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INTERIOR TO SELL LONGHORNS IN OKLAHOMA

If you long for a living symbol of the Old West, the Department of the Interior is willing to sell you a genuine, live Texas longhorn. The Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife plans to sell 100 of the animals September 15 through local auction at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge near Cache, Okla. The sale begins at 1:00 p.m.

Both mature animals and calves will be sold.

The historic longhorn, oldest native breed of cattle in North America, played a vital part in the economic development of the Southwest following the Civil War. Long, hazardous trail drives moved enormous herds of the rangy animals from Texas to northern markets.

Because longhorns are not considered good beef producers, other breeds replaced them. By 1920 this living memory of the western frontier was practically extinct. The Wichita herd was started by the Government in 1927 to preserve the breed.

The 100 longhorns to be sold at the Wichita Refuge will reduce the herd to the carrying capacity of the range.

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