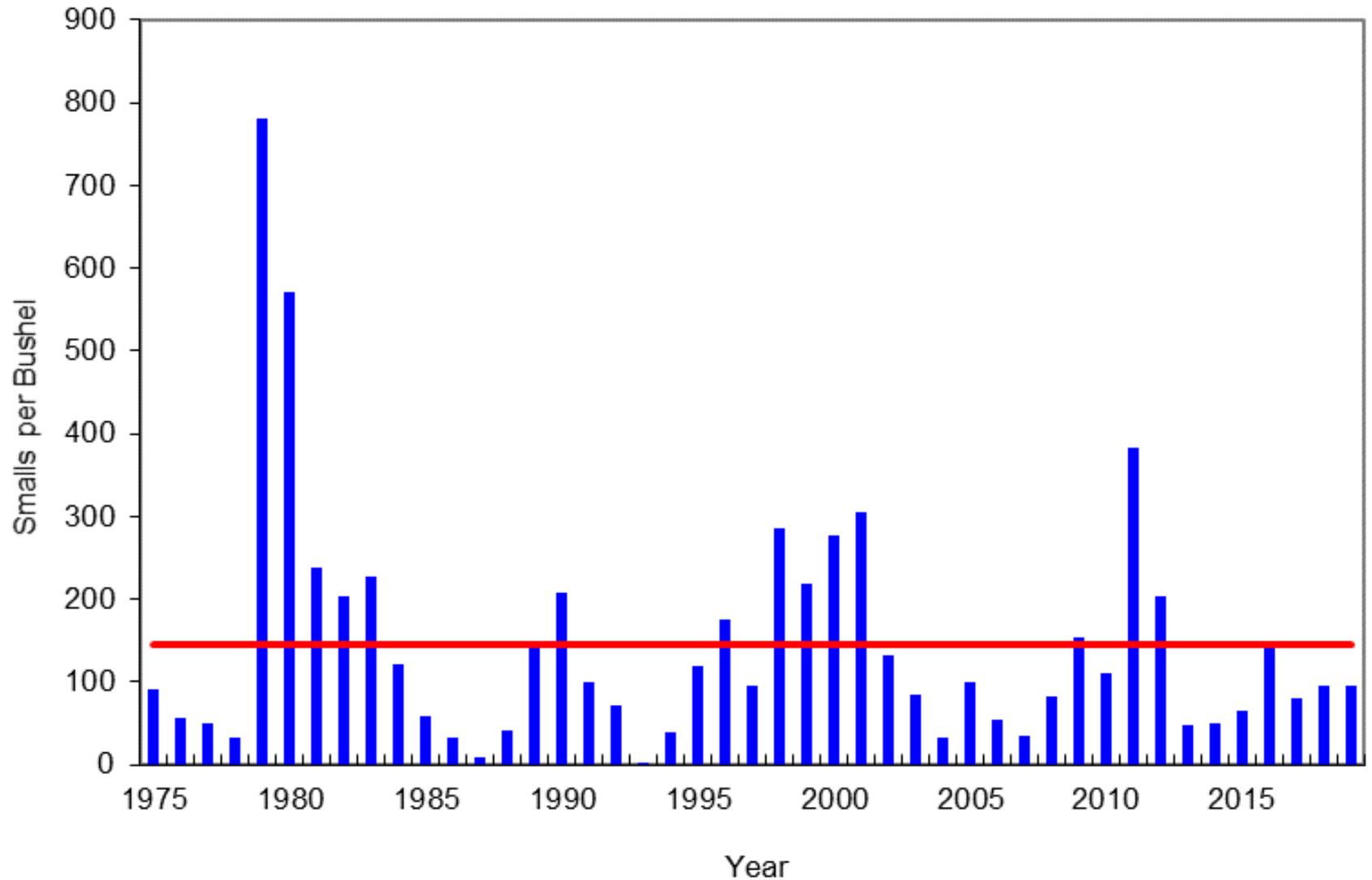
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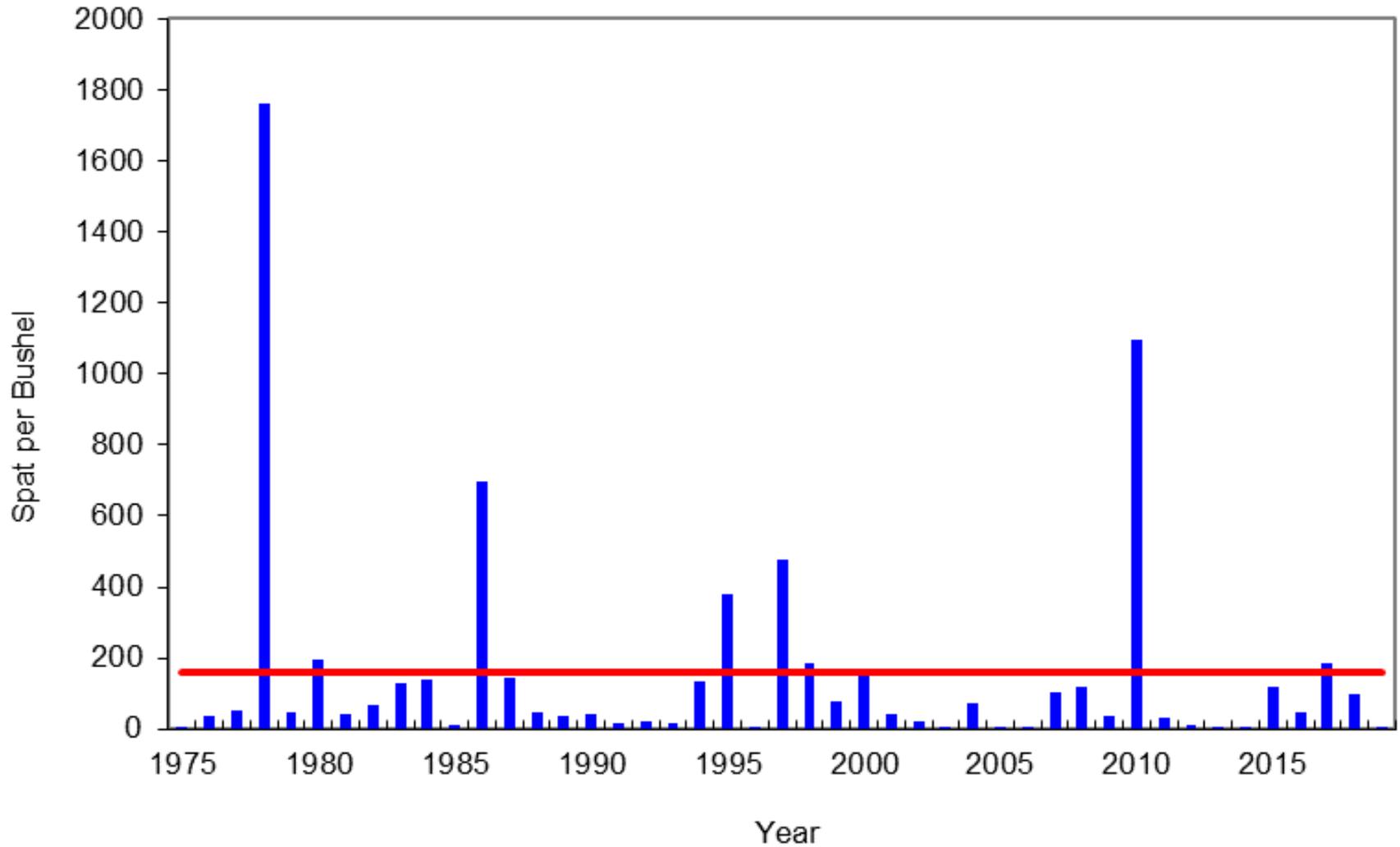
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