

The Illinois Daily Usage and California Honey Lake Stamps

To meet the increasing demand for public hunting grounds following World War II, many state conservation agencies purchased and developed additional waterfowl management areas. In the 1950s, Illinois and California required hunters to purchase stamps for these areas.

In Illinois, these "daily usage" stamps were used at various public hunting grounds throughout the state for ducks, geese and pheasants. The earliest recorded example is from 1953. Illinois has issued a daily usage stamp every year to date, except 1973-1976.



Ed and Delbert Urich, with ducks taken at Rice Lake, Illinois, a daily usage area.



Left: 1953 Illinois daily usage stamp for waterfowl
Five recorded examples

Middle: 1956 Illinois daily usage stamp for waterfowl
Five recorded examples

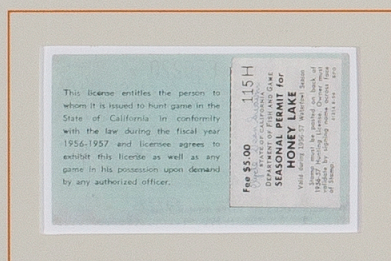
Right: 1972 Illinois daily usage stamp for ducks
Four recorded examples

The Honey Lake Wildlife area is located in Lassen County of northeastern California. Starting with the 1956-57 waterfowl season, seasonal permits were issued in the form of stamps.

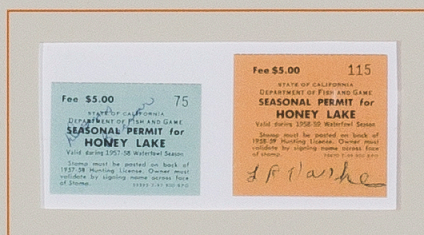
Through 1966-67, the stamps all included a printer's inscription in the bottom right corner specifying the number of stamps printed. However, the demand exceeded the supply in that year, necessitating a small second printing that lacked the inscription. Thereafter, the inscription was permanently left off the stamps.



Honey Lake, California

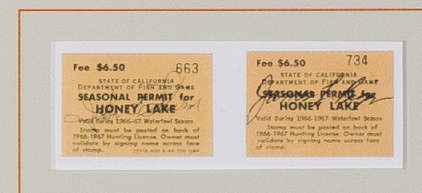


1956-57 Honey Lake waterfowl stamp on an original license
Three recorded examples - the only example on a license



Left: 1957-1958 Honey Lake waterfowl stamp

Right: 1958-59 Honey Lake waterfowl stamp
Three recorded examples



Left: 1966-67 Honey Lake waterfowl stamp

Right: 1966-67 Honey Lake waterfowl stamp lacking printer's inscription.
Three recorded examples



1980-81 Honey Lake waterfowl stamp on an original license, with the fee corrected by hand.
The only recorded example

The 1980-81 stamps were printed with "Fee \$15" in error. The correct fee was actually \$20. The majority of the 1981-82 stamps were destroyed accidentally. The series was discontinued following the 1985-86 season.



1981-82 Honey Lake waterfowl stamp on an original license
Five recorded examples - the only example on a license

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