







A Summary of Habitat Conditions Across the Breeding Grounds

Wetland conditions improved markedly across large areas of the U.S. Prairie Pothole Region (ND, SD, MT) with results from the USFWS Spring survey indicating a large increase in May ponds in the eastern Dakotas with an increase of 117% from the dry conditions of 2008 and wetland numbers are 84% above the long term average. [In the western Dakota's ponds counts were up 95% from last year and 93% better than the long term average.](#)

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Traveling Waterfowlers: Preparation is the Key to 'Seamless' Trip - Begin Planning for Fall Today

Today's waterfowling culture is replete with diehards who have no inhibitions about traveling across North America to satisfy their desires to spy ducks and geese cupped and committed into their decoy spreads.

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News Headlines...

Waterfowler Numbers Continue to Rise in Canada

For the third year in a row the sale of federal waterfowl hunting permits to Canadians has increased. [In 2008 151,815 Canadians purchased federal duck stamps, a rise of more than 5,000](#) from 2007 and nearly 17,000 more than its low in 2005.

Ask Biologist

[What are the mechanics/biomechanics which allow puddle ducks to perform a vertical takeoff?](#)

The Potential of Canada

Excellent water levels and ample nesting cover (thanks in large part to CRP) in the Dakotas resulted in more breeding pairs of ducks [being counted in the American pothole country than on the Canadian breeding grounds](#) during the breeding population survey.

Partner Spotlight - Final Approach

"We wanted to be part of Delta Waterfowl because of its long history of cutting-edge waterfowl research and because of its proven conservation programs," said Schaefer. "It's a comfortable fit for us because we fully support Delta's grassroots approach to hunter advocacy and strongly believe in the principles and tenets of the organization." [Find out more about the FA/Delta Waterfowl partnership.](#)



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New Delta Chapters

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