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Executive Summary

The Mourning Dove (*Zenaidura macroura*; dove) is the most harvested migratory game bird in North America and a ubiquitous species that is valued and easily recognized by the general public. Informed harvest management of this important recreational resource requires knowledge of harvest attributes and population vital rates, several of which are estimable from banding and from hunter-harvested birds. We conducted a national-scale banding program in 2003 – 2005 to generate such data for estimation of band reporting rates, harvest rates, distribution and derivation of harvest, and annual survival rates. The study required training of a new cadre of biologists in field techniques and establishment of data collection and management protocols, as well as providing an opportunity to evaluate logistics and costs associated with the large-scale study design.

During 2003 – 2005, biologists in 29 participating states banded nearly 100,000 birds, and hunters have reported almost 5,000 bands to date from harvested doves. In 2004 and 2005, a proportion of the trapped and released doves received an extra reward band which allowed estimation of the probability that a hunter reported a band from a harvested dove to the United States Geological Survey Bird Banding Laboratory. This reporting rate varied considerably among geographic regions (range: 0.40 – 0.85). Weighted average adult harvest rates for the Eastern Management Unit ($\bar{x} = 0.074 \pm SE = 0.002$) and Central Management Unit ($\bar{x} = 0.062 \pm SE = 0.004$) were similar. Adult harvest rates were greatest in the Western Management Unit ($\bar{x} = 0.091 \pm SE = 0.003$), but this estimate was influenced by the single large estimate from California in 2005. Juvenile harvest rates were greatest in the Eastern Management Unit ($\bar{x} = 0.095 \pm SE = 0.002$) and similar in the Central Management Unit ($\bar{x} = 0.071 \pm SE = 0.003$) and Western Management Unit ($\bar{x} = 0.064 \pm SE =$

0.003). With the exception of only a few states in the northern U.S., at least 80% of the harvest of banded adults and juveniles occurred in the state of banding. Similarly, with only a few exceptions, nearly all recoveries in each state were derived from banded cohorts in the same state.

Average adult subregion survival rates ($\bar{S} = 0.350$, range = 0.261 - 0.732) were generally greater than corresponding subregion juvenile survival rates ($\bar{S} = 0.370$, range = 0.153 - 0.385).

Comparison to results from reporting rate studies conducted more than 30 years ago suggests a large average increase in reporting rate, probably due to the availability of the Bird Banding Laboratory toll-free telephone number for reporting bands. The last national-scale dove banding study was conducted more than 30 years ago, and a comparison of harvest rates suggests current harvest rate estimates for both age classes in Eastern Management Unit and Western Management Unit states are generally less than previous estimates, while estimates are greater or about the same in Central Management Unit states. Survival rates from the earlier study were significantly greater for both age classes in the Eastern Management Unit and the Central Management Unit ($P \leq 0.10$), but no differences were found in the Western Management Unit. We did not find any important changes in harvest distribution or derivation patterns within the management units.

This study provided the foundation for an operational long-term banding program that is critical to the implementation of the National Mourning Dove Strategic Harvest Management Plan (Anonymous 2005), which describes the conceptual framework for an improved, informed system of harvest management for doves.

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Introduction

The Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*; dove) is currently classified as a migratory game bird in 38 of the lower 48 states. It is the most widespread, abundant, and harvested migratory game bird in North America, and its popularity as a game species is confirmed by the fact that > 1.1 million hunters participate in dove hunting each year (Dolton and Rau 2006). Annual hunting regulations are established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), after consideration of input from technical committees and flyway councils that represent each of the 3 dove management units (MUs): Eastern (EMU), Central (CMU) and Western (WMU) (Fig. 1).

Informed harvest management strategies for migratory game birds depend upon knowledge of population dynamics and how the harvest process affects these dynamics. This knowledge depends, in turn, on reliable estimates of critical demographic

vital rates, harvest parameters and population status at appropriate temporal and spatial scales. Historically, large-scale monitoring and survey programs for doves have been very limited. The primary monitoring effort has been the Call-Count Survey (CCS), which is an annual roadside survey coordinated since 1966 by the FWS to index breeding population trends nationwide. The Harvest Information Program (HIP) is an annual FWS mail survey of hunters that was fully implemented in 2002 (Ver Steeg and Elden 2002) and produces estimates of national dove harvest and hunter effort. The last national banding study was conducted by federal and state agencies for several years beginning in the mid-1960s. Although a national-scale experimental wing collection survey to estimate harvest age ratios was begun in 2005 (Otis and Miller; pers. comm.), a large-scale annual recruitment survey has not yet been established.

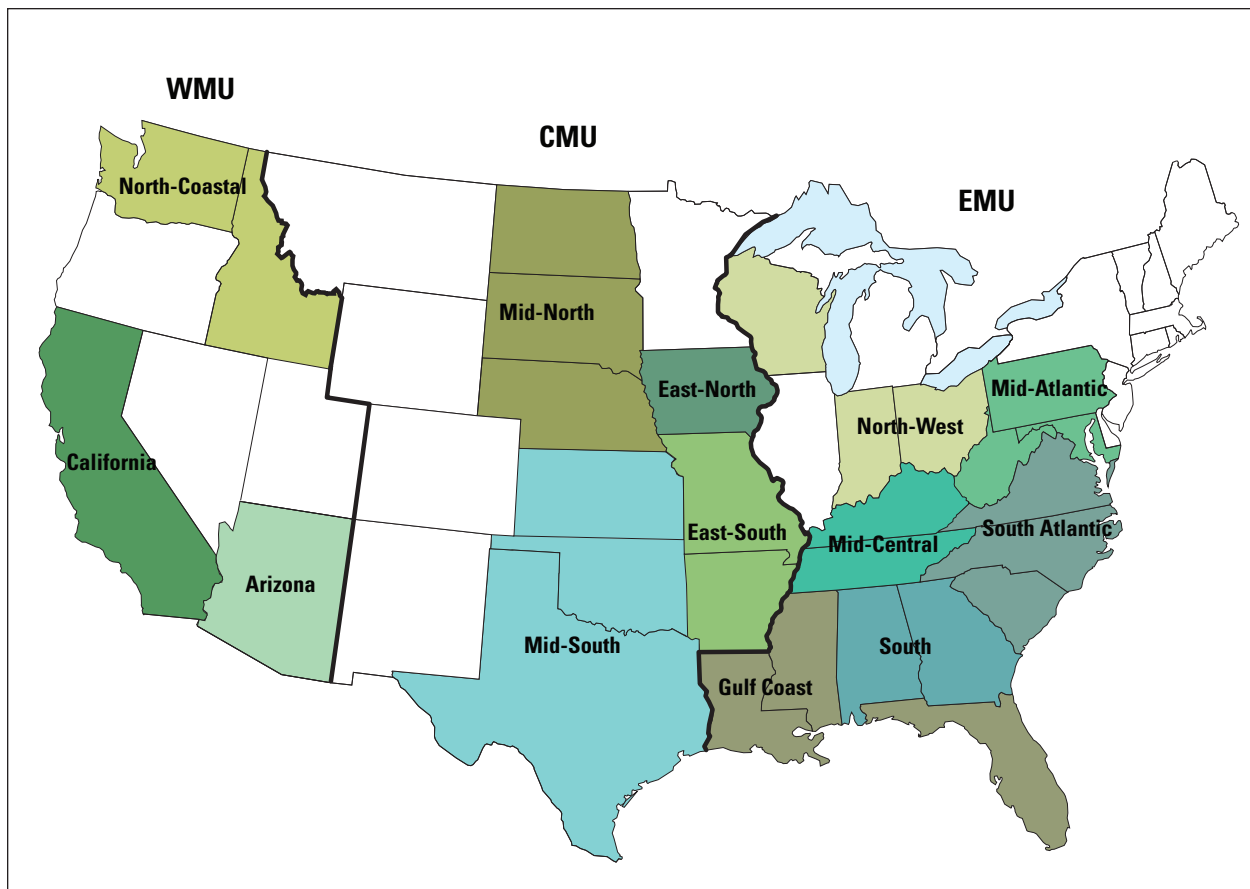


Figure 1. Map of participating States, with Management Unit boundaries (—) and subregion (EMU: Eastern Management Unit, CMU: Central Management Unit, WMU: Western Management Unit).

In 1999, new initiatives were begun within the dove management community based on a desire for improved, science-based harvest strategies for dove populations. In 2003, these efforts culminated in the approval of the Mourning Dove National Strategic Harvest Management Plan (National Plan; Anonymous 2005) by the flyway councils and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Knowledge of population harvest rate is essential for informed management of exploited species (Sadler 1993). For migratory birds, band-recovery studies are used to estimate recovery rates, i.e., the proportion of a banded cohort that is shot, retrieved, and reported to the U.S. Geological Survey Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL). Recovery rates are often used as an index to harvest rate, but these indices are lower than true harvest rates because not all recovered bands are reported to the BBL. Harvest rate estimates are obtained by adjusting recovery rates by the reporting rate, i.e., the probability that a hunter reports the band number from a harvested banded bird. Reporting rates can be estimated by use of reward bands, which are similar to standard metal bands placed on birds, but inscribed with a dollar value that will be paid to the individual who reports the band. By comparing recovery rates of birds banded with standard bands

only to those banded with both standard and reward bands, we can derive reporting rate estimates, assuming that the reward amount is sufficient to insure that a hunter will report the band number (Nichols and Tomlinson 1993, Nichols et al. 1995). Previous reward-band studies for Mourning Doves were conducted on a limited geographic scale by Tomlinson (1968), Reeves (1979), and Scott et al. (2004), but a national-scale effort has never been conducted. Recent changes in the band-reporting mechanism from a mail to toll-free telephone system, as well as potential changes in hunter behavior, also motivated the need for this study.

This banding study was a cooperative effort between state wildlife agencies and the FWS Division of Migratory Bird Management, and was initiated as the first tangible effort to implement a dove harvest strategy envisioned in the National Plan (Anonymous 2005). We conducted the study in 29 states (Fig. 1) during 2003 – 2005. Funds from the FWS Webless Migratory Game Bird Research Program were used to pay band rewards and to cover administrative, coordination, and reporting requirements. Cooperating state wildlife agencies, supplemented in some states by assistance from FWS personnel and private citizens, conducted the banding program. Agency participation was strictly voluntary.

Objectives

The primary objective of this study was to estimate reporting rate and age-specific harvest rates in a representative set of states in each of the 3 dove management units. These units (Fig. 1) were delineated by Kiel (1959) based on examination of band recovery data. Secondary objectives were to use the band-recovery data to describe the spatial distribution and derivation of harvest and to

estimate annual age-specific survival rates (Brownie et al. 1985). In addition, we intended to use the experience gained in training of field personnel, establishment of data collection and management protocols, and assessment of required costs, to help guide the design and implementation of a future operational nationwide banding program.



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Methods

Field Methods

We trapped doves in 29 states (Fig. 1) between 1 July and 15 August using standard modified Kniffin funnel traps (Reeves et al. 1968) and a variety of small grain baits. We classified banded birds as After Hatching Year (adult), Hatching Year (juvenile) or Unknown (Mirarchi 1993, Schulz et al. 1995). Gender cannot reliably be assigned to juveniles and therefore all were classified as unknown; adult birds were classified as male, female, or unknown (Mirarchi 1993, Schulz et al. 1995). The band type (standard) was a FWS metal butt-end band inscribed with the BBL address and a toll-free phone number, either of which could be used to report the band to the BBL.

Banding Scheme

2003. No reward bands were deployed in 2003 based on the rationale that the first year of banding provided the opportunity for participating states to establish banding locations, train personnel in trapping techniques and age and gender assignment, standardize data collection and management protocols, and evaluate field costs. We conducted workshops for state banding coordinators in each management unit to discuss and finalize these details, and most state coordinators subsequently conducted similar workshops within their own state.

Due to concern about the detectability of standard bands on harvested birds, 50% of birds banded in 2003 received an unnumbered gold-colored band in addition to a standard band. The concern arose from two considerations: 1) no large-scale dove banding program had been conducted for 30 years; thus dove hunters are not conditioned to look for bands on harvested birds, and 2) the small band size and aluminum color of a standard band could result in failure to see the band. Comparison of recovery rates of the two marked cohorts provided a check on the assumption that detectability of bands did not confound estimates of reporting rate.

2004. Reward bands were deployed in all 29 participating states in 2004. We placed only a standard band on all adult birds. In addition to a standard band, we placed a reward band on the opposite leg of every third juvenile bird. We placed reward bands only on juvenile birds because of their greater vulnerability to harvest (Dunks et al. 1982), which would result in larger sample sizes for

estimation of reporting rates. The reward amount was \$100, which was considered sufficient to satisfy the critical assumption that a hunter would report a reward band with near certainty (Nichols et al. 1995, Royle and Garrettson, unpubl. data). We assumed that reporting rates would not vary among age or gender cohorts, because these characteristics cannot be reliably identified for birds in flight, nor do we believe hunters preferentially value one cohort over another.

