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UNITED STATES HUNTERS PURCHASE NEARLY 14 MILLION LICENSES

Wild game in America faced the greatest barrage of hunters in all history during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1952, when a record-breaking total of 13,902,423 hunting licenses was sold by the 48 States, according to a report released today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

The previous high record of 12,758,798 license sales was in fiscal year 1949.

The gross revenue derived by the States from the 1952 licenses sales amounted to \$36,993,668.

Compared with the previous year when 12,660,993 hunting licenses were sold by the various States for \$38,130,738, the 1951-52 season totals show an increase of 1,241,435 in licenses and a decrease of \$1,145,070 in revenue.

Nonresident licenses sold in fiscal year 1952 totaled 283,503; an increase of 71,249 over the previous year's total of 212,254. Pennsylvania, Colorado, Maine, New Hampshire, Wyoming, and New Jersey, in that order, attracted the greatest number of out-of-state hunters.

For comparative purposes, the "big ten" in the license sales lineup are shown for the 1951-52 and 1950-51 hunting seasons. Pennsylvania forged ahead of Michigan in 1952 to top the list with 1,070,239 licenses, an increase of 242,290 over the previous year.

	<u>1951-52</u>		<u>1950-51</u>
Pennsylvania	1,070,239	Michigan	1,037,633
Michigan	1,052,121	Pennsylvania	827,949
New York	866,876	New York	805,608
Ohio	673,858	Ohio	708,048
Wisconsin	636,173	Illinois	496,749
California	535,651	California	493,247
Minnesota	514,885	Wisconsin	483,097
Illinois	501,322	Indiana	432,319
Washington	478,283	Washington	413,385
Virginia	413,696	Tennessee	358,639

In the amount of money spent by hunters for licenses, special permits, tags and seals, the first 10 States are listed below:

	<u>1951-52</u>		<u>1950-51</u>
Pennsylvania	\$3,434,621	Pennsylvania	\$3,046,156
Michigan	3,025,374	Michigan	2,980,350
California	2,115,912	Washington	2,243,616
New York	1,834,427	Colorado	2,185,452
Colorado	1,810,195	New York	2,179,792
Wisconsin	1,622,565	California	1,928,863
Washington	1,356,961	Oregon	1,492,936
Ohio	1,311,087	Wisconsin	1,314,254
Oregon	1,275,756	Missouri	1,135,939
Minnesota	1,239,684	Illinois	1,053,441

In Alaska the sale of 27,708 hunting licenses brought \$42,069. Resident licenses numbered 25,427; nonresident, 2,281. One-half of the revenue from hunting and fishing licenses 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 4,471 hunting licenses was sold in fiscal year 1952 at a cost of \$21,639.

In the appended alphabetical tabulation, the "hunters' fees" column includes gross cost to hunters of licenses, special permits, tags and seals, and one-half the cost of combination licenses. Combination licenses have been included in both hunting and fishing tabulations. In previous years some overlapping on fees paid by sportsmen for combination licenses has occurred because combination licenses were reported at full cost to the hunter as well as to the angler.

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HUNTING LICENSES SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES

July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

STATE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL	HUNTERS' FEES*
Alabama	233,722	2,167	235,889	\$ 456,474
Arizona	77,890	1,914	79,804	423,444
Arkansas	212,658	6,735	219,393	430,572
California	534,615	1,036	535,651	2,115,912
Colorado	117,373	21,214	138,587	1,810,195
Connecticut	51,931	485	52,416	169,734
Delaware	17,781	233	18,014	43,619
Florida	95,084	1,804	96,888	495,914
Georgia	348,336	1,502	349,838	244,330
Idaho	186,795	3,002	189,797	591,538
Illinois	495,746	5,576	501,322	1,075,132
Indiana	388,191	1,746	389,937	450,766
Iowa	343,347	2,324	345,671	509,683
Kansas	210,605	2,514	213,119	356,878
Kentucky	251,240	3,265	254,505	562,587
Louisiana	234,177	1,678	235,855	246,407
Maine	146,975	21,167	168,142	746,724
Maryland	122,347	3,449	125,796	367,365
Massachusetts	112,552	3,007	115,559	282,264
Michigan	1,038,187	13,934	1,052,121	3,025,374
Minnesota	512,524	2,361	514,885	1,239,684
Mississippi	178,264	650	178,914	244,898
Missouri	346,929	2,514	349,443	847,469
Montana	287,968	1,462	289,430	651,453
Nebraska	194,217	6,486	200,703	342,700
Nevada	25,656	5,484	31,140	346,138
New Hampshire	74,330	20,967	95,297	467,474
New Jersey	147,257	18,432	165,689	741,355
New Mexico	66,641	2,709	69,350	393,178
New York	853,386	13,490	866,876	1,884,427
North Carolina	305,837	4,268	310,105	672,955
North Dakota	65,001	2,105	67,106	153,641
Ohio	671,528	2,330	673,858	1,311,087
Oklahoma	200,934	1,135	202,069	401,284
Oregon	223,836	1,284	225,120	1,275,756
Pennsylvania	1,038,961	31,278	1,070,239	3,434,621
Rhode Island	12,842	180	13,022	29,766
South Carolina	134,422	2,901	137,323	305,314
South Dakota	140,770	10,414	151,184	683,070
Tennessee	405,957	2,772	408,729	441,696
Texas	364,256	1,083	365,339	811,970
Utah	143,466	5,618	149,084	586,257
Vermont	66,773	8,009	74,782	234,055
Virginia	406,171	7,525	413,696	697,445
Washington	477,580	708	478,288	1,356,961
West Virginia	315,233	4,231	319,464	562,977
Wisconsin	630,399	5,774	636,173	1,622,565
Wyoming	108,235	18,581	126,816	848,560
TOTALS	13,618,925	283,503	13,902,428	\$36,993,668

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