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**REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY AND THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE COOPERATE  
IN UNIQUE EFFORT TO PROMOTE FEDERAL DUCK STAMP PROGRAM**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Frank Dunkle and officials of the Remington Arms Company today announced a new way for hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts to help preserve wetlands and obtain significant discounts on outdoor equipment at the same time.

During a press conference at the Shooting, Hunting, and Outdoor Trade (SHOT) Show in Dallas, Texas, Dunkle announced a cooperative agreement between Remington Arms and the U.S. Postal Service that allows purchase of Duck Stamps from Remington dealers at no additional cost beginning July 1, 1989. The U.S. Postal Service will supply Duck Stamps on consignment to Remington dealers, who will be allowed to return unsold stamps at no cost. Purchasers will receive a special coupon booklet worth more than \$100 in discounts toward purchases of a variety of hunting and outdoor equipment.

"This program could provide millions in additional revenue to protect vital habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife," Dunkle said. "It is an excellent example of the private and public cooperation called for in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan--and a key ingredient to stemming the decline in North American duck populations."

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Duck numbers are currently near record lows because of drought and loss of wetland habitats. The North American Waterfowl Management Plan is an international agreement between Canada and the United States to conserve and restore key waterfowl habitats and rebuild duck numbers. Participants in the Plan include Federal, state, and provincial government agencies, and private organizations in both countries.

Dunkle praised Remington Arms officials, including Executive Vice President Jack Preiser and Director of Sales Louie Zeillmann, for their commitment to wildlife conservation; and thanked officials from the Postal Service for their continuing cooperation in the Duck Stamp program.

Money from sales of the Federal Duck Stamp is used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire prime waterfowl habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System. Since the Duck Stamp program began more than 50 years ago, close to \$350 million in proceeds has been used to acquire or purchase lease agreements on approximately 4 million acres of wetlands.

Remington Arms is the Nation's oldest and largest gun company, and the only manufacturer of both firearms and ammunition. The company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the DuPont Company, also makes outdoor clothing and accessories and operates Remington Farms, a 3,300-acre wildlife management area located in Chestertown, Maryland.

Remington is not a newcomer to wildlife conservation. For over 50 years, firearms manufacturers have paid an excise tax which supports state-sponsored wildlife restoration programs through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson) program, also administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This program has contributed over \$1.5 billion to wildlife restoration over the years.

Hunters 16 years of age or older must carry a current, signed Federal Duck Stamp to hunt waterfowl. Increasingly, however, nonhunters who also want to make a contribution to wetlands conservation, and stamp collectors who recognize the value and beauty of the annual stamp, have become purchasers. The 1988-1989 stamp is currently on sale for \$10 at most U.S. Post Offices and many national wildlife refuges. The 1989-1990 stamp, which will cost \$12.50, also will be available through Remington Arms dealers when it goes on sale July 1.