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## NUMBER OF HUNTERS, ANGLERS CONSTANT IN 1995

The number of hunters and anglers remained relatively constant during 1995 even as expenditures for licenses, tags, and other permits continued to rise, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

The Service reported that 15.23 million hunters bought licenses last year, a slight decrease from 15.34 million in 1994. Hunters bought a moderately increased number of licenses, tags, permits, and stamps--32.1 million compared to 31.6 million in 1994--spending \$532.6 million compared with \$525.8 million in 1994.

Meanwhile, the number of anglers rose slightly to 30.33 million last year from 30.24 million in 1994. Anglers bought 37.87 million licenses, tags, permits and stamps, about the same as in 1994, but spent considerably more to do so, \$448.6 million compared with \$424.7 million in 1994.

Revenues raised through license sales support state wildlife agencies, their conservation projects, and their hunting and fishing safety and education programs.

"Hunters and anglers continue to pour millions of dollars directly into wildlife conservation, benefitting all Americans," said John Rogers, the Service's acting director. "It is important for the future of conservation that we continue to provide opportunities for these time-honored sports."

License sales figures are compiled annually by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from information submitted by state fish and wildlife agencies. The figures are part of a formula to determine the amount of funding each state receives through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration programs, both administered by the Service. Under these programs, sportsmen and -women pay an excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment such as firearms, ammunition, and tackle. The money is, in turn, distributed to the states in the form of grants to conserve wildlife; teach hunter safety; and provide fishing, hunting, and boating opportunities.

The number of hunting license holders has declined in the past 13 years from a record high of 16.7 million in 1982. Meanwhile, the number of fishing license holders has been about the same for the past decade.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages 511 national wildlife refuges encompassing 92 million acres, as well as 72 national fish hatcheries.

The agency also enforces Federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, stocks recreational fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

A state-by-state breakdown of 1995 hunting and fishing license sales figures is attached.

**NUMBER OF PAID HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES, AND COST TO HUNTERS  
FISCAL YEAR 1995**

State	Paid Hunting License Holders*	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags Permits & Stamps	Nonresident Hunting Licenses Tags, Permits & Stamps	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps**	Gross Cost To Hunters
ALABAMA	274,072	269,103	36,453	305,556	\$7,045,428
ALASKA	90,669	185,871	31,106	216,977	7,851,108
ARIZONA	183,903	343,537	28,691	372,228	8,257,592
ARKANSAS	321,860	457,054	58,925	515,979	9,568,967
CALIFORNIA	354,555	911,667	14,113	925,780	14,041,471
COLORADO	295,895	418,574	185,555	604,129	42,820,193
CONNECTICUT	67,716	147,061	3,694	150,755	1,711,263
DELAWARE	21,463	32,603	4,028	36,631	455,903
FLORIDA	184,242	328,262	3,480	331,742	5,025,679
GEORGIA	350,346	957,811	53,537	1,011,348	11,726,855
HAWAII	10,486	10,701	162	10,863	118,698
IDAHO	235,408	564,676	62,509	627,185	15,405,993
ILLINOIS	324,794	1,145,072	31,878	1,176,950	11,615,120
INDIANA	335,438	679,009	59,067	738,076	8,860,359
IOWA	263,690	690,591	98,677	789,268	11,749,999
KANSAS	187,110	148,584	38,526	187,110	7,323,950
KENTUCKY	288,770	503,483	15,557	519,040	7,919,409
LOUISIANA	266,609	540,024	16,354	556,378	6,116,422
MAINE	203,669	178,246	39,307	217,553	7,460,993
MARYLAND	150,992	204,928	21,500	226,428	4,252,395
MASSACHUSETTS	99,397	253,693	10,975	264,668	1,889,542
MICHIGAN	934,430	2,008,361	37,406	2,045,767	24,150,195
MINNESOTA	576,187	828,792	14,925	843,717	17,229,407
MISSISSIPPI	246,389	239,296	44,051	283,347	7,011,063
MISSOURI	450,881	1,023,264	37,435	1,060,699	11,587,213
MONTANA	295,151	719,544	135,635	855,179	19,790,654
NEBRASKA	185,329	343,303	61,414	404,717	5,978,371
NEVADA	55,427	85,567	8,994	94,561	2,352,192
NEW HAMPSHIRE	81,458	125,305	23,365	148,670	2,606,920
NEW JERSEY	112,515	306,509	14,626	321,135	6,390,380
NEW MEXICO	113,716	301,422	47,029	348,451	8,475,040
NEW YORK	721,706	1,388,518	52,757	1,441,275	17,783,432
NORTH CAROLINA	367,619	447,762	11,003	458,765	7,792,552
NORTH DAKOTA	106,653	351,931	62,132	414,063	4,350,744
OHIO	539,457	1,129,556	11,012	1,140,568	17,107,308
OKLAHOMA	268,714	287,952	7,490	295,442	9,750,284
OREGON	307,253	1,334,404	39,590	1,373,994	15,940,258
PENNSYLVANIA	1,138,343	2,311,409	122,148	2,433,557	26,415,516
RHODE ISLAND	13,352	31,133	3,192	34,325	262,089
SOUTH CAROLINA	217,351	213,498	52,030	265,528	6,392,315
SOUTH DAKOTA	210,130	446,471	87,761	534,232	9,662,167
TENNESSEE	599,935	893,515	34,543	928,058	12,075,215
TEXAS	1,064,803	1,477,523	49,079	1,526,602	19,459,199
UTAH	166,383	394,929	19,198	414,127	9,336,894
VERMONT	100,810	139,207	24,340	163,547	2,777,417
VIRGINIA	352,778	873,581	41,175	914,756	11,636,838
WASHINGTON	305,502	769,957	7,850	777,807	15,080,717
WEST VIRGINIA	279,891	609,937	172,697	782,634	8,777,245
WISCONSIN	784,003	1,770,282	43,814	1,814,096	28,528,251
WYOMING	125,088	168,026	73,460	241,486	12,691,556
<b>TOTALS***</b>	<b>15,232,338</b>	<b>29,991,504</b>	<b>2,154,245</b>	<b>32,145,749</b>	<b>\$532,608,766</b>