2005. The initial study design specified that only standard bands would be used in 2005. However, we did supplemental reward banding in several states (ND, SD, NE, KS, OK, TX, AZ) based on a desire to improve statistical precision of reporting rate estimates derived from the 2004 data. California joined the study in 2005 and also deployed reward bands.

Field Design and Banding Quotas

The National Plan (Anonymous 2005) suggested continuation of the practice of setting harvest regulations by MU, and this was considered the highest level of aggregation for the results. Due to uncertainty about the potential costs to the participating states for training and fieldwork, we assigned banding quotas to subregions (1 or more states) within each MU (Fig. 1). Our EMU subregion boundaries had been used in prior analyses of dove banding studies (Hayne and Geissler 1977, Otis 2002, 2003). We used the longitudinal boundaries defined by Dunks et al. (1982) and Tomlinson et al. (1988) and, in consultation with expert federal and state dove biologists, we added an additional mid-latitudinal boundary to define CMU and WMU subregions boundaries (Fig. 1). Groups of states within subregions cooperated to achieve banding quota objectives. We allocated the state quotas within the subregion in proportion to their area and average 1997 – 2001 CCS population index. In multi-state subregions with only a single state participant (e.g., EMU – North-West, CMU – East-North; Fig. 1), we arbitrarily assigned the state 50% of the subregion quota.

Given the objective of 1) a standard error of 5% for the reporting rate in each subregion, 2) an expected reporting rate of 30%, and 3) an expected average harvest rate of 10%, standard statistical calculations suggested the best ratio of reward bands to standard bands was approximately 1:2, with subregion quotas

of 1,000 birds of each age-class in 2003 and 2005, and 1,000 adult, 700 juvenile (reward + standard) and 1,400 juvenile (standard only) birds in 2004. States that conducted supplemental reward banding in 2005 used 2004 quotas. With the exception of juvenile birds in reward banding states and years, all states were free to band in excess of their assigned quotas.

We used a 3-step process to choose banding locations. We stratified the subregion into 1-degree latitude by 1-degree longitude blocks. These blocks averaged about 100 km x 100 km. Each subregion had at least 30 degree blocks, and the design objective was to band in a representative sample of 20 blocks. If not all states in a subregion were participating, then the number of banding degree blocks was reduced accordingly. Each state biologist was free to choose these blocks based on their knowledge of dove populations, hunting pressure and available resources. Within each of these blocks, biologists also were responsible for choosing specific banding sites.

Data Analysis

Data Sources

Banding. — Numbers of birds banded in each age and sex cohort for each state and year were derived from electronic spreadsheets provided to us by state banding coordinators. We used a standard template developed by the FWS for data entry, processing, and interface with BBL Band Manager software.

Recoveries. — We used recovery data from the 2003-2005 hunting seasons provided by the BBL in May 2006. We used recoveries only from birds banded by study participants. We used only recoveries from birds shot and retrieved by hunters, which comprised > 95% of the total recoveries of all types.

Parameter Estimations

Reporting Rates. — For each state, we combined all birds banded during the study and calculated the percentage of recoveries that occurred in that state. If this percentage was $\geq 80\%$, we estimated a reporting rate for the state using only these recoveries. This 80% recovery criterion was met in all states except OK and TX. Reporting rates could not be calculated for IA, since it is a non-hunting state, nor for WI and IN because they did not deploy reward bands. We used Program SURVIV (White 1983) to estimate reporting rates and standard errors for the “> 80%” states. The reporting rate was assumed to be constant across years and age-classes. The estimation models also included age-specific annual survival rates (assumed constant across years) and harvest rates (age- and year-specific); these estimates are discussed below. Also, models contained an additional parameter to adjust for a different reporting rate for 2003 birds equipped with the extra blank gold band. Direct (banded birds recovered in the first hunting season following banding) and indirect (banded birds recovered in subsequent hunting seasons) recoveries were used in the models. In a few states, some year/age cohorts

were eliminated from models because of small sample sizes.

For states that did not meet the 80% criterion, we estimated reporting rates by adapting the Program SURVIV models used by Nichols et al. (1995). For OK, we used recoveries from birds banded in AR, KS and OK; for TX we used recoveries from birds banded in IA, KS, OK, SD and TX. Because CA banded only in 2005, we estimated reporting rate using standard formulas (Nichols and Tomlinson 1993).

We estimated subregion reporting rates by calculating a weighted average of estimates from states within the subregion. Similarly, we estimated the management unit rate by calculating a weighted average over all states within the unit. State weights were proportional to the average state HIP harvest estimates from 2003 - 2005.

Harvest Rates. — If at least 80% of the recoveries of both age-classes occurred in the state of banding, we used recoveries from all states of harvest in the same models described previously for reporting rate to estimate annual age-specific harvest rates. Similarly, harvest rates for OK and TX were estimated using the custom Program SURVIV models used for estimation of reporting rate. Harvest distributions for birds banded in WV, ND, SD, NE, KS and ID involved several states; therefore we estimated harvest rates by using state-specific direct recovery rates of standard bands and reporting rates for each state of harvest. We assigned the ID reporting rate to UT, OR and NM in the calculation of ID harvest rates. We assigned the OH reporting rate to IN and WI in the calculation of their harvest rates. We assigned a reporting rate of 0.25 to Mexico, which was used in the calculation of ND, SD, NE and KS harvest rates. We calculated weighted estimates for subregions and the management unit with state weights proportional to the product of the area of dove habitat in the state and its average 1996 – 2005 CCS index. The area of dove habitat for each state was taken from Kiel (1959). Because doves are habitat generalists and their breeding range includes the entire lower 48 states, the only appreciable difference between Kiel’s dove habitat area and the total state area occurs in states with substantial mountain or woodland areas. In our study, these states were NC, PA, WV, WI, ID and WA.

Survival Rates. — Age-specific average annual survival rates were estimated for each state using Program SURVIV (White 1983) models with all harvest recoveries from cohorts banded in that state. Estimates could not be calculated for CA and WI because of only 1 year of banding data, and the estimate for IN is based on only 2 years of banding. We calculated estimates for subregions and the management unit as described for harvest rates.

Harvest Distribution and Derivation

Distribution. We estimated state harvest distribution, i.e., the set of percentages of the harvest recoveries from banded cohorts in a given state that occurred in each state of harvest (Munro and Kimball 1982), for each age-class and for all age-classes combined. Numbers of recoveries in each state were adjusted by the state reporting rate. Data were pooled over all years.

Derivation. We estimated the derivation of harvest for each state, i.e., the percentage of each state's harvest derived from all source banding states, by

following a method described by Geis (1972) and Dunks et al. (1982). Data were pooled over all years. The estimates weighted each recovery from a source state by the relative population abundance that it represented. We calculated the source state weight (W) as

$$W = \frac{(\text{state dove habitat area}) * (\text{median CCS index, 1996 - 2005})}{\text{Number of birds banded in the source state}}$$

Weights were calculated separately for each age-class because the number of birds banded was different in each age-class.



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Results

Banding

Nearly 100,000 doves were banded in the three MUs (EMU: 55% of total, CMU: 35% of total, WMU: 10% of total) during the three-year study (Fig. 2). Forty-two percent were adults, 56% were juveniles, and 2% were unknown age class. In the adult age class, 62% of banded doves were identified as males, 28% as females, and 10% as unknown gender. Approximately 8,000 birds were released with reward bands. State-, year-, and age-specific banding summaries are presented in Appendix A.

Recoveries

Nearly 5,000 recoveries were reported by hunters during the 2003 – 2005 hunting seasons. Direct recoveries comprised 80% of the total recoveries and approximately 60% of the direct recoveries were of juvenile birds. Approximately 60% of the 2003 recoveries had the additional blank gold band. State- and age-specific recovery summaries are presented in Appendix B.

Reporting Rates

Subregion reporting rates ranged from about 0.40 in AZ and the Mid-South to 0.85 in the Mid-North, and with an average = 0.55 (Fig. 3). Individual subregion estimates were moderately precise ($CV = 19\%$). Average subregion estimates within each management unit were 0.53 (EMU), 0.57 (CMU) and 0.57 (WMU). Reporting rates for individual states (Table 1) were not as precise ($CV = 28\%$) and ranged from about 0.30 (GA, OK, TX, WV) to 1.00 (ND, SD, ID).

Harvest Rates

Average state harvest rates varied by 10 to 18 percentage points among states within each of the three MUs (Tables 2a, 2b). There was relatively less annual variation within a state than spatial variation among states. Annual state harvest rate estimates were not precise ($CV = 36\%$).

Average subregion harvest rates were slightly lower for adults ($\bar{x} = 0.069$; range = 0.010 – 0.204) than juveniles ($\bar{x} = 0.079$; range = 0.021 – 0.147; Fig. 4). There was generally small variation among years within subregions. Annual subregion estimates were

moderately precise ($CV = 24\%$). Weighted average MU adult harvest rates were greatest in the WMU ($\bar{x} = 0.091 \pm SE = 0.003$), but this estimate was inflated by the single large estimate of 0.204 for CA in 2005. Adult harvest rates for the EMU ($\bar{x} = 0.074 \pm SE = 0.002$) and CMU ($\bar{x} = 0.062 \pm SE = 0.004$) were similar. Juvenile harvest rates were greatest in the EMU ($\bar{x} = 0.095 \pm SE = 0.002$) and similar in the CMU ($\bar{x} = 0.071 \pm SE = 0.003$) and WMU ($\bar{x} = 0.064 \pm SE = 0.003$).

Survival Rates

Individual state adult survival rates averaged about 15 percentage points greater than juvenile survival rates in the EMU and CMU, but were nearly equal in the WMU (Table 3). There was considerable variation between state age-specific survival rate estimates but these state estimates were very imprecise (adult $CV = 32\%$; juvenile $CV = 42\%$), and should therefore be interpreted with caution.

Subregion adult survival rates ranged from 0.261 in the EMU South to 0.732 in the CMU East-North (IA; Table 3; Fig. 5). Subregion juvenile survival rates ranged from 0.153 in the EMU Gulf Coast to 0.385 in the WMU North-Coastal. Subregion estimates were more precise than state estimates (adult $CV = 22\%$; juvenile $CV = 29\%$).

Harvest Distribution

A high percentage of the total number of recoveries from a state's adult ($\bar{x} = 87\%$) and juvenile ($\bar{x} = 80\%$) banded cohorts occurred in the state of banding (Table 4). Exceptions were the northern states of ND, NE and SD and ID, for which the percentage was 20 – 40 points less than average for adults. For juveniles in these states and in KS, the percentage was 25 – 65 points less than average. Adults banded in AZ, IA, ID, ND and TX, and juveniles banded in AR, CA, ID, KS, ND, NE, SD, TX and WA were recovered in Mexico (Table 4). Juveniles from the non-hunting state of IA were recovered from 13 different states and Mexico.

Harvest Derivation

Nearly all recoveries in each state were derived from banded cohorts in the same state. Harvest derivation calculations indicate that an average of 94% of the adult harvest was derived from a state's breeding

population, and this percentage was at least 75% for all states (Table 5). For juveniles, the average was 92%, and only LA and TX fell slightly below 75%. Caution is necessary in the interpretation of these results, because of the bias caused by non-banding states. Clearly, there can be no contribution of a non-banding state in the derivation calculations for any

other state, and thus the estimates are conditional upon the set of banding states. Also, we included derivation results for some non-banding states and Mexico, but in this case the contributions of banding states are obviously inflated because of the lack of banding in the state of harvest.



