

Ducks Unlimited's Rice Stewardship Program

Sustaining rice production through stewardship of land, water and waterfowl resources.

What?

- Ducks Unlimited staff work with private landowners, NRCS, and other partners to **deliver conservation programs on ricelands.**
- Ducks Unlimited staff provide pump efficiency testing, conservation plans, assistance with grant applications and program enrollment procedures at **no additional cost** to producers.



Why?

- Winter flooded rice fields (harvested, ratoon and fallow) provide waterfowl with vital food and habitat.
- Rice agriculture acreage is declining, and the new land uses are not beneficial to waterfowl.
- Best management practices implemented to enhance waterfowl habitat on ricelands also improve farm profitability, water quality and environmental conditions.

Where?

12 coastal parishes:
Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline,
St. Landry, Calcasieu, Jefferson
Davis, Acadia, Lafayette, St. Martin,
Cameron, Vermilion and Iberia



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