



NORTH DAKOTA

2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



DU CONTINUES TO ENHANCE PEACE GARDEN'S WETLANDS

DU helped a landowner, who is currently working on a rotational grazing and grass restoration project, enroll his property in North Dakota Game and Fish's Private Lands Open to Sportsmen (PLOTS) program that guarantees not only quality upland nesting and brood rearing habitat for waterfowl and other grassland nesting birds but also access for sportsmen during the hunting season. In Kidder County, DU helped enter 486 acres of cropland, 168 wetlands, and 580 acres of grassland. Another project in Dickey County restored nearly 3 acres of wetland habitat and the rancher's infrastructure (cattle watering). This project was funded by private financial gifts to DU, the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust, and the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund. Our bio/engineering team completed the dirt work late last fall and expects hydrology to be fully restored in the late spring.



DU WORKS TO OPEN LAND TO SPORTSMEN

In recent years, North Dakota's DU team has been able to enhance, protect open countless acres of wetlands to the public through the North Dakota Wetlands Access and Restoration Project

(NDWARP). This program restores previously drained wetlands and enrolls those wetlands and surrounding acres into PLOTS for 10 years. What's more, DU is able to use a portion of the funds generated from the new state waterfowl habitat restoration stamp to cover a portion of the wetland restoration costs. Just another example of how DU is able to take fundraising dollars from banquets and events and increase the impact of our work by using those funds to get more money for even larger projects that are a boon to waterfowl populations and open to the public. It may not seem like a lot, but the \$5 you spend on a state waterfowl stamp is going toward restoring waterfowl habitat you'll be able to hunt on.

MENOKEN FARM SEASONAL WORK PARTNERSHIP

Some North Dakota Producers cannot mitigate the risks associated with novel techniques because of a lack of conservation programs that provide cost-share for grazing infrastructure on cropland. DU's Cover Crop and Livestock

Integration Project does just that. Because producer demand for technical assistance outweighs the staffing available, DU increased biological support to help producers develop holistic management plans, while adding two new agronomist technicians and one new soil health intern dedicated to providing technical assistance, collecting soil health data, sharing data, and the advanced adoption of regenerative principles. Ultimately, a grant provided a unique opportunity for young professionals to make critically important conceptual connections between regenerative agricultural principles and wildlife conservation practices. The partnership with the Menoken Farm to employ soil health seasonal workers also provided additional capacity to share knowledge with producers and build upon strong partnerships between agriculture and conservation in eastern North Dakota.



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MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 4,357
Members: 4,144
General Members: 3,590
Greenwings: 310
Legacy Greenwing Members: 57
Sponsor Members: 187
Major Sponsors: 213
Feather Society Members: 53

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised:
\$639,410
Number of committees: **24**
Number of fundraising events: **51**
Local chapter volunteers: **235**

FY25 FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: \$710,000
Location of projects: Manitoba: Prairie Biome-Virden Landscape & Parkland Biome-Roblin/Turtle Mt Landscape, Saskatchewan: Missouri Coteau Biome, Missouri Coteau Biome-Dirt Hills, Lake Alma Landscapes, Coteau Legacy Conservation Program & Saskatchewan PPR Target Areas

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state (historically since FY1984): 1,123,065
Total Acres of Conservation in the state (FY2025): 119,583
Amount spent on projects in the state: \$202,342,508
Amount spent on projects in CEN Flyway (through FY2025): \$747,353,027
Primary waterfowl species: Mallard; Northern Pintail; Gadwall; Canada and Lesser Snow Goose; Blue-Winged Teal; Green-Winged Teal; American Wigeon; Redheads and Canvasbacks.

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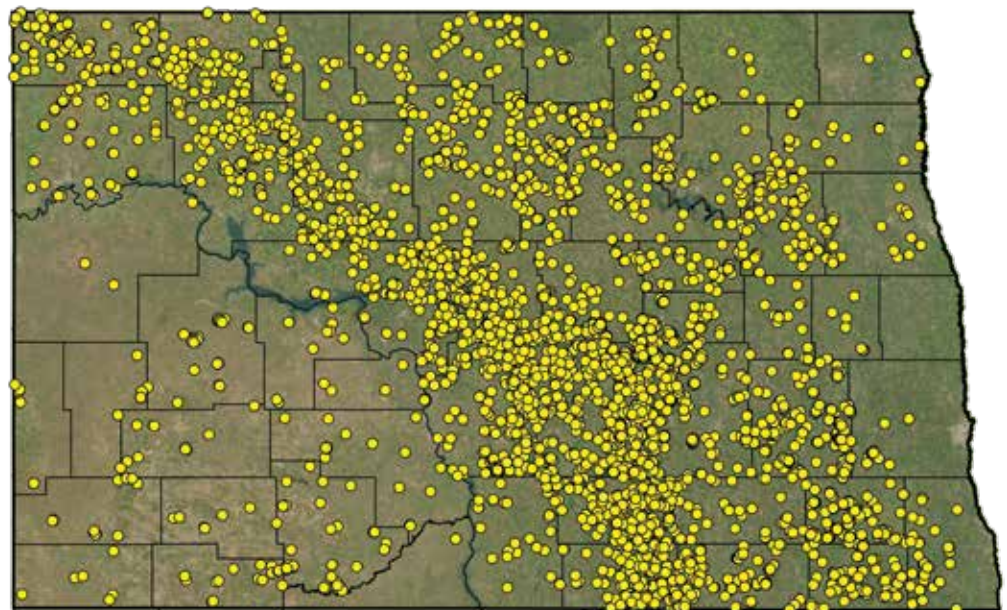
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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

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● Completed Project(s)
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Note: Project points may represent more than one project.



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