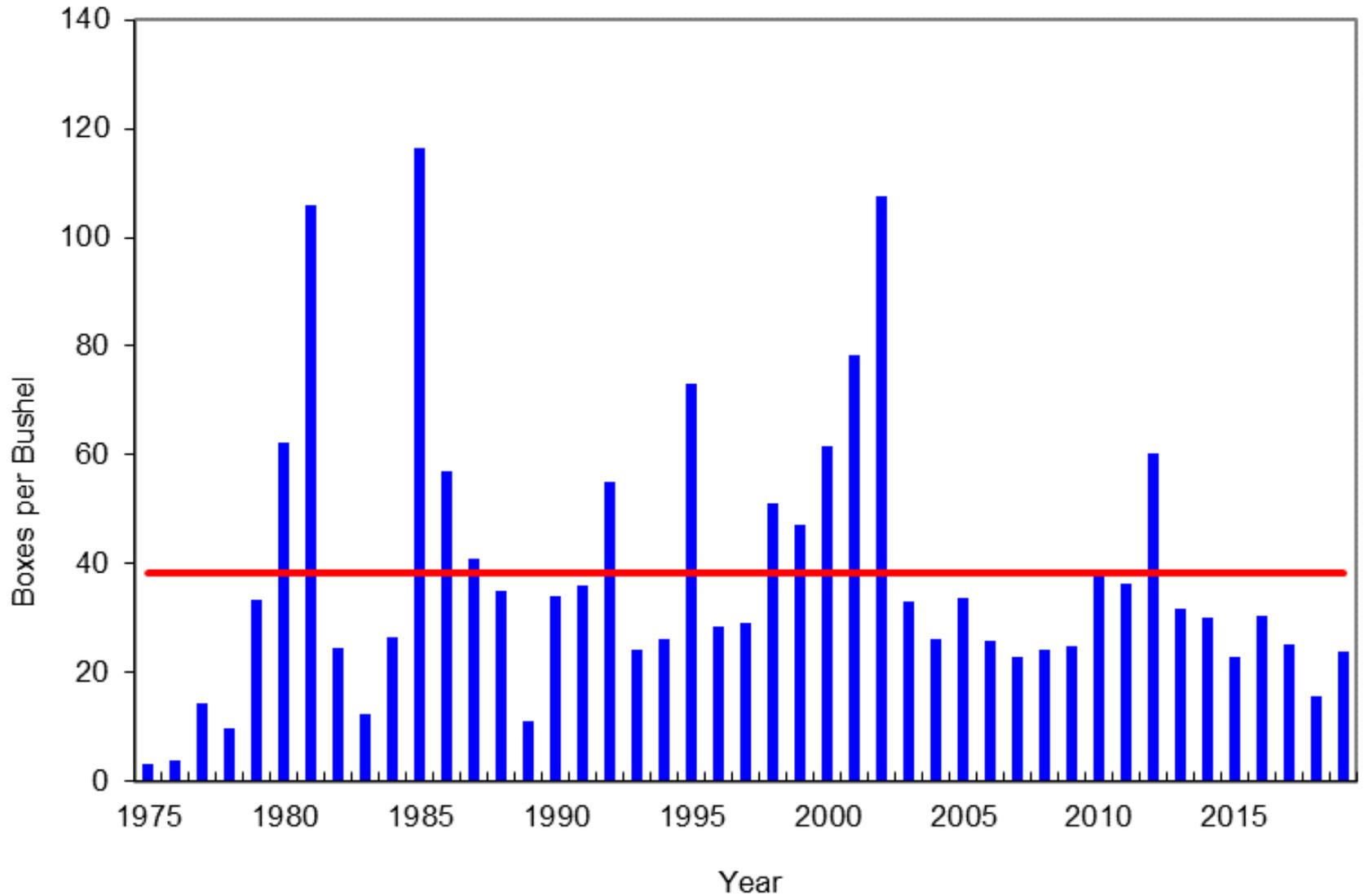
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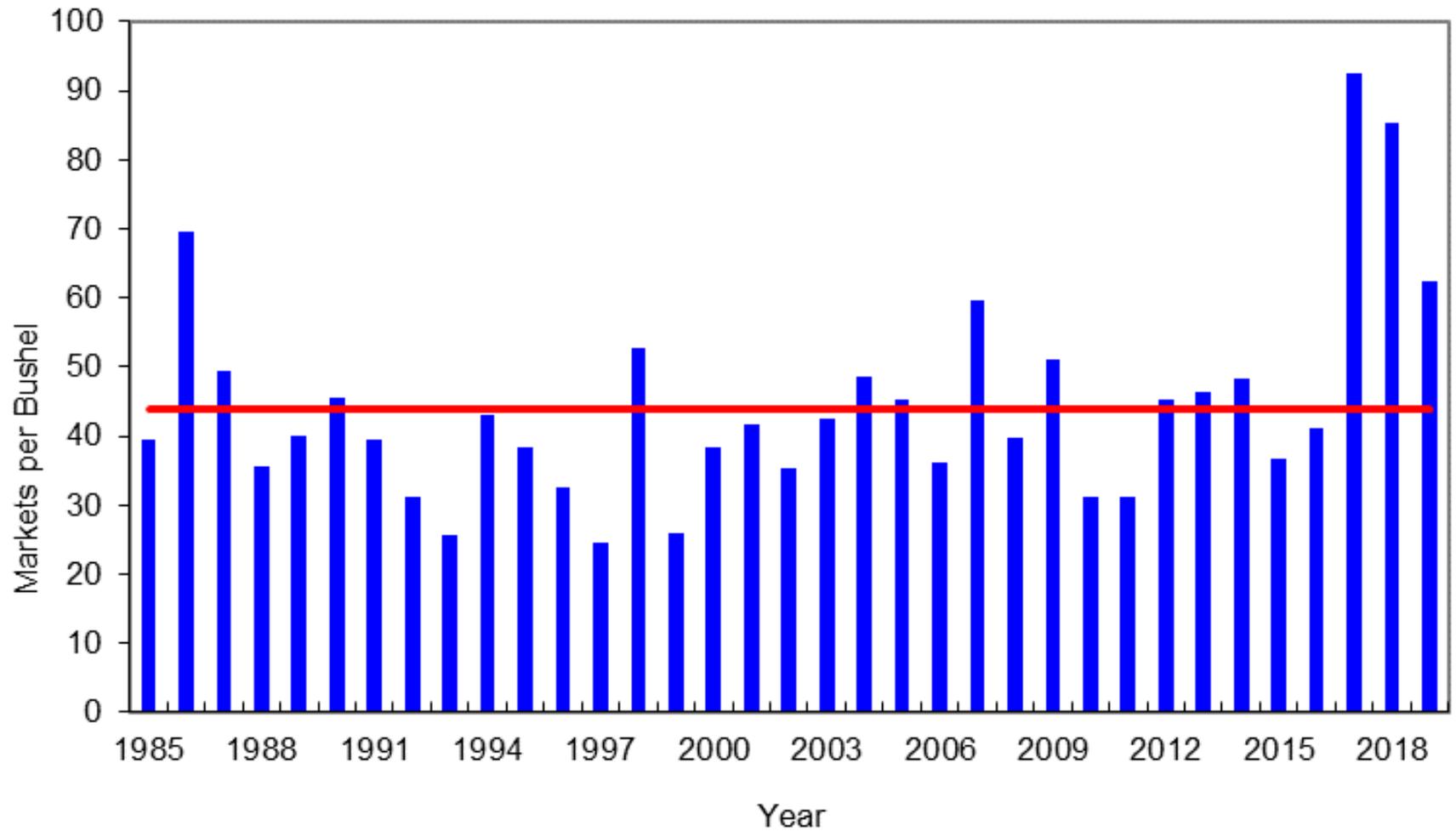
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