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### FEDERAL DUCK STAMP SALES SHOW DROP FOR SECOND YEAR

Federal "duck stamp" sales for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, continued the downward trend exhibited last year, Director John L. Farley of the Fish and Wildlife Service stated today.

A total of 2,181,566 stamps of the 1954-55 issue was sold to hunters of migratory waterfowl, conservationists, and philatelists, according to the final figures recently supplied to the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Post Office Department, the agency responsible for distributing and selling the stamps.

The 1955 total indicates a drop of 89,864 below last year's total of 2,271,430. The all-time high record was reached in fiscal year 1953 when 2,296,628 stamps were sold.

California headed the 1955 list with a total of 176,881. Other States recording sales exceeding 100,000 were Texas, with 151,851; Minnesota, 143,886; Michigan, 129,937; Wisconsin, 127,358; and Illinois, 110,507.

Many stamps are also purchased annually by stamp collectors. The Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C., reported sales of 9,840 stamps during fiscal year 1955 of that year's issue. This is a drop of 2,984 below last year's total of 12,824. In fiscal year 1953, Philatelic Agency sales amounted to 12,987.

The sales of duck stamps for the 1954-55 season at post offices in the 48 States, Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C., are listed below.

<u>STATE</u>	<u>STAMPS</u>
Alabama	15,879
Alaska	10,766
Arizona	9,125
Arkansas	46,219
California	176,881
Colorado	32,450
Connecticut	8,095
Delaware	7,018
District of Columbia	2,060
Florida	32,496
Georgia	8,515
Hawaii	14
Idaho	37,425

Illinois	110,507
Indiana	39,716
Iowa	56,991
Kansas	48,815
Kentucky	14,969
Louisiana	88,237
Maine	12,266
Maryland	25,256
Massachusetts	18,952
Michigan	129,937
Minnesota	143,886
Mississippi	17,264
Missouri	58,606
Montana	33,201
Nebraska	59,455
Nevada	9,669
New Hampshire	4,667
New Jersey	26,341
New Mexico	10,066
New York	74,741
North Carolina	27,547
North Dakota	44,554
Ohio	38,730
Oklahoma	38,387
Oregon	70,741
Pennsylvania	48,646
Philatelic Agency	9,840
Puerto Rico	203
Rhode Island	3,185
South Carolina	13,794
South Dakota	49,281
Tennessee	33,783
Texas	151,851
Utah	32,289
Vermont	4,208
Virginia	23,210
Washington	80,680
West Virginia	2,480
Wisconsin	127,358
Wyoming	<u>10,314</u>
Total	2,181,566

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