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On the behalf of all supporters of wildlife, thank you for participating in the HIP migratory bird harvest survey last hunting season. The important information you provided helped enable us to estimate the total harvest of migratory birds in the U.S.

Because you have already made a valuable contribution, we are asking for your help again this coming season. We are asking selected hunters to send us one wing from each mourning dove that they shoot during their first 2 hunts of the dove hunting season. Volunteering to send us the wings from these birds that you bag will provide us with more crucial information.

Biologists will examine your specimens to determine the birds' age and molt status. This information is vital for helping us better manage our migratory bird resource. For example, the specimens that hunters contribute will allow us to estimate the number of young-of-the-year birds that were harvested, which tells us how successful the birds were during the nesting season.

If you will be able to send us wings from the birds that you bag, please provide the information requested below and return this letter in the postage-paid envelope. Please return it by July 15 so that we can send your postage-paid wing envelopes in time for the hunting season.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-419-2965 between 7:00am – 4:00pm EST. Again, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
Kenneth D. Richkus
Acting Chief, Branch of Harvest Surveys

Yes, I will be able to send you one wing from each mourning dove that I shoot during my first two hunts next year.

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 522a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information. This study is authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.). We will use the information that you provide in estimating migratory bird hunter activity and harvest in the United States. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. We will remove all names and identifying information when we compile the results, and will report only summary information. We maintain the information in accordance with the Privacy Act. Your response is voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this information collection and assigned control number 1018-0023. We estimate that it will take you about 30 seconds to read the instructions and check the box at the bottom of the letter. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222--Arlington Square, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20240.