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1981 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE SALES CONTINUE TO RISE

Americans who hunted and fished last year spent a record \$455 million on licenses, tags, permits, and stamps according to G. Ray Arnett, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks of the Department of Interior.

Total income collected from license sales of all kinds was \$37 million over fiscal year 1980 totals, including \$242 million for hunting licenses (up \$20 million from 1980) and \$213 million for fishing licenses (up \$17 million from 1980).

The total number of hunting license holders in the United States reported during fiscal year 1981 was 16,638,584--up from 1980's total of 16,257,074. Fishing license holders totaled 29,277,241, increasing from 27,994,917 as reported in 1980.

These figures do not fully reflect the actual numbers of hunters and anglers in the United States. They do not include persons who are exempt from paying a fee for fishing or hunting licenses. In many States, special provisions are made for senior citizens, persons under 16 years of age, the disabled, and certain military personnel. Also, most coastal States do not require licenses for saltwater fishing. In addition, some people purchase licenses in more than one State and, therefore, are counted more than once.

Revenues from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses are used by the States to help conduct their fish and wildlife management and restoration programs. The numbers of license holders in each State are used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in determining the amount of funds apportioned to the States under the Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs. Under these programs, States are reimbursed for up to 75 percent of the costs of approved projects undertaken to benefit their fish and wildlife resources. For the current fiscal year which ends September 30, 1982, \$147 million was apportioned in Federal aid funds for fish and wildlife conservation.

A State-by-State breakdown of license sales is shown in the attached tables. These figures were compiled by States and provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO HUNTERS
FISCAL YEAR 1981

State	Paid Hunting License Holders 1/	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued 2/	Gross Cost to Hunters
Alabama	310,238	341,058	30,067	371,125	\$ 3,639,675.
Alaska	75,928	121,934	19,453	141,387	2,754,358.00
Arizona	198,717	327,253	12,069	339,322	3,577,712.00
Arkansas	346,830	560,416	42,799	603,215	4,507,139.25
California	533,950	905,026	5,362	910,388	7,005,827.00
Colorado	338,367	493,754	122,205	615,959	18,370,746.00
Connecticut	83,778	113,070	1,131	114,201	537,007.00
Delaware	26,411	36,900	4,910	41,810	305,461.20
Florida	260,556	436,848	3,547	440,395	3,825,930.50
Georgia	393,320	876,646	29,408	906,054	3,684,590.25
Hawaii	11,841	11,895	389	12,284	87,595.30
Idaho	261,771	545,583	48,014	593,597	5,322,771.00
Illinois	334,512	529,261	8,017	537,278	4,571,325.00
Indiana	338,060	529,238	10,182	539,420	3,522,761.00
Iowa	305,080	682,931	93,554	776,485	5,189,560.75
Kansas	240,024	229,593	41,032	270,625	3,413,058.00
Kentucky	311,493	432,287	11,152	443,439	3,286,787.50
Louisiana	397,755	592,339	12,964	605,303	3,153,790.00
Maine	226,397	195,134	36,919	232,053	3,863,287.00
Maryland	169,405	317,534	28,312	345,846	2,525,370.83
Massachusetts	118,131	189,379	2,518	191,897	1,274,975.16
Michigan	1,135,265	1,338,547	20,181	1,358,728	12,883,525.00
Minnesota	525,455	934,388	8,155	942,543	7,578,524.00
Mississippi	294,241	309,273	34,125	343,398	2,993,271.00
Missouri	474,334	859,369	33,821	893,190	6,304,082.00
Montana	218,753	674,668	130,418	805,086	4,688,759.00
Nebraska	184,005	332,985	46,116	379,101	3,612,400.37
Nevada	54,017	98,987	6,315	105,302	1,031,551.00
New Hampshire	90,127	99,244	12,538	111,782	1,185,312.25
New Jersey	144,676	233,090	1,825	234,915	2,919,188.00
New Mexico	148,377	143,419	17,608	161,027	3,757,108.48
New York	769,267	1,162,728	40,851	1,203,579	8,360,208
North Carolina	345,118	514,723	11,394	526,117	4,077,252.00
North Dakota	98,209	258,910	27,427	286,337	1,430,111.00
Ohio	478,892	733,949	5,268	739,217	5,877,717.00
Oklahoma	316,352	518,436	6,545	524,981	4,564,624.88
Oregon	415,174	972,397	15,716	988,113	7,543,558.00
Pennsylvania	1,301,331	2,002,658	94,029	2,096,687	16,573,771.95
Rhode Island	13,192	16,688	869	17,557	100,197.00
South Carolina	219,071	270,514	33,369	303,883	2,299,387.25
South Dakota	161,524	346,769	66,581	413,350	3,525,544.00
Tennessee	575,818	885,787	23,542	909,329	4,365,185.80
Texas	963,719	1,197,704	24,719	1,222,423	6,314,663.45
Utah	239,459	305,018	11,282	316,300	5,598,120.00
Vermont	129,277	158,066	33,588	191,654	2,553,040.00
Virginia	445,083	802,031	65,918	867,949	6,141,159.50
Washington	369,632	886,621	7,397	894,018	5,867,014.00
West Virginia	321,890	433,353	65,323	498,676	3,355,074.50
Wisconsin	735,853	1,177,823	23,740	1,201,563	11,526,928.00
Wyoming	187,909	231,082	68,477	299,559	10,919,365.00

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TOTALS	16,638,584	26,367,306	1,501,141	27,868,447	242,366,371.37
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1/ A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses he may purchase. Data certified by State fish and game departments.

