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182,407 DUCK STAMPS  
SOLD IN 18 STATES

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Eighteen States have reported the sale, up to October 25, of 182,407 Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps for the current hunting season the Bureau of Biological Survey announced today. The 1934-35 hunting season has closed in several States, is still open in many and is yet to open in one.

Minnesota with a sale of 32,433 stamps heads the list of the 18 States. Reports from the others are as follows: Wisconsin, 29,446; Wyoming, 16,197; Illinois, 13,827; Washington, 12,175; Michigan, 11,000; Montana, 10,634; Oklahoma, 8,766; South Dakota, 7,324; New York, 6,966; California, 6,847; Iowa, 5,263; Missouri, 5,252; Colorado, 4,367; Ohio, 3,680; Indiana, 3,057; North Dakota, 2,609, and Maine, 2,564.

As a result of the numerous statements issued by the Bureau, the new stamp and the regulations governing its sale have been well understood generally, say officials, but inquiries are still being received from some localities.

In response to questions on the legal requirements, the Bureau points out that every person over 16 years of age hunting ducks, geese, or brant must have on his person one of the stamps, but the law does not apply to hunters of other game. The stamp must be bought at the post office and must be affixed by the postmaster to the sportsman's State hunting license, or to a certificate furnished by the postmaster to applicants who are not required to have a State

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license. Stamps are for sale at \$1 each at post offices in cities with a population of 2,500 or more, or in county seats, and in certain waterfowl centers.

The sale of the stamps is not restricted to hunters, say the Biological Survey officials, and stamp collectors and all conservationists who wish to contribute to the national program of wildlife restoration are invited to buy as many stamps as they wish. Of the total proceeds of the sale, 90 percent will be spent in acquiring and administering waterfowl sanctuaries.

Non-hunters desiring to purchase a stamp or a number of stamps will be instructed at the post office as to the procedure outlined in instructions sent to postmasters by the Post Office Department on August 24.