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This is the 29th year that the Research Unit has compiled this booklet; it is primarily an administrative document intended for DNR personnel. (Since 1984 we have also generated a companion volume containing annual summaries of activities and findings from ongoing research projects in the Unit). In an attempt to more fully grasp the technology of the 21st century, this will be the first year to put the book on the DNR website. It may also be the last year that we publish a paper version. Reports and surveys are now presented in their entirety instead of just the tables and figures. Also, as part of the leap to the future we now include links to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Migratory Bird Management to access their reports for Waterfowl Population Status; Migratory Bird Harvest Information Preliminary Estimates; American Woodcock Population Status; and Mourning Dove Population Status.

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

Wetland Wildlife Populations and Research Group conduct much of the census and survey work for wetland species.

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

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