TOPIC 2. WEIGHT-RELATED REPRODUCTIVE AND MORTALITY RATES

The relationships between weights and reproductive rates are generally better than the relationship between ages and reproductive rates as females of a given age who are in very good physical condition weigh more and have higher reproductive rates than lighter-weight age-mates.

Weights at given ages are reflections of range conditions, of course. The higher the quality of the range, the faster the rate of growth. Free-ranging animals, dependent on their own foraging activity for the ingestion of nutrients, will hardly overdo ingestion to the point of obesity and subsequent reproductive depression. Thus weight is a good indicator of physical and reproductive condition. There are, however, very limited data on the relationship between female weights and reproductive rates for wild ruminants.

Variations in reproductive rates for different age classes may be the result of variations in weights at different ages. A three-year old animal on poor range may weigh about the same as a two-year old one on good range, and they may have similar reproductive rates. The use of weight as the independent variable and reproductive rate as the dependent variable seems to be biologically sound, and simplifies the use of reproductive data since reproductive rates would not have to be determined for age classes of animals on different ranges in different geographical areas, but rather, weights alone could be measured. Weights, of course, are harder to determine under field conditions than ages, although ages cannot always be accurately determined without laboratory preparations of tooth sections. The use of weights as the independent variable is favored for conceptual reasons rather than practical ones. Calculations are illustrated in UNIT 3.1.

Mortality rates in relation to weights are very useful since weight is a good indicator of animal condition, at least within age classes. The heavier-than-average individuals in a particular age class have survival and production advantages that the lighter-than-average ones do not have. These are discussed in UNIT 3.2.

UNIT 2.1: WEIGHT-RELATED REPRODUCTIVE RATES

Reproductive rates are almost always expressed in relation to age, even though weight is a better indicator of condition and an animal's capacity to reproduce than age. A large, healthy two-year-old whitetail will likely bear two fawns, while a small, undernourished three-year-old will likely bear a single fawn. Since published reproductive rates are so often expressed in relation to age, conversions from age to weight are necessary in order to use the more reasonable biological approach of weight-related natality rates. The discussions and techniques described in CHAPTER 1, UNITS 1.3 and 1.4 for adult and seasonal weight calculations need to be used for these age-to-weight conversions.

What time of year should be chosen for the weight-dependent calculation of reproductive rate? Peak fall weights are the most logical, with adjustments back to predicted peak fall weights when reproductive data are collected on animals in their weight decline. Adjustment back to peak fall weights for all individuals allows one to collect data from animals collected throughout the gestation period.

Adjustments backward to peak fall weights may be made by simple multiplication. Suppose a 2-1/2 year-old deer weighing 50 kg was examined on January 31 and found to carry two fetuses. If the peak weight of a deer of that age is predicted to be 58 kg, and the calculated weight on January 31 is predicted to be 48 kg, then the ratio of 58/48 = 1.21 is applied to the deer examined. Her predicted peak weight is (50)(1.21) = 60.5, and x = 60.5, y = 2.0 in a regression calculation.

One unpublished report by Hesselton and Saur (1972; P-R Project W-89-R-15) describes the relationship between weight and reproductive rate (fawns in utero) for deer killed by cars in January in New York State. The weight:reproductive rate relationship was expressed as a linear regression equation. Their equation overestimated the reproductive rates of larger females, so I derived the following logarithmic equation as a better estimate over a wide range of weights:

FEPF = 2.79 (1n CLWK) - 9.78

where CLWK = calculated maximum live weight at JDAY 16, and FEPF = fetuses per female.

Threshold weights for the first conception and for conception of two or three fawns may be calculated from this equation. First conception becomes possible when CLWK is 33 kg. Deer weighing 48 kg are expected to bear singles, and 68 kg, twins. Such an equation is useful when there are no reproductive rate data available but data on or estimates of weights are. The concept should be applied to deer in other areas and to other species too. The formats for tabulating weight-related reproductive rates are the same as for age-related rates, except that the rates are functions of the weights rather than the ages of the animals. Since most of the published data are based on ages, both age and weight columns are included, permitting one to estimate weight from age first, if necessary, and then natality and mortality from weight.



