

Waterfowl Survey for the week of

October 29, 2009

| Survey Areas | Ducks | | | Geese | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| | Total | Mallards | Other Dabblers | Divers | Total | Dark | Light |
| Spirit Lake Areas | 1200 | 33% | 66% | 2% | 8000 | 100% | 0% |
| Ruthven Areas | 1800 | 29% | 59% | 12% | 600 | 100% | 0% |
| Ingham Areas | 200 | 30% | 70% | 0% | 4000 | 100% | 0% |
| Black Hawk Lake | 400 | 52% | 44% | 4% | 200 | 100% | 0% |
| Bays Branch Areas | 2300 | 68% | 32% | 0% | 8600 | 100% | 0% |
| Rice Lake Areas | 1200 | 57% | 29% | 15% | 6000 | 100% | 0% |
| Big Marsh | 2100 | 37% | 63% | 1% | 2500 | 100% | 0% |
| Sweet Marsh | 3200 | 26% | 71% | 4% | 2600 | 100% | 0% |
| Green Island | 6100 | 82% | 18% | 0% | 2000 | 100% | 0% |
| Princeton | 900 | 93% | 7% | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Lake Odessa Areas | 24300 | 45% | 53% | 2% | 2700 | 100% | 0% |
| Coralville Areas | 1000 | 23% | 75% | 2% | 100 | 100% | 0% |
| Otter Creek | 1000 | 41% | 59% | 0% | 200 | 100% | 0% |
| Saylorville Areas | 1300 | 56% | 43% | 1% | 400 | 100% | 0% |
| Red Rock | 1900 | 42% | 58% | 0% | 400 | 100% | 0% |
| Rathbun Areas | 10000 | 24% | 73% | 3% | 1700 | 100% | 0% |
| Lake Icaria | 200 | 59% | 41% | 0% | 300 | 100% | 0% |
| Union County Areas | 800 | 33% | 65% | 2% | 400 | 100% | 0% |
| Lake Sugema | 200 | 25% | 75% | 0% | 500 | 100% | 0% |
| Missouri River Oxbows | 600 | 45% | 52% | 3% | 3600 | 100% | 0% |
| Riverton/Forney | 16300 | 33% | 64% | 4% | 400 | 100% | 0% |
| Total | 76300 | 42% | 55% | 3% | 44700 | 100% | 0% |

Weather and migrations during the survey period:

Rain dominated the weather pattern for most of the week. Saturday and Monday were the exceptions with sunny skies. The heavy rains have filled most wetlands in the state to crest or over crest. Rivers are running bank full, with flooding along some river systems. Sheet water is starting to show, even in unpicked crop fields. Duck numbers dropped slightly this past week, with the exception of canvasbacks and lesser scaup numbers on Pool 9 of the Mississippi. Canada goose numbers increased, mostly due to an influx of cackling Canada geese into the northern half of the state. Hopefully the NW winds in ND today will blow some ducks into the state this weekend. As of Monday, 12 % of the corn crop had been harvested, 7% behind last year and 19 days behind the five-year average. The soybean harvest has reached 47%, but it remains 39% behind last year and 3 weeks behind the five-year average.