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HUNTERS SPEND \$14,000,000 FOR 8½ MILLION LICENSES IN 1941-42

Sportsmen spent \$13,921,974 for 8,532,354 hunting licenses during the 1941-42 season, according to a compilation submitted today to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Compared with the previous year, this represents an increase in the number of licenses issued of 607,532, but a decrease in revenue of \$542,504. The decrease in revenue, Service officials point out, is due to the fact that the previous year's figures included the total revenue from the combination licenses which permit fishing as well as hunting, whereas in this year's report the amount applying to fishing is not included.

Michigan again headed the "big ten" in the list of States with the issuance of 846,869 licenses. Pennsylvania was second with 687,153, followed by Ohio, 614,106; New York, 612,911; Indiana, 400,896; Illinois, 342,832; California, 329,643; Wisconsin, 327,740; Minnesota, 295,665; and Washington, 233,764.

In the amount of fees paid by hunters, Pennsylvania led all other States with a total of \$1,515,664, followed by Michigan, \$1,212,617; New York, \$839,168; California, \$818,815; Ohio, \$773,681; Illinois, \$531,933; Wisconsin, \$473,984; Washington, \$384,064; Colorado, \$375,645; and Oregon, \$368,095.

Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps, commonly called "duck stamps", were issued to 1,437,220 sportsmen for use during the 1941-42 season. This figure is 176,410 higher than the amount 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 \$15,360,000.

More than 2,500,000 persons were granted licenses authorizing the trapping of fur-bearers. However, many of these were combination licenses which the holders obtained for the privilege of hunting and fishing and in those instances the privilege of trapping was not exercised.

The appended tabulations summarize by States the number of licenses issued and the revenue collected.

HUNTING-LICENSE AND FEDERAL DUCK-STAMP RETURNS,
July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942

State	Resident	Non-Res.	Total Licenses	Fees Paid By Hunters	Federal Duck Stamps
Alabama.....	117,179	708	117,887	\$189,441.00	6,969
Arizona.....	35,303	426	35,729	90,979.00	4,348.
Arkansas.....	64,580	2,252	66,832	131,450.00	18,526
California.....	327,738	1,905	329,643	818,815.00	111,389
Colorado.....	174,942	2,130	177,072	375,645.00	27,384
Connecticut....	40,774	459	41,233	115,528.00	8,434
Delaware.....	16,596	165	16,761	22,213.00	3,752
Florida.....	65,542	863	66,405	160,564.00	14,268
Georgia.....	79,733	940	80,673	150,758.00	3,737
Idaho.....	108,863	1,068	109,931	120,852.00	23,104
Illinois.....	341,522	1,510	342,832	531,933.00	84,997
Indiana.....	400,255	641	400,896	308,684.00	22,071
Iowa.....	231,826	201	232,027	208,665.00	51,268
Kansas.....	102,751	321	103,072	104,998.00	37,276
Kentucky.....	97,130	440	97,570	152,295.00	4,553
Louisiana.....	150,298	2,299	152,597	160,794.00	45,102
Maine.....	99,446	6,095	105,541	200,525.00	10,350
Maryland.....	78,458	2,189	80,647	200,734.00	11,184
Massachusetts..	99,367	547	99,914	177,025.00	22,230
Michigan.....	840,961	5,908	846,869	1,212,617.00	103,798
Minnesota.....	295,168	497	295,665	307,597.00	121,032
Mississippi....	137,631	951	138,582	255,266.00	9,707
Missouri.....	214,690	703	215,393	309,552.00	36,828
Montana.....	98,630	702	99,332	161,911.00	30,778
Nebraska.....	133,717	1,159	134,876	144,078.00	30,134
Nevada.....	12,031	2,234	14,265	52,463.00	6,656
New Hampshire..	58,426	3,062	61,488	97,938.00	3,545
New Jersey.....	137,061	1,343	138,404	277,993.00	23,388
New Mexico.....	24,184	1,470	25,654	108,860.00	4,732
New York.....	608,597	4,314	612,911	838,168.00	50,822
North Carolina.	157,482	2,879	160,361	286,586.00	111,086
North Dakota...	51,346	279	51,625	83,994.00	28,087
Ohio.....	613,714	392	614,106	773,681.00	25,855
Oklahoma.....	111,627	442	112,069	144,014.00	28,769
Oregon.....	111,984	1,237	113,221	368,095.00	39,484
Pennsylvania...	676,349	10,304	687,153	1,515,664.00	30,317
Rhode Island...	10,373	135	10,508	23,978.00	3,997
South Carolina.	86,064	3,264	89,328	170,580.00	4,180
South Dakota...	97,637	11,136	108,773	353,915.00	28,977
Tennessee.....	131,665	537	132,202	137,373.00	12,326
Texas.....	136,511	562	137,073	287,072.00	88,885
Utah.....	76,280	4,200	80,480	294,907.00	13,886
Vermont.....	46,046	2,155	48,201	78,936.00	3,385
Virginia.....	151,719	2,110	153,829	203,305.00	10,965
Washington.....	233,658	106	233,764	384,064.00	70,185
West Virginia..	184,062	391	184,453	188,271.00	1,769
Wisconsin.....	326,807	933	327,740	473,984.00	89,195
Wyoming.....	33,716	1,529	35,245	160,598.00	8,510
Alaska.....	11,121	401	11,522	24,218.00	3,911
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Hawaii	23
Total.....	8,441,560	90,794	8,532,354	\$13,921,974.00	1,437,220