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LIMIT ON HUNTING LICENSES
ADVOCATED TO CONSERVE BIG GAME

During the hunting season this fall more than 5,000,000 persons, estimates the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, will go out with a gun into the woods and fields of America. Their going emphasizes the growing need of more adequate and uniform laws to conserve and protect the country's dwindling game supply.

"It has been the practice in many States," the department says, "to issue hunting licenses for the open season to all applicants, with too little regard for the available game supply of any particular area. The hunters may far outnumber the animals hunted within a given section, and under such conditions the extinction of big game especially is inevitable.

"The Department of Agriculture advocates a limited license plan for big game, based on annual estimates of game conditions in each district. This means that the number of big game licenses issued for a given area in one season would depend upon the number of game animals which it has been determined in advance can be spared. Proper administration of this sort should conserve game in the greatest numbers consistent with the reasonable demands for local grazing and other interests and obviate the necessity for establishing perennial closed seasons, except on areas being restocked."

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