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Catch up on the latest Advocacy news,
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- [*DOJ Proposes to Significantly Increase Ammunition Purchase Fee*](#)
- [*Klamath Refuges Hunt Program Update*](#)
- [*Wetland Conservation Bills on Governor's Desk*](#)



PINTAIL NEWS UPDATE

3 PINTAIL BAG LIMIT
set for 2025-2026
SEASON

Exciting news for Waterfowl Hunters!

The bag limit for pintails has increased to 3 for the 2025-2026 season—the first increase since 2018! This achievement is the

result of years of dedicated work by our advocacy team, who have been tirelessly pushing for better opportunities for hunters.

View full status report here.

Table 8 – Northern pintail optimal regulatory strategy^a for the 2025 hunting season predicated on a liberal season length. This strategy is based on current regulatory alternatives, a new integrated population model, and the objective of maximizing long-term cumulative harvest constrained to provide for an open hunting season when the observed breeding population is ≥ 1.2 million birds. The shaded cell indicates the regulatory prescription for 2025.

BPOP ^b	Mean latitude ^c																				
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^a C = closed season, L1 = liberal season with 1-bird daily bag limit, L2 = liberal season with 2-bird daily bag limit, L3 = liberal season with 3-bird daily bag limit.
^b Observed northern pintail breeding population size (in millions) from the WBPHS (strata 1–18, 20–50, 75–77).
^c Mean latitude (in degrees) is the average latitude of the WBPHS strata weighted by population size.

Northern Pintail Regulatory Strategy for 2025

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced that the pintail bag limit will increase from 1 to 3 birds per day for the 2025-26 waterfowl season, following a new interim harvest strategy. This change is the result of years of advocacy by CWA and the work of the USFWS and Flyway Councils. The impact of this new limit will be assessed over several seasons to determine if it should become a long-term strategy or be modified. Recent research suggests that habitat changes, not hunting, have primarily affected pintail populations, and additional harvest opportunities may be sustainable. *Please head to our website for full article.*

**This table has been sourced from: Adaptive Harvest Management 2023 Hunting Season | FWS.gov*



2024-2025 Federal Duck Stamps

It's that time of year again and duck stamps are in!

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Attention Hunters!

The deadline for all October hunts is September 21! Don't miss out on your chance to secure a spot.

Get your applications in NOW!

Calling all CWA Dogs

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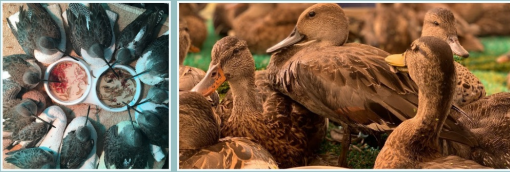
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Spicy Dove Ramen

Looking for a bold way to



enjoy your dove harvest? Try this Spicy Dove Ramen that combines the rich flavor of wild dove with a warm, spicy broth. It's the perfect dish to elevate your game cooking! *Full recipe can be found here.*



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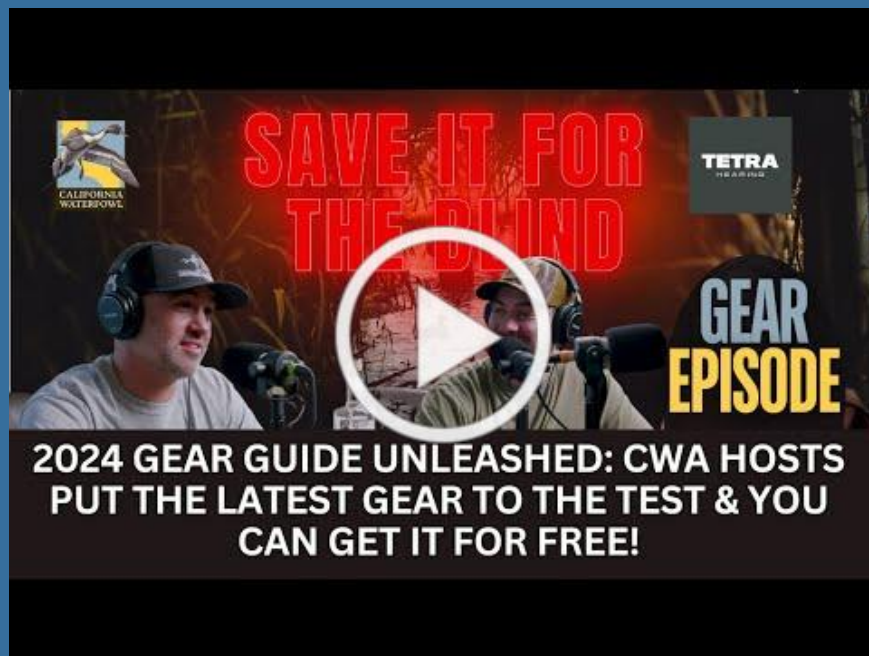
2024 Egg Salvage Program

Year	# Farmers Enrolled	Acres Enrolled	Duck Nests <small>(nest searching)</small>	Duck Eggs <small>(nest searching)</small>	Duck Nests <small>(farm pick up)</small>	Duck Eggs <small>(farm pick up)</small>
2020	41	10,710	120	852	193	1,348
2021	37	12,194	60	416	168	1,156
2022	31	9,227	5	24	132	1,022
2023	36	8,268	35	257	63	449
2024	35	8,187	60	350	98	787

Our Waterfowl Programs team has just wrapped up nesting season, including the Egg Salvage and Nesting Bird Habitat Incentive Programs.

This year, the Egg Salvage Program saw above-average participation from farmers and an increase in acreage enrolled. Unfortunately, the number of nests and eggs salvaged was below average, though still a significant improvement from last season. This was expected, given that the Sacramento Valley population of breeding mallards was reported at a record low, according to the breeding pair surveys conducted in the spring.

This was the second year that CWA and CDFW implemented the Nesting Bird Habitat Incentive Program, which includes the Delayed Cereal Grain Program, the Fallow Ag Program, and the Rice Levee Program. Funds from state duck and upland stamps are used to incentivize farmers to leave nesting cover in place until July 15th, helping to bolster local mallard and pheasant populations. This year, we saw an increase in both participating farmers and enrolled acreage. CWA staff also monitored a subset of these fields for nesting activity, finding a total of 52 mallard nests.



Save It for the Blind Podcast

Get ready for a special episode of Save it for the Blind podcast. Hosts Jeff & Carson dive into the 2024 Gear Guide, reviewing the latest and greatest hunting gear for the season. They've tested it all in the field, and now they're giving you their honest thoughts on what's worth adding to your kit this year.

PLUS—we're giving away nearly every item reviewed! Watch the full episode to find out how to win.

Don't miss out on the ultimate gear breakdown for waterfowl hunters. Watch the full episode now,

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Wetlands Work

Construction efforts on Butte Valley Wildlife Area are complete for 2024. A brand-new managed brood unit (Unit 9A) was completed and ready for flood up later this winter. Seasonal wetland Unit 11-C3 was also completely enhanced as result of CWA and CDFW efforts. Wetland Unit 3 was nearly completed with finishing touches to be completed in 2025. CDFW managers are in the process of flooding up past completed projects with the newly installed water delivery pipeline system. Stay tuned for future updates regarding planned 2025 construction efforts at BVWA.

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