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U. S. WILDLIFE BUREAU GIVES ESTIMATE OF STATE'S BIG GAME

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An inventory of big-game animals in the United States in 1937, recently completed by the U. S. Biological Survey in cooperation with local, State, and other national agencies, shows that out of a national total of more than 5,000,000-

ALABAMA ranks 24th with 20,200 white-tailed deer and 300 black bears.

ARIZONA ranks 16th with about 116,000, including the second largest number of desert bighorns and peccaries. The report for Arizona shows 81,000 mule deer, 10,700 peccaries, 7,600 white-tailed deer, 7,600 antelope, 4,400 elk, 2,300 black bears, 1,700 desert bighorns, and 190 buffalo.

ARKANSAS ranks 30th with 8,500. The report for Arkansas shows 8,400 white-tailed deer, 36 black bears, and 24 elk.

CALIFORNIA ranks third with 482,000, including more mule deer, black-tailed deer, and desert bighorns than in any other State, the second largest number of black bears, and the third largest number of European wild boars. The report for California shows 304,000 mule deer, 149,000 black-tailed deer, 11,700 black bears, 12,800 antelope, 2,700 desert bighorns, 700 elk, 200 Rocky Mountain bighorns, 150 European wild boars, and 59 buffalo.

COLORADO ranks eighth with 204,000, including the second largest number of mule deer and the third largest number of Rocky Mountain bighorns. The report for

Colorado shows 171,000 mule deer, 23,000 elk, 4,800 black bears, 2,500 antelope, 2,200 Rocky Mountain bighorns, 187 buffalo, 150 white-tailed deer, and 9 grizzly bears.

CONNECTICUT ranks 31st with 8,200 white-tailed deer and no other big game.

DELAWARE is the only State in which no big-game animals were reported.

FLORIDA ranks twentieth with more than 25,000 white-tailed deer and 350 black bears.

GEORGIA ranks 27th with 16,400 white-tailed deer and 400 black bears.

IDAHO ranks tenth with 157,000, including the second largest number of Rocky Mountain bighorns, and the third largest number of elk, mountain goats, and grizzly bears. The report for Idaho shows 98,900 mule deer, 24,400 elk, 10,000 white-tailed deer, 11,000 antelope, 5,300 black bears, 3,500 mountain goats, 2,600 Rocky Mountain bighorns, 800 moose, 78 grizzly bears and 25 buffalo.

ILLINOIS ranks 46th with slightly over 250 white-tailed deer and no other big game.

INDIANA ranks 45th with 400 white-tailed deer and no other big game.

IOWA ranks 44th with 450 white-tailed deer and no other big game.

KANSAS ranks 47th with 80 buffalo and no other big game.

KENTUCKY ranks 43d with a little more than 700, mostly white-tailed deer but a few black bears.

LOUISIANA ranks 38th with a little more than 2,000 white-tailed deer and about 50 black bears.

MAINE ranks 17th with 108,000, including more caribou than in any other State. Out of only about two dozen caribou known in the United States, Maine has more than half. The report for Maine shows 105,000 white-tailed deer, 1,800 moose, and 1,400 black bears, besides the small remnant of caribou.

MARYLAND ranks 29th with 12,900, mostly white-tailed deer but including about 150 black bears.

MASSACHUSETTS ranks 32d with more than 8,000. The report for Massachusetts shows 8,000 white-tailed deer, 10 black bears, and 11 buffalo.

MICHIGAN ranks first with 878,000, including more white-tailed deer than in any other State. The report for Michigan shows 874,000 white-tails, 2,500 black bears, 1,000 moose, 8 buffalo, and 5 elk.

MINNESOTA ranks fourth with 345,000, including more moose than in any other State, and the third largest number of white-tailed deer. The report for Minnesota shows 335,000 white-tails, 6,600 black bears, 4,000 moose, and 45 elk. Minnesota is also one of three States where remnants of the caribou are known to persist.

MISSISSIPPI ranks 36th with more than 4,600 white-tailed deer and about 20 black bears.

MISSOURI ranks 42nd with more than 700 white-tailed deer and no other big game.

MONTANA ranks 13th with nearly 143,000, including more grizzly bears than in any other State, the second largest number of elk, mountain goats, and buffalo, and the third largest number of moose. The report for Montana shows 66,600 mule deer, 24,000 white-tailed deer, 26,700 elk, 10,600 antelope, nearly 6,000 black bears, 4,300 mountain goats, 2,100 moose, 1,200 Rocky Mountain bighorns, 597 buffalo, and 550 grizzly bears.

NEBRASKA ranks 40th with 1,500. The report for Nebraska shows 500 antelope, 450 white-tailed deer, 350 mule deer, 178 buffalo, and 31 elk.

