

## Colorado Trades Wild Sheep for Wild Montana Mountain Goats

### Beneficial Game Swaps

Information made available through the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service tells that:

"Not long ago Colorado traded 16 of its mountain sheep to Montana for 8 mountain goats; South Dakota sent surplus catfish to Colorado for wild turkeys; New Mexico sent 8 turkeys to South Dakota and got 25 sage grouse in return, and Wyoming delivered some elk to New Mexico for turkeys it needed."

Pennsylvania also has participated in the exchange wildlife program. For the past three years the Game Commission has traded wild turkey eggs to New York State for mallard ducklings desirable for use in the agency's waterfowl program. Late in February the Michigan Conservation Department exchanged 51 wild-trapped bobwhite quail for some eggs of Pennsylvania's renowned wild turkeys. The quail were delivered to the Eastern Game Farm, in Montgomery County, where they will serve to improve the quality of Pennsylvania's breeding stock. The game authorities intend to release future quail imports from Michigan in northern counties of the Commonwealth. It is hoped these hardy birds will survive and repopulate the coverts there.

The duck and quail trades were not the only ones Pennsylvania has made, endeavoring to improve the hunting sport in this State. In 1954, wild turkey eggs

were exchanged for wild-trapped Hungarian partridges from the Province of Ontario. The Province of Manitoba "traded" us 50 sharp-tailed grouse in 1953 for nothing more than a letter of appreciation.

It is probable that in future other game exchanges will be made, from which Pennsylvania and other states, or Canadian Provinces, will derive mutual benefit.

### Habit Influences

#### Rabbit

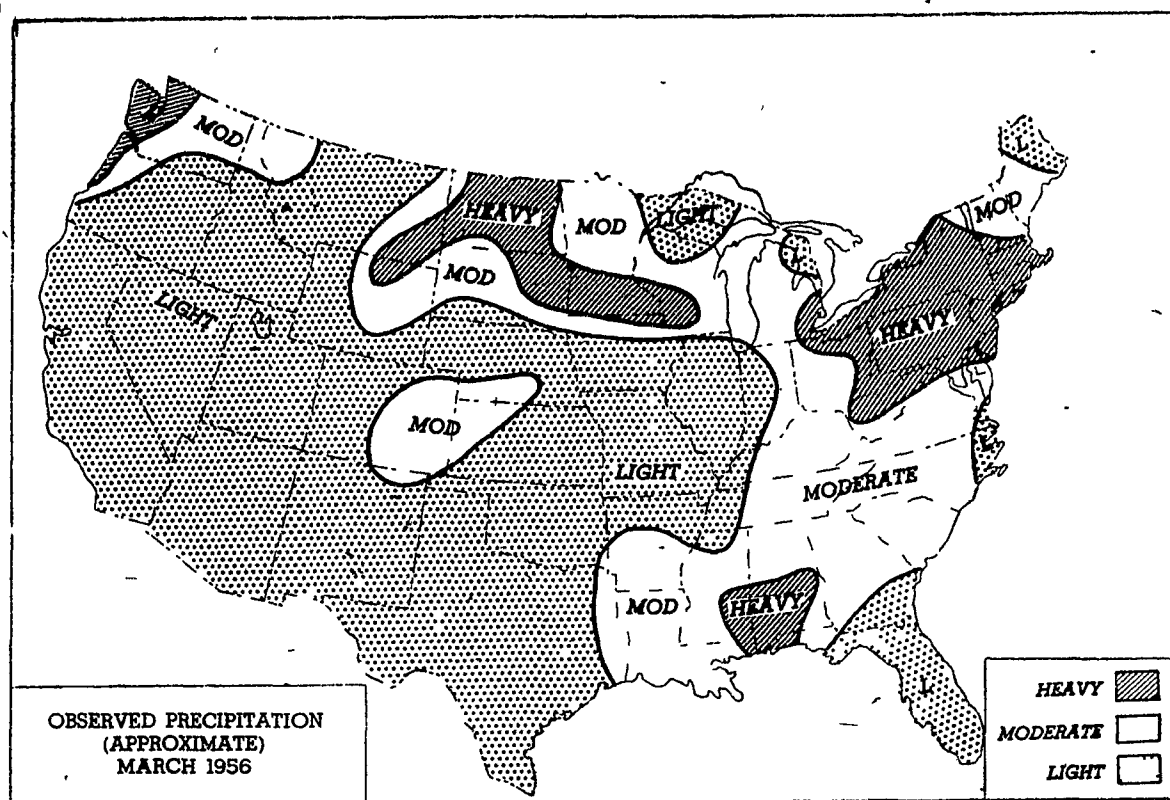
Lehigh County Game Protector W. A. Moyer recently took a sportsman along while he liberated box-trapped rabbits. This man questioned whether rabbits taken from urban communities would adjust to life in the open.