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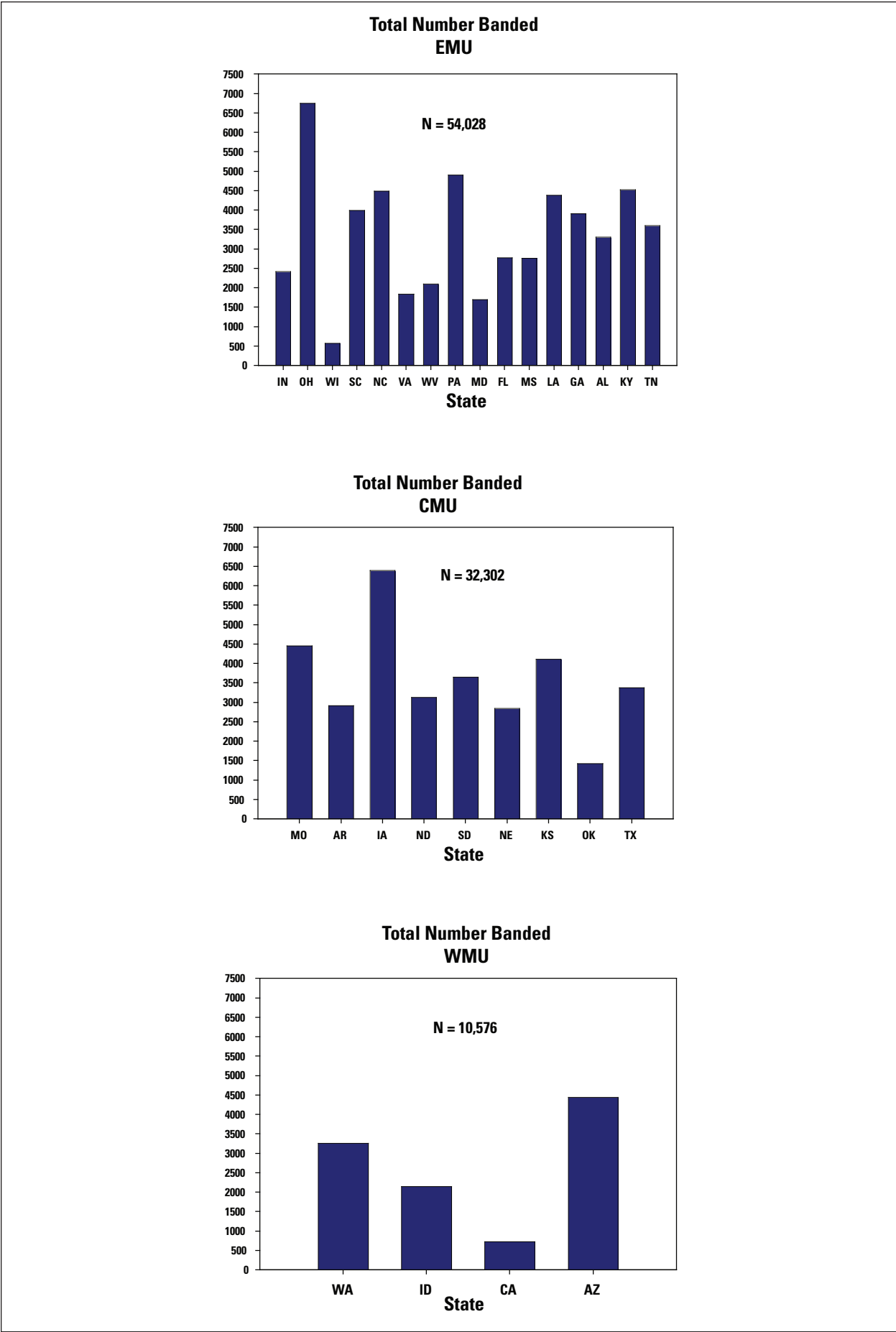


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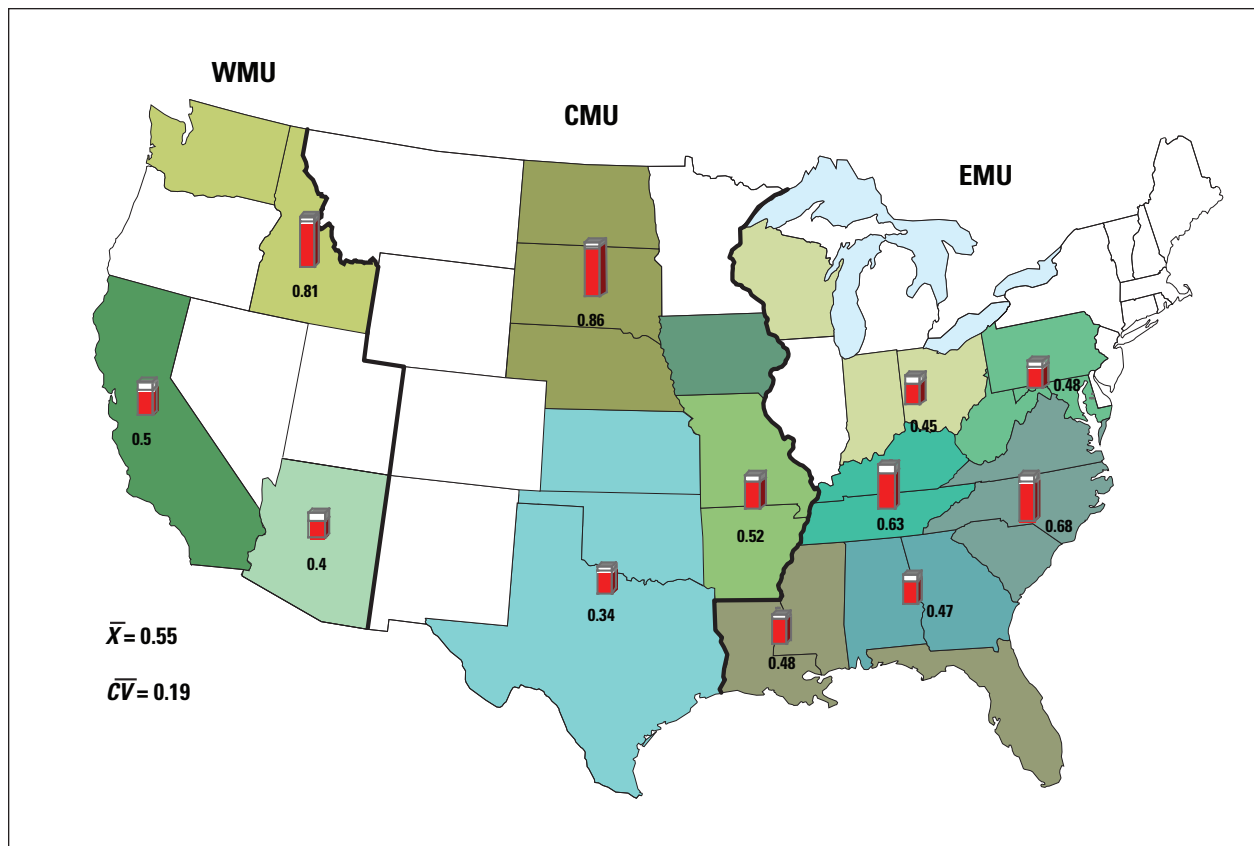


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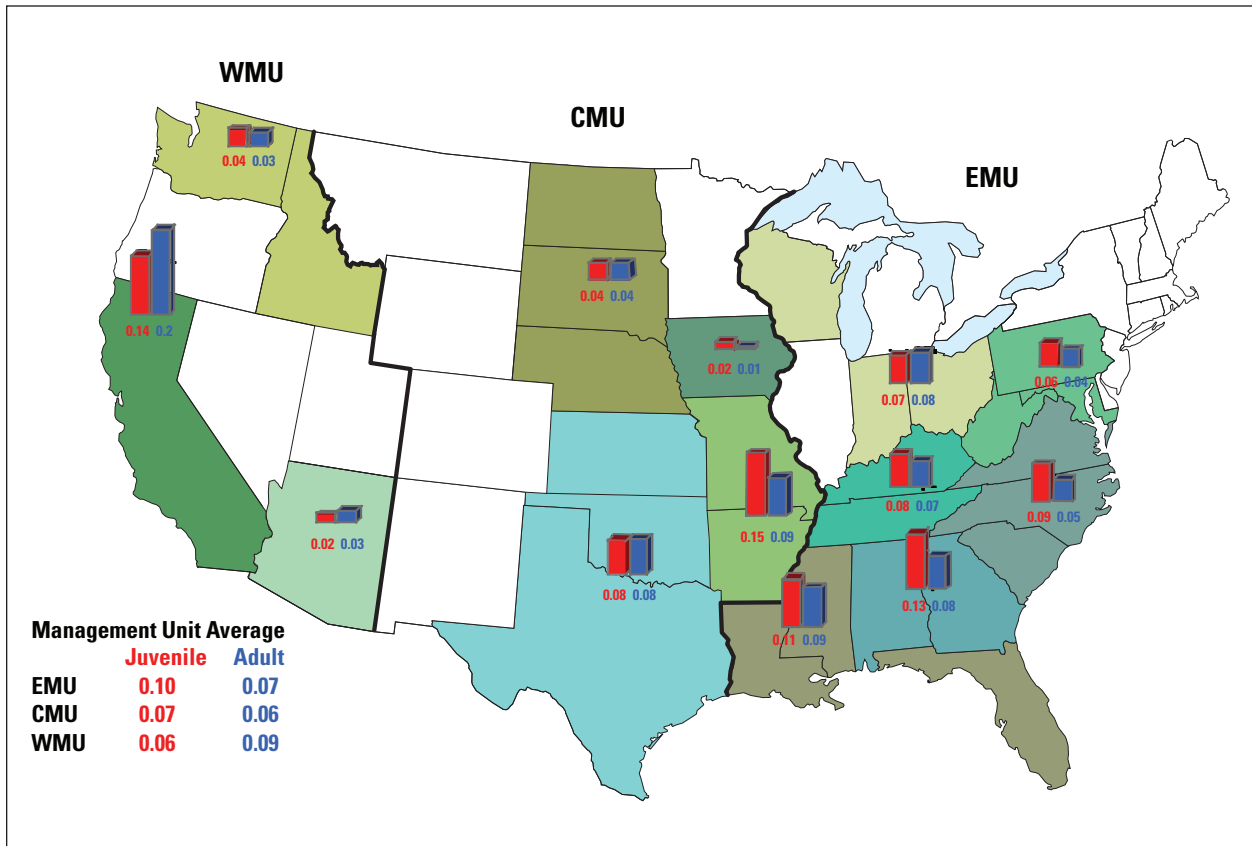


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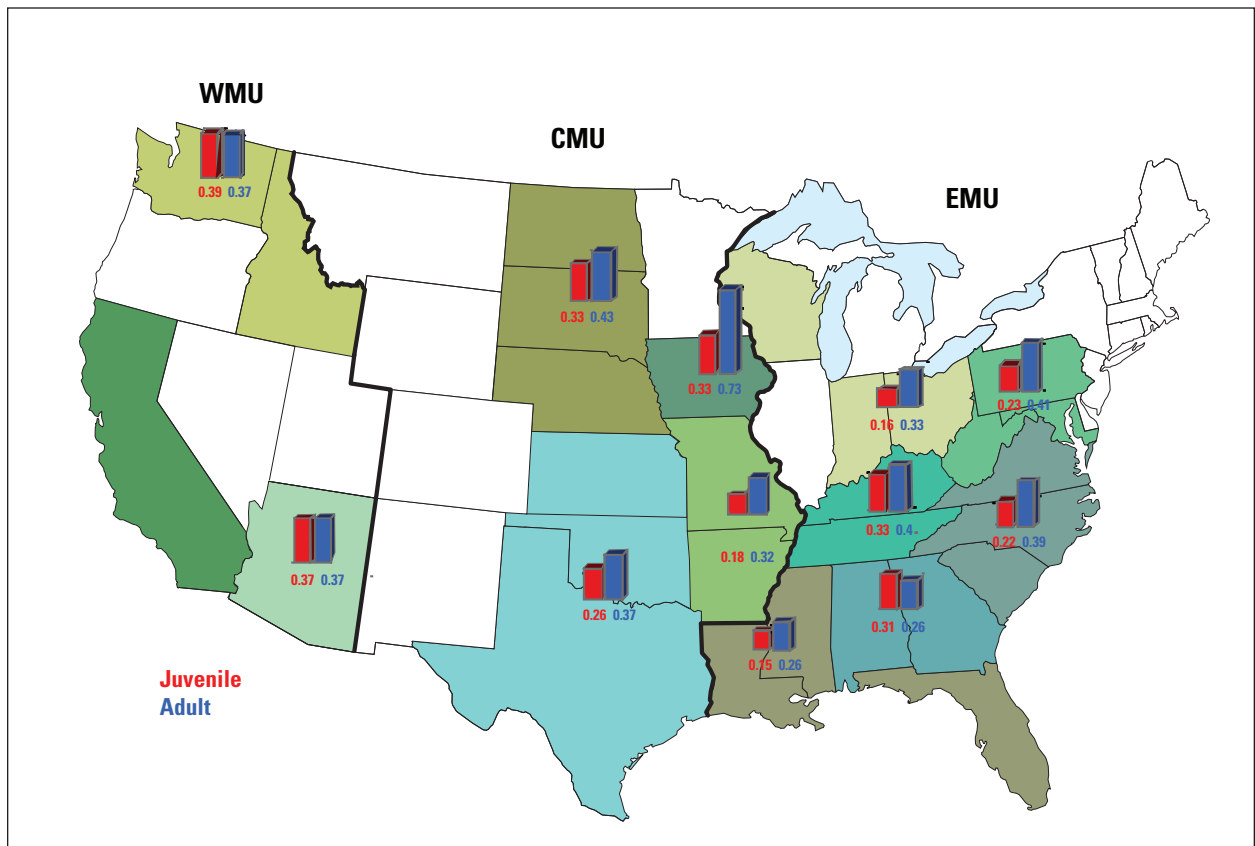


Figure 5. Adult and juvenile Mourning Dove survival rates by subregion for 2003 -2005.

