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HUNTERS INCREASING, LICENSE RETURNS SHOW

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Sportsmen in the United States and Alaska paid \$11,348,006 for 6,860,010 hunting licenses in 1937, the latest year for which figures are available, says the U. S. Biological Survey. Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps brought an additional \$783,039 in the same period, bringing the total for licenses and Federal duck stamps to \$12,131,045.

The Federal stamps, at one dollar each, are required of waterfowl hunters in addition to State licenses.

These reports, says the Biological Survey, show that the number of hunters is increasing. License returns in 1937 were nearly a million more than in 1936, when there was also an increase of nearly a million over the preceding year. Federal duck stamp sales increased from 448,204 in 1935 to 603,623 in 1936 and to 783,039 in 1937.

In the following tabulation by States, the entries marked with an asterisk (*) include combined hunting and fishing licenses. Duck stamps were issued for the fall hunting season of the year but remained on sale until June 30, 1938.

HUNTING-LICENSE AND FEDERAL DUCK-STAMP RETURNS, 1937

State	Resident Licenses	Non-Resident or alien licenses	Total	Money Returns	Federal Duck Stamps
Alabama.....	88,683	599	89,282	\$ 140,455.00	2,889
Alaska.....	4,348	205*	4,553	15,568.00	1,640
Arizona.....	28,215*	588*	28,803	91,660.00	2,363
Arkansas.....	35,521	898	36,419	63,837.80	11,799
California.....	218,569	780	219,349	432,433.00	52,577
Colorado.....	108,334*	830	109,164	269,472.50	10,517
Connecticut.....	27,447*	321	27,768	103,334.00	3,249
Delaware.....	15,501*	155*	15,656	19,060.48	2,001
Dist. of Col.....					1,105
Florida.....	54,838	797	55,635	132,447.00	7,175
Georgia.....	65,375	845	66,220	117,429.00	938
Hawaii.....					155
Idaho.....	89,133*	774*	89,907	181,221.05	10,138
Illinois.....	273,124	1,015	274,139	361,390.75	51,333
Indiana.....	431,634*	407*	432,041	456,050.22	12,311
Iowa.....	129,800*	48*	129,848	162,758.50	25,427
Kansas.....	74,220	138	74,358	75,186.00	18,868
Kentucky.....	88,588	276	88,864	78,059.80	2,676
Louisiana.....	72,822	555	73,377	76,687.00	19,366
Maine.....	92,927*	5,158	98,085	164,147.00	5,546
Maryland.....	62,425	791	63,216	106,973.90	4,360
Massachusetts....	78,414*	465*	78,879	162,283.50	12,161
Michigan.....	646,314	3,631	649,945	893,654.00	56,888
Minnesota.....	213,782	215	213,997	254,835.20	97,609
Mississippi.....	98,821	311	99,132	138,615.00	4,855
Missouri.....	155,047*	814*	155,861	249,746.00	16,469
Montana.....	113,078*	292	113,370	198,784.00	15,884
Nebraska.....	124,931*	529	125,460	130,995.10	22,939
Nevada.....	7,921	399	8,320	23,852.50	3,921
New Hampshire....	56,361*	2,298*	58,659	138,719.70	1,688
New Jersey.....	124,235*	1,172*	125,407	289,744.00	9,921
New Mexico.....	22,669*	1,333*	24,002	108,077.25	2,173
New York.....	601,243*	4,215*	605,458	1,137,035.98	23,286
North Carolina...	143,991	1,967	145,958	249,772.00	5,097
North Dakota.....	16,714	17	16,731	37,671.69	9,513
Ohio.....	507,545*	187*	507,732	510,350.93	14,662
Oklahoma.....	84,066	328	84,394	92,964.50	21,005
Oregon.....	83,733*	615	84,348	287,690.50	19,540
Pennsylvania.....	597,525	8,352	605,877	1,256,850.30	5,613
Rhode Island.....	8,553	130	8,683	18,464.00	1,477
South Carolina...	83,519	2,897	86,416	143,929.00	1,600
South Dakota.....	30,420	849	31,269	57,524.00	17,639
Tennessee.....	69,081*	300*	69,381	133,828.18	5,366
Texas.....	113,671	405	114,076	219,201.35	45,357
Utah.....	50,848*	1,240*	52,088	163,327.20	9,185
Vermont.....	46,471*	1,357	47,828	66,803.35	1,810
Virginia.....	133,954*	2,041*	135,995	245,464.50	3,052
Washington.....	199,599*	84*	199,683	483,720.50	41,060
West Virginia....	173,921*	936*	174,857	246,354.00	446
Wisconsin.....	237,899*	323*	238,222	227,346.20	61,783
Wyoming.....	20,461*	837*	21,298	132,232.00	4,607
TOTALS.....	6,806,291	53,719	6,860,010	\$11,348,006.53	783,039