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Modeling reproduction of whitetail deer and its applications

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Highlights

- Body mass and hardiness zone explain spatial variations in deer reproduction rate
- The reproduction rate can be characterized without population density
- A model with weight-based birth estimates is suitable for deer management
- Reproduction rates of young deer are sensitive to environmental stochasticity
- Bergmann's rule is required for similar biological fitness over a spatial scale

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