

**December 27-29, 2016**  
**Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts**

(Survey data is not available for all locations. Updates will be posted when possible)

Due to the holidays, some areas do not have staff available to get survey data. Winter weather has given way to another warm front that brought some much needed rain.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Species Composition</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ballard WMA	54,385 ducks 350 CA Geese 8,530 WF geese	93% Mallard, 7% Ringnecks, Gadwall, GW Teal, Wigeon, Wood Duck, Black Ducks, Shoveler & Scaup.	Heavy rains over the Christmas weekend and into Monday helped fill several spots that were dry or very shallow. Habitat conditions are great, plenty of Moist Soil food available, as we are getting water into new spots weekly.
Boatwright WMA	13,500 ducks	96% Mallard, 4% GW Teal	
Birdsville Island	Not surveyed		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	Not Surveyed		
Duck Island	3,800 Ducks 180 CA Geese	60% Mallard, 30% GW Teal, 5% Gadwall & 5% Canvasback with small numbers of Pintail, Shoveler, Wigeon and Ringnecks.	Moist soil habitat is looking great.
Barren River Lake			
Doug Travis WMA	3,250 ducks	95% Mallards, 5% mixed dabblers.	All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded. Still need more river to allow impoundments to hold.
Cave Run Lake	Not Surveyed		
Peabody WMA	1,104 Ducks 282 CA Geese	85% Mallard, 10% Gadwall, and 5% mixed divers.	Moist soil units are at optimum capacity. Pond river is at flood stage providing timber hunting opportunities as well.

Sloughs WMA	7,185 Ducks 3,500 WF Geese 250 Snows 500 CA Geese 50 Swans	95% Mallard, 5% Pintail, Black Duck, Gadwall and Shoveler.	Rains this week resulted in a substantial amount of runoff which allowed many of the natural sloughs that had been dry previously to have shallow water (3-12"). These new areas of water are a new food source and the birds have been using these areas. Most of the birds were observed in the newly flooded areas. With the warmer temps and melting ice, hunting has been very good. The warmer temperatures continuing into this week and beyond should have birds on the move a little more, and hunting opportunities may get better in the coming days.
Yellowbank WMA	885 Ducks	80% Mallard, 5% Black Duck, 5% Gadwall, & 5% Pintail/Wigeon/Shoveler	All wetland units are at maximum water capacity.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	29 Mallards, 19 Black Ducks, 30 Gadwall, 20 Ringnecks, 2 Mergansers and 22 Coots.		
Herrington Lake	12 bufflehead 12 CA Geese Several mergansers		
Taylorsville Lake			
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	Not surveyed		
Green River WMA	Not surveyed		