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1946 DUCK STAMP SALES BREAK PREVIOUS RECORDS

As evidence that hunting of migratory waterfowl increased during the 1946 season despite shooting restrictions, Albert M. Day, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today that 1,836,390 hunters purchased the \$1 Federal "duck stamps" in the period from July 1, 1946, to December 31, 1946, to break all previous sales records.

This represents an increase of 295,922 over the corresponding period in 1945 when 1,540,468 stamps were purchased by waterfowl hunters, conservationists, and philatelists. Hunters of migratory waterfowl over 16 years old are required by law to buy stamps each year.

Although final reports on the sale of 1946-47 stamps are likely to boost the total to the 2,000,000 mark earlier predicted, Mr. Day pointed out that the number of 1946-47 stamps sold has already exceeded by 110,885 the 1,725,505 total of the 1945-46 series.

Ninety percent of the money realized from the sale of the stamps is used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to supplement other funds for the purchase and maintenance of waterfowl refuges throughout the country. The remaining 10 percent is used for the printing and distribution of the stamps, enforcement of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, and other Federal activities for migratory bird conservation.

All "duck stamps" show wild ducks or geese of different species in some characteristic pose. The current stamp, thirteenth in the series features four

redheads as the central design. It was the work of Robert W. Eines, artist for the Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources at Columbus.

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