Definitions of the column headings are:

WCMP = weight class at the midpoint, NFWC = number of females in each weight class, CORT = conception rate, FFPW = fraction of the female population in this weight class, WCRW = weighted mean conception rate for each weight class, SUMS = sums, TNFP = total number of females in the population, and WCRP = weighted mean conception rate of the population.

A sample calculation follows, illustrating the calculation of a single weighted mean conception rate for use in exponential predictions.

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WСЪЪ.	45		x	=	
WCcc.	55+		x	= =	
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REFERENCES, UNIT 2.1

WEIGHT-RELATED REPRODUCTIVE RATES

SERIALS

CODEN	VO-NU	BEPA	ENPA	ANIM	KEY WORDS	AUTHORS	YEAR
CAFGA	221	43	44	od	replacement teeth, age det	mclean,dd	1936
NAWTA	21	159	17 2	od	nutrit & pop dynams, calif	taber,rd	1956
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CODEN	VO-NU	BEPA	ENPA	ANIM	KEY WORDS	AUTHORS	YEAR
JOMAA	323	267	280	odvi	tomhegan comps, maine, fec	palmer,rs	1951
TWMAA	103	242	248	odvi	regio dif in bre potnl. ny	morton sh: cheatu	1946
TUMAA	121	78	86	odvi	produ vield george resrv	o'roke.ec: hamers	1948
ΤϢΜΔΔ	143	290	295	odvi	breeding records michigan	haugen ao' davenn	1950
TUMAA	203	296	292	odvi	radio dif in sza prod wy	aill i	1956
TMULAA	20 5	881	887		reproduction plane nutrit	verme li	1969
JUWAA	JJ 7	001	007	Ouvi	reproduction, plane nuttit	verme, 1j	1707
NAWTA	15	170	190	odvi	fertility, range condition	cheatum.el: sever	1950
NAWTA	31	129	138	odvi	effect of dietary protein	murphy.da: coates	1966
NAWTA	32	405	420	odvi	experim diets, wtd reprodu	verme.li	1967
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NFGJA	111	13	27	odvi	prod, grwth, adirndcks, ny	<pre>severinghaus,cw;/</pre>	1964
NYCOA	15	18	18	odvi	white-tail fertility	cheatum,el	1947
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CHAPTER 19, WORKSHEET 2.1a

Estimations of the conception rate of white-tailed deer from annual fall maximum weights

An equation was given in this UNIT as a first approximation of the conception rate of white-tailed deer in relation to their maximum weights in the fall. The equation is:

$$FEPF = 2.79 (1n CLWK) - 9.78$$

FEFP

Plot FEPF in the grid below in relation to the range of weights given.



CLWK

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CHAPTER 19, WORKSHEET 2.1b

Weight-related conception rates

The two sets of nine weight classes listed below may be used to tally conception rates for determining the weighted mean conception rate for the population. Select the appropriate classes for the species being considered. Two more sets are included on the back of this page.

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н. Н	WCЪЬ.			x	=		
	WCcc.			x	=		
	WCdd.			x	=		
	WCee.			x	=		
	WCff.			x .	=		
	WCgg.			x	=		
	WChh.			x			
	WCii.			x	=		
		SUMS =	[]	= TNFP [<u>1.0</u>	00] [] :	= WCRP	

SPECIES:	TIME PERIOD:
LOCATION:	REFERENCE :

CLASS	WCKI	NFWC	CORT	x	FFPW	=	WCRW		
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WCcc.				х		=			
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WCee.				х		=			
WCff.				х		=			
WCgg.				х		=	· · · ·		
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UNIT 2.2: WEIGHT-RELATED MORTALITY RATES

Mortality rates are almost always given for age classes, just as reproductive rates are. Mortality rates may also be more weight-dependent than age-dependent, however. Young of the year, for example, may be born early or late, yet both extremes are members of the same age class. The early-born animals may be considerably larger than the late-born ones by winter. Their chances of surviving harsh winter conditions are considerably better as their larger mass contains more fat reserves, they have a larger skeleton with which to cope with mechanical effects of snow as a barrier to movement, and they are also able to reach higher for forage. The larger young of the year will likely be socially dominant over the smaller young of the year too because of the several advantages they have over their smaller age-class peers.