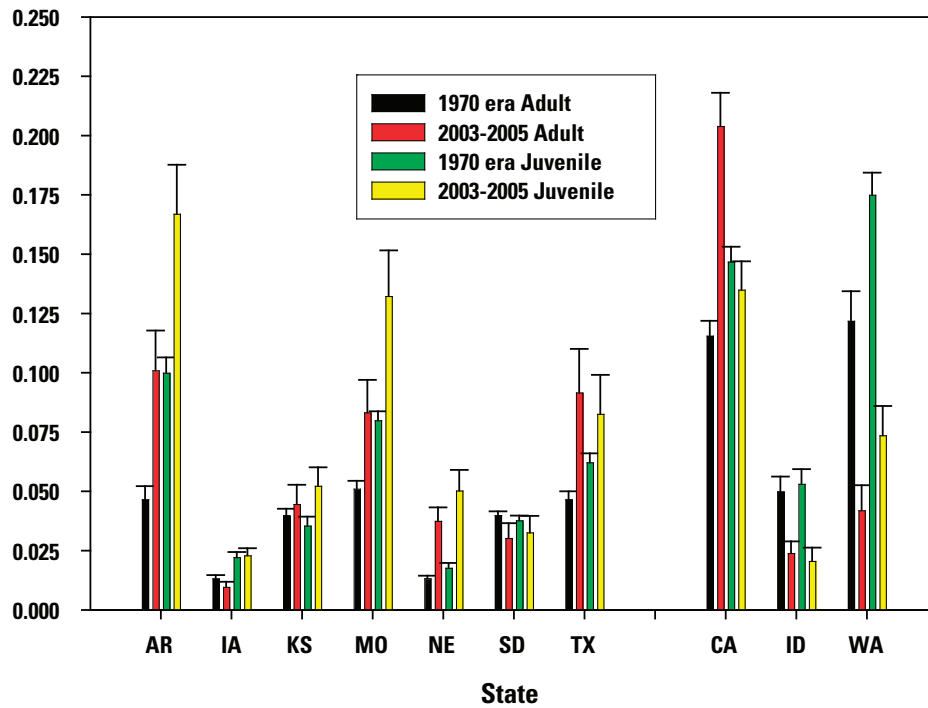
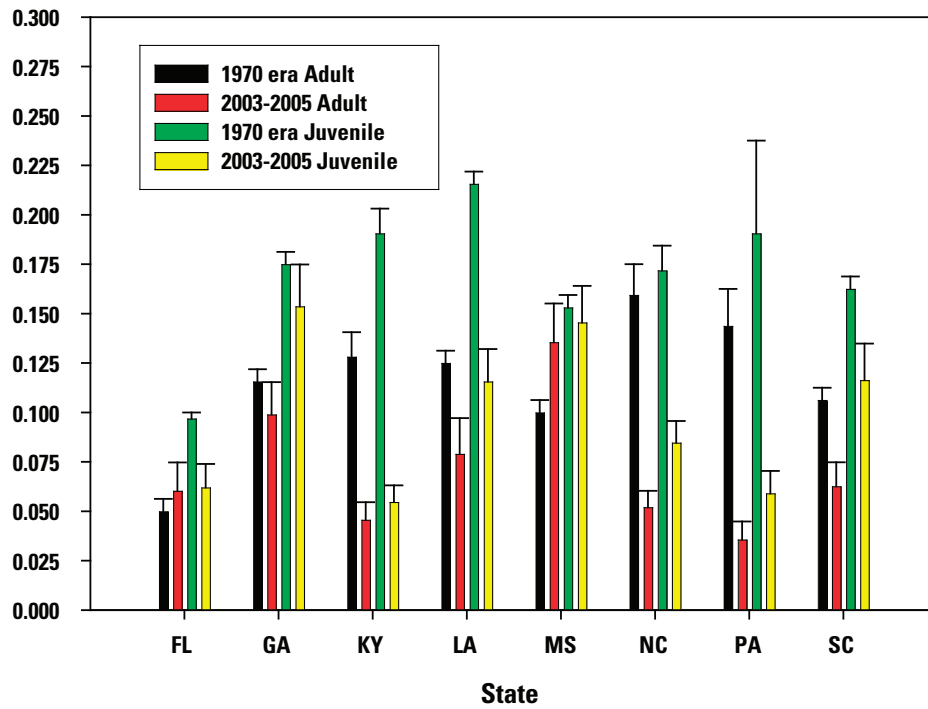


Figure 6. Comparison between 1970 era (1966 – 1971 (EMU States), 1967 – 1974 (CMU States), 1964 – 1974 (WMU States)) and 2003 – 2005 of average age-specific Mourning Dove harvest rate estimates (+ 1 SE) by State (EMU: Eastern Management Unit, CMU: Central Management Unit, WMU: Western Management Unit).

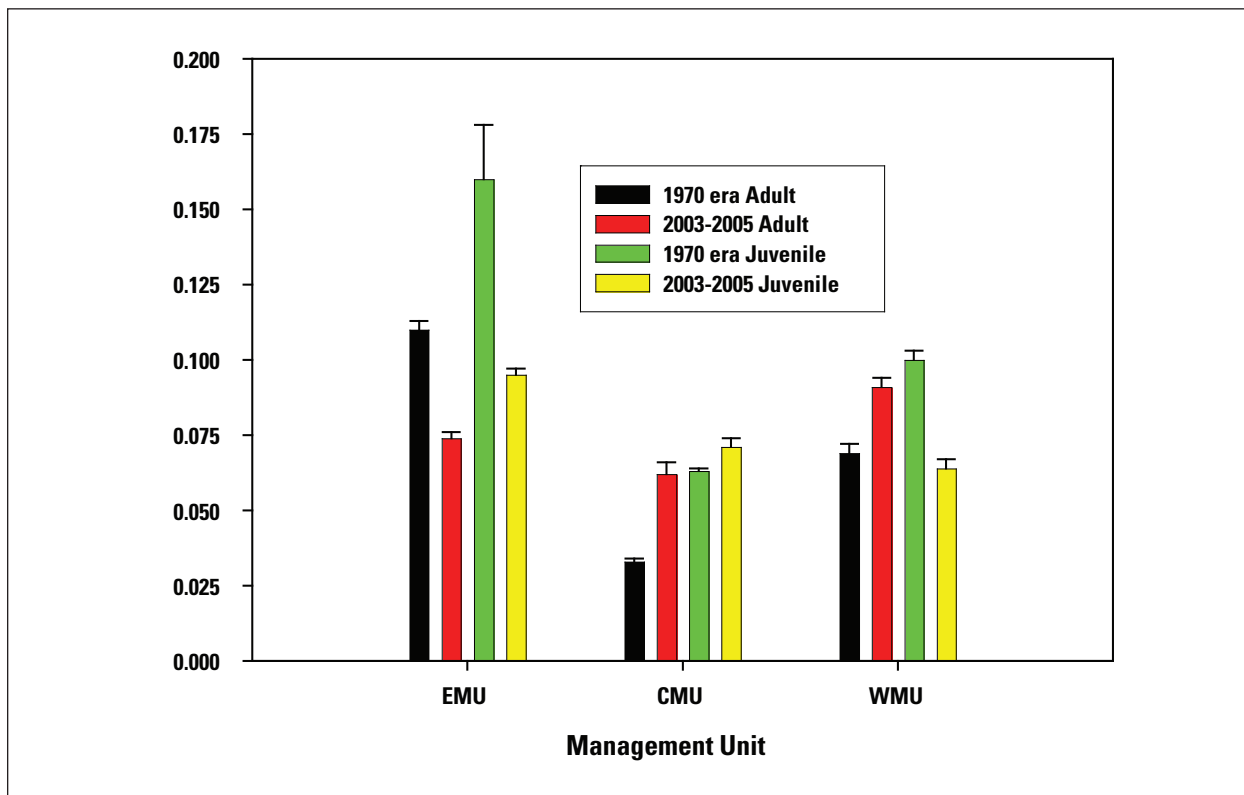


Figure 7. Comparison between 1970 era (1966 – 1971 (EMU), 1967 – 1974 (CMU), 1964 – 1974 (WMU)) and 2003 – 2005 of average age-specific Mourning Dove harvest rate estimates (+ 1 SE) by management unit (EMU: Eastern Management Unit, CMU: Central Management Unit, WMU: Western Management Unit).

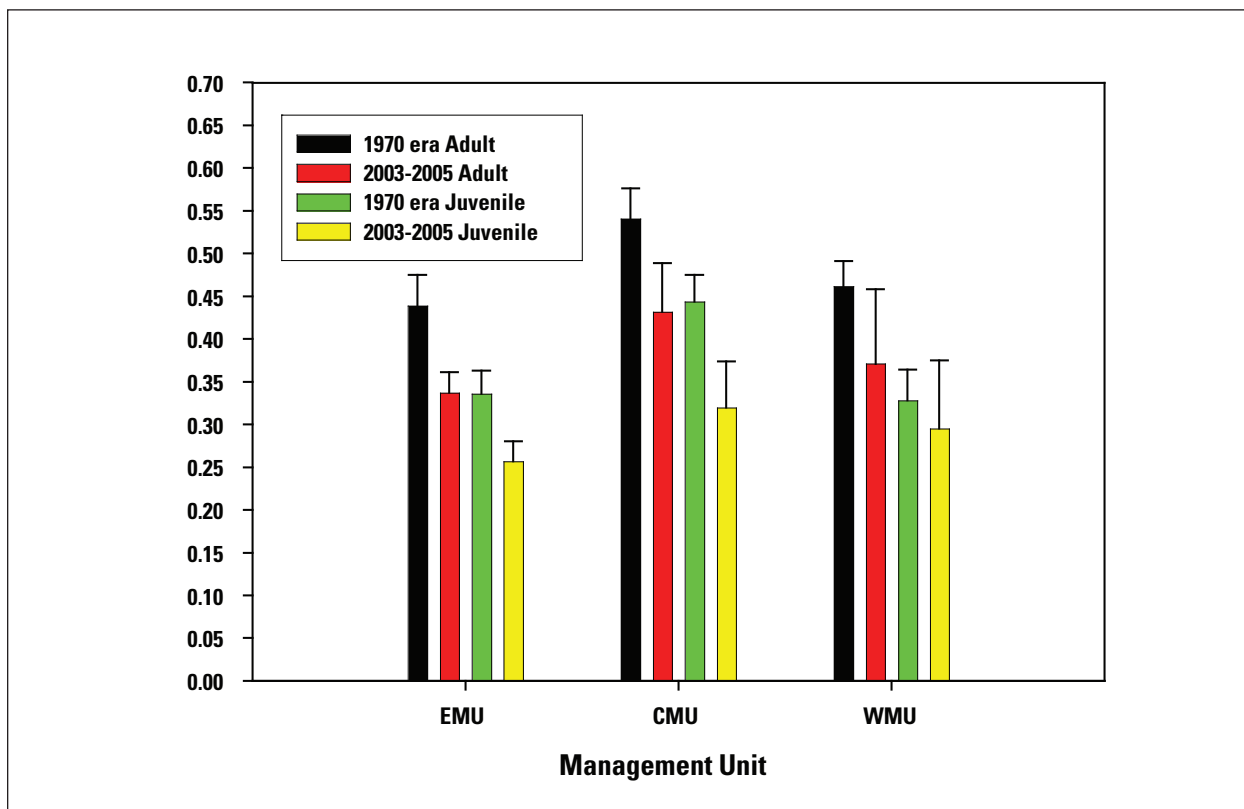


Figure 8. Comparison between 1970 era (1966 – 1971 (EMU subregions), 1967 – 1974 (CMU subregions), 1964 – 1975 (WMU subregions)) and 2003 – 2005 Mourning Dove age-specific survival rates (+ 1 SE) by subregion (EMU: Eastern Management Unit, CMU: Central Management Unit, WMU: Western Management Unit).

