

**December 2, 2020**  
**Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey**

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for December 1-2, 2020. Barren River Lake is being drained slowly to reach winter pool. On 12/1, the lake level was 528.8 and falling. This is down 1.9 feet from last week, but is still about 3.5 feet above winter pool. The roost sites in Hardin County still have not produced birds during the survey. However, the first group of birds were spotted feeding this week. There are plenty of harvested crop fields in the area and roost ponds have water but have been freezing over.

The Kentucky 2020-21 Sandhill crane season opens Monday, December 7, and runs to Sunday, January 31. This is concurrent with the second segment of duck season.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Barren River Lake WMA	117 Sandhill Cranes	Lake level (12/1): 528.8 and draining slowly.
Hardin County	10 Sandhill Cranes	All known roost ponds were frozen over this week and haven't produced birds yet. The first group of birds were spotted feeding this week in crop fields.