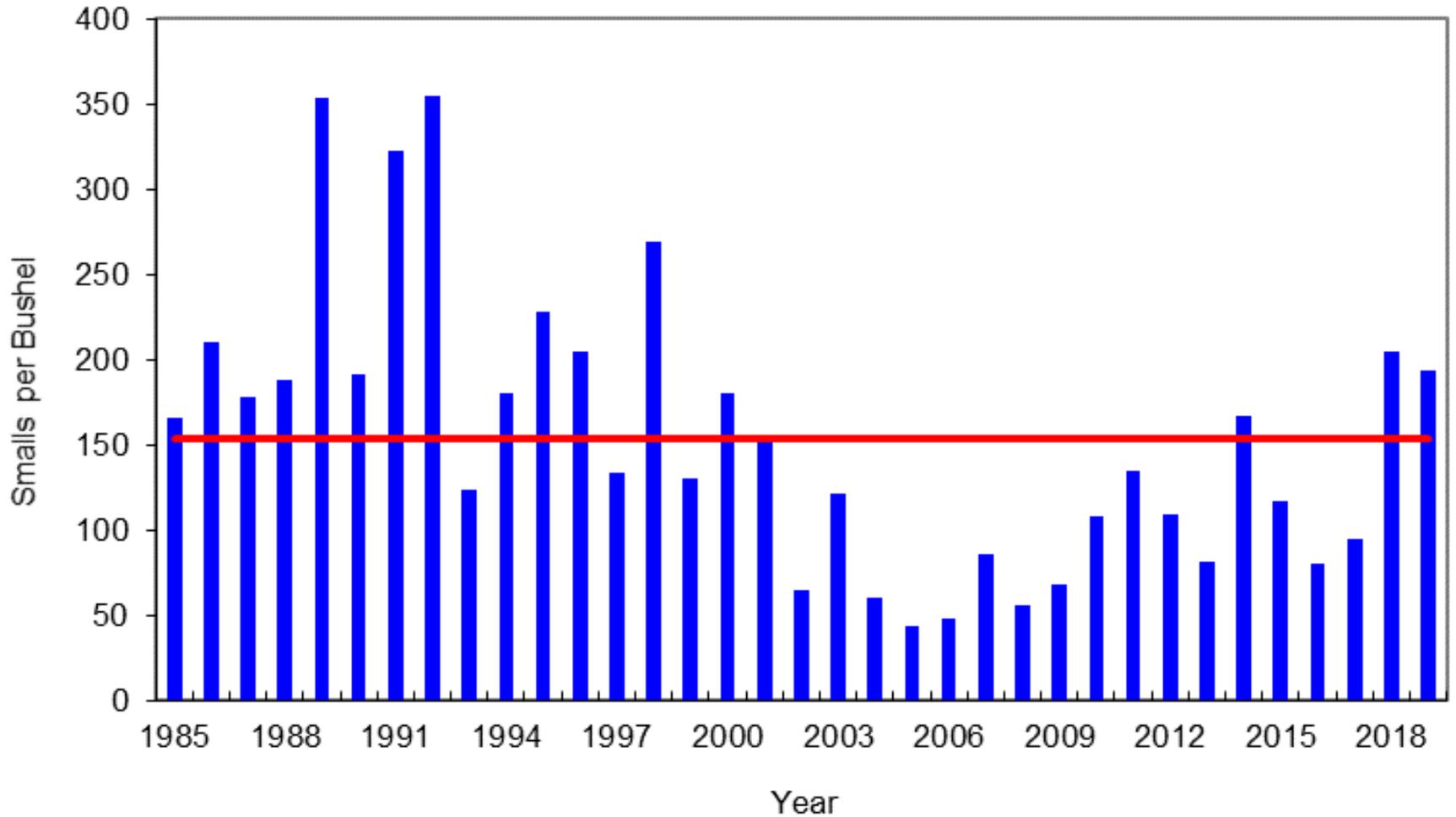
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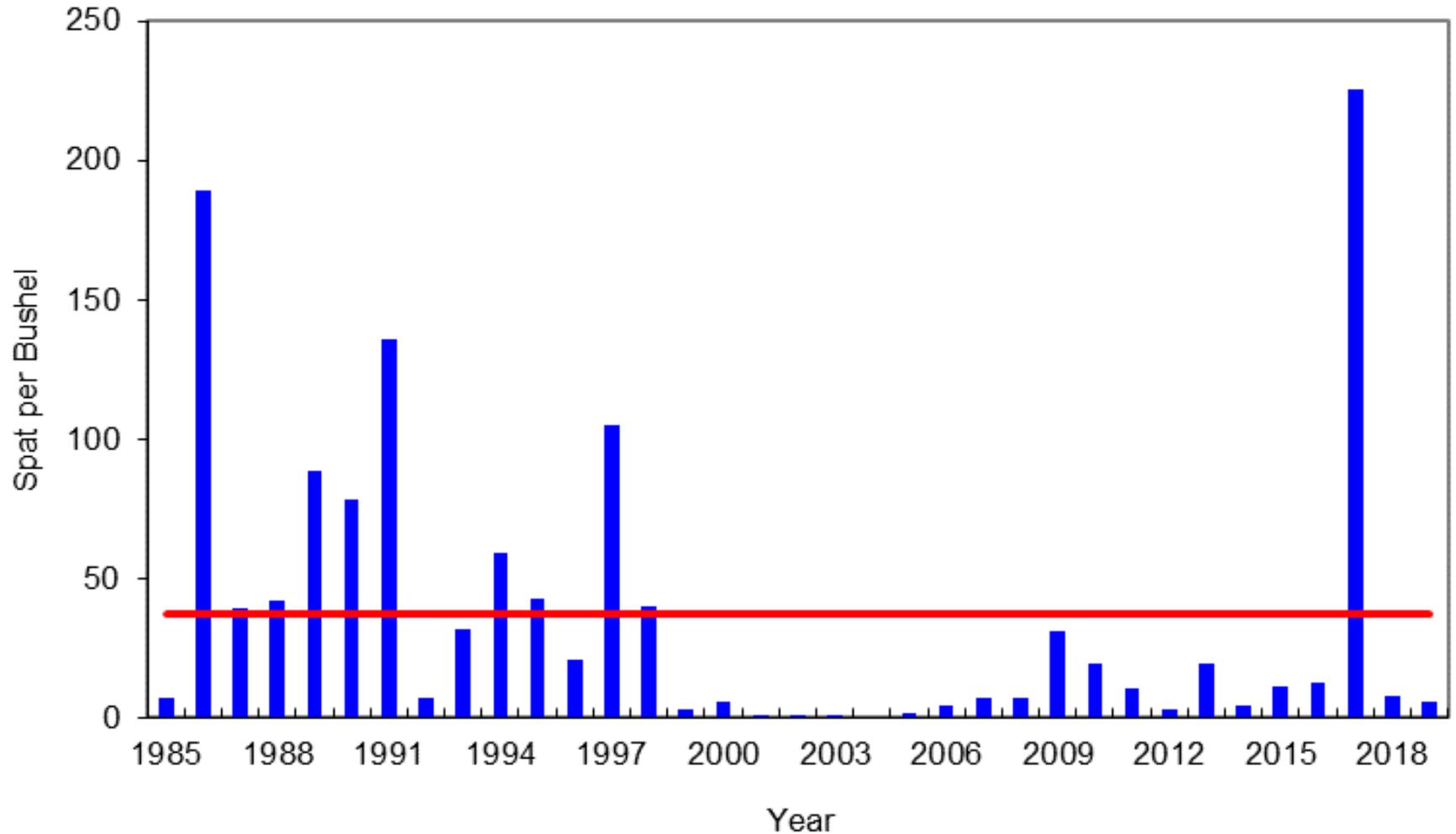