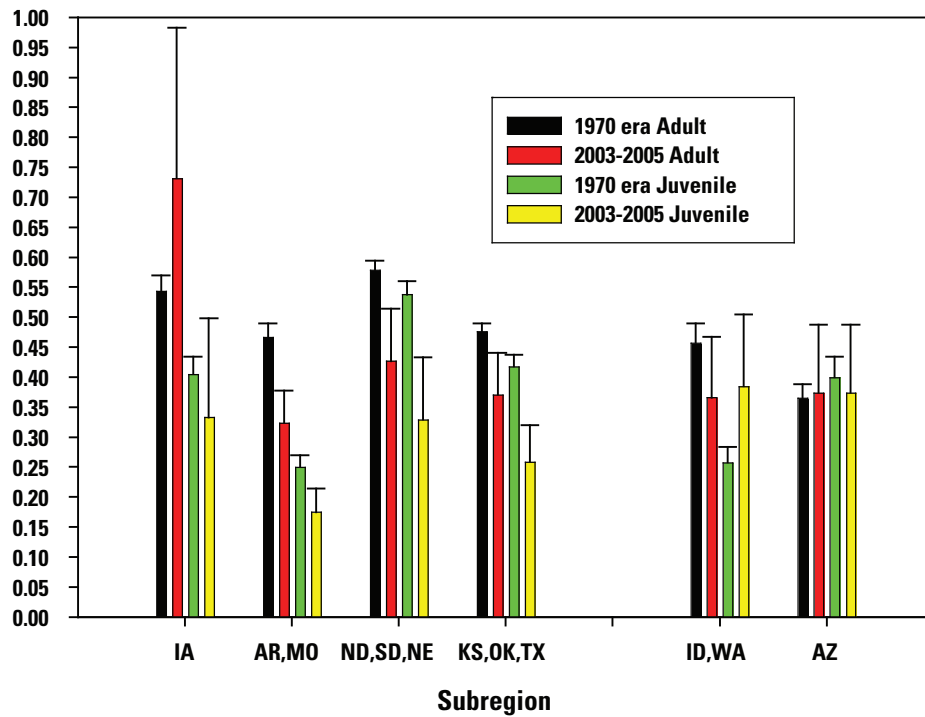
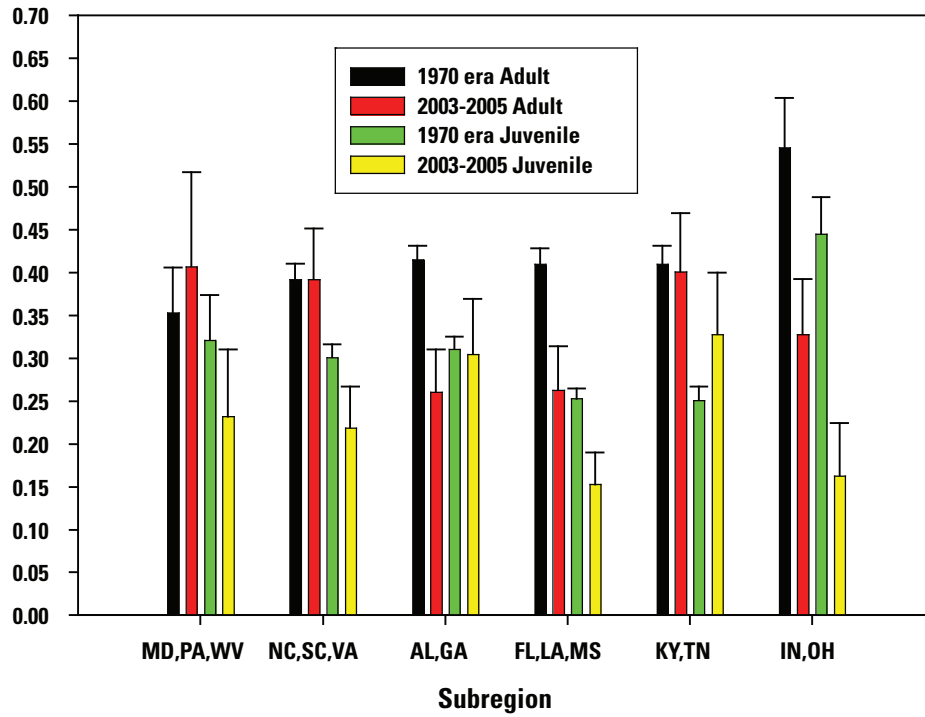


Figure 9. Comparison between 1970 era (1966 – 1971 (EMU), 1967 – 1974 (CMU), 1964 – 1975 (WMU)) and 2003 – 2005 Mourning Dove age-specific survival rates (+ 1 SE), by management unit (EMU: Eastern Management Unit, CMU: Central Management Unit, WMU: Western Management Unit).

Table 1. Mourning Dove reporting rate (R) estimates for each State and subregion within each management unit.

Management Unit	Subregion	State	R	SE	CV
Eastern	Mid-Atlantic	Maryland	0.587	0.283	0.482
		Pennsylvania	0.431	0.142	0.329
		West Virginia	0.245	0.176	0.718
		Subregion	0.402	0.104	0.259
	South-Atlantic	North Carolina	0.751	0.159	0.212
		South Carolina	0.635	0.178	0.280
		Virginia	0.678	0.301	0.444
		Subregion	0.704	0.114	0.161
	South	Alabama	0.598	0.159	0.266
		Georgia	0.311	0.072	0.232
		Subregion	0.441	0.082	0.186
		Gulf Coast	Florida	0.538	0.170
	Louisiana		0.491	0.127	0.259
	Mississippi		0.441	0.108	0.245
	Subregion		0.446	0.071	0.160
	Mid-Central	Kentucky	0.770	0.190	0.247
Tennessee		0.514	0.124	0.241	
Subregion		0.658	0.120	0.182	
North-West		Ohio	0.449	0.117	0.261
	Central	East-South	Arkansas	0.415	0.089
Missouri			0.624	0.138	0.221
Subregion			0.545	0.092	0.169
Mid-North		North Dakota	1.000	---	---
		Nebraska	1.000	---	---
		South Dakota	0.517	0.230	0.445
	Subregion	0.848	0.072	0.085	
Mid-South	Kansas	0.560	0.180	0.321	
	Oklahoma	0.309	0.131	0.424	
	Texas	0.316	0.070	0.222	
	Subregion	0.414	0.082	0.198	
Western	North-Coastal	Idaho	1.000	---	---
		Washington	0.524	0.143	0.273
		Subregion	0.772	0.068	0.089
		Arizona	0.397	0.126	0.317
		California	0.499	0.119	0.238

Table 2a. Mourning Dove adult harvest rates (H) for 2003 - 2005 in each State and subregion by management unit.

Management Unit	Subregion	State	2003		2004		2005		Total	
			H	SE	H	SE	H	SE	Mean	SE
Eastern	Mid-Atlantic	Maryland	0.065	0.036	0.085	0.043	0.085	0.040	0.078	0.023
		Pennsylvania	0.059	0.023	0.02	0.009	0.028	0.012	0.036	0.009
		West Virginia	0.033	0.015	0.047	0.036	0.027	0.023	0.036	0.015
		Subregion	0.052	0.014	0.040	0.014	0.038	0.012	0.044	0.008
	South-Atlantic	North Carolina	0.042	0.013	0.056	0.015	0.058	0.015	0.052	0.008
		South Carolina	0.075	0.024	0.072	0.024	0.041	0.013	0.063	0.012
		Virginia	0.033	0.022	0.044	0.024	0.029	0.016	0.035	0.012
		Subregion	0.049	0.010	0.058	0.011	0.048	0.009	0.052	0.006
	South	Alabama	0.083	0.029	0.06	0.021	0.050	0.018	0.064	0.013
		Georgia	0.063	0.02	0.104	0.030	0.130	0.033	0.099	0.016
		Subregion	0.072	0.017	0.084	0.019	0.094	0.020	0.083	0.011
	Gulf Coast	Florida	0.06	0.026	0.048	0.02	0.073	0.028	0.060	0.014
		Louisiana	0.117	0.041	0.075	0.031	0.045	0.018	0.079	0.018
		Mississippi	0.146	0.044	0.125	0.039	---	---	0.136	0.024
		Subregion	0.103	0.021	0.081	0.018	---	---	0.092	0.014
	Mid-Central	Kentucky	0.072	0.022	0.042	0.013	0.023	0.008	0.046	0.009
		Tennessee	0.101	0.031	0.075	0.022	0.095	0.028	0.090	0.016
Subregion		0.085	0.018	0.056	0.012	0.054	0.013	0.065	0.009	
North-West	Ohio	0.059	0.019	0.063	0.019	0.056	0.017	0.059	0.011	
	Indiana	---	---	0.122	0.037	0.097	0.031	0.110	0.016	
	Wisconsin	---	---	---	---	0.074	0.031	0.074	0.031	
	Subregion	---	---	---	---	0.076	0.016	0.076	0.016	
Central	East-North	Iowa	0.009	0.003	0.007	0.003	0.013	0.005	0.010	0.002
	East-South	Arkansas	0.101	0.033	0.104	0.027	0.098	0.027	0.101	0.017
		Missouri	0.111	0.031	0.061	0.018	0.078	0.020	0.083	0.014
		Subregion	0.107	0.029	0.079	0.026	0.087	0.032	0.091	0.017
	Mid-North	North Dakota	0.032	0.008	0.017	0.005	0.005	0.003	0.018	0.003
		Nebraska	0.027	0.007	0.031	0.007	0.055	0.014	0.038	0.006
		South Dakota	0.037	0.013	0.042	0.011	0.012	0.008	0.030	0.006
		Subregion	0.032	0.005	0.029	0.004	0.023	0.005	0.028	0.003
	Mid-South	Kansas	0.049	0.014	0.042	0.013	0.043	0.015	0.045	0.008
		Oklahoma	0.410	0.146	0.062	0.033	0.054	0.031	0.175	0.051
Texas		0.118	0.043	0.104	0.032	0.053	0.013	0.092	0.018	
Subregion		0.128	0.028	0.075	0.017	0.049	0.009	0.084	0.011	
Western	North-Coastal	Idaho	0.038	0.012	0.017	0.006	0.017	0.006	0.024	0.005
		Washington	0.05	0.023	0.039	0.016	0.037	0.015	0.042	0.011
		Subregion	0.043	0.012	0.027	0.008	0.026	0.007	0.032	0.005
		Arizona	0.025	0.012	0.033	0.013	0.033	0.009	0.030	0.007
		California	---	---	---	---	0.204	0.042	0.204	0.042

Table 2b. Mourning Dove juvenile harvest rates (H) for 2003 - 2005 in each State and subregion by management unit.

Management Unit	Subregion	State	2003		2004		2005		Total	
			H	SE	H	SE	H	SE	Mean	SE
Eastern	Mid-Atlantic	Maryland	0.131	0.068	0.075	0.025	0.114	0.055	0.107	0.030
		Pennsylvania	0.064	0.024	0.053	0.012	0.06	0.021	0.059	0.011
		West Virginia	0.032	0.020	0.049	0.029	0.049	0.027	0.043	0.015
		Subregion	0.066	0.019	0.056	0.012	0.067	0.017	0.063	0.009
	South-Atlantic	North Carolina	0.064	0.02	0.122	0.02	0.068	0.017	0.085	0.011
		South Carolina	0.13	0.041	0.126	0.025	0.093	0.028	0.116	0.019
		Virginia	0.056	0.033	0.081	0.028	0.018	0.011	0.052	0.015
		Subregion	0.081	0.017	0.115	0.014	0.065	0.012	0.087	0.008
	South	Alabama	0.142	0.045	0.095	0.019	0.073	0.024	0.103	0.018
		Georgia	0.105	0.031	0.164	0.024	0.192	0.05	0.154	0.021
		Subregion	0.122	0.027	0.133	0.016	0.138	0.029	0.131	0.014
	Gulf Coast	Florida	0.061	0.026	0.103	0.022	0.022	0.011	0.062	0.012
		Louisiana	0.098	0.03	0.144	0.026	0.105	0.029	0.116	0.016
		Mississippi	0.169	0.051	0.122	0.022	---	---	0.146	0.023
		Subregion	0.108	0.023	0.112	0.012	---	---	0.110	0.013
	Mid-Central	Kentucky	0.059	0.018	0.068	0.013	0.037	0.012	0.055	0.008
		Tennessee	0.134	0.04	0.133	0.023	0.094	0.027	0.120	0.018
		Subregion	0.092	0.020	0.096	0.012	0.062	0.014	0.083	0.009
	North-West	Ohio	0.058	0.019	0.051	0.009	0.068	0.021	0.059	0.010
Indiana		---	---	0.116	0.039	0.094	0.031	0.105	0.020	
Wisconsin		---	---	---	---	0.035	0.018	0.035	0.018	
Subregion		---	---	---	---	0.067	0.014	0.067	0.014	
Central	East-North	Iowa	0.038	0.007	0.007	0.003	0.024	0.005	0.023	0.003
	East-South	Arkansas	0.16	0.042	0.195	0.028	0.146	0.036	0.167	0.021
		Missouri	0.119	0.034	0.106	0.018	0.172	0.043	0.132	0.019
		Subregion	0.137	0.026	0.144	0.016	0.161	0.029	0.147	0.014
	Mid-North	North Dakota	0.045	0.013	0.018	0.007	0.025	0.010	0.029	0.006
		Nebraska	0.032	0.011	0.047	0.011	0.072	0.021	0.050	0.009
		South Dakota	0.037	0.011	0.019	0.011	0.042	0.014	0.033	0.007
		Subregion	0.038	0.007	0.028	0.006	0.046	0.009	0.037	0.004
	Mid-South	Kansas	0.081	0.018	0.04	0.012	0.036	0.009	0.052	0.008
		Oklahoma	0.343	0.133	0.066	0.033	0.120	0.038	0.176	0.047
		Texas	0.118	0.044	0.061	0.013	0.069	0.018	0.083	0.016
		Subregion	0.132	0.028	0.044	0.009	0.062	0.011	0.079	0.010
	Western	North-Coastal	Idaho	0.010	0.007	0.042	0.014	0.010	0.006	0.021
Washington			0.09	0.029	0.071	0.014	0.06	0.018	0.074	0.012
Subregion		0.046	0.014	0.055	0.010	0.032	0.009	0.044	0.006	
Arizona		0.02	0.01	0.025	0.008	0.019	0.008	0.021	0.005	
California		---	---	---	---	0.135	0.036	0.135	0.036	

Table 3. Mourning Dove survival rates (S) for each State and subregion by management unit.

