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### STATE'S WILDLIFE SUPPLY RESTORED WITH HELP OF FEDERAL AID PROGRAM

Wildlife in 43 States is being increased through the work of 234 Federal Aid projects that were underway at the end of 1940, officials of the Fish and Wildlife Service reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today. In all, more than 380 projects have been approved since the program's inception in July 1938.

That the Federal wildlife-conservation program is benefiting the States was indicated in statements received from various State game and fish commissions reporting on the progress of the projects already underway or completed.

"Aside from the value of the projects themselves," reported D. N. Graves, director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, "the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration program is bearing fruit in other ways. In recent years I have noted that there is better cooperation between the Fish and Wildlife Service and State game-law enforcement officers. Much of this cooperation, I believe, is due to the fact that the Federal Aid program has built a spirit of understanding between the State game departments and the Fish and Wildlife Service."

Since Federal Aid has been inaugurated, he continued, State and Federal officials have achieved mutual understanding that has been of mutual benefit.

Reporting on a quail restoration project in Arkansas, Mr. Graves declared that at one time "there were plenty of quail over most of Arkansas." But the drain on the birds was too great, and the stock became greatly depleted. Under a project approved last November 6, this upland game bird will be restored to a large part of its former habitat.

J. A. Partridge, executive assistant to the Louisiana Commissioner of Conservation, declared that his State expects to restore valuable muskrat marshes with Federal Aid projects submitted for approval since the State recently became eligible to participate in the program.

In Colorado, an investigation on deer, conducted with Federal Aid funds, resulted in a change of policy on the nonhunting of does. Research revealed that previous years of shooting bucks and not does resulted in too many does, and too many deer concentrating in "yards" in winter.

Beavers in Oregon, Idaho, and Colorado, have benefited from Federal Aid projects also, reports show. In these States, the beavers have been restored to suitable areas where the fur animals will be conservation agents. At the same time, it was pointed out, the woodland engineers, as the beavers are popularly called, are removed from areas where they were harmful--on farms, in irrigation ditches, near dams, and other areas.

Maine recently completed a survey of many of its lakes. The study, a Federal Aid project, showed that with aquatic plantings many of these lakes can be made suitable as nesting areas for waterfowl. A second Federal Aid project comprising an aquatic food-planting program growing out of this survey is now underway.

Under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, which is often called the Pittman-Robertson Act and was approved by Congress in 1937, each participating State

pays 25 percent of the costs of a project and the Federal government 75 percent. For this purpose Congress each year can appropriate a sum not to exceed the total income derived from the 10 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: For those who wish to insert a paragraph with local information the following is a list of the currently active Federal Aid projects in the various States and the principal species of wildlife benefited.

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State	No. of Active Projects	Principal Species Benefited
Alabama	4	Quails, wild turkeys, deer, fur animals
Arizona	8	Quails, pheasants, wild turkeys, deer, bison
Arkansas	5	Quails, wild turkeys, and deer
California	6	Sage grouse, quails, fur animals, desert bighorns and deer
Colorado	11	Deer, elk, sage grouse, fur animals, bighorns
Connecticut	2	Grouse, pheasants, rabbits
Delaware	2	Quails, rabbits, fur animals
Florida	-	Ineligible
Georgia	-	Ineligible
Idaho	23	Deer, antelopes, beavers, pheasants, Hungarian partridges, sage grouse, bighorns, waterfowl
Illinois	8	Waterfowl, fur animals, quails, pheasants, squirrels, rabbits
Indiana	5	Quails, pheasants, deer, rabbits, waterfowl
Iowa	5	Waterfowl, pheasants
Kansas	7	Quails, pheasants, prairie chickens, bison
Kentucky	4	Deer, wild turkeys
Louisiana	-	Just became eligible - fur animals and waterfowl proposed
Maine	3	Waterfowl and big game animals
Maryland	2	Wild turkeys, deer, quails
Massachusetts	4	Grouse, deer, pheasants, waterfowl
Michigan	16	Pheasants, waterfowl, fur animals, grouse, prairie chickens, rabbits, squirrels
Minnesota	5	Quails, pheasants, deer, waterfowl, grouse
Mississippi	5	Quails, wild turkeys, fur animals, deer
Missouri	4	Wild turkeys, deer, quails, waterfowl
Montana	-	Ineligible
Nebraska	4	Pheasants, quails
Nevada	-	Ineligible
New Hampshire	5	Ruffed grouse, deer, waterfowl
New Jersey	4	Pheasants, deer, rabbits
New Mexico	7	Antelopes, bighorn sheep, prairie chickens, sage grouse, waterfowl
New York	11	Pheasants, fur animals, waterfowl, deer, rabbits
North Carolina	6	Quails, wild turkeys, doves, fur animals, waterfowl, deer
North Dakota	6	Pheasants, sharptail grouse, Hungarian partridges, waterfowl, fur animals
Ohio	5	Ruffed grouse, pheasants, rabbits, squirrels
Oklahoma	4	Quails, prairie chickens, deer, wild turkeys
Oregon	5	Sage grouse, pheasants, beavers, deer, antelopes
Pennsylvania	6	Deer, grouse, pheasants, rabbits, fur animals, wild turkeys
Rhode Island	1	Pheasants, grouse, deer, rabbits
South Carolina	2	Quails, rabbits, wild turkeys
South Dakota	5	Waterfowl, beavers, pheasants
Tennessee	2	Wild turkeys, deer
Texas	6	Quails, antelopes, deer, javelina, wild turkeys, fur animals
Utah	6	Waterfowl, deer, fur animals
Vermont	1	Ruffed grouse, fur animals, waterfowl
Virginia	8	Deer, wild turkeys, quails
Washington	5	Deer, antelopes
West Virginia	6	Deer, wild turkeys, ruffed grouse
Wisconsin	6	Fur animals, waterfowl, prairie chickens, grouse, pheasants
Wyoming	2	Bighorns, sage grouse, deer, and elk