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In Reply Refer To:
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Dear Mourning Dove Hunter:

We need your help. To better understand the population status and reproductive success of mourning doves, we need to know the percentages of these species that are young-of-the-year birds. Immature birds have distinct wing feathers that let us distinguish them from adults by examining the wings. You can help by donating **one** wing from each mourning dove that you bag during your first two hunts this season. **We only need wings from birds that you personally shoot during the first week of the season.**

Enclosed are two postage paid envelopes to be used to mail us wings. Use an inner envelope and a single pre-addressed mailing envelope for up to 15 wings from a single days hunt. Before you mail your wings, fill in the entire lower right portion of the mailing envelope.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE MAIL CLEAN

Wet, bloody, or fly larvae-infested wings will damage other mail and create offensive odors. Postal workers might refuse to handle your envelopes if they are bloody, greasy, or smelly. This can be prevented if you:

- Remove the wings as indicated on the pre-addressed envelope.
- Allow excess moisture or bloody on wings to dry.
- Keep flies away from the wings.
- Do **not** wrap wings in plastic as this speeds decay.
- Use two envelopes for each group of wings per day. Insert the wings in the inner envelope and seal the flap tightly; then place the inner envelope in the larger pre-addressed (mailing envelope).
- Do not put more than 15 wings in an envelope.
- Mail envelopes promptly.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-419-2965 between 7:00am – 4:00pm EST. Again, thank you for helping us better manage our shared migratory bird resource.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Richkus
Chief, Branch of Harvest Surveys

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.) The information that you provide will be used for estimating migratory bird hunter activity and harvest in the United States. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. All names and identifying information will be removed when we compile the results, and only summary information will be reported. The information is maintained 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 current valid OMB control number. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned the clearance number 1018-0023. We estimate that it will take you about 5 minutes to read the instructions, fill in the envelope and mail the wing. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington D.C. 20240.

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