Management Unit	Subregion	State	Adult			Juvenile		
			S	SE	CV	S	SE	CV
Eastern	Mid-Atlantic	Maryland	0.445	0.119	0.267	0.219	0.094	0.429
		Pennsylvania	0.372	0.118	0.317	0.229	0.098	0.428
		West Virginia	0.465	0.287	0.617	0.243	0.172	0.708
		Subregion	0.407	0.110	0.271	0.232	0.078	0.336
	South-Atlantic	North Carolina	0.291	0.060	0.206	0.187	0.059	0.316
		South Carolina	0.388	0.086	0.222	0.271	0.089	0.328
		Virginia	0.690	0.229	0.332	0.244	0.137	0.561
		Subregion	0.392	0.059	0.151	0.219	0.048	0.218
	South	Alabama	0.234	0.080	0.342	0.354	0.116	0.328
		Georgia	0.284	0.059	0.208	0.261	0.065	0.249
		Subregion	0.261	0.049	0.188	0.305	0.064	0.212
	Gulf Coast	Florida	0.332	0.100	0.301	0.066	0.041	0.621
		Louisiana	0.268	0.104	0.388	0.274	0.095	0.347
		Mississippi	0.199	0.062	0.312	0.131	0.050	0.382
		Subregion	0.263	0.051	0.193	0.153	0.037	0.240
	Mid-Central	Kentucky	0.508	0.110	0.217	0.440	0.119	0.270
		Tennessee	0.265	0.063	0.238	0.184	0.059	0.321
		Subregion	0.401	0.068	0.169	0.328	0.072	0.219
	North-West	Ohio	0.400	0.080	0.200	0.145	0.046	0.317
		Indiana	0.264	0.099	0.375	0.180	0.108	0.600
Subregion		0.328	0.064	0.196	0.163	0.061	0.373	
Central	East-North	Iowa	0.732	0.251	0.343	0.333	0.165	0.495
		Subregion	0.324	0.053	0.163	0.175	0.039	0.221
	East-South	Arkansas	0.264	0.077	0.292	0.202	0.062	0.307
		Missouri	0.369	0.072	0.195	0.154	0.049	0.318
		Subregion	0.427	0.087	0.204	0.329	0.104	0.316
	Mid-North	North Dakota	0.452	0.192	0.425	0.425	0.240	0.565
		Nebraska	0.474	0.107	0.226	0.111	0.059	0.532
		South Dakota	0.348	0.123	0.353	0.444	0.169	0.381
		Subregion	0.427	0.087	0.204	0.329	0.104	0.316
	Mid-South	Kansas	0.495	0.105	0.212	0.407	0.121	0.297
		Oklahoma	0.563	0.322	0.572	0.475	0.229	0.482
		Texas	0.370	0.114	0.308	0.209	0.079	0.378
Subregion		0.371	0.069	0.185	0.259	0.061	0.234	
Western	North-Coastal	Idaho	0.262	0.126	0.481	0.192	0.126	0.656
		Washington	0.495	0.164	0.331	0.624	0.217	0.348
	Subregion	0.366	0.101	0.276	0.385	0.119	0.310	
	Arizona	0.374	0.113	0.302	0.264	0.101	0.383	

Table 4. Age-specific and pooled (All) percent distribution of Mourning Dove harvest for each banding State, 2003 - 2005.

Banding state	Recovery State or Mexico	Adult	Juvenile	Unknown	All	
Alabama	Alabama	96.0	100.0	100.0	98.8	
	Georgia	4.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	
Arkansas	Arkansas	88.2	88.1	100.0	88.4	
	Florida	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	
	Louisiana	3.1	0.9	0.0	1.5	
	Mississippi	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.9	
	Mexico	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.8	
	Oklahoma	4.9	4.1	0.0	4.2	
	Texas	2.4	4.3	0.0	3.7	
Arizona	Arizona	82.8	100.0	0.0	89.0	
	California	6.9	0.0	0.0	4.4	
	Mexico	10.3	0.0	0.0	6.6	
California	California	100.0	92.6	100.0	96.7	
	Mexico	0.0	7.4	0.0	3.3	
Florida	Alabama	2.4	1.1	100.0	1.5	
	Florida	95.1	97.3	0.0	96.5	
	Kansas	2.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	
Georgia	Missouri	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.9	
	Alabama	0.7	2.8	100.0	1.9	
	Georgia	99.3	96.9	0.0	97.9	
Iowa	South Carolina	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	
	Alabama	0.0	5.7	0.0	4.1	
	Arkansas	7.4	0.0	0.0	1.9	
	Florida	5.7	2.0	0.0	2.9	
	Georgia	9.8	3.4	0.0	5.0	
	Illinois	0.0	4.3	0.0	3.1	
	Kansas	5.5	3.0	0.0	3.5	
	Louisiana	6.2	16.3	0.0	13.3	
	Maryland	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.3	
	Minnesota	0.0	2.1	0.0	1.5	
	Missouri	4.9	6.2	0.0	5.7	
	Mississippi	12.2	4.9	0.0	3.5	
	Mexico	0.0	7.5	0.0	8.5	
	Nebraska	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.8	
	Oklahoma	0.0	6.9	0.0	5.0	
	Texas	48.3	32.6	100.0	38.3	
	Unknown	0.0	2.1	0.0	1.5	
	Idaho	Arizona	7.7	6.9	---	7.3
		California	6.2	16.4	---	11.6
		Idaho	61.5	16.4	---	37.7
Mexico		12.3	32.9	---	23.2	
New Mexico		0.0	5.5	---	2.9	
Oregon		12.3	11.0	---	11.6	
Utah		0.0	11.0	---	5.8	
Indiana	Alabama	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	
	Arkansas	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.9	
	Georgia	2.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	
	Illinois	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.8	
	Indiana	90.9	91.1	100.0	91.1	
	Kentucky	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.5	
	Louisiana	0.0	4.4	0.0	1.6	
	Ohio	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.8	
	Texas	3.9	0.0	0.0	2.4	

Banding state	Recovery State or Mexico	Adult	Juvenile	Unknown	All	
Kansas	Arkansas	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.5	
	Kansas	81.4	39.8	100.0	61.6	
	Louisiana	0.0	2.1	0.0	1.0	
	Missouri	3.1	4.9	0.0	3.9	
	Mexico	0.0	16.2	0.0	7.8	
	Oklahoma	3.2	9.6	0.0	6.2	
	Texas	12.4	26.6	0.0	19.0	
Kentucky	Alabama	1.7	0.0	---	0.7	
	Florida	0.0	1.3	---	0.8	
	Illinois	0.0	2.8	---	1.6	
	Indiana	0.0	1.5	---	0.9	
	Kentucky	89.2	93.7	---	91.9	
	Mississippi	2.3	0.0	---	0.9	
	Oklahoma	3.3	0.0	---	1.3	
	South Carolina	1.6	0.0	---	0.6	
	Tennessee	2.0	0.0	---	0.8	
Louisiana	West Virginia	0.0	0.7	---	0.4	
	Alabama	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	
	Georgia	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.6	
	Kentucky	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	
	Louisiana	100.0	95.5	100.0	96.1	
	Mississippi	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.3	
	Ohio	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.4	
	South Carolina	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	
	Texas	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.6	
Maryland	Delaware	0.0	7.2	0.0	4.1	
	Georgia	0.0	3.9	0.0	2.2	
	Maryland	90.1	85.9	42.3	86.5	
	North Carolina	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	
	Pennsylvania	7.7	0.0	57.7	4.7	
	South Carolina	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.7	
	Virginia	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.0	
	Missouri	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	
Missouri	Arkansas	1.2	2.3	0.0	1.7	
	Florida	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Illinois	0.0	1.9	3.9	1.4	
	Kansas	0.0	1.68	0.0	1.0	
	Kentucky	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.7	
	Louisiana	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	
	Missouri	92.4	89.0	90.0	90.0	
	Mississippi	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	
	South Carolina	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2	
	Tennessee	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.7	
	Texas	4.8	0.2	6.1	3.4	
	Mississippi	Alabama	2.0	1.5	0.0	1.7
		Georgia	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Louisiana		0.0	0.9	0.0	0.5	
Missouri		1.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	
Mississippi		95.0	95.8	100.0	95.5	
North Carolina	Tennessee	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.0	
	Georgia	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.0	
	North Carolina	100.0	97.4	100.0	98.5	
	South Carolina	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.5	

Banding state	Recovery State or Mexico	Adult	Juvenile	Unknown	All
North Dakota	Georgia	0.0	9.3	---	4.3
	Mexico	39.7	40.5	---	40.1
	North Dakota	42.2	26.1	---	34.7
	New Mexico	0.0	5.8	---	2.7
	Texas	18.2	18.3	---	18.2
Nebraska	Kansas	0.0	5.8	---	2.5
	Mexico	1.6	28.9	---	13.5
	Nebraska	66.8	33.0	---	52.1
	Oklahoma	5.1	0.0	---	2.9
	Tennessee	3.1	0.0	---	1.7
	Texas	20.1	32.3	---	25.4
Ohio	Unknown	3.2	0.0	---	1.8
	Alabama	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3
	Florida	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3
	Georgia	0.0	3.2	0.0	1.7
	Louisiana	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3
	Mississippi	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.6
	Ohio	96.7	93.3	100.0	94.9
	Pennsylvania	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.5
	South Carolina	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.4
	Tennessee	1.1	1.0	0.0	1.0
	Oklahoma	Kansas	0.0	1.0	0.0
Oklahoma		83.1	83.3	100.0	84.7
Texas		16.9	15.7	0.0	14.6
Pennsylvania	Alabama	0.0	1.6	---	1.1
	Delaware	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.6
	Maryland	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.1
	North Carolina	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.8
	Ohio	0.0	4.1	0.0	2.8
	Pennsylvania	96.3	86.8	100.0	90.0
	South Carolina	1.6	2.2	0.0	2.0
	Tennessee	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.6
	Texas	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.0
South Carolina	Georgia	19.2	13.1	14.0	15.4
	Kentucky	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
	North Carolina	1.0	1.3	0.0	1.0
	South Carolina	78.8	85.6	86.0	83.3
South Dakota	Kansas	1.5	6.5	---	3.8
	Mississippi	0.0	3.9	---	1.8
	Mexico	5.8	15.4	---	10.2
	Nebraska	0.0	1.7	---	0.8
	Oklahoma	1.5	0.0	---	0.8
	South Dakota	56.3	56.6	---	56.4
	Tennessee	2.8	0.0	---	1.5
	Texas	32.2	12.5	---	23.2
Tennessee	Unknown	0.0	3.4	---	1.6
	Alabama	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
	Arkansas	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.6
	Florida	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.4
	Louisiana	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.5
	Missouri	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4
	Mississippi	0.0	2.4	0.0	1.3
	Tennessee	99.0	94.3	100.0	96.4

Banding state	Recovery State or Mexico	Adult	Juvenile	Unknown	All
Texas	Alabama	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.6
	Mexico	2.8	8.5	100.0	7.0
	South Dakota	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.7
	Texas	97.2	88.9	0.0	91.8
Virginia	Virginia	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Washington	Arizona	0.0	0.5	---	0.4
	California	0.0	8.0	---	7.0
	Mexico	0.0	4.5	---	3.9
	Nevada	6.5	1.0	---	1.7
	Oregon	0.0	1.0	---	0.9
	Washington	93.5	85.0	---	86.1
	Wisconsin	Mississippi	12.7	0.0	---
Wisconsin	Texas	0.0	26.2	---	10.6
	Wisconsin	87.3	73.8	---	81.9
	West Virginia	0.0	5.4	---	3.9
West Virginia	Alabama	0.0	5.4	---	3.9
	Georgia	28.3	0.0	---	7.6
	Louisiana	0.0	4.9	---	3.6
	Maryland	0.0	1.6	---	1.2
	Ohio	0.0	8.6	---	6.3
	Pennsylvania	0.0	7.5	---	5.5
	West Virginia	71.7	72.0	---	72.0

Table 5. Percent derivation by State and in Mexico of Mourning Dove adult and juvenile harvest, 2003 - 2005.