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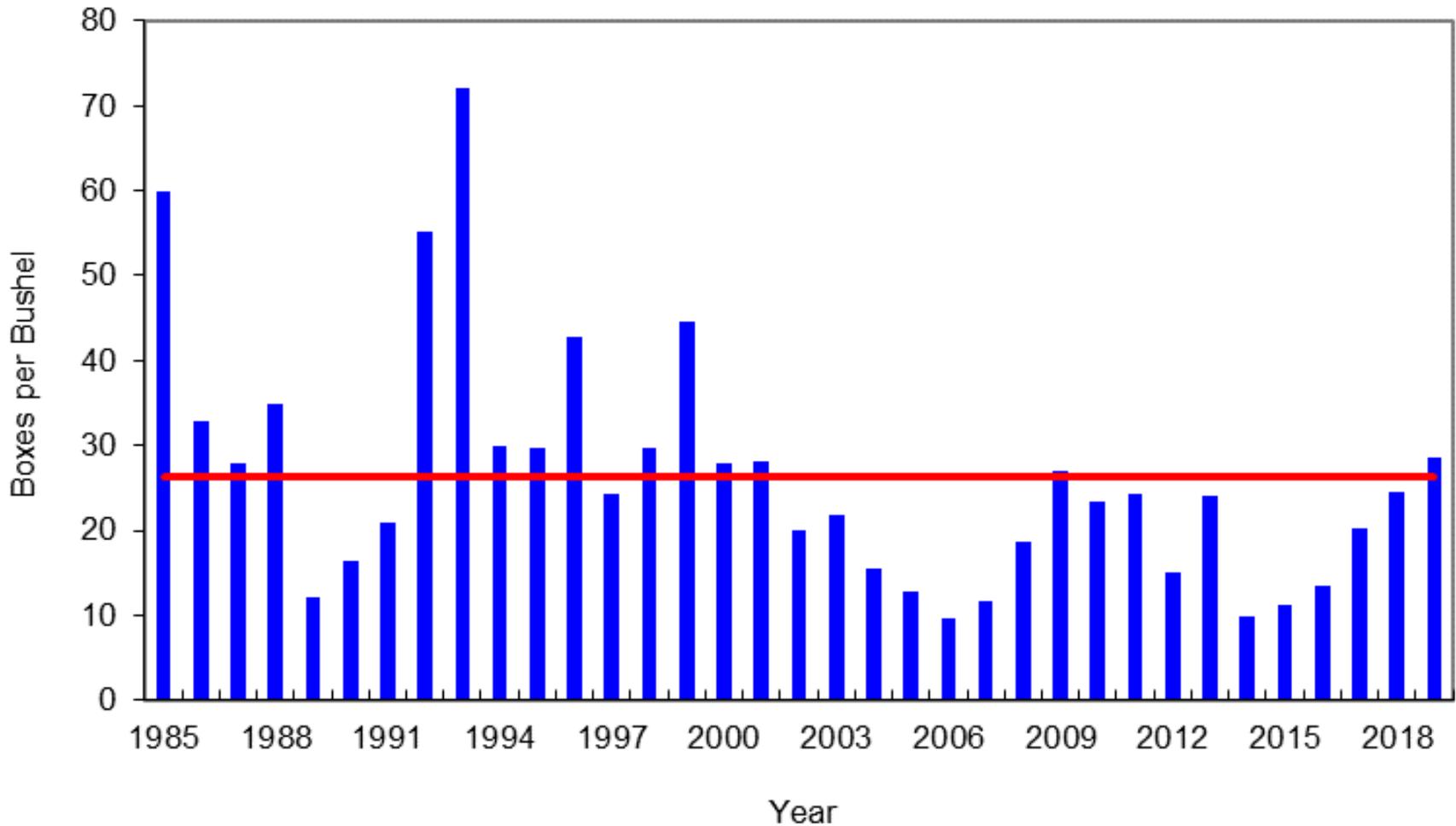
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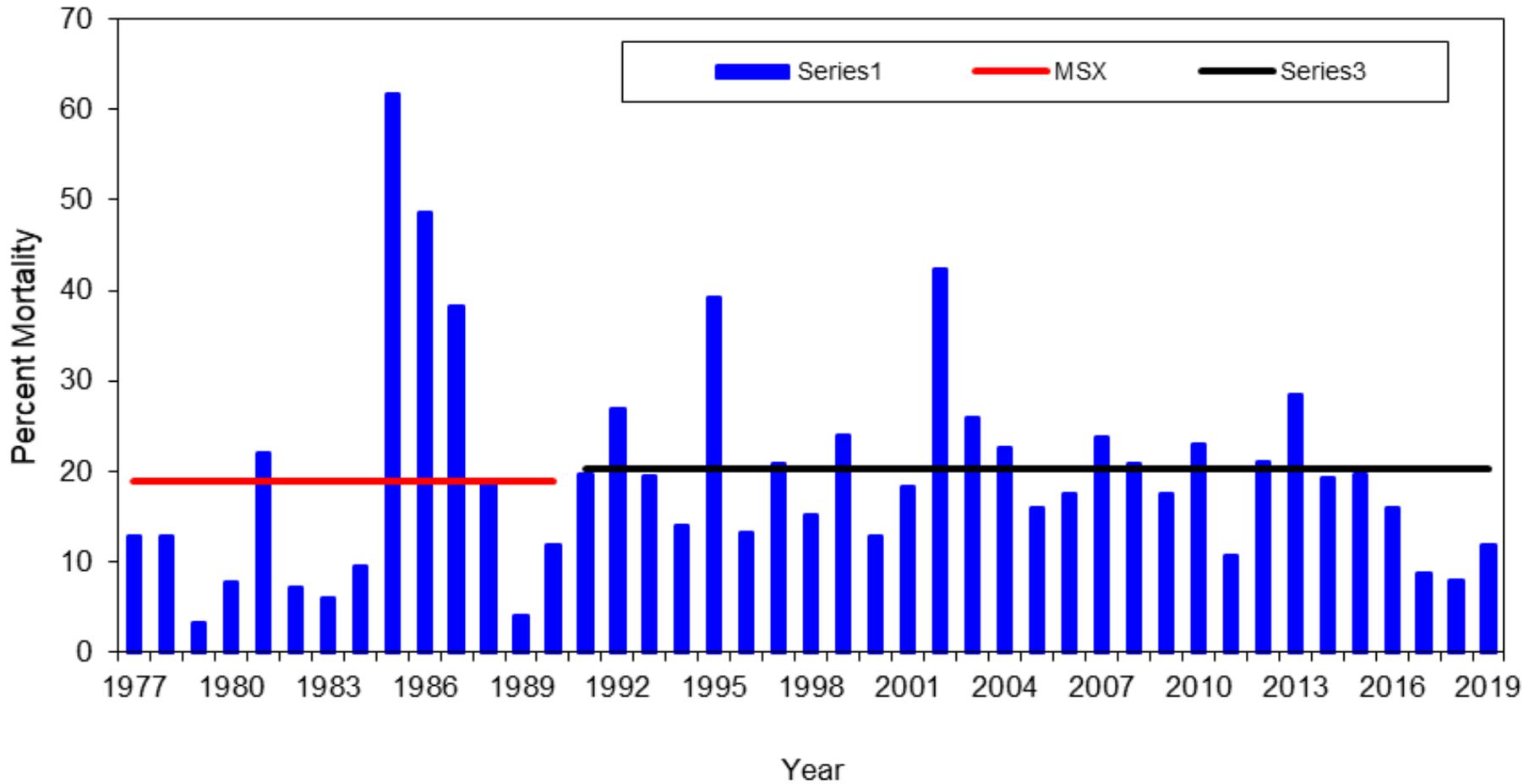
Woodland Beach Spat per Bushel



