

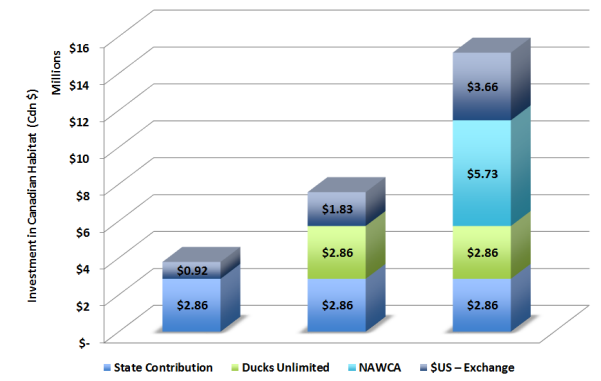


## 2015-16 Contributions Summary

Thirty-seven states contributed a total of \$3,063,140 (US) dollars to Canadian waterfowl habitat projects during 2015-16. This is a slight decline due to administrative challenges in a couple states however overshadows increases from a number of other states.

Ducks Unlimited will match \$2.863 million<sup>1</sup> of the states' investments and the NAWCA funding will bring the investment to \$12 million. At the present-day currency exchange rate, the state, DU and NAWCA funds will generate an additional \$4 million that will be invested in Canadian habitat. The US funds, along with Canadian sources will increase the investment such that the state commitment of \$3.426 million becomes a total investment in waterfowl habitat in Canada of approximately \$17 million.

Ten states (Alabama, California, Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Dakota, South Carolina and Texas) increased their individual contributions by more than 10 percent. Most other states held their contributions at current levels or increased them by less than 10 percent. Discussions are underway with a number of states that were not able to contribute in 2015-16 or, due to administrative processes, simply were not able to contribute before the June 30, 2016 cut-off. The outlook for 2016-17 is favorable and it is anticipated that more states will contribute to the waterfowl habitat programs in Canada.



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State contributions dipped slightly this year totaling \$3,063,140 from 37 states. Due to administrative challenges in Illinois the duck stamp funds could not be appropriated. Illinois remains committed to supporting breeding grounds conservation and we look forward to a strong investment this coming year.

2016 Total: \$3,063,140