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Most of the fieldwork associated with collection of census and survey data for farmland, wetland, and forest wildlife is performed by wildlife biologists and managers (conservation officers also participate in August roadside counts). The Farmland, Wetland, and Forest Wildlife Population and Research groups coordinate these activities, analyze and interpret data, and prepare recommendations for harvest regulations and season setting.

Most of the hunting and trapping harvest estimates are calculated and summarized by St. Paul central office personnel.

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