

Nebraska Wetland Habitat Conditions

For wetlands in the Rainwater Basin and other wetlands where we have water delivery capability

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This information is from a flight by NGPC over much of the Rainwater Basin region on August 25th. Not all areas were flown, so condition information is not yet available for some areas. Pumping plans are not yet finalized but some information should be available within the next week.

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Region	County	Area	Owner	Water Condition ¹
Rainwater Basin	Adams	Ayr Lake WMA ²	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
	Adams	Kenesaw WPA ³	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Fair
	Adams	Weseman WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
	Clay	Bluewing WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Poor
	Clay	Bulrush WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
	Clay	Eckhardt WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
	Clay	Glenvil WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
	Clay	Green Acres WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
	Clay	Greenhead WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
	Clay	Greenwing WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
	Clay	Hansen WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
	Clay	Harms WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
	Clay	Harvard WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor
	Clay	Hultine WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor
	Clay	Kissinger Basin WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
	Clay	Lange WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor
	Clay	Massie WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
	Clay	Meadowlark WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
	Clay	Moger WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
	Clay	Schuck WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
Clay	Smith WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Clay	Theesen WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Fair	
Clay	Verona WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor	

Clay	Verona Ducks Unlimited tracts	Ducks Unlimited	
Clay	White-front WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Fillmore	Bluebill WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
Fillmore	Brauning WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor
Fillmore	Griess WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Fillmore	Krause WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
Fillmore	Mallard Haven WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Good
Fillmore	Marsh Hawk WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
Fillmore	Millers Pond WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Fillmore	Morphy WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
Fillmore	Rauscher WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor
Fillmore	Real WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
Fillmore	Redhead WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
Fillmore	Rolland WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
Fillmore	Sandpiper WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good
Fillmore	Sora WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Fillmore	Wilkins WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
Franklin	Macon Lakes WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Franklin	Quadhamer WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Franklin	Ritterbush WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Franklin	Spoonbill Flats WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Gosper	Elley WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Gosper	Peterson WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Gosper	Victor Lakes WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Hall	Hannon WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Hamilton	Deep Well WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Hamilton	Gadwall WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Hamilton	Nelson WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
Hamilton	Pintail WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair
Hamilton	Springer WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Hamilton	Troester Basin WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor
Harlan	Southeast Sacramento WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Harlan	South Sacramento WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Kearney	Bluestem WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Kearney	Clark WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Kearney	Frerichs WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	

Kearney	Gleason WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Kearney	Jensen WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Kearney	Killdeer WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Kearney	Lindau WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Kearney	Northeast Sacramento WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Kearney	Prairie Dog WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Kearney	Youngson WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Nuckolls	Smartweed Marsh West WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
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Phelps	Atlanta WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Phelps	Cottonwood WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Good
Phelps	Funk WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor
Phelps	High Basin WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Phelps	Johnson WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Phelps	Jones WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Phelps	Linder WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Good
Phelps	Sacramento-Wilcox WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Phelps	West Sacramento WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Polk	Flatsedge WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
Seward	Freeman Lakes WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Good
Seward	North Lake Basin WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good
Seward	Shypoke WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good
Seward	Straightwater WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good
Seward	Tamora WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Good
Thayer	Father Hupp WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Thayer	Prairie Marsh WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
York	County Line WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
York	Heron WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Fair
York	Hidden Marsh WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair
York	Kirkpatrick Basin North WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair
York	Kirkpatrick Basin South WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair
York	Marsh Duck WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good
York	Renquist WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry
York	Sinninger WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry
York	Spikerush WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Poor
York	Waco WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor

Other			
Dixon	Elk Point Bend	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Keith	Clear Creek WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Nemaha	Peru Bottoms WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Nemaha	Langdon Bend WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Platte	Wilkinson WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	

¹Subjective estimate of conditions based on best professional judgement by the area manager.

²WMA= Wildlife Management Areas are owned and managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

³WPAs are NOT owned by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. They are Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) owned and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

We will share what we know about these areas, but for the most up to date information, please visit their web site at: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/rainwater_basin_wmd/

Please note that for a variety of reasons, the pumping plans can change.

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Please note that not all wetlands are pumped. Many existing public areas cannot be pumped fully because the USFWS or the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission do not own enough of the basin. Some areas do not have operational wells and/or pumps.

Some areas are not pumped due to management/restoration projects, or because it has been determined that pumping would not be beneficial at this point in time.

In addition to hunting, wetlands are pumped to provide habitat for migrating waterfowl and the other water birds, to provide areas for people to observe wildlife, and to spread out the distribution of migrating birds and reduce the possibility of disease outbreaks.