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**SPORTSMEN SPENT \$600,000
LAST YEAR FOR DUCK STAMPS**

Sportsmen, conservationists, and others bought 603,623 Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps at \$1 each during the year ended June 30, 1937, announces the U. S. Biological Survey. Sales of last year's stamps--the third in an annual series--exceeded those of the previous year by 150,000, and almost equaled the record sale of 635,001 set by the first stamp. Total sales of the last three years amount to 1,686,828.

Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, and California led all States last year in the sale of these stamps. Sportsmen in Minnesota bought 72,460, in Illinois 53,251 were sold, in Wisconsin 48,999, and in California 44,570. Every person more than 16 years of age who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to carry one of these stamps countersigned with his or her name. Proceeds amounting to not less than 90 percent of the sales, as provided by law, are turned over to the Biological Survey for establishing, maintaining, and administering migratory bird refuges.

This year's hunting stamp went on sale at Post Offices on July 1, and may be obtained until June 30, 1938. Many persons write to the Survey asking how stamps of earlier years can be obtained, and are informed that the Post Offices can sell stamps only for the current year as the law requires that on June 30 all stocks remaining on hand must be destroyed. Prospective purchasers therefore, can obtain earlier issues only from stamp dealers or collectors, or from sportsmen or others who are willing to part with them.

Sales of the Federal hunting stamps in the States for the last three years are shown in the following table:

SALES OF MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMPS

STATES	Aug. 14, 1934	July 1, 1935	July 1, 1936	Grand Total
	to June 30, 1935	to June 30, 1936	to June 30, 1937	
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	44,570	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	2,671	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	3,673	2,660	4,010	9,743
Totals	635,001	448,204	603,623	1,686,828