Recovery State/Mexico	Banding state	Adult	Juvenile
Alabama	Alabama	85.2	83.6
	Florida	1.5	0.6
	Georgia	2.2	5.0
	Iowa	0.0	2.6
	Indiana	3.2	0.0
	Kentucky	1.3	0.0
	Louisiana	0.0	0.3
	Missouri	0.0	0.9
	Mississippi	5.3	2.0
	Ohio	0.0	0.3
	Pennsylvania	0.0	0.3
	Tennessee	1.4	0.0
	Texas	0.0	4.3
	West Virginia	0.0	0.2
Arkansas	Arkansas	91.2	91.0
	Iowa	2.0	0.0
	Indiana	3.9	0.0
	Kansas	0.0	5.1
	Missouri	2.8	3.3
	Tennessee	0.0	0.6
Arizona	Arizona	98.9	98.2
	Idaho	1.1	1.4
	Washington	0.0	0.4
California	Arizona	1.4	0.0
	California	98.4	98.3
	Idaho	0.2	1.0
	Washington	0.0	0.7
Delaware	Maryland	0.0	100.0
	Pennsylvania	100.0	0.0
	Virginia	0.0	0.0
Florida	Arkansas	3.2	0.0
	Florida	93.8	94.3
	Iowa	3.0	1.9
	Kentucky	0.0	1.4
	Ohio	0.0	0.8
	Tennessee	0.0	1.6
	Virginia	0.0	0.0
	West Virginia	0.0	0.0
Georgia	Alabama	1.0	0.0
	Georgia	87.1	90.0
	Iowa	0.9	0.5
	Indiana	1.7	0.0
	Louisiana	0.0	0.2
	Maryland	0.0	0.1
	Mississippi	1.4	0.0
	North Carolina	0.0	0.8
	North Dakota	0.0	2.8
	Ohio	0.0	0.5
	South Carolina	7.5	5.0
	West Virginia	0.4	0.0
	Idaho	100.0	100.0
Illinois	Iowa	0.0	20.9
	Indiana	0.0	19.9
	Kentucky	0.0	15.8
	Missouri	0.0	43.4
	North Carolina	100.0	0.0
	Virginia	0.0	0.0

Recovery State/Mexico	Banding state	Adult	Juvenile	
Indiana	Indiana	99.6	98.9	
	Kentucky	0.0	1.1	
	Ohio	0.4	0.0	
Kansas	Florida	0.3	0.0	
	Iowa	0.3	1.0	
	Kansas	98.4	84.6	
	Missouri	0.0	2.1	
	Nebraska	0.0	5.1	
	Oklahoma	0.0	2.2	
	South Dakota	1.0	4.9	
	Kentucky	Indiana	3.4	0.0
Louisiana	Kentucky	92.2	96.3	
	Louisiana	0.0	0.5	
	Missouri	2.5	3.2	
	South Carolina	1.9	0.0	
	Arkansas	12.8	1.7	
	Iowa	6.2	7.4	
	Indiana	0.0	3.1	
	Kansas	0.0	5.3	
	Louisiana	81.1	73.3	
	Missouri	0.0	1.1	
	Mississippi	0.0	1.3	
	Ohio	0.0	0.4	
	Tennessee	0.0	0.7	
	Texas	0.0	5.3	
	West Virginia	0.0	0.4	
	Maryland	Iowa	0.0	7.7
		Maryland	100.0	87.5
Pennsylvania		0.0	3.0	
West Virginia		0.0	1.8	
Minnesota	Iowa	--	100.0	
Missouri	Florida	0.0	0.3	
	Iowa	0.7	1.6	
	Kansas	8.5	7.7	
	Missouri	89.8	90.0	
	Mississippi	1.0	0.0	
	Tennessee	0.0	0.3	
	Mississippi	Arkansas	0.0	1.2
		Iowa	0.0	1.1
Kentucky		0.7	0.0	
Louisiana		0.0	0.7	
Missouri		0.0	0.8	
Mississippi		95.0	93.0	
Ohio		0.4	0.0	
South Dakota		0.0	1.8	
Tennessee		0.0	1.4	
Wisconsin		4.0	0.0	

Recovery State/Mexico	Banding state	Adult	Juvenile	
Mexico	Arkansas	0.0	0.8	
	Arizona	16.4	0.0	
	California	0.0	7.2	
	Iowa	2.2	3.2	
	Idaho	2.0	2.1	
	Kansas	0.0	20.8	
	North Dakota	46.4	21.0	
	Nebraska	11.3	20.5	
	South Dakota	7.2	7.9	
	Texas	14.4	15.7	
	Washington	0.0	0.7	
	North Carolina	Maryland	0.2	0.0
		North Carolina	99.1	98.8
Pennsylvania		0.0	0.2	
South Carolina		0.7	1.0	
North Dakota	North Dakota	100.0	100.0	
Nebraska	Nebraska	100.0	96.4	
	South Dakota	0.0	3.6	
	Idaho	---	14.5	
New Mexico	North Dakota	---	85.5	
	Washington	100.0	100.0	
Nevada	Washington	100.0	100.0	
Ohio	Indiana	0.0	4.2	
	Louisiana	0.0	0.9	
	Ohio	100.0	91.7	
	Pennsylvania	0.0	1.7	
	West Virginia	0.0	1.5	
	Oklahoma	Arkansas	1.6	1.6
		Iowa	0.0	0.4
Kansas		10.0	12.2	
Kentucky		1.2	0.0	
Nebraska		7.9	0.0	
Oklahoma		74.3	85.8	
South Dakota		5.0	0.0	
Oregon		Idaho	100.0	86.0
		Washington	0.0	14.0
Pennsylvania	Maryland	6.2	0.0	
	Ohio	0.0	4.7	
	Pennsylvania	93.8	92.8	
	West Virginia	0.0	2.5	
South Carolina	Georgia	0.0	1.0	
	Kentucky	1.1	0.0	
	Louisiana	0.0	0.3	
	Maryland	0.0	0.2	
	Missouri	0.0	1.1	
	North Carolina	0.0	1.1	
	Ohio	0.6	0.0	
	Pennsylvania	0.3	0.5	
	South Carolina	98.1	95.8	
South Dakota	South Dakota	100.0	90.9	
	Texas	0.0	9.1	

Recovery State/Mexico	Banding state	Adult	Juvenile
Tennessee	Kentucky	0.9	0.0
	Missouri	1.7	1.3
	Mississippi	0.0	2.8
	Nebraska	6.4	0.0
	Ohio	0.5	0.4
	Pennsylvania	0.0	0.2
	South Dakota	4.1	0.0
	Tennessee	86.4	95.3
Texas	Arkansas	0.2	1.1
	Iowa	0.9	1.8
	Indiana	0.8	0.0
	Kansas	5.7	10.3
	Louisiana	0.0	0.1
	Missouri	0.9	0.5
	North Dakota	3.5	1.9
	Nebraska	4.5	6.3
	Oklahoma	1.9	8.5
	Pennsylvania	0.0	0.0
	South Dakota	5.0	1.7
	Texas	76.4	67.0
	Wisconsin	0.0	0.8
	Utah	Idaho	
Virginia	Maryland	0.0	0.7
	Virginia	100.0	99.3
Washington	Washington	100.0	100.0
Wisconsin	Wisconsin	100.0	100.0
West Virginia	Kentucky	0.0	18.8
	West Virginia	100.0	81.2

Discussion

Study Design

Unbiased estimates of population parameters in any sample survey require that the sample be representative of the entire population. In formally designed sample surveys, this assumption is achieved by a random selection of sample units using a strict sampling protocol. For banding studies, we obviously cannot select a random sample of individual birds, but rather we rely on the assumption that our trapping design produces a representative sample from the population of interest. In this study, as in most banding studies, we employed spatial and temporal dispersion of trapping sites at larger scales and the practical field experience and local knowledge of agency biologists to achieve this objective. During the project, doves were banded in more than 330 degree blocks nationwide, most often with several individual trap sites within a degree block; thus, we believe estimates presented herein are reasonably unbiased. Specifically, we have little concern about the reporting rate estimates, because the basic sampling unit for these estimates is actually the hunter (we are measuring the hunter's reporting behavior) and not an individual dove, and there is no reason to believe that our sample of hunters was not representative. However, we do acknowledge the potential of significant bias in state harvest rate estimates if the preponderance of banding site locations was in close proximity to locations of concentrated harvest effort, or conversely, in or near suburban areas with limited harvest opportunity. We surmise this phenomenon is responsible for the exceptionally high harvest rates in a few states in a few specific years. There is a practical tradeoff between the estimation of reporting rate, in which sample size effectively increases as harvest effort increases, versus estimation of harvest rate, which depends on a sample of banded birds that is collectively representative of harvest effort in the entire state population of interest. Similar comments are relevant to estimation of survival rates, although the potential magnitude of bias is less clear because of uncertainty about the relationship between annual survival rates and harvest rates. Suffice it to say that the design of a long-term banding program spawned from this study should recognize the importance of achieving a set of banding site locations that result in a representative sample of the population, within the practical constraints of available human and fiscal resources. Consistency in banding locations over time also will help to increase statistical sensitivity to temporal changes in parameters.

We did not achieve the expected precision of $SE_{\bar{x}} = 0.05$ for subregion reporting rate estimates ($\bar{x} = 0.10$) for several reasons. Banding quotas were not achieved in some subregions. More importantly for all subregions, the *a priori* estimates of a 0.30 reporting rate (too small) and a 0.10 harvest rate (slightly too large) that were used in sample size calculations led to an underestimation of sample size required to achieve the precision goal.

Reporting Rate Comparison with Previous Studies

Tomlinson (1968) conducted the first dove reward banding study in 10 states in 1965–1966. He estimated an unweighted reporting rate of 0.32 (no variance estimate was provided) for the 10-state region, which is considerably less than the corresponding estimate of 0.55 in the present study. Reeves (1979) reported estimates of 0.31 (EMU) and 0.38 (CMU) derived from a second study during 1970–1972. These estimates are again considerably less than our average MU estimates of 0.53 (EMU) and 0.59 (CMU). We attribute most of this large increase to the replacement of an inscribed BBL mailing address on the band with a toll-free BBL telephone number. Annual harvest regulation publications in participating states encouraged dove hunters to look for bands, but, given the extended absence of a dove banding program, the current generation of dove hunters would not be expected to have evolved a culture of searching for and reporting bands. When Ohio conducted a reward banding study from 1996–1998 in coordination with the establishment of a dove hunting season in 1995, their estimated reporting rate was 0.211 (Scott et al. 2004). Their bands also did not have the toll-free number inscribed, but we surmise that inexperience in both hunting doves and reporting bands also played a role in the very low reporting rate. The estimated Ohio reporting rate in the current study was more than double the Scott et al. (2004) estimate, logically due to both the toll-free number and a more experienced hunting public.

Harvest Rate Comparison with Previous Studies

Average age-specific state harvest rate estimates derived from the large banding effort in the late 1960s and early 1970s (hereafter generically referred to as the 1970 study) have been reported by Dunks et al. (1982) for the CMU, Tomlinson et al.

(1988) for the WMU and Martin and Sauer (1993) for the EMU. Although estimation methods and assumptions were not precisely the same as those used in the current analyses, general patterns in comparisons can be informative. Current subregion harvest rate estimates for both age classes in EMU and WMU states were generally less than previous estimates, while contemporary estimates were greater or about the same as previous values in CMU states (Figs. 6a, 6b). At the MU scale, comparisons suggest an overall increase in harvest rates in the CMU, and decreases in the EMU and WMU (except CA) compared to the 1970 banding study (Fig. 7).

Survival Rate Comparison with Previous Studies

Survival rate comparisons with those from the 1970 study were not reliable at the state scale because of the poor precision of those estimates in the current study. However, precision is improved at the subregion scale, and a comparison of 2003 – 2005 age-specific estimates with those reported by Otis (2003) in his reanalysis of the 1970 banding study suggests different patterns among the management units. For the majority of age-specific comparisons in the EMU, the 1970 survival rates were greater (\bar{x} difference = 0.08; Fig. 8), and simple z-test comparisons were significant ($P < 0.10$) for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the age-specific comparisons. In the CMU, 1970 survival rates in hunting subregions were consistently greater (\bar{x} difference = 0.15), and 5 of 6 age-specific comparisons were significant ($P < 0.10$; Fig 8b). In the non-hunting state of IA, no differences were detected. There were no significant differences between the two time periods in the relatively few comparisons in the WMU (Fig. 8b). These trends also were reflected at the MU scale (Fig. 9). Survival rates were significantly greater in 1970 for both age classes in the EMU and the CMU ($P \leq 0.10$), and no differences were detected in the WMU. The EMU comparison was potentially confounded by the inclusion of the relatively large survival rates in the non-hunting New England states in the 1970 study, but the influence of these states at the MU scale was relatively small because of their relatively small dove abundance index. Both the CMU and WMU comparisons may be confounded by the missing survival rates from hunting states that did not participate in the 2003 – 2005 study, but the direction of potential bias is unknown.

Despite the several potential confounding factors inherent in comparison of current harvest distribution patterns with the 1970 banding study (heterogeneous reporting rates, different banding states, and different hunting states), the patterns are remarkably similar. The distribution of harvest in the vast majority of states is dominated by harvest in the state of banding. Exceptions were noted earlier in ID, ND, NE and SD. Dunks et al. (1982) reported the same general results for CMU states, including the exception for SD, which

accounted for about 56% of the harvest of its banded doves. During the years of their study, ND and NE were non-hunting states and thus a comparison to current results is not possible. Tomlinson et al. (1988) also reported the same patterns in the WMU, including the exception for ID, which accounted for about 35% of the harvest of its banded doves. As in the current study, Martin and Sauer (1993) reported no exceptions to the dominant contribution of in-state harvest in the EMU.

