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SPORTSMEN SPEND \$11,000,000 IN YEAR FOR HUNTING LICENSES AND DUCK STAMPS

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Sportsmen in the United States and Alaska paid \$10,466,237.37 for 6,658,158 hunting licenses in 1936. This is the latest year for which figures are available, nearly one million dollars more than the previous year, says the U. S. Biological Survey. During 1936, they also spent \$603,623 for Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps, bringing the total for both licenses and stamps to \$11,069,860.37. The Federal stamps, at one dollar each, are required of waterfowl hunters in addition to State licenses.

Greater interest in hunting, improvement in waterfowl conditions, and effects of skeet shooting on hunting are cited by Col. H. P. Sheldon, chief of the Survey's Division of Public Relations, as principal causes of the increase in license sales. He explains that a revival of interest in waterfowl hunting was to be expected with improvement in hunting conditions following several poor seasons. Skeet shooting, he adds, has given hundreds excellent training in the rudiments of handling firearms and stimulated interest in field shooting.

The hunting license figures are of special interest this year, Bureau officials point out, as the new Federal-State wildlife act approved by President Roosevelt last September authorizes Federal aid to States for wildlife restoration projects on the basis of their size and number of hunting licenses sold. The act becomes effective July 1, 1938, and authorizes Congress to appropriate sums for such wildlife projects equal to the revenue derived from Federal taxes on firearms, shells, and cartridges.

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An increase of 5,198 non-resident hunting licenses shows sportsmen did more out-of-state hunting in 1936 than the previous year. States that issued more than 1,000 permits, in order named, were: Pennsylvania, Michigan, Maine, New York, South Dakota, New Jersey, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, Utah, Vermont, New Mexico, and California. North Dakota and Iowa report the smallest number sold.

Forty States and Alaska report an increase in the number of all licenses issued during 1936, to make the year's total 670,094 greater than in 1935. Missouri led the list with an increase of 116,935, followed closely by Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio, all showing increases of more than 50,000. New York, Pennsylvania, and Michigan sold one-fourth of the licenses. Their sales were: New York, 579,525; Michigan 577,579; and Pennsylvania, 541,954. The smallest number was that of Nevada with 7,189.

Thirty-nine States and Alaska also reported an increase in money returns from licenses. The largest increase, \$212,285, was reported by California. Minnesota, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Virginia, and Idaho, in order named, all show an increase of \$50,000 or more for the same period. New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan also accounted for one-fourth of the income from licenses as well as one-fourth of the number sold.

Minnesota and Illinois led all States for the third successive year in migratory-bird hunting stamp sales. The 1936 total of 603,623 stamps for all States is 155,419 greater than the 1935 figure, and nearly equals the record sale of 635,001 stamps made in 1934, the first year the stamps were on sale.

The first accompanying table shows licenses sold for the calendar year, or for the season beginning in that year. Entries marked with an asterisk (*) include combined hunting and fishing licenses. The California figure includes 23,731 junior licenses. Sales of migratory waterfowl hunting stamps in the States are shown in the second table. The stamps are issued for the fall hunting season of the year named, but are on sale to June 30 of the following year.