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Average Annual Mortality (smalls + markets)

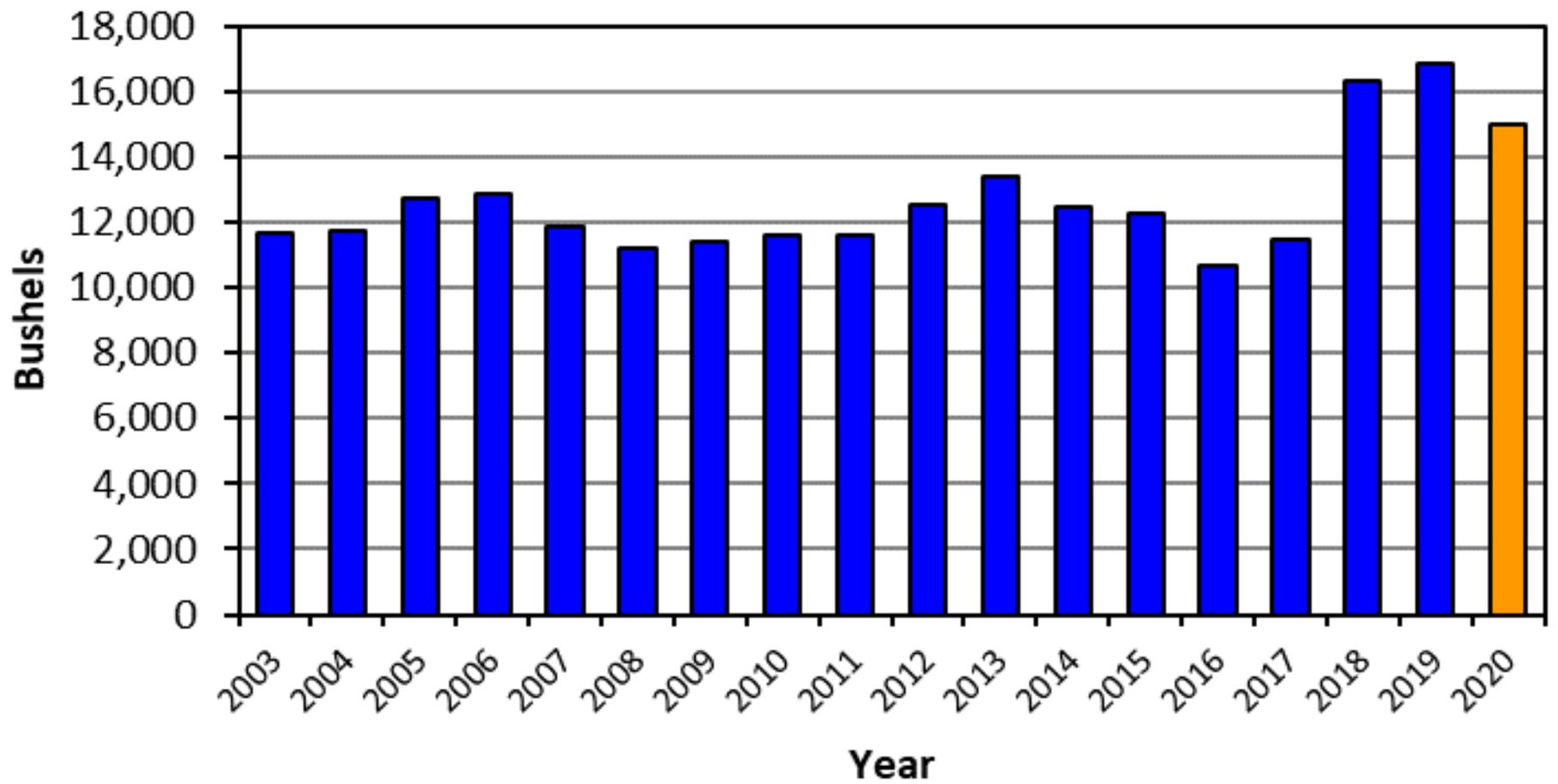


