

**December 21-24, 2015
Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts**

Some ground counts will not be conducted this week due to staff being on vacation for the holiday season.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	40,389 Ducks 310 CA Goose 4,300 WF Goose	84% Mallard, 6% Gadwall, 3% Wigeon, 2% GW Teal, 1% Soverler, 1% Ring Neck and remainder made of Wood Duck, Black Duck, Goldeneye and pintail.	99% of waterfowl are sitting on big MSU habitat. The remainder are loafing on big open water. Ducks are tucked up to banks with overhead cover or feeding in 6-12" of water and loafing around. Had 2 inches of rain on Wednesday, and predicted 5 more inches over the weekend. The Ohio River is predicted to be above flood stage by Dec 30. Most hunt units are between ½ and ¾ full pool.
Barren River Lake	No Count		
Birdsville Island	No count		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	No Count		
Duck Island	No Count		
Boatwright WMA	9,500 ducks 35 CA Goose 20 WF Goose		Due to rising water, a ground count might be out for next week. Most birds are sitting on Swan Lake.
Doug Travis WMA	5,100 ducks	98% mallards, 2% mixed dabblers and divers	All hunting units are full. MS river is flooding south end of area.
Cave Run Lake	155 Ducks	50% Mallards, 13% gadwall,	

	100 Canada Geese	10% GW Teal, 27% Mergansers and Bufflehead.	
Clear Creek WMA	No Count		
Peabody WMA	No count		
Sloughs WMA	9,525 ducks 265 Canada geese 8,000 W-F geese 4,350 Snow geese	85% mallards, 15% gadwall, green-winged teal, shovelers, pintails, black ducks and ring-necks.	Ducks were feeding in very shallow water areas appeared to be less than 6 inches, nearly all of the ducks were in moist soil areas, both MSU and natural sloughs. The snow geese and White Fronted Geese were feeding in winter wheat fields. Canada Geese were either feeding in winter wheat fields or in natural sloughs.
Yellowbank WMA	No Count		
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	No Count		.
Herrington Lake	No Count		
Taylorsville Lake	No Count		
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	No Count		
Green River WMA	No Count		