

December 20, 2018
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for January 15-16, 2019. Barren River Lake is still a little high. On 1/15, the lake level was 541.5 and is being drained fast, but many of the sandbars that provide adequate roosting habitat for the cranes are still under water. The roost sites in Hardin County have finally produced birds, but in very minimal numbers. The roost ponds have water and there are plenty of harvested crop fields in the area.

The Kentucky 2018-19 Sandhill crane season opened Monday, December 3, and runs to Sunday, January 27. This is concurrent with the second segment of duck season.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	102 Sandhill Cranes	Lake level (1/15): 541.5 and falling.
Hardin County	29 Sandhill Cranes	