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HUNTING LICENSE SALES SHATTER ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

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The ever-growing army of wild game hunters in the United States swelled its ranks by nearly one million in fiscal year 1953 when ~~14,090,779~~ hunting licenses were sold by the 48 States, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay was informed today by John L. Farley, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Gross revenue to the States amounted to \$40,551,316.

Compared with the previous year when the record-breaking sale of 13,902,428 hunting licenses brought \$36,993,668 to the States, the 1952-53 season totals indicate an increase of ~~930,351~~ in licenses and \$3,557,648 in revenue.

900,720

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656 Nonresident licenses sold in fiscal year 1953 totaled ~~911,563~~, an increase of ~~61,060~~ over the previous year's total of 283,503. The States to attract the greatest number of out-of-state hunters were ~~Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Maine, Colorado, Michigan, New York, and New Hampshire, in that order.~~ ~~nonresidents accounted for 37,078 of Nevada's total of 105,140.~~

For comparative purposes, the "big ten" in the license sales lineup are shown for the 1952-53 and 1951-52 hunting seasons.

	<u>1952-53</u>		<u>1951-52</u>
Michigan	1,166,720	Pennsylvania	1,070,239
Pennsylvania	1,095,266	Michigan	1,052,121
New York	921,987	New York	866,876
Ohio	667,997	Ohio	673,858
Wisconsin	588,753	Wisconsin	636,173
California	587,671	California	535,651
Minnesota	527,407	Minnesota	514,885
Illinois	499,212	Illinois	501,322
Washington	479,107	Washington	478,288
Virginia	473,116	Virginia	413,696

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

1952-53

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Michigan	\$3,535,084
Pennsylvania	3,531,021
California	2,297,932
Colorado	2,280,200
New York	2,081,524
Wisconsin	1,449,877
Ohio	1,416,560
Minnesota	1,392,132
Washington	1,334,281
Oregon	1,285,674

Pennsylvania	\$3,434,621
Michigan	3,025,374
California	2,115,912
New York	1,884,427
Colorado	1,810,195
Wisconsin	1,622,565
Washington	1,356,961
Ohio	1,311,087
Oregon	1,275,756
Minnesota	1,239,684

In Alaska the sale of 32,915 hunting licenses brought \$57,175 in revenue. Resident licenses numbered 29,889; nonresident, 3,026. Compared with fiscal year 1952, a total of 27,708 hunting licenses was sold at \$42,069. Of this total, 25,427 were resident and 2,281, nonresident. One-half of the revenue derived from hunting and fishing license sales in Alaska is required by law to go into "miscellaneous receipts" of the United States Treasury; the remainder goes into the Territorial school fund.

In the Territory of Hawaii, according to a report received from the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry, a total of 4,695 hunting licenses was sold in fiscal year 1953 at a cost of \$22,636. In 1952, licenses sold were 4,471; revenue, \$21,639.

The appended tabulation includes general and special licenses, permits, tags, and stamps and the gross cost to hunters. The cost of combination licenses has been evenly split between the hunting and fishing tabulations.

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HUNTING LICENSES SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES

July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

STATE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	TOTAL LICENSES	HUNTERS' FEES
Alabama	250,480	2,627	253,107	\$ 502,198
Arizona	141,958	2,468	144,426	438,896
Arkansas	237,452	7,226	244,678	475,918
California	586,569	1,102	587,671	2,297,932
Colorado	388,156	24,698	412,854	2,280,200
Connecticut	56,859	513	57,372	186,516
Delaware	19,182	289	19,471	47,640
Florida	118,990	2,005	120,995	570,211
Georgia	377,451	1,468	378,919	263,096
Idaho	195,191	4,002	199,193	652,146
Illinois	493,175	6,037	499,212	1,076,905
Indiana	412,206	1,751	413,957	506,224
Iowa	332,450	2,399	334,849	499,702
Kansas	223,965	3,989	227,954	437,678
Kentucky	232,969	5,651	238,620	720,583
Louisiana	207,428	2,237	209,665	429,421
Maine	148,575	25,638	174,213	837,432
Maryland	130,342	4,094	134,436	450,869
Massachusetts	112,516	3,061	115,577	357,232
Michigan	1,146,653	20,067	1,166,720	3,535,084
Minnesota	524,537	2,870	527,407	1,392,132
Mississippi	175,052	711	175,763	246,541
Missouri	330,600	2,089	332,689	913,031
Montana	319,091	1,897	320,988	791,345
Nebraska	201,713	7,447	209,160	388,458
Nevada	58,835	14,674	73,509	484,523
New Hampshire	65,197	18,064	83,261	507,145
New Jersey	150,765	1,945	152,710	493,736
New Mexico	67,845	2,716	70,561	412,230
New York	903,712	18,275	921,987	2,081,524
North Carolina	324,959	4,924	329,883	732,930
North Dakota	108,721	2,185	110,906	366,164
Ohio	665,049	2,948	667,997	1,416,560
Oklahoma	190,861	916	191,777	378,394
Oregon	278,942	2,376	281,318	1,285,674
Pennsylvania	1,063,224	32,042	1,095,266	3,531,021
Rhode Island	12,843	161	13,004	29,335
South Carolina	149,293	3,444	152,737	346,705
South Dakota	147,803	13,602	161,405	738,772
Tennessee	420,791	2,790	423,581	455,344
Texas	368,810	1,437	370,247	828,866
Utah	139,406	8,353	147,759	753,409
Vermont	67,840	8,723	76,563	246,134
Virginia	464,324	8,792	473,116	758,818
Washington	478,352	755	479,107	1,334,281
West Virginia	287,917	3,600	291,517	512,686
Wisconsin	584,499	4,254	588,753	1,449,877
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