A study of weight-related mortality of newborn white-tailed deer fawns is reported by Verme (1977). An eight-year study of mortality in relation to predicted birth weights showed that the lighter the fawns at birth, the greater their mortality risk is. The yearly data, rounded to two decimal places, are tabulated below and fit with a logarithmic regression analysis for natal mortality rate (NTMR) and natal survival rate (NTSR) in relation to the expected birth weight in kg (BIWK). The equations below the tabulated data represent very good fits.

YEAR	Predicted	Estimated	Calculated	Estimated	Calculated
	<u>BIWK</u>	NTMR	<u>NTMR</u>	<u>NTSR</u>	<u>NTSR</u>
1968	3.22	0.12	0.10	0.88	0.90
1969	2.75	0.33	0.35	0.67	0.65
1970	2.90	0.25	0.26	0.75	0.74
1971	2.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
1972	2.27	0.68	0.66	0.32	0.34
1973	3.24	0.10	0.09	0.90	0.91
1974	2.78	0.32	0.33	0.68	0.67
1975	2.61	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.57

NTMR = $1.9665 - 1.5982 \ln(BIWK)$; $R^2 = 0.99$ NTSR = $1.5982 \ln(BIWK) - 0.9665$; $R^2 = 0.99$

The illustration above is a good example of weight-related mortality rates. Similar analyses can be made for other causes of weight-related mortality if data are available. Mortality rates of whitetail fawns during their first winter, for example, may have the pattern illustrated on the next page.



Note that the mortality rate (MTRT) is higher as the the maximum weight in kg (MAWK) is lower. Note also that in more severe winters, the mortality rate curve is shifted upward and to the right, toward higher MAWK.

The formats for determining weight-related mean mortality rates are similar to the age-related formats except for column changes as weight data replace age data, or are derived from age data. Sample formats for both males and females follow.

MALES



Definitions of the the column headings are:

WCKI = weight class by kg intervals, NMWC = number of males in each weight class, MTRT = mortality rate, FMPW = fraction of the male population in this weight class, MWMW = weighted mean mortality rate for each weight class, SUMS = sums, TNMP = total number of males in the population, and MWMP = weighted mean mortality rate of the population.

CLASS	WCKI	NMWC	MTRT	x	FMPW	÷	MWMW		
WCa	4 <u>0-50</u>	35	0.20	х	0,35	=	0.07		
WCb WCc	<u>50-60</u> 6 <u>0-70</u> +	44 21	0.08	x x	0.21	=	0.04		
	SUMS =	[<u>/00</u>]	= TNMP	2	1.00]	[0.(3]	MWM	P





Definitions of the the column headings are:

WCKI = weight class by kg intervals, NFWC = number of females in each weight class, MTRT = mortality rate, FFPW = fraction of the female population in this weight class, FWMW = weighted mean mortality rate for each weight class, SUMS = sums, TNFP = total number of females in the population, and FWMP = weighted mean mortality rate of the population.

CLASS WTCL NFWC $MTRT \times FFPW = FWMW$ 0.27 x 0.50 = 0.14 WCaa. 40-50 50 WCbb. ¥3 50-60 0.09 × 0.43 = 0.04 WCcc. 0.05 × 0.07 = 0.01 60-70+ 7 SUMS = [/00] = TNFP [1.00] [0./9] = FWMP

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CODEN VO-NU BEPA ENPA ANIM KEY WORDS------ AUTHORS------ YEAR JWMAA 35--1 47 56 odvi mortalit, young fawns, tex cook,rs; white,m/ 1971 JWMAA 38--4 799 807 odvi factors, highway mortality puglisi,mj; lind/ 1974 JWMAA 40--2 317 325 odvi deer-car accidents, michig allen,re; mccullo 1976

NAWTA 12--- 212 223 odvi weath, wint mort, popu, ny severinghaus, cw 1947

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CHAPTER 19, WORKSHEET 2.2a

Determining weighted mean weight-related mortality rates - males

The two sets of nine weight classes listed below may be used to tally mortality rates for determining the weighted mean mortality rates for two male populations. Select the appropriate classes for the species being considered. Two more sets are included on the back of this page.

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CHAPTER 19, WORKSHEET 2.2b

Determining weighted mean weight-related mortality rates - females

The two sets of nine weight classes listed below may be used to tally mortality rates for determining the weighted mean mortality rates for two female populations. Select the appropriate classes for the species being considered. Two more sets are included on the back of this page.

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