Percentage of oysters greater than or equal to 2.75” and 3”

Bed	% > 2.75”	% > 3”
Ridge	51.16	47.19
Silver Bed	31.83	19.48
Over-the-Bar	49.12	35.88
Lower Middle	63.10	49.86
Drum Bed	45.14	33.71
Average	48.07	37.22

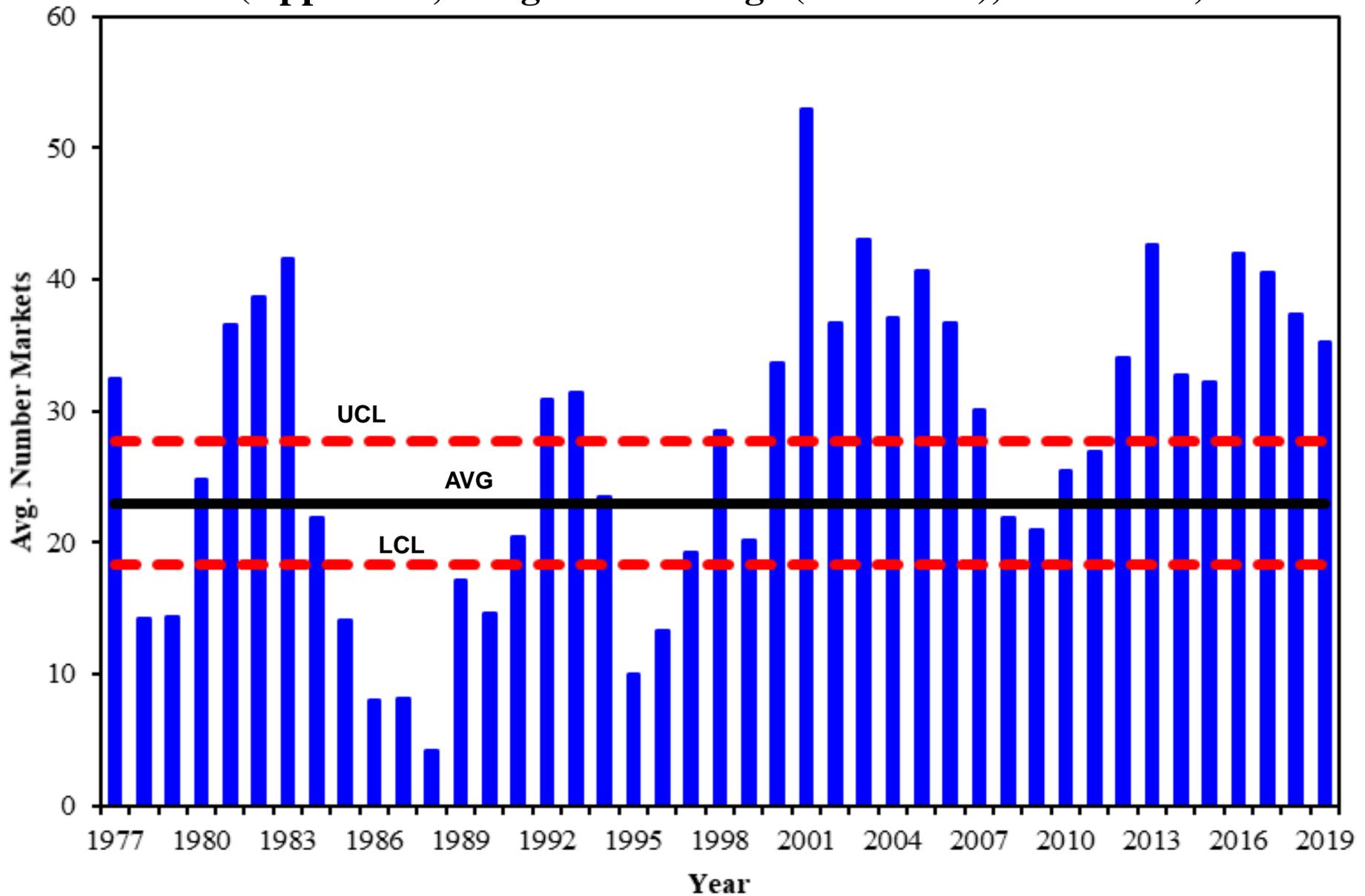
- Quota is based on the relationship between oyster harvest and the fall survey index from 1977-95.
- 2020 quota = 14,978 bushels

Annual Quotas



Pooled Average Number of Markets

(Upper C.I., Long-term Average (1977-2001), Lower C.I.)



SEASON

April 1 – May 30

Sep 1 – Dec 31

QUOTA

14,978 bushels