

Dear Mourning Dove Hunter:

You are one of a select group of mourning dove hunters chosen at random from across the United States to help us better understand hunter opinions on some of the most important issues facing dove hunting today. One such issue concerns the potential effects of spent lead on doves and other wildlife.

This survey is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Flyway Councils, and State fish and wildlife agencies. We have undertaken this study because of the belief that hunter opinions and preferences should be taken into account whenever possible in planning the science-based management of our migratory bird resources.

Your answers will not be associated with your name and your questionnaire is tracked for mailing purposes only. Please return the questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided.

Thank you for helping us understand more about what's important to dove hunters in North America.

Sincerely,

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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 dove hunter attitudes and awareness of nontoxic shot. 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. The information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned the clearance number 1018-XXXX. We estimate that it will take you about 8.5 minutes to read the instructions, fill out and mail the survey. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop2042-PDM, Arlington Square, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington D.C. 20240.

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2011 National Mourning Dove Hunter Survey

Your ideas count! Please help us understand your experiences with dove hunting by answering the following questions--and please, provide your opinions and experiences without asking others. Your name will never be associated with your answers in any tabulation or reporting of this information.

Please completely and carefully fill in each chosen circle with a #2 pencil or blue/black pen.

1. How many total years since you first began hunting have you actually hunted doves? (Please include only those years when you actually hunted doves.)

- Less than 5 years
- 5 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- 21 to 30 years
- 31 to 40 years
- More than 40 years

I've never hunted doves.
Thank you—you're done!
Please return your survey.

2. About how many doves do you *typically* harvest in a season?

- None
- Between 1 and 10 doves
- Between 11 and 30 doves
- Between 31 and 100 doves
- Between 101 and 200 doves
- More than 200 doves

4. How important is dove hunting to you?

- It's my most important recreational activity.
- It's one of my most important recreational activities.
- It's no more important than my other recreational activities.
- It's less important than some of my other recreational activities.
- It's one of my least important recreational activities.

6. How would you describe your participation in dove hunting? *Typically*, do you dove hunt. . .

- "Opening day" only.
- First complete weekend of the Season.
- First 2 weekends of the Season or no more than 5 total days.
- Occasionally throughout the dove season.
- As many days as I can throughout the entire dove season.
- Only occasionally over the years.

3. About how much do you *typically* spend in a year on shotgun shells for dove hunting?

- Less than \$5
- \$5 to \$15
- \$16 to \$24
- \$25 to \$50
- \$51 to \$100
- \$101 to \$200
- More than \$200

5. Have you hunted the following types of game in the past 3 years?

- | Yes | No | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Upland birds (pheasants, quail, chukar, etc.) |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Other small game (rabbits, squirrels, rail, snipe, etc.) |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Waterfowl (ducks & geese) |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Big game |

7. How many miles is it, one-way, to the area you hunt most for doves?

- Less than 5 miles
- 5 to 10 miles
- 11 to 20 miles
- 21 to 49 miles
- 50 or more miles

13. Based on what you know and feel at the present time, what is your opinion of requiring the use of *non-lead* shot for dove hunting?

- Strongly oppose requiring non-lead shot.
- Somewhat oppose requiring non-lead shot.
- Neutral on requiring non-lead shot.
- Somewhat support requiring non-lead shot.
- Strongly support requiring non-lead shot.
- Don't know.

14. Have you ever . . . ? (Check one box in each row.)

- | Yes | No | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Reloaded shotshells with <i>lead</i> shot |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Reloaded shotshells with <i>non-lead</i> shot |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Shot trap/skeet/sporting clays |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Hunted doves on your own land |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Leased land so you could hunt doves |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Traveled to another country to hunt doves |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Experienced damage to your shotgun from using <i>non-lead</i> shot |

15. Are you currently a member of the following types of organizations? (Check one box in each row.)

- | Yes | No | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Hunting/wildlife conservation organizations (for example, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Quail Unlimited) |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Fishing/fish conservation organizations (for example, Trout Unlimited, North American Fishing Club, Stripercoast Surfcasters Club) |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Gun rights/shooting sports organizations (for example, NRA, NSSF) |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Environmental organizations (for example, Audubon Society, Sierra Club) |

16. Please indicate *how much more or less of a problem* the following have become for you over the last 5 years in your dove hunting. (Check one box in each row.)

	Much more a problem	Somewhat more a problem	Neither more nor less a problem	Somewhat less a problem	Much less a problem	Don't know
Leasing a place to hunt doves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of shotshells	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of hunting gear other than shotshells	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of gasoline	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of hunting permits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. How much trust do you put in each of the following to represent the interests of dove hunters like you? (Check one box in each row.)

	High trust	Medium trust	Low trust	No trust	Don't know
Ammunition manufacturers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Businesses that manufacture hunting products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Avid/experienced dove hunters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife biologists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting guides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Game wardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor writers/TV personalities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff at sporting goods stores selling hunting supplies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (Please fill-in): _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. How much hunting information do you obtain from each of the following sources?
(Check one box in each row.)

	A lot	Some	A little	None
Newspapers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Magazines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Radio	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Television	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Internet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State wildlife agency	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friends/family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sporting goods stores	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (Please fill-in.): _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The following background answers are collected for analysis purposes only; we offer our thanks to you for providing this information, and assure you these answers will never be associated with your name or identity in any way. Thank you in advance for your help.

19. Which best describes:
(Check one box in each row.)

	Large city or urban area	Suburban area	Small city or town	Rural area	Farm or ranch
Where you grew up as a child?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Where you live now?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. Education: (Check one box.)

- Less than high school
- High school graduate
- Some college
- College graduate
- Advanced degree (MD, Lawyer, Doctorate, Graduate school)

21. Household income: (Check one box.)

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$119,999
- \$120,000 or more

22. Which best describes your current occupation:

- Manufacturing
- Professional/managerial
- Retail
- Skilled trade
- Government
- Agriculture
- Services
- Student
- Homemaker
- Not employed
- Retired
- Other

23. With which race do you most closely identify yourself?
(Choose one or more.)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White

24. Which best describes your ethnic group?

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

25. You are:

- Female
- Male

26. You are:

- 17 years or younger
- 18 to 24 years
- 25 to 34 years
- 35 to 44 years
- 45 to 54 years
- 55 to 64 years
- 65 years or older

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY!
Please return this questionnaire using the postage paid, self-addressed envelope provided.