

| Area, in Thousands of Acres | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Wetland Category | Estimated Area 1950's | Estimated Area 1975 | Change 1950's-1975 | Estimated Area mid 1970s | Estimated Area mid 1980s | Change mid 1970s-1980s | Estimated Area 1986 | Estimated Area 1997 | Change 1986-1997 | Estimated Area 1998 | Estimated Area 2004 | Change 1998-2004 | Estimated Area 2004 | Estimated Area 2009 | Change 2004-2009 |
| Freshwater Emergent | 33,113 | 28,441 | -4,671 (-16%) | 24,313 | 24,533 | 220 (1.0%) | 26,383 | 25,157 | -1,226 (-4.6%) | 26,290 | 26,147 | -143 (-0.5%) | 27,163 | 27,431 | 268 (1.0%) |
| Freshwater Shrub | 10,998 | 10,611 | -387 (-3.6%) | 15,506 | 15,345 | -161 (-1.01%) | 17,235 | 18,366 | 1,130 (6.6%) | 18,542 | 17,641 | -901 (-4.9%) | 18,331 | 18,512 | 180 (1.0%) |
| Freshwater Forested | 55,707.40 | 49,713 | -5,994 (-13%) | 55,151 | 51,748 | -3,403 (-6.2%) | 51,930 | 50,729 | -1,201 (-2.3%) | 51,483 | 52,031 | 548 (1.1%) | 52,257 | 51,623 | -633 (-1.2%) |
| Freshwater Vegetated Wetlands | 99,818 | 88,766 | -11,052 (-11.1%) | 94,970 | 91,625 | -3,344 (-14.6%) | 95,548 | 94,251 | -1,297 (-1.4%) | 96,315 | 95,820 | -495 (-0.5%) | 97,751 | 97,565 | -185 (-0.2%) |
| Lacustrine * | 56,563 | 57,924 | 1,361 (2.3%) | 57,640 | 57,843 | 203 (0.4%) | 14,609 | 14,725 | 116 (1.0%) | 16,611 | 16,773 | 162.9 (1.0%) | 16,786 | 16,860 | 73.6 (0.4%) |
| Riverine | | | | 5,123 | 5,191 | 68.1 (1.3%) | 6,291 | 6,256 | -35.2 (-0.6%) | 6,766 | 6,813 | 47.7 (0.7%) | 7,518 | 7,511 | -7.4 (-0.09%) |
| Palustrine Non-Vegetated** | 2,704 | 4,971 | 2,266 (46%) | 5,349 | 6,141 | 792 (14.8%) | 5,251 | 5,914 | 663 (12.6%) | 5,919 | 6,634 | 715.3 (12.1%) | | | |
| Freshwater Ponds | | | | | | | | | | 5,534 | 6,230 | 715.3 (12.6%) | 6,502 | 6,709 | 207 (3.2%) |
| All Freshwater Wetlands | 159,085.30 | 151,660 | -7,425 (-4.7%) | 100,319 | 97,767 | -2,552 (20.7%) | 100,799 | 100,166 | -634 (-0.6%) | 102,234 | 102,454 | 220.2 (0.2%) | 104,253 | 104,275 | 22 (0.0%) |

Sources: Frayer et al 1983, Dahl & Johnson 1991, Dahl 1990, 2000, 2006, 2011

*Does not include open-water area of the Great Lakes

** Includes the categories: Palustrine Aquatic Bed, Palustrine Unconsolidated Bottom, Palustrine Unconsolidated Shore