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HUNTING LICENSE REVENUE CLIMBS IN 1949-50

Hunting license sales for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, broke all previous records for revenue received by the 48 States but there was a slight drop in the number of licenses sold, Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman announced today.

Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, reported to Secretary Chapman that the country's hunters paid \$37,641,049 for 12,626,539 licenses during the 1949-50 hunting seasons. The number of license sales dropped 132,159 below the 1948-49 total of 12,758,698 while fees rose \$2,674,362 over the previous year's record of \$34,966,687.

The higher revenue recorded for 1949-50 was due to the fact that many States increased the cost of their hunting licenses, according to Mr. Day.

A sharp drop was recorded in non-resident licenses; the 1949-50 total of 196,592 represented a decrease of 27,650 under the total of 224,242 for the previous year.

For comparative purposes, the "big ten" in the license sales line-up are shown for the 1949-50 and 1948-49 hunting seasons. The States included in the "big ten" for 1949-50 are the same States as those listed in 1948-49, but with some changes in relative positions. Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio--in that order--still head the list.

<u>1949-50</u>		<u>1948-49</u>	
Michigan	1,031,035	Michigan	977,879
Pennsylvania	834,091	Pennsylvania	878,669
New York	751,036	New York	847,314
Ohio	740,509	Ohio	718,292
Illinois	503,420	Minnesota	505,970
California	497,212	California	504,450
Minnesota	479,746	Illinois	470,855
Wisconsin	460,408	Wisconsin	421,343
Washington	418,726	Indiana	408,051
Indiana	392,821	Washington	383,689

In "revenue received", the first ten States are listed below:

<u>1949-50</u>		<u>1948-49</u>	
Pennsylvania	\$3,032,326	Michigan	\$2,847,013
Michigan	2,944,385	Pennsylvania	2,122,378
Washington	2,228,907	Colorado	2,101,923
Colorado	2,049,065	Washington	1,959,882
New York	2,043,004	California	1,800,968
California	1,946,867	New York	1,689,258
Oregon	1,288,699	Oregon	1,127,900
Minnesota	1,238,043	Missouri	1,096,256
Wisconsin	1,178,763	Wisconsin	1,038,618
Missouri	1,099,565	Ohio	1,035,733

The sale of 1,954,734 Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps, commonly called "duck stamps," during 1949-50 also showed a small decline from the 1948-49 all-time record of 2,127,598. The 1949-50 duck stamps were the first of the \$2 series. The Federal stamp, in addition to a State license, is required of every migratory waterfowl hunter over 16 years of age.

The appended alphabetical tabulation summarizes by States the hunting licenses and duck stamps sold and the fees paid by hunters. The cost of special permits, tags, seals, and stamps other than "duck stamps" are reflected in fees paid for the privilege of hunting in addition to the licenses proper.

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HUNTING LICENSES AND DUCK STAMPS SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES
JULY 1, 1949 to JUNE 30, 1950

STATE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL	FEES PAID BY HUNTERS*	DUCK STAMPS
ALABAMA	252,720	2,091	254,811	\$ 477,489	10,993
ARIZONA	59,154	1,112	60,266	343,402	7,443
ARKANSAS	228,740	5,065	233,805	425,405	54,214
CALIFORNIA	495,610	1,602	497,212	1,946,867	168,950
COLORADO	333,176	12,745	345,921	2,049,065	31,584
CONNECTICUT	47,673	2,761	50,434	233,991	5,534
DELAWARE	17,952	231	18,183	43,922	4,709
FLORIDA	96,735	1,771	98,506	449,030	20,412
GEORGIA	117,337	1,172	118,509	365,505	4,289
IDAHO	160,580	2,390	162,970	673,172	40,159
ILLINOIS	499,584	3,836	503,420	1,056,708	106,767
INDIANA	391,220	1,601	392,821	611,645	31,183
IOWA	337,204	2,256	339,460	679,083	56,477
KANSAS	191,347	2,265	193,612	320,253	61,563
KENTUCKY	230,522	1,982	232,504	472,449	7,977
LOUISIANA	234,960	483	235,443	247,035	71,923
MAINE	136,850	16,372	153,222	655,856	10,187
MARYLAND	114,207	3,727	117,934	327,181	17,031
MASSACHUSETTS	119,004	2,071	121,075	326,738	17,408
MICHIGAN	1,019,009	12,026	1,031,035	2,944,885	98,285
MINNESOTA	477,823	1,923	479,746	1,238,043	143,496
MISSISSIPPI	189,564	534	190,098	437,114	17,825
MISSOURI	332,716	3,253	335,969	1,099,565	62,901
MONTANA	156,298	947	157,245	735,542	31,725
NEBRASKA	190,602	1,186	191,788	269,978	64,993
NEVADA	21,350	3,785	25,135	251,806	9,553
NEW HAMPSHIRE	83,220	1,486	84,706	500,088	3,014
NEW JERSEY	138,418	1,373	139,791	457,351	15,847
NEW MEXICO	44,668	2,081	46,749	378,805	8,803
NEW YORK	741,814	9,222	751,036	2,043,004	50,727
NORTH CAROLINA	282,400	3,860	286,260	762,405	17,359
NORTH DAKOTA	71,098	2,078	73,176	149,648	50,533
OHIO	739,231	1,278	740,509	943,528	33,249
OKLAHOMA	213,260	1,300	214,560	540,217	49,417
OREGON	202,968	1,665	204,633	1,288,699	59,853
PENNSYLVANIA	810,059	24,032	834,091	3,032,326	31,920
RHODE ISLAND	11,335	153	11,488	28,968	2,092
SOUTH CAROLINA	130,652	2,715	133,367	288,096	9,628
SOUTH DAKOTA	150,561	22,292	172,853	757,805	47,208
TENNESSEE	338,486	2,041	340,527	706,558	25,577
TEXAS	329,099	1,331	330,430	734,526	130,732
UTAH	120,616	5,393	126,009	729,620	34,527
VERMONT	64,375	6,201	70,576	259,323	3,360
VIRGINIA	294,659	3,873	298,532	682,377	13,643
WASHINGTON	418,018	708	418,726	2,228,907	81,404
WEST VIRGINIA	266,446	4,211	270,657	674,634	2,662
WISCONSIN	456,068	4,340	460,408	1,178,763	103,826
WYOMING	70,559	5,772	76,331	593,672	9,022
ALASKA					3,349
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA					9,207
HAWAII					30
PUERTO RICO					164
TOTALS	12,429,947	196,592	12,626,539	\$37,641,049	1,954,734

* Fees paid by hunters include cost of special permits, and seals