

Wildlife Management Intensity Standards

Census		
Practice	Required Intensity	Description
Spotlight Counts	A minimum of three counts, or a minimum of 15 surveyed miles, must be completed annually.	Counting animals at night along a predetermined route using a spotlight.
Aerial Counts	Documentation of counts made following acceptable methodology and performed by a trained individual on an annual basis.	Use of aircraft to count animals.
Daylight Deer Herd / Wildlife Composition Counts / Photo	Documentation of counts conducted on standardized transects along 5 mile minimum lines and run at least 3 times (if shorter lines are used, a total of at least 15 miles must be surveyed), or through other standardized methodology to obtain at least 100 observations. On smaller tracts, at least five separate, two hour counts during early morning or late afternoon from a minimum of one deer stand per 100 acres of property may be used.	Counts used to census deer in daylight hours to enhance information of sex/age structure as well as determine annual trends in populations through dove, quail, and turkey sightings.
Harvest Data Collection / Record Keeping	Documentation of information gathered on an ongoing basis.	Ongoing collection of important information about age, weight, sex, etc. from harvested animals.
Browse Utilization Surveys	Documentation of information gathered on an ongoing basis using accepted methodology applicable to the target species.	Examination of deer browse species during the winter to determine degree of utilization and estimate population.
Census of Endangered, Threatened, or Protected Wildlife	Documentation of information gathered on an ongoing basis using accepted methodology applicable to the target species.	Performing regular, periodic counts of the target species in order to enhance management or increase knowledge of local, regional, or state status.
Census and Monitoring of Nongame Wildlife Species	Documentation of information gathered on an ongoing basis using accepted methodology applicable to the target species.	Regular, periodic counts of nongame wildlife species in order to enhance management or increase knowledge of local, regional, or state status.
Miscellaneous Counts	Documentation of information gathered on an ongoing basis using accepted methodology applicable to the target species.	Regular, periodic counts using special methodologies specific to individual target species, such as time/area counts, roost counts, etc.