

Not surprisingly, the Baraboo-based International Crane Foundation hasn't gone all in on a sandhill crane hunting season in Wisconsin. But maybe not for the reasons you might think. A season for the big birds has been proposed by a lawmaker from Oconomowoc. Partly as a way to stem crop damage that the cranes inflict on Wisconsin farmers. But Jeb Barzen, from the Crane Foundation, says that's not a good reason

Barzen says you'd have to kill half the cranes in Wisconsin during the fall to minimize crop damage in the spring. He says there's better techniques to keep cranes from crops that farmers are already having success with.