

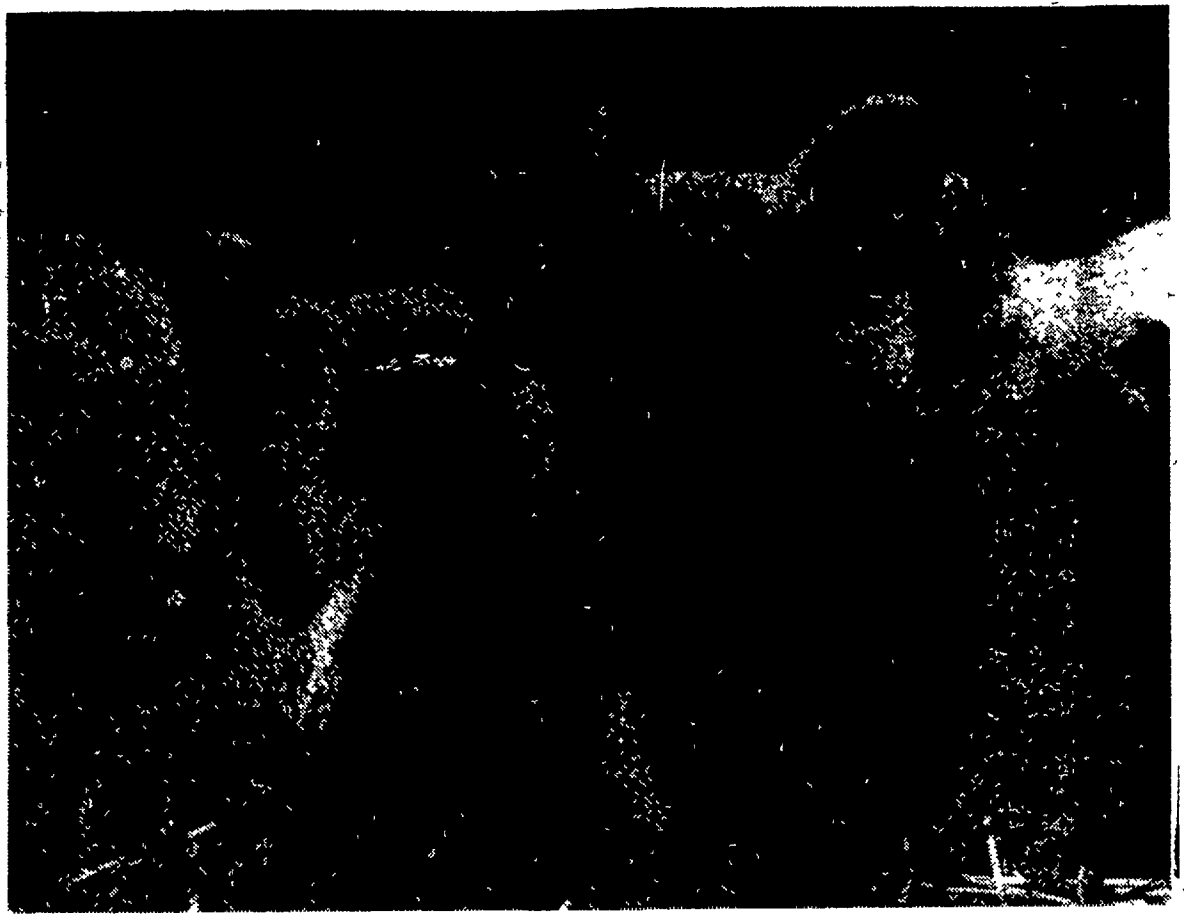
Official 1955 Game Kill

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

SPECIES	Season of 1955* Number	Season of 1954* Number
Deer, Legal Antlered . . .	45,044**	40,915***
Deer, Legal Antlerless . .	41,111	(closed)
Total Deer	86,155	40,915
Beats	363	722
Rabbits	1,792,710	1,537,722
Hares (Snowshoes)	2,192	2,736
Hungarian Partridges . . .	(closed)	(closed)
Squirrels	918,345	721,933
Raccoons	104,385	101,980
Wild Turkeys	17,994	16,202
Ruffed Grouse	64,185	53,643
Ringneck Pheasants	466,997	428,149
Quail	7,811	7,097
Rails, Gallinules & Coots .	7,709	6,257
Woodcocks	12,246	11,816
Grackles (Blackbirds) . . .	#	#
Wild Waterfowl	67,416	53,791
Woodchucks	336,455	329,658
Doves	21,033	19,954
Total Number	3,905,996	3,332,256

* Small Game, based on Field Officers estimates; Big Game, based on individual reports filed by hunters.
 ** Includes 119 Deer killed during the 1955 Special Archery Season.
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 # Unprotected — No data.

Look — It's Almost Spring



Don't let those occasional snows and snappy mornings convince you spring is far, far away. There's evidence here — with some Lancaster County piglets — that the prediction of the Slumbering Lodge of Groundhogs may ring true,

there's a touch of spring in the air. Due apologies to the youngsters above for any reference to groundhog, but they seem to be either sensing Spring — or perhaps another meal-time?

