



farmers in 1965 and the resulting improvement in vegetation near the water should increase nesting success.

Southern Saskatchewan has above-normal water levels except for a belt extending northwest from the vicinity of Regina through Saskatoon. The overall situation is about as good as last year, ranging from fair to excellent. Flyway Biologist Ross Hanson said his early flights show increases in all ducks. He summed up his report with the statement that although weather conditions are poor, the outlook is generally favorable.

Duane Norman, Flyway Biologist covering southern Alberta, reported that late snow destroyed some early nests, but that water levels are up in all but the east-central area, where "dry conditions" exist. Nesting habitat in southern Alberta is good. With migration nearly complete, Norman reported indications of significant increases for mallards, pintails, blue-winged teal and shoveler ducks.

The late season has delayed survey work in far northern areas, so reports covering Alaska, and Canada's Northwest Territories, plus northern Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Labrador have yet to be received.

After reviewing the early survey reports from the prairies, Bureau Director John S. Gottschalk said that late nesting is seldom good news, but he pointed out that this year's is a delayed situation and not a renesting effort. "We are cautious, but not pessimistic about the duck prospects for 1966," he said.

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