Qualitative comparisons of state harvest derivations between 1970 and 2003 – 2005 suggest that significant changes in the sources of doves harvested in a state have occurred in only a few dove hunting states. Although our results suggest that in the current study LA and TX derived relatively less of their harvest from their own breeding doves than other states, this in-state contribution was much larger than that reported for the 1970 study (LA = 45%; TX = 55%). Some of this difference can be explained by the fact that several states that contributed significantly to TX and LA harvest either did not hunt doves during the 1970 study (MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, WI) or were not banding participants in 2003 – 2005 (IL, MN). The most extreme difference is in FL, which derived only 30% of its harvest from its own breeding doves in the 1970 study. Much of this difference can be ascribed to the same factors as above, but the large difference suggests additional unknown factors may have caused an increase in the importance of the local breeding population to the FL harvest.

Management Implications

An operational nationwide banding program is critical to the implementation of an informed harvest management strategy as envisioned in the National Plan (Anonymous 2005). This study provided the initial foundation for such a program by 1) establishing field and data management protocols, 2) producing initial updated estimates of reporting, harvest, and survival rates, 3) training a new generation of biologists in dove trapping and field techniques, and 4) demonstrating a commitment by the dove management community to improved harvest management. Estimates of band reporting rates at various scales can be used to adjust future band recovery rates to obtain harvest rates, which are critical to any system of harvest management. The parameter estimates and their associated statistical precision presented herein provide a reliable empirical basis for statistical evaluation of alternative banding quotas and geographical scale of inference for an operational banding program with specific management and statistical objectives.

We believe this study provides the foundation for a long-term operational banding program that will serve several important purposes. Additional estimates of regional harvest and survival rates derived from banding data are required to construct credible population models that incorporate relationships between population status, harvest

rates, harvest regulations, and management objectives. These models are integral to informed management of exploited species (Nichols et al. 1995). Second, continuous monitoring of the key population and harvest components in such a management system supports a long-term strategy of providing maximum harvest opportunity while insuring population sustainability (Williams et al.

2002) of the most harvested game bird in North America. Finally, we suggest that a long term and large scale banding program provides additional scientific value in that it generates a time series of demographic information that can be mined by investigators interested in biological, environmental, and ecological questions that are not directly related to harvest management.



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Appendix A. Number banded by State, age (A = adult, J = juvenile, U = unknown), and band type (Code: 0 = standard, 1= standard + blank gold, 3 = standard + reward, 4 = standard, paired with reward band).

State	Age	Code	Number banded		
			2003	2004	2005
Alabama	A	0	278	390	397
		1	277	14	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	288	41	594
		1	287	35	0
		3	0	212	0
		4	0	415	0
	U	0	30	3	0
		1	29	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Alabama Total			1189	1110	1009
Arkansas	A	0	145	347	373
		1	145	0	0
		3	0	27	0
		4	0	66	0
	J	0	278	24	654
		1	277	0	0
		3	0	175	0
		4	0	337	0
	U	0	25	12	12
		1	24	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Arkansas Total			894	988	1039
Arizona	A	0	392	641	0
		1	391	0	0
		3	0	0	296
		4	0	3	669
	J	0	362	1	0
		1	361	0	0
		3	0	265	186
		4	0	520	299
	U	0	3	10	0
		1	3	0	0
		3	0	11	4
		4	0	22	3
Arizona Total			1512	1473	1457
California	A	0	0	0	53
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	93
		4	0	0	164
	J	0	0	0	101
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	89
		4	0	0	190
	U	0	0	0	14
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	5
		4	0	0	21
California Total			0	0	730

State	Age	Code	Number banded		
			2003	2004	2005
Florida	A	0	195	387	358
		1	195	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	207	0	553
		1	206	0	0
		3	0	185	0
		4	0	363	0
	U	0	6	67	41
		1	6	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Florida Total		815	1002	952	
Georgia	A	0	352	486	727
		1	352	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	1	0
	J	0	329	0	635
		1	328	0	0
		3	0	217	0
		4	0	420	0
	U	0	15	26	12
		1	14	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Georgia Total		1390	1150	1374	
Iowa	A	0	500	847	829
		1	500	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	480	63	1248
		1	479	0	0
		3	0	462	0
		4	0	932	0
	U	0	14	21	2
		1	14	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Iowa Total		1987	2325	2079	
Idaho	A	0	118	465	519
		1	118	21	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	102	30	318
		1	102	3	0
		3	0	112	0
		4	0	226	0
	U	0	4	0	2
		1	3	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Idaho Total		447	857	839	

State	Age	Code	Number banded		
			2003	2004	2005
Indiana	A	0	0	785	691
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	0	384	520
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	U	0	0	17	18
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Indiana Total			0	1186	1229
Kansas	A	0	350	834	395
		1	350	0	0
		3	0	0	157
		4	0	0	304
	J	0	270	0	228
		1	270	0	0
		3	0	197	105
		4	0	395	224
	U	0	4	10	3
		1	4	0	0
		3	0	0	4
		4	0	0	4
Kansas Total			1248	1436	1424
Kentucky	A	0	357	586	668
		1	356	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	358	8	783
		1	358	0	0
		3	0	322	0
		4	0	650	0
	U	0	16	34	14
		1	16	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Kentucky Total			1461	1600	1465
Louisiana	A	0	122	155	282
		1	121	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	479	0	2116
		1	479	0	0
		3	0	165	0
		4	0	330	0
	U	0	39	19	41
		1	39	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Louisiana Total			1279	669	2439

State	Age	Code	Number banded		
			2003	2004	2005
Maryland	A	0	131	195	398
		1	130	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	104	0	289
		1	103	0	0
		3	0	96	0
		4	0	190	0
	U	0	4	12	45
		1	3	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Maryland Total			475	493	732
Missouri	A	0	304	637	848
		1	304	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	271	0	752
		1	271	0	0
		3	0	279	0
		4	0	556	0
	U	0	12	112	101
		1	12	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Missouri Total			1174	1584	1701
Mississippi	A	0	257	380	323
		1	256	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	278	0	352
		1	277	0	0
		3	0	205	0
		4	0	409	0
	U	0	2	22	6
		1	1	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Mississippi Total			1071	1016	681
North Carolina	A	0	392	815	708
		1	392	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	250	0	865
		1	249	0	0
		3	0	240	0
		4	0	484	0
	U	0	10	69	8
		1	9	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
North Carolina Total			1302	1608	1581

State	Age	Code	Number banded		
			2003	2004	2005
North Dakota	A	0	237	699	0
		1	237	0	0
		3	0	0	187
		4	0	1	583
	J	0	137	1	0
		1	137	0	0
		3	0	197	58
		4	0	396	244
	U	0	5	0	0
		1	5	0	0
		3	0	0	3
		4	0	0	0
North Dakota Total			758	1294	1075
Nebraska	A	0	304	656	0
		1	303	0	0
		3	0	0	146
		4	0	0	277
	J	0	148	2	0
		1	147	0	0
		3	0	190	84
		4	0	382	184
	U	0	5	8	0
		1	4	0	0
		3	0	0	1
		4	0	0	0
Nebraska Total			911	1238	692
Ohio	A	0	523	1037	997
		1	523	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	453	26	996
		1	452	0	0
		3	0	560	0
		4	0	1123	0
	U	0	23	12	4
		1	22	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Ohio Total			1996	2758	1997
Oklahoma	A	0	24	157	59
		1	23	0	0
		3	0	0	32
		4	0	0	61
	J	0	174	0	177
		1	174	0	0
		3	0	95	66
		4	0	195	132
	U	0	8	31	2
		1	7	0	0
		3	0	0	2
		4	0	0	7
Oklahoma Total			410	478	538

State	Age	Code	Number banded		
			2003	2004	2005
Pennsylvania	A	0	342	657	574
		1	341	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	420	0	1077
		1	420	0	0
		3	0	304	0
		4	0	612	0
	U	0	23	77	40
		1	23	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Pennsylvania Total			1569	1650	1691
South Carolina	A	0	319	368	838
		1	318	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	202	0	643
		1	202	0	0
		3	0	162	0
		4	0	333	0
	U	0	141	128	194
		1	141	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
South Carolina Total			1323	991	1675
South Dakota	A	0	413	701	46
		1	413	0	45
		3	0	0	131
		4	0	0	218
	J	0	337	0	54
		1	337	0	55
		3	0	198	86
		4	0	397	214
	U	0	0	0	0
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
South Dakota Total			1500	1296	849
Tennessee	A	0	238	620	441
		1	237	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	222	0	712
		1	222	0	0
		3	0	199	0
		4	0	395	0
	U	0	54	170	36
		1	54	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Tennessee Total			1027	1384	1189

State	Age	Code	Number banded		
			2003	2004	2005
Texas	A	0	252	557	0
		1	251	0	0
		3	0	0	176
		4	0	0	345
	J	0	226	3	0
		1	225	0	0
		3	0	281	150
		4	0	565	303
	U	0	6	22	0
		1	6	0	0
		3	0	0	3
		4	0	0	12
Texas Total			966	1428	989
Virginia	A	0	114	262	306
		1	113	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	122	0	503
		1	122	0	0
		3	0	91	0
		4	0	176	0
	U	0	2	12	10
		1	2	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Virginia Total			475	541	819
Washington	A	0	126	237	215
		1	126	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	329	0	1033
		1	328	0	0
		3	0	276	0
		4	0	558	0
	U	0	5	15	8
		1	5	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Washington Total			919	1086	1256
Wisconsin	A	0	0	0	238
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	0	0	321
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	U	0	0	0	11
		1	0	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
Wisconsin Total			0	0	570

State	Age	Code	Number banded		
			2003	2004	2005
West Virginia	A	0	98	261	153
		1	98	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
	J	0	246	0	471
		1	245	0	0
		3	0	163	0
		4	0	332	0
	U	0	7	10	5
		1	6	0	0
		3	0	0	0
		4	0	0	0
West Virginia Total			700	766	629
All States Total			28,798	33,408	34,700

Appendix B. Total number of recoveries in 2003-2005 in banding States, age (A = adult, J = juvenile, U = unknown), and band type (Code: 0 = standard, 1= standard + blank gold, 3 = standard + reward, 4 = standard, paired with reward band).

State	Age	Code			
		0	1	3	4
Alabama	A	42	13	0	0
	J	59	24	24	26
	U	2	1	0	0
Arkansas	A	50	12	3	1
	J	63	38	38	33
	U	2	4	0	0
Arizona	A	18	12	8	12
	J	5	7	14	9
	U	0	0	0	0
California	A	3	0	19	20
	J	9	0	12	12
	U	0	0	1	1
Florida	A	37	11	0	0
	J	11	12	20	20
	U	4	1	0	0
Georgia	A	65	30	0	0
	J	65	27	43	29
	U	3	2	0	0
Iowa	A	17	6	0	0
	J	22	10	18	6
	U	1	2	0	0
Idaho	A	21	8	0	0
	J	5	5	5	7
	U	0	0	0	0
Indiana	A	82	0	0	0
	J	45	0	0	0
	U	1	0	0	0
Kansas	A	55	15	3	7
	J	11	18	17	18
	U	2	0	0	0
Kentucky	A	63	34	0	0
	J	40	33	23	42
	U	2	0	0	0
Louisiana	A	19	19	0	0
	J	137	57	25	28
	U	7	0	0	0
Maryland	A	39	11	0	0
	J	29	9	9	10
	U	2	1	0	0
Missouri	A	218	31	0	0
	J	233	31	34	44
	U	33	1	0	0
Mississippi	A	45	47	0	0
	J	23	54	29	26
	U	2	0	0	0
North Carolina	A	93	23	0	0
	J	65	13	32	47

State	Age	Code			
		0	1	3	4
North Dakota	U	5	3	0	0
	A	22	5	2	1
	J	4	4	4	10
Nebraska	U	0	0	0	0
	A	41	13	6	13
	J	3	4	8	19
Ohio	U	0	0	0	0
	A	76	32	0	0
	J	43	19	33	25
Oklahoma	U	1	0	0	0
	A	7	5	2	1
	J	24	27	12	10
Pennsylvania	U	3	3	0	0
	A	33	19	0	0
	J	52	23	18	21
South Carolina	U	5	0	0	0
	A	63	36	0	0
	J	54	33	19	34
South Dakota	U	26	11	0	0
	A	24	11	4	2
	J	11	10	14	8
Tennessee	U	0	0	0	0
	A	72	27	0	0
	J	55	29	30	32
Texas	U	10	4	0	0
	A	29	18	12	5
	J	14	9	28	21
Virginia	U	0	0	0	1
	A	25	4	0	0
	J	10	7	8	11
Washington	U	1	0	0	0
	A	17	7	0	0
	J	57	30	26	26
Wisconsin	U	0	0	0	0
	A	8	0	0	0
	J	5	0	0	0
West Virginia	U	0	0	0	0
	A	9	0	0	0
	J	9	6	8	5
Total	U	0	0	0	0
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