State Output of Pork 5 Per Cent Up During 1956

HARRISBURG — Production of pork from the annual spring crops of pigs raised on Pennsylvania farms should advance by 5 per cent this year over last, the State Department of Agriculture announced today following Crop Reporting Service surveys. Nationally, the outlook is for a spring pig crop 2 per cent below last year.

intentions for the spring of 1956 — pigs born between Dec. 1, 1955 and June 1, 1956 — indicate 81,000 sows to farrow, 5 per cent more than in the spring of 1955, but 2 per cent below average, the Department said.

If these intentions materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the spring average, this year's spring pig crop should total 567,000 head or 28,000 more than for the same period in 1955, the survey showed.

Last year 1,008,000 pigs were raised on Pennsylvania farms, an increase of 9 per cent from the 1954 crop, but 4 per cent below the 10-year average.

The 1955 spring pig crop at 539,000 head was 8 per cent larger than the 1954 spring pig crop. The fall of 1955 pig crop at 469,000 was up 10 per cent from the fall of 1954.

The number of sows farrowing in the fall of 1955 was estimated at 66,000 head — an increase of 10 per cent from the fall of 1954. Pigs saved per litter during the fall averaged 7.1, the same as a year earlier, and the 10-year average.

RESEARCH ON THE MARCH
 Since 1945, the American Cancer Society has spent \$41 million on cancer research in the U S. This amount included the awarding of 2,439 grants-in-aid, 501 fellowships and scholarships, 352 institutional and special purpose grants and 13 lung cancer grants in the stepped-up search for a cancer cure.

News Report From Washington

Washington. — Secret reports by diplomats, pouring into capitals in every part of the world, indicate that many observers in the Middle East expect war to break out in this area of the world this spring.

There are those who say such an outcome is inevitable. Because Russia has begun to furnish arms for the Arab countries, Israel is placed in the exact position in which Germany found itself, in 1941.

20 Times Manpower
 The Arab countries around tiny Israel boast a population that gives Arab Army commanders 20 times the manpower available to Israel. But, as yet, this manpower is largely untrained, and the Arab armies, are small and generally not modernly equipped.

As of right now, the Israeli Army could probably defend itself successfully against the combined forces of the Arab countries. The most efficient Arab Army is that of Egypt, which has been rushing rearmament at a furious pace.

There are some who believe Israel would win a war, if it were touched off immediately. The Israelis, however, might have to subdue their neighbors to the north and east, and then turn their attention to Egypt and her allies, on what would be the decisive front.

Israel Central Position
 Or, Israel might seek to crush the stronger foe first. In any event, Israel would occupy the central position, as Germany has done in two world wars, and it would be up to Israel to decide where to strike the first blow. By concentrating her forces, there is little doubt that Israel could mount an effective offensive in an opening blow against her adversaries.

The burning question is whether Israel is in the position which faced Germany, when Russian mobilization was ordered in 1914. In those days it took several months to complete mobilization. The General Staff of the Kaiser's armies already had a plan of operations in the event France and Russia (bound by an alliance) were to go to war against Germany.

Quick German Thrust
 The plan called for a quick German thrust, in overwhelming strength, to crush France, first. Then, with English troops barred from French soil, the Germans would turn back to the east, in time to meet the vast armies of slowly mobilizing Russia. The German plan almost worked but the Kaiser's armies were stopped on the Marne, partly because the great offensive in France was not allotted the number of divisions the French offensive called for.

Washington has sought to pour oil on the troubled waters but is up against the fact that this country has a small but influential Jewish population that screams every time aid is sent the Arabs. Yet the State Department feels that the Arabs far more numerous and in a strategic position in the Middle East, cannot be alienated — completely cut off from arms aid.

Russians Offer Arabs Arms
 The Russians moved into this picture several months ago and offered to sell arms to Arab countries and are threatening to gain the dominant role in the Arab countries as a result. The State Department cannot allow this to happen. It has tried to send small quantities of material to Arab countries, promised under old agreements, in some cases, and also offer Israel comparable aid.

The policy has pleased neither side. Now reports come saying that Israel—facing large-scale Arab rearmament from Russian sources—will attack her enemies this spring, to force a decision while conditions still give her a good chance of winning.

The weather balloons Russia has been protesting against actually did carry cameras. These balloons were released from countries near Russian territory and many drifted over the USSR. They contained two cameras, one for photographing technical data and the other for photographing clouds.

Of course, in all this picture work, some good shots of the Russian landscape were obtained too. You can't photograph clouds

CANCER COSTS \$12 BILLION

Some 500,000 new cancer cases will be reported this year in the U S, while a total of 700,000 will be under medical care for cancer. That means a loss of 3,500,000 man-years of work and will cost the economy \$12 billion in loss of goods and services.

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