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U. S. HUNTERS PAY CLOSE TO \$38 MILLION FOR LICENSES

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The sale of 12,660,993 hunting licenses during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951, brought the 48 States an all-time high gross revenue from this source of \$27,840,791, according to a report made today to Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman by Albert M. Day, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

The 1950-51 gross revenue exceeded by <sup>497,689</sup> \$199,742 the 1949-50 total of \$37,641,049. The number of licenses issued in 1950-51 was greater by 23,192 than in the previous year when 12,637,801 license sales were recorded. The sale of 12,758,798 licenses in 1948-49, however, has not been topped.

Nonresident licenses numbering 212,254 were 15,598 higher in 1950-51 than the total of 196,656 in the previous year. Resident licenses increased by 7,594.

Minnesota's gross income from hunting licenses was cut almost in half in 1950 because the State did not have an open season on deer during the fall of 1950. The 1949-50 revenue of \$1,238,043 dropped to \$628,159 in 1950-51. The number of licenses sold dropped from 483,097 to 330,871.

For comparative purposes, the "big ten" in the license sales line-up are shown for the 1950-51 and 1949-50 hunting seasons. Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Illinois and California—in that order—still head the list.

	<u>1950-51</u>		<u>1949-50</u>
Michigan	1,037,633	Michigan	1,031,035
Pennsylvania	827,949	Pennsylvania	834,091
New York	805,608	New York	751,036
Ohio	708,048	Ohio	740,509
Illinois	496,749	Illinois	503,420
California	493,247	California	497,212
Wisconsin	483,097	Minnesota	479,746
Indiana	432,319	Wisconsin	460,408
Washington	413,335	Washington	418,726
Tennessee	358,639	Indiana	392,821

In "hunting fees paid", the first ten States are listed below:

<u>1950-51</u>		<u>1949-50</u>	
Pennsylvania	\$3,046,156	Pennsylvania	\$3,032,326
Michigan	2,980,350	Michigan	2,944,885
Washington	2,243,616	Washington	2,228,907
Colorado	2,185,452	Colorado	2,049,065
New York	2,179,792	New York	2,043,004
California	1,928,863	California	1,946,867
Oregon	1,492,936	Oregon	1,288,699
Missouri	1,135,939	Minnesota	1,238,043
Illinois	1,053,441	Wisconsin	1,178,763
Wisconsin	1,016,307	Missouri	1,099,565
	1,314,254		

In Alaska the sale of 24,838 hunting licenses brought \$82,522. Resident licenses numbered 23,105; nonresident, 1,733. One-half of the revenue from hunting and fishing license sales in Alaska is required by law to go into "miscellaneous receipts" of the United States Treasury, and the remainder goes into the Territorial school fund.

In the Territory of Hawaii, according to the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry, a total of 4,230 hunting licenses were sold in fiscal year 1951 at a cost of \$20,224.

The appended alphabetical tabulation summarizes by States the hunting licenses sold and the fees paid by hunters. The cost of special permits, tags, seals, and stamps other than "duck stamps" are reflected in fees paid for the privilege of hunting in addition to the licenses proper.

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HUNTING LICENSES SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES

July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951

STATE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL	HUNTERS' FEES*
ALABAMA	234,402	2,057	236,459	\$ 452,869
ARIZONA	63,019	1,362	64,381	382,653
ARKANSAS	192,068	5,467	197,535	376,706
CALIFORNIA	492,263	984	493,247	1,928,863
COLORADO	336,681	15,247	351,928	2,185,452
CONNECTICUT	49,267	1,016	50,283	233,181
DELAWARE	16,526	225	16,751	40,671
FLORIDA	91,284	1,742	93,026	451,298
GEORGIA	119,901	1,256	121,157	371,830
IDAHO	165,077	1,897	166,974	682,835
ILLINOIS	492,138	4,611	496,749	1,053,441
INDIANA	430,643	1,676	432,319	600,619
IOWA	327,703	2,715	330,418	664,883
KANSAS	201,642	2,631	204,273	340,356
KENTUCKY	228,220	2,138	230,358	484,539
LOUISIANA	234,195	1,277	235,472	243,320
MAINE	144,944	17,874	162,818	702,754
MARYLAND	113,898	3,150	117,048	329,150
MASSACHUSETTS	125,643	2,532	128,175	346,055
MICHIGAN	1,024,258	13,375	1,037,633	2,980,350
MINNESOTA	329,273	1,598	330,871	628,159
MISSISSIPPI	189,597	552	190,149	447,206
MISSOURI	341,451	3,185	344,636	1,135,939
MONTANA	248,603	1,030	249,633	802,963
NEBRASKA	200,262	3,033	203,295	441,576
NEVADA	22,961	4,578	27,539	295,163
NEW HAMPSHIRE	87,951	17,741	105,692	586,549
NEW JERSEY	149,174	1,448	150,622	487,450
NEW MEXICO	59,955	2,399	62,354	400,795
NEW YORK	794,467	11,141	805,608	2,179,792
NORTH CAROLINA	285,651	4,008	289,659	827,187
NORTH DAKOTA	83,026	1,543	84,569	242,680
OHIO	706,167	1,881	708,048	848,022
OKLAHOMA	188,787	1,006	189,793	570,088
OREGON	216,339	1,450	217,789	1,492,936
PENNSYLVANIA	801,948	26,001	827,949	3,046,156
RHODE ISLAND	11,111	145	11,256	25,934
SOUTH CAROLINA	125,522	2,721	128,243	280,633
SOUTH DAKOTA	113,266	2,214	115,480	310,727
TENNESSEE	356,475	2,164	358,639	749,207
TEXAS	334,180	1,377	335,557	750,367
UTAH	121,620	6,903	128,523	675,741
VERMONT	64,221	6,788	71,009	267,151
VIRGINIA	295,087	3,937	299,024	704,372
WASHINGTON	412,723	662	413,385	2,243,616
WEST VIRGINIA	258,796	3,085	261,881	728,684
WISCONSIN	476,105	6,992	483,097	1,016,307
WYOMING	90,249	9,440	99,689	803,566
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,448,739</b>	<b>212,254</b>	<b>12,660,993</b>	<b>\$37,840,791</b> <i>38,138,738</i>

\* Includes gross costs to hunters of separate and combination licenses, special permits, tags and seals. Column does not reflect net revenue to States