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DUCK STAMP SALES LAST YEAR, BIGGEST ON RECORD

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Sales of "duck stamps" in the fourth year of the annual series -- July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1938 -- surpassed those for 1934-1935 the next highest year, by almost 150,000. The stamps costing \$1 each are required of hunters of migratory waterfowl. However, persons who never go hunting but are interested in conservation and stamp collectors bought many. For the year ended June 30, 1938, sales reached a new high of \$783,039. At least 90 percent of the proceeds together with other available funds are used by the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, to acquire and maintain refuges for migratory birds and other wildlife.

Minnesota was clearly ahead of the other States for the year with sales of 97,609 stamps. Wisconsin, Michigan, California, Illinois, Texas, and Washington followed in that order. The four leading States and Washington all showed appreciable gains over previous years, as did other States, notably Indiana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Total sales for the four years amount to 2,469,867.

Stamps for the fifth year, the current 1938-39 season, are now available at post offices in all county seat towns, in cities of 2,500 population and over, and at some specially designated post offices. Until June 30, 1939, this year's stamps, showing pintails coming in to a landing, may be bought singly, in blocks, or in complete sheets of 28 stamps. Unsold issues for past years are destroyed as required by law and can be obtained only from stamp collectors, dealers, and others willing to part with them.

Sales of the Federal hunting stamps for the last four years are given by States in the following table:

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REPORTED SALES OF MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMPS

STATES	Aug. 14, 1934	July 1, 1935	July 1, 1936	July 1, 1937	Grand Total
	to June 30, 1935	to June 30, 1936	to June 30, 1937	to June 30, 1938	
Alabama	2,533	1,403	1,914	2,889	8,739
Alaska	2,000	2,380	1,708	1,640	7,728
Arizona	2,332	1,760	1,736	2,363	8,191
Arkansas	11,973	9,134	10,368	11,799	43,174
California	39,525	33,297	44,570	52,577	169,969
Colorado	10,482	6,695	11,917	10,517	39,611
Connecticut	4,372	2,116	2,381	3,249	12,118
Delaware	3,600	1,259	1,115	2,001	7,975
Dist. of Col	1,204	958	1,017	1,105	4,284
Florida	6,704	4,431	5,774	7,175	24,084
Georgia	1,540	730	816	938	4,024
Hawaii	137	97	96	155	485
Idaho	9,840	6,610	10,526	10,138	37,114
Illinois	42,687	36,337	53,251	51,333	183,608
Indiana	8,250	5,379	7,648	12,311	33,588
Iowa	16,129	18,910	27,294	25,427	87,760
Kansas	17,334	17,353	16,118	18,868	69,673
Kentucky	2,314	1,291	1,136	2,676	7,417
Louisiana	20,081	10,242	13,721	19,366	63,410
Maine	6,539	3,214	4,527	5,546	19,826
Maryland	6,575	2,831	3,358	4,360	17,124
Massachusetts	14,124	6,033	7,380	12,161	39,698
Michigan	25,348	14,796	31,482	56,888	128,514
Minnesota	51,536	44,062	72,460	97,609	265,667
Mississippi	4,703	3,154	3,168	4,855	15,880
Missouri	23,001	14,080	17,149	16,469	70,699
Montana	14,120	10,474	14,903	15,884	55,381
Nebraska	21,336	17,818	20,280	22,939	82,373
Nevada	2,513	2,272	3,398	3,921	12,104
New Hampshire	1,641	829	1,166	1,688	5,324
New Jersey	12,739	6,040	6,517	9,921	35,217
New Mexico	2,671	1,681	2,164	2,173	8,689
New York	21,502	11,917	15,470	23,286	72,175
North Carolina	4,964	1,995	2,865	5,097	14,921
North Dakota	5,947	6,581	6,069	9,513	28,110
Ohio	10,407	7,001	10,493	14,662	42,563
Oklahoma	27,862	8,824	5,967	21,005	63,658
Oregon	13,199	9,709	13,772	19,540	56,220
Pennsylvania	8,751	5,088	5,458	5,613	24,910
Rhode Island	1,794	1,074	1,177	1,477	5,522
South Carolina	1,800	1,944	1,680	1,600	7,024
South Dakota	12,594	9,461	8,025	17,639	47,719
Tennessee	6,918	5,024	4,754	5,366	22,062
Texas	42,424	28,150	33,481	45,357	149,412
Utah	7,133	3,672	8,123	9,185	28,113
Vermont	1,754	1,116	1,256	1,810	5,936
Virginia	4,628	1,792	2,251	3,052	11,723
Washington	29,033	18,980	28,396	41,060	117,469
West Virginia	566	396	419	446	1,827
Wisconsin	40,769	35,154	48,999	61,783	186,705
Wyoming	3,073	2,660	4,010	4,607	14,350
	<u>635,001</u>	<u>448,204</u>	<u>603,623</u>	<u>783,039</u>	<u>2,469,867</u>