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DUCK STAMP SALES SHOW SMALL DECLINE DURING FISCAL YEAR 1951

Final reports received by the Fish and Wildlife Service from the Post Office Department on the sales of Federal "duck stamps" during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, show a total of 1,903,644 stamps sold to sportsmen, conservationists, and philatelists, Albert M. Day, Director of the Service announced today.

From July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951, the sale of Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamps represented a decline of 51,090 stamps from the 1949-50 season figure of 1,954,734.

The largest sale in any one State this fiscal year was 150,661 in California. Minnesota was second with 145,708 stamps, while Texas attained third place with total stamp sales of 131,674.

Other States in the first ten line-up were Wisconsin, 103,981; Illinois, 94,062; Michigan, 88,425; Washington, 82,378; Louisiana, 71,834; Nebraska, 65,809; and Kansas, 63,410.

Sold for \$2 at post offices, the proceeds from stamp sales are used for purchasing land and water feeding resting areas for waterfowl restoration purposes, administration and enforcement. Every individual over 16 years of age, who hunts migratory waterfowl, is required to have on his person a stamp of current issue with his signature written across the face.

Many stamps are also purchased annually by collectors. The Post Office Department's philatelic agency in Washington, D. C., alone reported sales of 6,142 stamps during fiscal year 1951.

Sales of duck stamps for last season at post offices in the 48 States, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico follow in alphabetical order:

	<u>7-1-48</u> <u>6-30-49</u>	<u>7-1-49</u> <u>6-30-50</u>	<u>7-1-50</u> <u>6-30-51</u>
Alabama	12,595	10,993	10,290
Alaska	4,881	3,349	5,703
Arizona	8,562	7,443	7,083
Arkansas	60,758	54,214	55,706
California	171,388	168,950	150,661
Colorado	41,407	31,584	30,336
Connecticut	7,699	5,534	6,012

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Delaware	4,823	4,709	4,564
District of Columbia	1,361	1,492	1,333
Florida	22,916	20,412	19,652
Georgia	5,018	4,289	3,987
Hawaii	43	30	27
Idaho	47,575	40,159	38,405 ✓
Illinois	110,980	106,767	94,062
Indiana	35,574	31,183	29,386
Iowa	63,805	56,477	49,518
Kansas	53,094	61,563	63,410
Kentucky	7,712	7,977	8,102
Louisiana	80,701	71,923	71,834
Maine	12,142	10,187	10,024
Maryland	15,418	17,031	17,309
Massachusetts	19,370	17,408	17,253
Michigan	83,582	98,285	88,425
Minnesota	162,300	143,496	145,708
Mississippi	20,507	17,825	18,537
Missouri	69,269	62,901	51,811
Montana	36,040	31,725	31,175 ✓
Nebraska	64,991	64,993	65,809
Nevada	10,574	9,553	9,405
New Hampshire	3,656	3,014	3,224
New Jersey	17,649	15,847	17,780
New Mexico	9,010	8,803	8,293
New York	66,809	50,727	52,222
North Carolina	15,749	17,359	17,567
North Dakota	53,936	50,533	48,586
Ohio	39,176	33,249	33,435
Oklahoma	55,625	49,417	43,390
Oregon	65,947	59,853	64,239 ✓
Pennsylvania	47,389	31,920	38,496
Rhode Island	2,564	2,092	2,387
South Carolina	9,797	9,628	8,974
South Dakota	62,509	47,208	48,200
Tennessee	25,746	25,577	25,752
Texas	164,075	130,732	131,674
Utah	34,558	34,527	32,233
Vermont	3,865	3,360	3,467
Virginia	13,293	13,643	13,314
Washington	74,555	81,404	82,378 ✓
West Virginia	1,859	2,662	2,167
Wisconsin	101,842	103,826	103,981
Wyoming	11,461	9,022	10,046
Puerto Rico	186	164	170
Philatelic Agency	<u>11,257</u>	<u>7,715</u>	<u>6,142</u>
TOTALS	2,127,598	1,954,734	1,903,644

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