When Moyer liberated a town-caught cottontail toward some brush the perverse animal made a quick turn, followed a road, and hopped up twelve steps to the door of a country store. Immediately the Doubting Thomas shouted, "There, you see — city rabbits!"

### Crop-Destroying

#### Deer Killed

Last year 1,465 deer were reported killed in Pennsylvania in protection to property. The Game Law justly provides that "any person actually residing upon and cultivating as a means of livelihood any lands for general farm crop purposes, commercial truck-



This chart shows the general nature of the total precipitation which fell during the preceding 30 days. Precipitation is expressed in three classes: light, moderate,

and heavy, and the precipitation amounts which determine these classes are obtained from analysis of many years of record at many stations.

ing or fruit orchard or nursery being regularly maintained for commercial purposes, as either the owner or lessee of such lands, or a member of his family residing upon and regularly assisting in the cultivation thereof, or regularly hired help . . ." may kill deer engaged in the material destruction of such crops.

The law limits the type of firearm to be used, stipulates a report must be made to a Commission representative after the animal is killed and the carcass properly dressed out and cared for. It also lists other requirements before qualified persons may do such protective killing.

In 1955 Clearfield County listed the highest number of deer reported killed to protect crops — 130. Centre County was next with 126. Potter followed with 115, and Jefferson was fourth with 114. Elk and Lycoming Counties each listed 97 deer so killed. Sullivan County showed 93, Forest 76 and Tioga 71. Of the 67 counties in the State, 45 were counted in this category. Those not named above showed from one, or a few, to 40 or 50 deer killed to protect crops last year.

Combine the 1,465 deer reported so taken with the 7,306 accidentally killed in Pennsylvania in 1955, plus those killed illegally in season and out, and it becomes apparent that persons who hunt lawfully do not bag nearly all the white-tails slain in the Commonwealth in any year.

Year after year this medium-size state provides a great amount of successful hunting and a vast store of venison for sportsmen who hunt deer within her borders. This despite the thousands of these animals removed through accidents for crop damage or by Game Law violators.

### Fox Taunts

#### Dog

A sportsman in Edinboro, Pa. fed pheasants in his back yard last winter. One evening, about the time he noticed the birds no longer came to his feeder, he investigated to learn what was causing his dog to bark. Sitting on the lower limbs of an apple tree, just out of reach of the dog, was a fox.

Erie County Game Protector Elmer Simpson picks up the story there and says: "Before the man could obtain a gun the fox evaded the dog and ran under an unoccupied house nearby. This sportsman spends a lot of time hunting foxes, but he hardly expected to find one in town, and in his own back yard."

### Skunk Plays

#### Space Cadet

Game Protector B. A. Drasher thought there was something wrong about the appearance of a skunk that crossed the road

## Military Will Continue Buying Boneless Beef

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — The U. S. Department of Agriculture today received assurance from the Defense Department that the military would continue to March 31 its present program for accelerated purchases of boneless beef from heavy cattle now going to market.

This program is being continued by the Defense Department at the request of the Department of Agriculture. It began in December 1955. The Defense Department is purchasing Choice grades of meat.

The continuation of the program for accelerated purchase of beef of the type involved should be beneficial to the cattle market during the current period of relatively heavy marketings of the better grades of cattle. These marketings have resulted from the large number of cattle that have been on feed.

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ahead of his auto, in Schuylkill County. He reports: "Stopping to investigate my companions and I found the animal had gotten its head caught fast in a glass baby food jar. The 'space helmet' allowed the polecat to see where it was going, but it obviously would prevent eating. A well-aimed stone — thrown from a safe distance — broke the jar and freed the little stinker."

### DEER SHORTAGE?

"During the month of January a total of 111 were killed in the Northeast Division", says William A. Hodge, Wildlife Protection Assistant. He lists the causes of the deaths as follows: — "83 deer killed on highways — 30 males and 53 females; killed by trains, three — all females; by dogs, 12 — five males and seven females; for crop damage, seven — three males and four females; and accidental kills, six — one male and five females."

With the football bowl contests over, the sports fans are eagerly listening for the grapevine from the training camps.

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