\* A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses purchased.  
(Data certified by State Fish and Game Departments)

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**NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES, AND COST TO ANGLERS  
FISCAL YEAR 1995**

State	Paid Fishing License Holders*	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags Permits & Stamps	Nonresident Fishing Licenses Tags, Permits & Stamps	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps**	Gross Cost To Anglers
ALABAMA	546,440	482,265	110,868	593,133	\$7,195,178
ALASKA	402,405	257,319	334,250	591,569	10,534,741
ARIZONA	468,527	456,003	200,482	656,485	7,067,964
ARKANSAS	590,782	486,705	244,355	731,060	8,026,709
CALIFORNIA	2,300,463	3,239,841	50,173	3,290,014	44,152,456
COLORADO	736,242	484,415	422,651	907,066	11,462,174
CONNECTICUT	189,696	180,364	9,332	189,696	2,522,464
DELAWARE	26,798	29,974	5,193	35,167	278,943
FLORIDA	1,049,704	1,057,832	475,147	1,532,979	20,431,309
GEORGIA	653,189	745,980	72,866	818,846	6,747,390
HAWAII	7,552	7,477	263	7,740	24,756
IDAHO	420,002	276,308	181,490	457,798	5,791,981
ILLINOIS	818,017	852,704	55,792	908,496	10,181,619
INDIANA	650,620	616,782	137,403	754,185	6,486,911
IOWA	414,336	403,169	41,488	444,657	4,698,260
KANSAS	306,943	251,740	55,203	306,943	3,893,402
KENTUCKY	581,858	526,867	123,694	650,561	7,716,101
LOUISIANA	621,283	854,041	60,508	914,549	6,711,509
MAINE	270,024	184,671	100,658	285,329	6,977,395
MARYLAND	554,252	452,392	82,443	534,835	5,010,269
MASSACHUSETTS	227,691	433,641	24,807	458,448	3,673,575
MICHIGAN	1,464,027	1,546,577	194,398	1,740,975	17,222,689
MINNESOTA	1,531,280	1,069,663	330,663	1,400,326	23,855,444
MISSISSIPPI	415,858	369,369	83,617	452,986	4,384,274
MISSOURI	1,011,279	1,340,490	261,626	1,602,116	10,472,421
MONTANA	389,820	254,062	334,577	588,639	7,991,211
NEBRASKA	233,841	221,239	33,894	255,133	2,759,733
NEVADA	156,131	209,658	41,464	251,122	2,480,184
NEW HAMPSHIRE	156,352	112,953	55,251	168,204	3,485,933
NEW JERSEY	241,741	350,891	13,677	364,568	4,990,576
NEW MEXICO	235,714	186,970	77,813	264,783	3,398,861
NEW YORK	1,082,129	908,936	176,183	1,085,119	14,631,646
NORTH CAROLINA	571,273	570,573	51,229	621,802	10,239,047
NORTH DAKOTA	122,863	127,012	14,855	141,867	1,028,556
OHIO	990,387	877,278	116,741	994,019	11,519,959
OKLAHOMA	551,517	403,112	74,209	477,321	10,643,413
OREGON	709,934	839,465	194,971	1,034,436	12,614,297
PENNSYLVANIA	1,164,989	1,649,575	137,585	1,787,160	17,023,467
RHODE ISLAND	35,832	49,023	2,686	51,709	419,917
SOUTH CAROLINA	500,804	507,301	77,652	584,953	5,347,203
SOUTH DAKOTA	206,092	236,535	64,093	300,628	2,544,236
TENNESSEE	954,148	980,438	190,065	1,170,503	10,852,934
TEXAS	1,755,976	2,344,519	110,345	2,454,864	26,592,319
UTAH	514,976	355,023	189,187	544,210	7,112,123
VERMONT	100,397	82,190	53,170	135,360	2,303,492
VIRGINIA	634,115	766,831	87,002	853,833	9,420,457
WASHINGTON	820,940	962,487	46,402	1,008,889	15,276,037
WEST VIRGINIA	310,968	564,909	143,445	708,354	5,200,914
WISCONSIN	1,357,428	1,088,704	331,796	1,420,500	20,161,518
WYOMING	276,989	111,982	224,420	336,402	5,034,766
<b>TOTALS***</b>	<b>30,334,624</b>	<b>31,368,255</b>	<b>6,502,082</b>	<b>37,870,337</b>	<b>\$448,592,731</b>

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