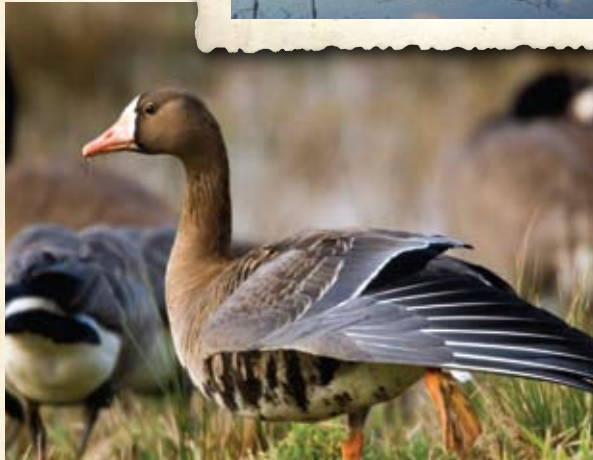


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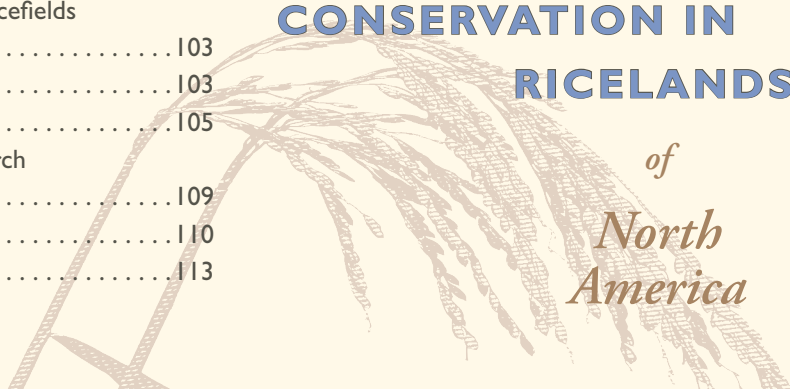
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## PREFACE

The rice agriculture and conservation communities have a mutually beneficial and long-lasting relationship with shared interests in habitat management for wetland-dependent birds, sustainable rice production, and conservation of natural resources such as soil and water. The fact that the rice industry holds great conservation potential is documented throughout the scientific literature. However, a contemporary publication containing the current state of our knowledge on riceland conservation did not previously exist. Herein, the Rice Foundation and Ducks Unlimited, Inc. have collaborated to fill this need.

The goal of this research publication endeavor was: (1) to produce a summary document containing the current state of our knowledge on riceland conservation; and (2) to chart a course for future research and education programs that will further the compatibility between wildlife conservation, rice production, and the environment.

Twelve (12) authors and 16 independent reviewers gave selflessly to gather, organize, summarize, and critique all known available research on riceland conservation. Scientific literature searches were performed through 31 December 2006 using over 25 library databases (e.g., AGRICOLA, BIOSIS), Land Grant University Agriculture Experiment Station libraries, and author-chosen venues, all part of an extensive effort to identify every pertinent research publication available. We apologize in advance if any contributing research publication was missed.

It is our hope that this research publication will serve rice producers, agriculture and wildlife researchers, extension agents, students, and outdoor enthusiasts alike, to foster an understanding of conservation in rielands, and make additional positive strides for our future.

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