HUNTERS' LICENSES ISSUED BY STATES, WITH MONEY RETURNS, FOR 1936

State	Resident	Nonresident or alien	Total	Money returns
Alabama...	87,841	518	88,359	\$ 124,955.50
Alaska...	* 9,649	* 172	9,821	25,827.00
Arizona...	* 23,210	* 486	23,696	78,761.50
Arkansas...	43,372	969	44,341	57,880.70
California...	223,046	1,004	224,050	409,825.00
Colorado...	* 95,917	624	96,541	229,645.50
Connecticut...	* 26,840	387	27,227	101,270.00
Delaware...	* 12,634	102	12,736	15,354.60
Florida...	51,605	684	52,289	121,265.00
Georgia...	73,995	627	74,622	127,036.25
Idaho...	* 83,924	* 840	84,764	179,060.50
Illinois...	309,258	485	309,743	239,218.50
Indiana...	* 387,364	* 324	387,688	353,487.60
Iowa...	* 125,637	* 25	125,662	157,543.00
Kansas...	76,846	119	76,965	77,679.00
Kentucky...	84,915	246	85,161	74,637.75
Louisiana...	69,262	434	69,696	72,372.00
Maine...	* 99,030	* 4,249	103,279	113,155.00
Maryland...	51,930	321	52,251	83,737.35
Massachusetts...	74,052	367	74,419	153,207.50
Michigan...	571,196	6,383	577,579	790,119.75
Minnesota...	285,194	235	285,429	381,547.00
Mississippi...	102,558	280	102,838	142,983.00
Missouri...	* 161,177	* 685	161,862	246,232.50
Montana...	* 124,403	* 119	124,522	182,157.00
Nebraska...	* 144,585	* 350	144,935	148,768.50
Nevada...	6,982	207	7,189	19,585.00
New Hampshire...	* 53,730	* 2,292	56,022	133,780.10
New Jersey...	* 116,077	* 2,978	119,055	280,557.00
New Mexico...	* 19,731	1,146	20,877	96,066.50
New York...	* 575,460	4,065	579,525	1,083,762.29
North Carolina...	* 116,152	* 1,553	117,705	197,233.00
North Dakota...	24,714	9	24,723	47,179.81
Ohio...	476,386	101	476,487	477,902.52
Oklahoma...	86,113	171	86,284	94,117.00
Oregon...	77,966	648	78,614	268,157.50
Pennsylvania...	534,830	7,124	541,954	1,120,220.60
Rhode Island...	8,250	119	8,369	17,739.00
South Carolina...	79,045	2,140	81,185	147,613.00
South Dakota...	63,118	3,434	66,552	111,849.00
Tennessee...	* 52,839	* 112	52,951	107,358.00
Texas...	84,118	338	84,456	163,054.30
Utah...	* 53,372	* 1,454	54,826	130,607.40
Vermont...	* 46,471	* 1,357	47,828	66,803.35
Virginia...	* 121,160	* 1,778	122,938	222,845.00
Washington...	* 181,025	* 69	181,094	426,685.00
West Virginia...	* 179,532	224	179,756	219,190.00
Wisconsin...	244,640	280	244,920	229,851.00
Wyoming...	* 23,594	* 779	24,373	116,354.00
Total...	6,604,745	53,413	6,658,158	\$10,466,237.37

* Include combined hunting-fishing licenses.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP SALES

States	1934	1935	1936	Grand Total
Alabama.	2,533	1,403	1,914	5,850
Alaska	2,000	2,380	1,708	6,088
Arizona.	2,332	1,760	1,736	5,828
Arkansas	11,973	9,134	10,268	31,375
California	39,525	33,297	44,579	117,392
Colorado	10,482	6,695	11,917	29,094
Connecticut.	4,372	2,116	2,381	8,869
Delaware	3,600	1,259	1,115	5,974
District of Col.	1,204	958	1,017	3,179
Florida.	6,704	4,431	5,774	16,909
Georgia.	1,540	730	816	3,086
Hawaii	137	97	96	330
Idaho.	9,840	6,610	10,526	26,976
Illinois	42,687	36,337	53,251	132,275
Indiana.	8,250	5,379	7,648	21,277
Iowa	16,129	18,910	27,294	62,333
Kansas	17,334	17,353	16,118	50,805
Kentucky	2,314	1,291	1,136	4,741
Louisiana.	20,081	10,242	13,721	44,044
Maine.	6,539	3,214	4,527	14,280
Maryland	6,575	2,831	3,358	12,764
Massachusetts.	14,124	6,033	7,380	27,537
Michigan	25,348	14,796	31,482	71,626
Minnesota.	51,536	44,062	72,460	168,058
Mississippi.	4,703	3,154	3,168	11,025
Missouri.	23,001	14,080	17,149	54,230
Montana	14,120	10,474	14,903	39,497
Nebraska.	21,336	17,818	20,280	59,434
Nevada.	2,513	2,272	3,398	8,183
New Hampshire.	1,641	829	1,166	3,636
New Jersey	12,739	6,040	6,517	25,296
New Mexico	2,571	1,681	2,164	6,516
New York.	21,502	11,917	15,470	48,889
North Carolina	4,964	1,995	2,865	9,824
North Dakota	5,947	6,581	6,069	18,597
Ohio.	10,407	7,001	10,493	27,901
Oklahoma	27,862	8,824	5,967	42,653
Oregon.	13,199	9,709	13,772	36,680
Pennsylvania	8,751	5,088	5,458	19,297
Rhode Island	1,794	1,074	1,177	4,045
South Carolina	1,800	1,944	1,680	5,424
South Dakota	12,594	9,461	8,025	30,080
Tennessee.	6,918	5,024	4,754	16,696
Texas.	42,424	28,150	33,481	104,055
Utah	7,133	3,672	8,123	18,928
Vermont.	1,754	1,116	1,256	4,126
Virginia	4,628	1,792	2,251	8,671
Washington	29,033	18,980	28,396	76,409
West Virginia.	566	396	419	1,381
Wisconsin.	40,769	35,154	48,999	124,922
Wyoming.	3,073	2,660	4,010	9,743
Totals.	635,001	448,204	603,623	1,686,828