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FEDERAL DUCK STAMP SALES CLIMB FOR FIRST HALF OF YEAR

Preliminary figures on Federal "duck stamp" sales during the 1948 migratory waterfowl shooting season indicate that the final total for the entire year may again hit the 2-million mark, Director Albert M. Day of the Fish and Wildlife Service stated today.

Stamps of the current issue sold from July 1 to December 31, 1948, amounted to 1,897,828, according to reports submitted recently to the Service by the Post Office Department which has charge of all duck stamp sales. The amount sold during the first six months of the present fiscal year has already exceeded the entire total sold in fiscal year 1948 by 175,151.

"Sales of the 1948-49 issue may even challenge the all-time high total of 2,016,819 for the year which ended June 30, 1947," commented Mr. Day.

Final figures for the current year, which the Post Office Department compiles from reports submitted by the thousands of post offices where duck stamps are sold, will not be available to the Fish and Wildlife Service until about three months after the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 1949.

Sold for \$1 at post offices, the duck stamps provide funds that help finance the Federal Government's wildlife refuge and law enforcement program. Every sportsman over 16 years of age who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person one of the stamps with his signature in ink across its face. Many are purchased by collectors, the Post Office Department's philatelic agency in Washington alone reporting a sale of 5,126 for the first six months of fiscal year 1949.

The largest sale of the 1948-49 stamp in any one state for the period from July 1 to December 1, 1948, was 158,000 in Minnesota. Texas was second with 149,702, and California and Illinois third and fourth, with 131,766 and 104,722.

Sales at post offices in the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, for the six-month period, were as follows in alphabetical order:

Alabama, 10,389; Alaska, 4,739; Arizona, 7,272; Arkansas, 52,743; California, 131,766; Colorado, 38,993; Connecticut, 5,858.

Delaware, 4,162; District of Columbia, 936; Florida, 17,249; Georgia, 3,690; Idaho, 39,923; Illinois, 104,722; Indiana, 31,820; Iowa, 59,287.

Kansas, 50,698; Kentucky, 5,886; Louisiana, 79,269; Maine, 10,207; Maryland, 10,992; Massachusetts, 14,846; Michigan, 77,634; Minnesota, 158,000; Mississippi, 14,614; Missouri, 66,282; Montana, 33,708.

Nebraska, 61,333; Nevada, 10,023; New Hampshire, 3,212; New Jersey, 14,425; New Mexico, 6,655; New York, 61,679; North Carolina, 9,981; North Dakota, 51,826.

Ohio, 36,205; Oklahoma, 51,847; Oregon, 57,492; Pennsylvania, 44,215; Rhode Island, 1,820; South Carolina, 6,313; South Dakota, 60,216.

Tennessee, 19,315; Texas, 149,702; Utah, 32,697; Vermont, 2,911; Virginia, 8,991; Washington, 57,539; West Virginia, 1,134; Wisconsin, 97,296; Wyoming, 10,096; and Puerto Rico, 94.

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