



drought trend is actually reversing, the nesting population returning north next summer could improve the overall duck situation.

By flyways, the waterfowl situation and fall flight forecasts are:

Pacific Flyway: Ducks--Production areas with decreases expected to outweigh areas with increases; a moderate decrease in the fall flight is forecast. Geese--Canada goose, snow goose, white-fronted goose, and cackling goose flights will be about the same as last year. Brant--A moderate increase is forecast.

Central Flyway: Ducks--Minor areas with increases will not balance decreases in production in major areas; moderate decrease in the fall flight as compared to 1961. Geese--Flights of all geese about the same as last year.

Mississippi Flyway: Ducks--Same breeding ground conditions as for the Central Flyway; a moderate decrease in duck flight as compared to 1961. Geese--Flights of all geese about the same as in 1961.

Atlantic Flyway: Ducks--Average duck population still below peak levels of 1953-56. All sources of information combined indicate a small reduction in this fall's flight as compared with last year. Geese and Brant--A fall flight about the same as last year is forecast.

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