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Spurred by the meat shortage, this year's hunters are expected to take the largest crop of big game in many years, Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service reported today to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

The ammunition shortage will do little to retard big game hunting, Dr. Gabrielson said. This is because big game hunters rarely use more than four or five shells in a day's hunt—in contrast to the box or so which a small game or duck hunter may use up. Many big game hunters have enough ammunition to see them through the season and additional ammunition of the type required for this type of hunting has been made available by the War Production Board. Shortages, however, do exist in some communities and hunters owning rifles of odd-size bore may have difficulty in finding shells.

Stocks of big game, chiefly deer and elk, are adequate in most places, Dr. Gabrielson reported, and in some localities there is an over-supply.

"Recreation is normally the most important factor in hunting but the shortage of red meat this year has added a serious note to hunting preparations which hasn't often been present since pioneer days," he declared.

Since not all hunters are experts at taking care of and cutting up their meat, the Fish and Wildlife Service has just issued a new leaflet which tells how to keep game in the best possible condition. The leaflet, "Save Game Meat—It is Valuable" can be obtained free on request.

The leaflet gives recipes for preserving game and also discusses canning and freezing, now the most popular method of keeping game in good condition. Suggestions are given on methods of shooting, draining, cleaning, cooling, and transporting game, as are instructions as to the care of hides which are to be turned over to collection stations for use in the war effort.

Copies of the leaflet may be obtained by addressing the Fish and Wildlife Service, Chicago 54, Illinois.