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Hunters spent \$13,547,152 for 7,505,258 hunting licenses during the 1943-44 season, the Fish and Wildlife Service reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today upon the completion of the summary based on figures supplied by the States. These totals represent a decrease of 585,929 in licenses and \$51,271 in revenue as compared with the preceding year.

In revenue received, Pennsylvania led all other States with \$1,367,473. Next in line was Michigan with \$1,104,410, followed by New York with \$821,706; California, \$705,579; Wisconsin, \$624,894; Ohio, \$623,014; Washington, \$540,230; Minnesota, \$483,012; Colorado, \$479,789; and South Dakota, \$465,602.

In number of licenses issued, Michigan topped the list with 732,479, followed by New York with 589,864; Pennsylvania, 582,242; Ohio, 490,533; Indiana, 341,818; Minnesota, 332,476; Wisconsin, 291,832; California, 282,693; Washington, 278,544; and Illinois, 268,375.

Since the total of 7,505,258 licenses includes 634,197 big game licenses, in addition to small game licenses required by Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming, there is a duplication to an unknown extent in the number of hunters in these States. Many big game hunters undoubtedly purchased small game licenses; and, when that occurred, two license sales were recorded for each hunter.

Total license sales also include 1,429,708 combination hunting and fishing licenses which were sold by States having a license system that makes it necessary for anglers to purchase combination licenses. No doubt many of these license holders did not hunt, but the number is not known.

Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps, commonly called "duck stamps," were issued to 1,164,191 sportsmen for use during the 1943-44 season. This figure is 215,901 less than the number sold during the preceding year. The Federal stamps at \$1.00 each are required of all waterfowl hunters over 16 years of age, in addition to State licenses. The total paid for State licenses and Federal duck stamps amounted to \$14,711,343.

Licenses authorizing the trapping of fur-bearers were granted to 2,314,412 persons at a cost of \$444,317. However, many of them were combination licenses which the holders obtained in order to hunt or fish.

The appended tabulation summarizes by States the number of hunting licenses and duck stamps issued and the revenue collected.

HUNTING LICENSE AND FEDERAL DUCK STAMP SALES

July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944

State	Resident	Non-Resident	Total Licenses	Fees Paid By Hunters	Federal Duck Stamps
Alabama	77,700	623	78,323	\$139,456	5,841
Arizona	35,370	844	36,214	117,532	4,145
Arkansas	58,277	2,214	60,491	122,646	19,725
California	280,851	1,842	282,693	705,579	92,056
Colorado	209,002	2,208	211,210	479,789	19,969
Connecticut	32,533	317	32,850	102,710	6,172
Delaware	14,151	67	14,218	18,437	2,906
Florida	50,515	598	51,113	167,902	11,675
Georgia	39,062	508	39,570	82,801	2,511
Idaho	119,029	863	119,892	132,664	19,921
Illinois	266,990	1,385	268,375	421,260	66,587
Indiana	341,102	716	341,818	265,314	22,740
Iowa	189,341	610	189,951	172,368	36,749
Kansas	85,913	250	86,163	89,505	25,278
Kentucky	70,921	339	71,260	122,930	4,227
Louisiana	99,898	1,852	101,750	114,338	35,199
Maine	106,534	7,287	113,821	228,247	9,162
Maryland	68,557	2,317	70,874	186,541	10,182
Massachusetts	82,366	1,029	83,395	160,476	18,677
Michigan	726,340	6,139	732,479	1,104,410	83,554
Minnesota	331,847	629	332,476	483,012	95,446
Mississippi	60,737	689	61,426	129,154	7,487
Missouri	200,564	694	201,258	290,894	34,193
Montana	106,653	624	107,277	168,480	22,147
Nebraska	120,463	1,355	121,818	129,494	21,181
Nevada	13,079	3,491	16,570	67,653	5,288
New Hampshire	59,882	4,985	64,867	130,435	3,432
New Jersey	117,390	1,453	118,843	235,317	19,519
New Mexico	30,329	1,774	32,103	145,630	4,614
New York	585,117	4,747	589,864	821,706	38,730
North Carolina	90,774	1,814	92,588	174,084	8,291
North Dakota	47,292	899	48,191	118,099	20,713
Ohio	489,847	686	490,533	623,014	21,334
Oklahoma	84,215	549	84,764	110,891	19,974
Oregon	124,936	1,418	126,354	454,520	32,750
Pennsylvania	570,415	11,827	582,242	1,367,473	25,027
Rhode Island	8,786	136	8,922	21,288	2,764
South Carolina	48,779	2,175	50,954	109,538	4,893
South Dakota	73,892	19,469	93,361	465,602	25,483
Tennessee	119,924	706	120,630	126,512	10,929
Texas	117,083	347	117,430	242,841	70,441
Utah	80,535	5,111	85,646	340,194	15,679
Vermont	41,923	2,843	44,766	82,308	2,836
Virginia	124,073	2,090	126,163	189,271	10,713
Washington	278,398	146	278,544	540,230	63,050
West Virginia	169,634	891	170,525	178,863	1,481
Wisconsin	290,744	1,088	291,832	624,894	66,328
Wyoming	41,968	2,767	44,735	224,011	6,447
Dist. of Columbia					1,349
UNITED STATES	7,383,731	107,411	7,491,142	\$13,530,313	1,159,945
Alaska	13,841	275	14,116	16,839	4,143
Hawaii					103
Puerto Rico					105
TOTALS	7,397,572	107,686	7,505,258	\$13,547,152	1,164,191