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Sportsmen spent \$13,598,423 for 8,091,187 hunting licenses during the 1942-43 season, the Fish and Wildlife Service reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today upon the completion of a summary based on figures supplied by the States. These totals represent a decrease of 441,167 in licenses and \$323,551 in fees as compared with the preceding year, it was announced.

In revenue received, Pennsylvania led all other States with \$1,406,310. Next in line was Michigan with \$1,161,808, followed by New York with \$775,399; Ohio, \$698,376; California, \$638,577; Minnesota, \$514,850; Illinois, \$499,475; South Dakota, \$473,632; Colorado, \$431,772; and Washington, \$414,915.

In number of licenses issued, Michigan topped the list with 795,251, followed by Pennsylvania with 648,620; Ohio, 553,072; New 552,004; Indiana, 376,949; Minnesota, 371,082; Illinois, 323,587; California, 266,909; Washington, 264,526; and Wisconsin, 256,720.

Since the total of 8,091,187 licenses includes 565,392 big game licenses, in addition to small game licenses, required by Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, there is a duplication to an unknown extent in the number of hunters in these States. Many big game hunters undoubtedly also purchased small game licenses, and when that occurred, two license sales were recorded for each hunter.

Total license sales also include 1,471,254 combination hunting and fishing licenses which were sold by States having a license system that makes it necessary for sportsmen to purchase combination licenses. Many of the license purchasers were no doubt anglers who did not wish to hunt, but the number is not known.

Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps, commonly called "duck stamps", were issued to 1,320,092 sportsmen for use during the 1942-43 season. This figure is only 57,128 less than the number sold during the preceding year. The Federal stamps, at \$1 each, are required of all waterfowl hunters over 16 years of age, in addition to State licenses. The total paid for State licenses and Federal duck stamps amounted to \$14,978,515.

Licenses authorizing the trapping of fur-bearers were granted to 2,440,214 persons, at a cost of \$328,907. However, many of them were combination licenses which the holders obtained in order to hunt or fish, it was pointed out.

The appended tabulation summarizes by States the number of hunting licenses and duck stamps issued and the revenue collected.

HUNTING LICENSE AND FEDERAL DUCK-STAMP SALES

July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943

State	Resident	Non-Res.	Total Licenses	Fees Paid By Hunters	Federal Duck Stamps
Alabama.....	120,524	608	121,132	\$191,914.00	6,924
Arizona.....	36,582	572	37,154	111,217.00	3,535
Arkansas.....	62,889	1,791	64,680	122,319.00	24,266
California.....	265,082	1,827	266,909	638,577.00	91,619
Colorado.....	193,021	2,257	195,278	431,772.00	23,803
Connecticut....	37,194	289	37,483	119,397.00	8,501
Delaware.....	15,489	137	15,626	20,605.00	3,232
Florida.....	64,666	430	65,096	170,032.00	12,886
Georgia.....	62,064	488	62,552	114,109.00	2,874
Idaho.....	120,481	1,016	121,497	136,696.00	25,265
Illinois.....	322,543	1,044	323,587	499,475.00	83,391
Indiana.....	376,269	680	376,949	291,212.00	24,157
Iowa.....	219,880	460	220,340	201,301.00	41,739
Kansas.....	97,312	361	97,673	99,839.00	36,226
Kentucky.....	75,381	1,670	77,051	138,122.00	5,065
Louisiana.....	129,763	1,246	131,009	137,683.00	44,252
Maine.....	100,620	5,161	105,781	182,222.00	10,770
Maryland.....	80,064	1,966	82,030	196,814.00	12,356
Massachusetts..	83,117	600	83,717	162,226.00	20,135
Michigan.....	788,669	6,582	795,251	1,161,808.00	108,663
Minnesota.....	370,469	613	371,082	514,830.00	110,986
Mississippi....	130,101	547	130,648	227,681.00	8,902
Missouri.....	208,275	703	208,978	297,024.00	40,834
Montana.....	103,607	698	104,305	165,842.00	26,515
Nebraska.....	126,878	1,244	128,122	136,750.00	28,501
Nevada.....	13,835	2,452	16,287	59,167.00	5,881
New Hampshire..	54,754	2,880	57,634	100,505.00	4,074
New Jersey.....	121,897	1,224	123,121	245,684.00	24,991
New Mexico.....	24,244	1,264	25,508	109,317.00	4,255
New York.....	545,966	6,038	552,004	775,299.00	46,344
North Carolina.	138,826	1,519	140,345	247,780.00	7,828
North Dakota...	53,641	405	54,046	90,587.00	27,330
Ohio.....	552,602	470	553,072	698,376.00	27,631
Oklahoma.....	97,226	503	97,729	126,627.00	29,443
Oregon.....	107,027	1,243	108,270	358,683.00	32,806
Pennsylvania...	640,230	8,390	648,620	1,406,310.00	34,604
Rhode Island...	9,457	97	9,554	22,388.00	3,353
South Carolina.	83,933	1,999	85,932	153,971.00	5,503
South Dakota...	94,956	15,838	110,794	473,632.00	38,926
Tennessee.....	133,299	469	133,768	137,623.00	12,160
Texas.....	120,393	303	120,696	248,361.00	79,577
Utah.....	87,374	6,220	93,594	385,747.00	18,046
Vermont.....	44,861	2,160	47,021	77,597.00	3,642
Virginia.....	150,590	1,760	152,350	197,752.00	11,469
Washington.....	264,497	29	264,526	414,915.00	59,683
West Virginia..	163,569	641	164,210	169,979.00	1,528
Wisconsin.....	256,161	559	256,720	399,206.00	83,527
Wyoming.....	39,428	1,519	40,947	201,410.00	7,522
Alaska.....	10,064	445	10,509	22,040.00	3,308
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Hawaii					52
Totals.....	7,999,770	91,417	8,091,187	\$13,598,423.00	1,380,092