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FWS ASKS HUNTERS TO RETURN COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE

If the 35,000 waterfowl hunters who have received questionnaires from the Fish and Wildlife Service will fill out the forms correctly and return them promptly, a good estimate of the total waterfowl harvest for the recently closed hunting season can be made, John L. Farley, Service Director, said today.

The results of this survey will be correlated with the annual midwinter waterfowl inventory which has just been concluded. The combined information will be one of the factors considered, after the completion of breeding ground surveys in the spring and early summer, in the preparation of the hunting regulations for the next fall migratory waterfowl hunting season.

The information sought includes such things as the number of days the individual hunted, his total kill during the season of ducks, geese and coots, the number of each species of ducks and geese killed if the hunters can identify them, and the number of birds knocked down within sight of the hunter but not retrieved.

During the time the duck stamps were on sale, postcards were available in 700 selected post offices to those hunters who wanted to cooperate in the survey, Fish and Wildlife Service officials explain. Those who volunteered to participate so notified the Service and agreed to keep count of various items during the hunting season.

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