

March 26th, 1935

Little Wall Lake, Hamilton Co.

One half full of water principally on the east side. Not over 200 ducks seen on the lake.

Goose Lake, Hamilton Co.

Two thirds full of water; 250 ducks. 1 Canada Goose, 25 Mallards, 10 Pintail, a few Baldpate, several Coot, a few Shovellers. 2 photos taken.

Wall Lake, Wright Co.

No water to be seen; although there was a considerable pool at south end, beyond, or south of the outlet.

No ducks seen.

Elm Lake, Wright Co.

Half full of water, with good sized pools extending towards south end. Several hundred feet of former lake bed still dry.

500 ducks, two thirds being Pintails; a few Snow Geese.

Cornelia Lake, Wright Co.

Water about as last spring. No ducks.

E. Twin Lake, Hancock Co.

Water about 6 inches lower than last April. Ducks protected out of wind. 300 seen.

W. Twin Lake, Hancock Co.

About half full of water; very shallow. 25 Shovellers, one hundred Pintail, 30 Coots.

Eagle Lake, Hancock Co.

One half full of water, extending within a few feet of grassy shore on side next to State Park. Several hundred ducks in sight. Canvas-back 40, Gadwall, 2, Shoveller, 2, Pintail 4, Mallard, - Coot 100 +, Red-head 12, Scaup 75, Ring-necked Duck 10,

Union Slough, Kossuth Co.

Water on both sides of the grade along south side of Section 4; about 12 inches below top of ditch bank, and to middle wire on fence on south side.

Burt or Swag Lake, Kossuth Co.

Water high enough to run over stone dam at outlet. Marsh to northeast (in Minnesota) well filled with water.

Goose Lake, Kossuth Co.

Well filled with water and flooded back to edge of marsh vegetation, where it meets the bluegrass. Water running out the outlet. Marsh area to northeast well flooded. Many Pintail and Mallards on north part.

Small flood-pond west of Goose Lake, near County line, had some water and many Shovellers and Mallards.

Iowa Lake, Emmet Co.

Inlet-outlet from Iowa into pond on southwest, across neck at least 75 feet. Under bridge 10 feet wide. Many small dead carp, water black. Water level up to bank and normal limit.

Tuttle Lake, Emmet Co.

Water dirty. None running over dam. No dead fish noted. No ducks seen.

No need of Refuge signs on the State Park.

W. Swan Lake, Emmet Co.

Level about as last spring. No signs of water having even approached the dam. Ducks scarce because of high wind. None of the marshy areas at southwest were flooded.

High Lake, Emmet Co.

Water level a slight bit lower than highest of last spring. Few ducks seen. Water level fair in marsh in Section 13.

Mud Lake, Emmet Co.

Water level down a little. Few ducks.

Ryan Lake, Emmet Co.

Good cover. Needs fencing on north. Survey should give levels of west and east parts of ditch as well as ditch. Is flooded feasible.

Mud Lake, Clay & Palo Alto Counties.

Water level up, but not quite as high as highest last year. Flooded portion in east end does not extend south to road. Much vegetation flooded over in west part. Water 3 inches over 2 x 4 in dam under bridge. And at level of lowest strand of barbed wire on west side of bridge. 400 ducks at north end 2/3 being Baldpate.

Smith's Slough, Clay Co.

A splendid part with some water. Indicates the ease of restoration.

Dewey's Pasture, Clay Co.

Much water in low spots. No work started yet on the dams.

Barringer's Slough.

By far the most water that I have ever seen in this area. A large number of geese were resting on the bottoms. Yet with nearly half the slough covered with water, none had run out the outlet or even approached it.