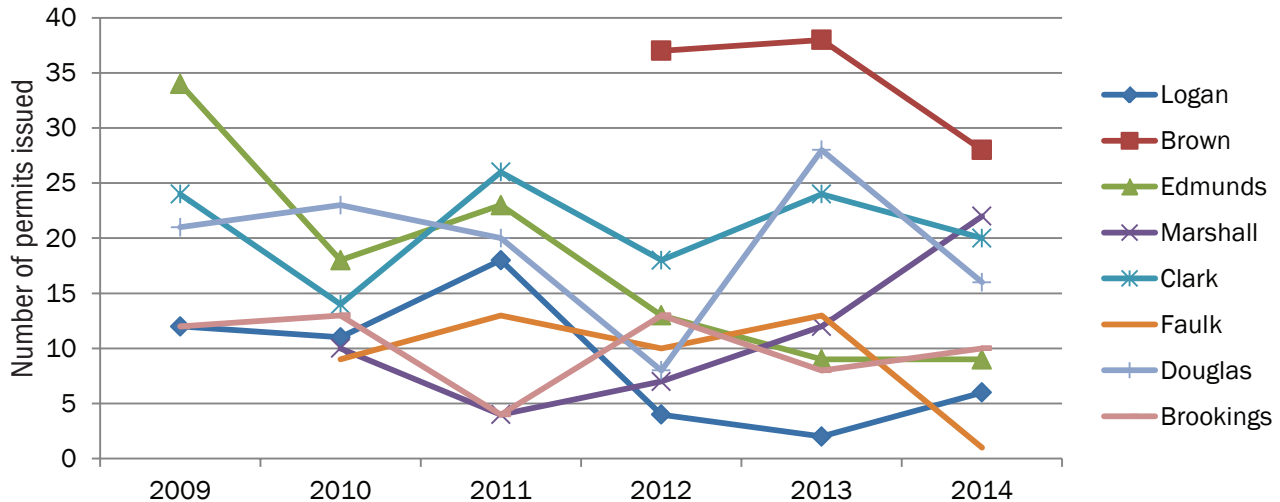


Number of grain bin building permits issued in various Dakota counties, 2009-2014

A clear trend doesn't come through in this depiction of grain bin permits issued over the last six years. Grain bin permits increased in Logan, Brown, and Brookings counties in 2014 but decreased in others. The number of bins built in 2013 was an increase over those built in 2012 in most counties on the list, perhaps a reflection of more money in farmers' bank accounts after stellar crops for the area in 2012.



Notes: 2014 totals are through mid-September. Brown County did not keep track of the reason for permits until 2012, and its year runs from September-August. North Dakota counties are not required to keep track of building permits; permits are issued by townships, and records are kept at that level. Logan was the only N.D. county of those we called that opted to keep building permit records.