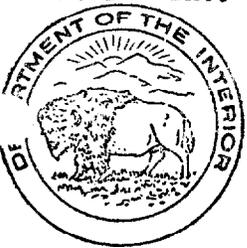


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DUCK STAMP SALES DROP DURING 1947 WATERFOWL SHOOTING SEASON

Reduced bag limits and the curtailed hunting season for migratory waterfowl during the fall and winter of 1947 were responsible for a decline in the sales of the current issue of Federal "duck stamps" to 1,510,594 during the period from July 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947. Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today.

This total, as reported to the Service by the Post Office Department which has charge of all duck stamp sales, represents a decrease of 325,796 from the 1,836,390 stamps sold during the corresponding period in 1946.

Although the final reports will boost the total considerably, Mr. Day stated that he did not believe sales of the 1947-48 stamps would equal the all-time high total of 2,016,819 sold during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1947.

Final figures for the current year, compiled by the Post Office Department from reports submitted by the thousands of first- and second-class post offices which sell the duck stamps, will not be available to the Fish and Wildlife service until about three months after the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 1948.

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