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This is the 31st year that the DNR has compiled this booklet; it is primarily an administrative document intended for DNR personnel. Since 1984 we have also generated a companion volume, *Summaries of Wildlife Research Findings*, containing annual summaries of activities and findings from ongoing research projects in the Wildlife Research and Policy Unit. This publication will be posted on the DNR website and available on CD. In the on-line format links are available 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. Three new reports in this edition are 2006 Minnesota Fall Wild Turkey Population Survey, 2007 Spring Turkey Hunter Report, and the 2006 Elk Population and Harvest Report.

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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