Nebraska Wetland Habitat Conditions and Pumping Plans

For wetlands in the Rainwater Basin and other wetlands where we have water delivery capability
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These updates are provided by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
With input from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Ducks Unlimited

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Region	County	Area	Owner	Water Condition[1]	Pumping Plans and Status
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	Poor	
	Clay	Bluewing WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair	Pumped earlier in the season.
	Clay	Bulrush WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped in early September. Repumped in late September and early October.
	Clay	Eckhardt WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
	Clay	Glenvil WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor	
	Clay	Green Acres WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
	Clay	Greenhead WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped in early September. Repumping in late September and early October.
	Clay	Greenwing WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Began pumping in early October.
	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	Excellent	Pumped in September and early October. Plan to repump as needed.
	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	Poor	
	Clay	Schuck WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
	Clay	Smith WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor	
	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	Poor	
	Clay	White-front WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped in late September. Plan to repump as needed.
	Fillmore	Bluebill WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped the south wetland in late August. Pumped both wetlands in early Oct.
	Fillmore	Brauning WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor	
	Fillmore	Griess WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
	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	Good	Pumped in late August and early September. Repumped in early October.
Fillmore	Millers Pond WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
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	Poor	
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	Excellent	Pumped in late August and early September. Repumped in mid-October.
Fillmore	Sora WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair	Pumped in late August and early September. May pump later if needed.
Fillmore	Wilkins WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Franklin	Macon Lakes WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Franklin	Quadhamer WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Franklin	Ritterbush WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Franklin	Spoonbill Flats WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Gosper	Elley WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Gosper	Peterson WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Gosper	Victor Lakes WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Hall	Hannon WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Hamilton	Deep Well WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped earlier in the season. Plan to repump as needed.
Hamilton	Gadwall WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Poor	
Hamilton	Nelson WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Hamilton	Pintail WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped east side earlier in the season. Plan to repump as needed.
Hamilton	Springer WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor	
Hamilton	Troester Basin WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor	
Harlan	Southeast Sacramento WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry	
Harlan	South Sacramento WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry	
Kearney	Bluestem WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Kearney	Clark WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Kearney	Frerichs WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Kearney	Gleason WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Kearney	Jensen WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Kearney	Killdeer WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Kearney	Lindau WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Kearney	Northeast Sacramento WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry	
Kearney	Prairie Dog WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Kearney	Youngson WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Nuckolls	Smartweed Marsh West WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry	
Nuckolls	Smartweed Marsh WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Excellent	Pumped in early September. Repumped in late September.
Phelps	Atlanta WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
Phelps	Cottonwood WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Good	

	Phelps	Funk WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	Received canal water in late August.
	Phelps	High Basin WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry	
	Phelps	Johnson WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
	Phelps	Jones WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
	Phelps	Linder WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Fair	
	Phelps	Sacramento-Wilcox WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair	Pumped in late August and early September. Repumping as needed.
	Phelps	West Sacramento WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Dry	
	Polk	Flatsedge WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Poor	
	Seward	Freeman Lakes WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Excellent	
	Seward	North Lake Basin WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	
	Seward	Shypoke WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped in late August and early September. Repumped in late Sept. and early Oct.
	Seward	Straightwater WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped in late August and early September. Repumped in late Sept. and early Oct.
	Seward	Tamora WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Good	
	Thayer	Father Hupp WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped in late August and early September. May pump later if needed.
	Thayer	Prairie Marsh WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped in late August and early September. May pump later if needed.
	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	Dry	
	York	Kirkpatrick Basin North WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair	Pumped in late August and early September. Repumping in early October.
	York	Kirkpatrick Basin South WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair	Pumping the west side in late September. Pumped the east side in early Oct.
	York	Marsh Duck WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair	
	York	Renquist WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumping as needed.
	York	Sinninger WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Dry	
	York	Spikerush WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Poor	Pumped in late September.
	York	Waco WPA	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Poor	
Other					
	Dixon	Elk Point Bend	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Began pumping in late August. Repumping as needed.
	Keith	Clear Creek WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Creek is flowing into wetland and water-control structure boards are in place.
	Nemaha	Peru Bottoms WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair	Pumped in late August and early September.
	Nemaha	Langdon Bend WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Fair	Pumped in late August and early September.
	Platte	Wilkinson WMA	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Good	Pumped in late August and early September. Repumping as needed.

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

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

[3]WPAs 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/

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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.