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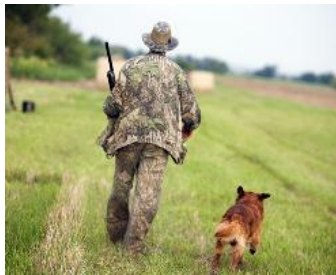
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Even during recession, hunting remains bulletproof industry

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More than 18.8 million people hunted with firearms in 2009, according to the National Sporting Goods Association.

By Marty Roney, USA TODAY

Hunting is proving to be recession-proof.

Nationwide, spending on hunting gear is soaring, says the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which tracks hunting trends.

Companies that make, distribute or sell sporting firearms, ammunition and supplies generated \$27.8 billion in economic activity in 2009, vs. \$19.1 billion in 2008, says the group's 2010 Firearms and Ammunition Industry Economic Impact Report. Those companies paid \$450 million in excise taxes in 2009, up 38% from 2008, the report shows.

"During difficult times, people are looking for ways to cut down on costs and save as much money as possible," says Chuck Schlueter, spokesman for South Dakota's Game, Fish and

Parks Department. "Hunting helps on the grocery bills."

More than 18.8 million people hunted with firearms in 2009, vs. 19.75 million in 2008, says Larry Weindruch of the National Sporting Goods Association. Yet in states where hunting is a large contributor to the economy, license sales are on the rise, according to the [National Rifle Association](#).

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•**New York.** The cost of a resident basic hunting license was raised from \$19 to \$29 in April 2009, said Lori Severino, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Yet license sales rose more than 10% to 1.13 million from 2007 to 2009, according to the agency.

•**South Dakota.** Licenses sold rose to 393,000 last year, up 4,000 from 2008, and another rise is expected this season, Schlueter says. Hunting "allows you to put meat in the freezer."

•**Pennsylvania.** License sales grew from 924,448 licenses in 2007 to 948,381 for 2009, reports the Pennsylvania Game Commission. "People may stick closer to home during tough economic times," spokesman Jerry Feaser says. "There is a very rich hunting tradition in the commonwealth. When things get tough, people return to what is familiar as a way to cope with how things are."

•**Texas.** Clayton Wolf of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department predicts another rise in license sales this year on top of the 10% increase in sales from 2008 to 2009. In tough times, "People ... may cut back in some areas, and they may not go hunting as often as they would in good times," said Gary Moody, chief of the wildlife division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "But people are going to hunt."

Dustin Tyler, a hunter from Millbrook, Ala., agreed as he prepared for opening day of his state's dove-hunting season. "I know a lot of folks who have really cut back on things since it started getting tough," he said. "But all my friends that hunt continue to hunt. It's a great way for the family to spend quality time together."

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Caroline62, please take your meds before you post your comments. The sane "wildlife serial killers" of this society thank you for your cooperation.



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Isn't this wonderful ? More opportunities for wildlife serial killers to cause pain and suffering to innocent sentient life for amusement and all that "economy" and "food on the table" is a bunch of hogwash. They spend so much on killing gears, weapons, tree stand to be this "natural" predators in the animal kingdom. Plus they are poisoning and killing our American bird the bald eagle with their lead bullet and "sportsman" plus with the NRA fought tooth and nail to make sure the lead will not be banned . So they don't give a dam about any wildlife, they just want the wildlife they can blast away for amusement or shoot arrow into the body of gentle animals to have them die a slow death. Or perhaps leave many wounded and crippled on the forest ground. How about the innocent victims of deer vehicle accidents because of hunting? Deer population and created for hunting opportunities without deer there will not be bunch of yahoos running to get their killing license being that whitetails are the top money makers raking in billions not to benefit the non-killing public but to continue putting blood money b ack into the killing industry. Look at American hunters and their food plots, my god and is it any wonder why we have so many deer. Don't forget the innocent victims who was either shot or killed by hunters bullet or arrow whether be humans or pets and also how the non-killing public cannot enjoy the forest in the fall without fear of being shot b y some hunter in a tree stand or ground blinds .

Hunters also continue to kill themselves, each other and even their own children in hunting accidents. Just recently 2 kids in separate occasion did not come home and few days later found their body shot from their own bullet. Sports hunting is nothing to be proud of, these are humans who take pleasure in killing, many enjoy videos taping death of animals, cries of the deer and bears or taking photograph as they sit their with their murdered victims blood from mouth and gray in the eyes. I guess as there are rapist, serial killers, murderers, pedophiles , child abusers and many other sickos you have your recreational wildlife serial killers aka 'sportsman". It's an insult to real sportsman to call what they do "sports" but then on the other hand what serial killers of humans do are also considered "sports" to them.

We should push for wildlife watching being that is more popular then hunting aka "killing innocent sentient for amusement" and it's what decent humans enjoy doing and no one gets hurt or killed.

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Actually there's another reason, (the Real one), "Hunting" remains a "Bulletproof" industry. And it aint to put meat on the table. There's an excellent reason why guns & ammo sales have soared since Jan 2009. Thank Pres. Obumer, the worlds top guns & ammo salesman. The so called "Hunting" (read here, Guns & Ammo), industry, will remain "Bulletproof" & continue to soar till Nov. 2012 when we dump this 1 term National Disaster.

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Yeh! Those commie liberals have found a way for our bullets to turn into jello after 6 months on the shelf just can't trust those commie liberals.

Fortunately, there's no truth to this story.. But if Libs could affect such as scenario they would.

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mrs. bowers (180 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 2h 1m ago

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Hunters have a lot of Karma payback. A life is a life regardless of what it's called to end it. do some soul searching.

Karma? Well lets see what God has to say about that . God the creator made clothing out of Animal Skins for Adam and Eve before they left the garden of Eden. He also commanded animal sacrifices as a form or worship. The bad 'karma' would have been if you didnt want to kill an animal. All through scriptures the eating of meat and all meats is allowed. Jesus ate meat - no jew can celebrate passover without the lamb, Mary sacrificed 2 doves and Jesus prepared a fish dinner for his Disciples. After Jesus final sacrifice - eating of all meats and foods because acceptable as he told Peter " Rise Peter , Kill and eat "

I will take my chances hunting and eating meat. You take your chances with that karma thing.

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