NEVADA ranks 18th with more than 60,000, including the third largest number of Desert bighorns. The report for Nevada shows nearly 47,000 mule deer, more than 12,000 antelope, 1,000 Desert bighorns, nearly 200 elk, and about 10 black bears.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ranks 26th with 17,500. The report for New Hampshire shows 16,500 white-tailed deer, 650 black bears, 250 elk, 100 European wild boars, 30 moose, and 20 buffalo.

NEW JERSEY ranks 33rd with 8,000 white-tailed deer and no other big game.

NEW MEXICO ranks 12th with 143,000, including more antelope than in any other State, and the third largest number of peccaries. The report for New Mexico shows 99,000 mule deer, 25,000 antelope, 9,000 white-tailed deer, 5,000 elk, 3,000 black bears, 550 peccaries, 200 Desert bighorns, 30 buffalo, and 4 grizzly bears.

NEW YORK ranks 11th with 151,000. The report for New York shows 150,000 white-tailed deer, 1,000 black bears, 100 elk, and 14 buffalo.

NORTH CAROLINA ranks 19th with almost 53,000, including more European wild boars than in any other State. The report for North Carolina shows 51,000 white-tailed deer, 1,100 black bears, and 300 European wild boars.

NORTH DAKOTA ranks 35th with 6,800. The report for North Dakota shows 6,000 white-tailed deer, 350 antelope, 100 mule deer, and 97 buffalo.

OHIO ranks 39th with 2,000 white-tailed deer, and a dozen black bears.

OKLAHOMA ranks 34th with 7,500. The report for Oklahoma shows 6,700 white-tailed deer, 470 buffalo, 230 elk, 30 antelope, and a half a dozen black bears.

OREGON ranks 7th with 210,000, including the second largest number of black-tailed deer and the third largest number of antelope, and black bears. The report for Oregon shows 122,000 mule deer, 45,000 black-tailed deer, 18,000 antelope, 17,000 elk, 6,800 black bears, 50 Rocky Mountain bighorns, and 13 buffalo.

PENNSYLVANIA ranks 2nd with 796,⁰⁰⁰ including the second largest number of white-tailed deer. The report for Pennsylvania shows 793,000 white-tailed deer, 3,300 black bears, and 111 buffalo.

RHODE ISLAND ranks 41st with 800 white-tailed deer and no other big game.

SOUTH CAROLINA ranks 21st with 23,500 white-tailed deer and 230 black bears.

SOUTH DAKOTA ranks 22nd with 22,000, including the third largest number of buffalo. The report for South Dakota shows 9,900 white-tailed deer, 4,900 mule deer, 3,400 elk, 3,200 antelope, 585 buffalo, and a dozen mountain goats.

TENNESSEE ranks 37th with 2,200, including the second largest number of European wild boars. The report for Tennessee shows 1,700 white-tailed deer, 300 black bears, and 175 European wild boars.

TEXAS ranks 6th with 305,000, including more peccaries than in any other State. The report for Texas shows 247,000 white-tailed deer, 32,000 peccaries, 14,000 mule deer, 9,000 antelope, 505 buffalo, 350 elk, 280 Desert bighorns, and 200 black bears.

UTAH ranks 9th with 174,000, including the third largest number of mule deer. The report for Utah shows 166,000 mule deer, 3,800 elk, 2,200 antelope, 900 Desert bighorns, 500 black bears, 70 Rocky Mountain bighorns, and 30 buffalo.

VERMONT ranks 23rd with 21,500 white-tailed deer, and 400 black bears.

VIRGINIA ranks 28th with 15,000 white-tailed deer, 600 black bears, and 140 elk.

WASHINGTON ranks 15th with 122,000, including more black bears and mountain goats than in any other State, and the third largest number of black-tailed deer. The report for Washington shows 44,000 mule deer, 37,500 black-tailed deer, 13,900 elk, 13,000 black bears, 7,500 white-tailed deer, 5,300 mountain goats, 40 buffalo, 10 Rocky Mountain bighorns, and 5 grizzly bears. Washington is also one of three States where a remnant of caribou persists.

WEST VIRGINIA ranks 25th with nearly 20,000. The report for West Virginia shows 17,500 white-tailed deer, 2,100 black bears, and 5 buffalo.

WISCONSIN ranks 5th with 324,000 white-tailed deer, and 2,000 black bears.

WYOMING ranks 14th with nearly 126,000, including more buffalo, elk, and Rocky Mountain bighorns than in any other State and the second largest number of moose, antelope, and grizzly bears. The report for Wyoming shows 48,000 mule deer, 40,700 elk, nearly 25,000 antelope, 3,300 moose, 3,300 Rocky Mountain bighorns, 2,800 black bears, 1,500 white-tailed deer, 838 buffalo, and 460 grizzly bears.

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