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HUNTERS URGED TO BUY "DUCK STAMPS" EARLY

Waterfowl hunters should buy their Federal "duck stamps" early, reminded Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman today.

In former years, some hunters have lost a day of sport by waiting till the last minute to purchase Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp at local post offices--only to find the supply temporarily exhausted. The stamps are needed by all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older.

October 6 is the opening day of hunting for a few states--Maine, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming--while other states have chosen later opening dates.

Because weather conditions greatly influence a hunter's last minute decision on where he will hunt, the demand on a specific Post Office for large quantities of duck stamps is often very great.

Postmasters try to anticipate the demand for stamps, but when more than the usual number of hunters appear a day or so before the season opens some of them may have to visit other Post Offices to get their stamps--or postpone their hunting until a new supply is received.

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