

December 18, 2019
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for December 15-21, 2019. Water levels at Barren River Lake are quite high, therefore eliminating sand bars and shallow shorelines usually used by the cranes. The roost sites in Hardin County are holding a small number of birds so far, and several small groups can be seen feeding in the surrounding communities. The roost ponds have water, and there is standing water in many fields after the weekend's heavy rains. There are plenty of harvested crop fields in the area.

The Kentucky 2018-19 Sandhill crane season opened Monday, December 2, and runs to Sunday, January 26. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable time afield.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	537 Sandhill Cranes	
Hardin County	315 Sandhill Cranes	