



A single barn owl can consume about 1,500 rats, mice, voles and gophers per year. A family of barn owls can consume 25 rodents per night. As a result, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined that the barn owl is one of the most economically beneficial wildlife species in North America.

Barn owls produce a large number of offspring compared to other owls. Most species of birds produce only one clutch of eggs per year. Barn owls can have up to three clutches per year, and they lay 4 - 10 eggs per clutch. Because they are raising one clutch after another and have so many hungry mouths to feed, they provide excellent, year-round rodent control.