2/ Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.

3/ Persons who hunted in more than one State are counted in each State where they hunted. Therefore, this figure exceeds the total number of license holders in the United States.

NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO FISHERMEN
FISCAL YEAR 1981

State	Paid Fishing License Holders 1/	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued 2/	Gross Cost to Fishermen
Alabama	573,096	538,203	80,703	618,906	\$ 3,622,186.25
Alaska	210,028	190,362	122,553	312,915	3,042,861.00
Arizona	477,005	426,928	177,347	604,275	3,585,167.00
Arkansas	607,573	542,419	162,309	704,728	5,245,005.30
California	2,487,642	1,001,080	62,712	7,063,792	24,156,555.00
Colorado	758,340	553,081	237,340	790,421	5,436,643.00
Connecticut	200,254	206,719	2,900	209,619	772,800.00
Delaware	16,360	18,020	2,950	20,970	86,834.95
Florida	696,586	540,468	167,709	708,177	4,679,492.00
Georgia	731,559	853,806	40,194	894,000	2,755,022.00
Hawaii	7,861	7,970	132	8,102	24,678.09
Idaho	442,004	334,602	156,257	490,859	3,100,745.00
Illinois	822,429	885,643	41,797	927,440	4,351,881.00
Indiana	628,521	615,085	95,747	710,832	3,674,647.00
Iowa	480,061	466,309	44,628	510,937	2,877,057.50
Kansas	329,506	299,234	41,231	340,465	2,397,283.00
Kentucky	637,314	553,418	127,774	681,192	3,973,735.00
Louisiana	517,752	466,108	57,071	523,179	1,189,403.00
Maine	257,735	180,753	78,025	258,778	2,672,642.00
Maryland	123,258	157,912	18,135	176,047	1,063,403.98
Massachusetts	221,932	140,601	6,363	246,964	2,229,730.25
Michigan	1,457,495	1,327,868	364,894	1,692,762	13,485,788.00
Minnesota	1,550,181	928,388	301,731	1,230,119	9,480,252.00
Mississippi	431,171	375,568	55,603	431,171	2,846,541.00
Missouri	911,206	1,297,813	304,133	1,601,946	6,321,570.00
Montana	340,345	451,708	307,510	759,218	3,797,090.00
Nebraska	226,011	241,377	22,387	263,764	1,825,546.38
Nevada	172,784	102,744	70,040	172,784	1,348,442.00
New Hampshire	141,241	101,687	42,830	144,517	1,327,613.50
New Jersey	187,823	328,683	7,401	336,084	2,359,698.00
New Mexico	242,473	173,464	83,382	256,846	2,324,868.52
New York	944,761	923,038	88,570	1,011,608	5,968,322.00
North Carolina	476,389	513,554	68,389	581,943	4,254,352.55
North Dakota	165,000	147,845	18,073	165,918	649,525.00
Ohio	1,029,521	975,764	53,757	1,029,521	7,354,562.00
Oklahoma	612,620	505,603	127,633	633,236	4,144,402.00
Oregon	745,482	920,646	210,064	1,130,710	6,408,517.00
Pennsylvania	1,072,951	1,010,313	62,638	1,072,951	9,402,218.00
Rhode Island	31,539	29,438	2,101	31,539	184,955.00
South Carolina	448,055	403,638	67,964	471,602	2,256,563.50
South Dakota	170,131	175,355	53,382	228,737	1,207,288.00
Tennessee	704,189	811,611	194,777	1,006,388	3,609,697.39
Texas	1,818,769	1,690,213	128,556	1,818,769	7,406,271.45
Utah	417,087	297,634	138,633	436,267	5,129,323.00
Vermont	159,213	105,819	54,506	160,325	1,001,213.00
Virginia	567,975	736,332	84,908	821,240	4,248,248.00
Washington	934,144	1,122,910	112,351	1,235,261	6,704,656.00
West Virginia	292,911	530,593	55,841	586,434	2,251,959.50
Wisconsin	1,525,869	1,122,606	388,019	1,510,625	12,111,932.00
Wyoming	273,089	138,050	146,496	284,546	2,645,686.50
TOTALS	29,277,241^{3/}	32,568,983	5,340,446	37,909,429	212,944,873.61

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