

Exciting News for City of Steele

The City of Steele would like to let the residents know that we have recently entered a contract with a company called TextMyGov. This will help the City of Steele send out notifications when there are water issues, street closures, events, and so much more. We are in the beginning stages of implementing this process and should be ready to start utilizing the system in the next month or so.

The City of Steele values everyone's privacy and would like to let everyone know that with this new system we have made

The small, sleepy little town, full of extremely nice people and memorable characters is a legacy.

sure that no one's information is given to anyone other than the representatives at TextMyGov to help build the database we will use to notify residents. This means your information is not sold or passed along to anyone else for marketing purposes, so no pesky spam calls.

The City of Steele is very excited about this new venture and as always hope this can add to the ways we can better serve our residents. Please look for more information to come in the near future.

Breeding Duck Numbers Down Again

The ND Game and Fish Department's 79th annual spring breeding duck survey conducted in May showed an index of about 2.4 million birds, down 9.5% from 2.66 million birds in 2025 and 2.9 million in 2024.

The 2026 breeding duck index dipped below the 1948-2025 average for the first time since 1993, according to John Palarski, department migratory game bird supervisor.

In these spring waterfowl surveys, Palarski said they're counting a portion of what remains of last year's fall flight. Duck production in ND has been poor in recent years and midcontinent duck populations continue to decline.

"Waterfowl here in ND have to have those wetlands in order to nest. But many species like

mallards, pintails and blue-winged teal that are upland nesting ducks, also need grass," he said. "And so, we've seen a couple million acres of grass in the form of CRP come off the landscape in recent years. Between those declines and wetland loss due to drainage and consolidation, that's going to impact our ability to produce ducks into the future which has acute impacts for waterfowl hunters here in the state, but also has continental impacts, because ND is the Duck Factory."

Historically, duck numbers in ND paralleled wetland conditions closely. In the heydays of ND duck hunting from 1994-2016, the breeding duck index frequently topped 4 million birds, but it is unlikely for that to happen again, even in the wettest years, until habitat availability improves.

Indices for individual species were variable. Mallards (up 6.8%), pintails (up 23.7%) and green-winged teal (up 20.9%) indices increased from 2025 while blue-winged teal, gadwall, widgeon and most diving duck species decreased. Although mallards are up from 2025, they're still down 15.3% from their long-term average.

Palarski and crew covered more than 1,800 miles of transects counting wetlands and waterfowl down to the species and social grouping on both sides of the road. This spring, the wetland count was similar to last year but 34.9% below the long-term average.

As always, the July brood survey will give a better idea of duck production and insight into what to expect this fall.

Insurance Companies Statement of Condition

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ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the Reserve National Insurance Company In the state of North Dakota	ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the Pacific Life Insurance Company In the state of Nebraska	ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the Pacific Life & Annuity Company In the state of Arizona	ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the Omaha Health Insurance Company In the state of NE	ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the Omaha Insurance Company In the state of NE
Total Assets 129,710,592	Total Assets 240,442,447,708	Total Assets 12,758,730,021	Total Assets 254937037	Total Assets 100396701
Total Liabilities 86,314,389	Total Liabilities 225,865,665,910	Total Liabilities 12,136,747,818	Total Liabilities 46245	Total Liabilities 52490112
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 0	Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 554,103,107	Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 0	Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 0	Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 215577
Common Capital Stock 2,572,500	Common Capital Stock 30,000,000	Common Capital Stock 2,900,000	Common Capital Stock 0	Common Capital Stock 2000000
Preferred Capital Stock 0	Preferred Capital Stock 0	Preferred Capital Stock 0	Preferred Capital Stock 0	Preferred Capital Stock 0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than 0	Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than 76,093,639	Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than 0	Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than 0	Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than 0
Special Surplus Funds Surplus Notes 0	Special Surplus Funds Surplus Notes 2,205,422,954	Special Surplus Funds Surplus Notes 0	Special Surplus Funds Surplus Notes 0	Special Surplus Funds Surplus Notes 0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 20,377,964	Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 2,535,788,610	Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 183,909,048	Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 479493010	Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 98126000
Unassigned funds 20,445,740	Unassigned funds 9,175,373,488	Unassigned funds 435,173,155	Unassigned funds -229602219	Unassigned funds -52434988
Total Capital and Surplus 43,396,203	Total Capital and Surplus 14,576,781,798	Total Capital and Surplus 621,982,203	Total Capital and Surplus 249890791.00	Total Capital and Surplus 47906589.00
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Total Premiums Earned 2,401.25	Total Life and Annuity Premiums Written 115,340,559	Total Life and Annuity Premiums Written 197	Total Premiums Earned 9276.91	Total Life and Annuity Premiums Written 0
Total Amount Incurred 5,842.75	Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses Paid 15,460,597	Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses Paid 11,289	Total Amount Incurred -56489.19	Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses Paid 0
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