

## Official 1956 Open Season and Limits

(Regulations apply for Hunting License Year, Sept. 1, 1956-Aug. 31, 1957)

Open season includes first and last dates listed, Sundays excepted, for game. The opening hour for small game and other wild birds or animals on October 27 will be 9:00 A.M. On other opening days, and otherwise during the season for upland and big game, the shooting hours daily are from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., excepting from July 1 to September 30 inclusive, 6.00 AM. to 7:30 P.M., and the hours for the October archers' deer season, which are 6:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. (All shooting hours based on Eastern Standard Time. The above shooting hours do not apply to migratory game.)

UPLAND GAME (Small game possession limits below)	BAG LIMITS Day Season	OPEN SEASONS First Day-Last Day
Ruffed Grouse	2 8	Oct. 20-Nov. 24
Bobwhite Quail	4 12	Oct. 27-Nov. 24
Wild Turkeys	1 1	Oct. 20-Nov. 21
Ringneck Pheasants, males only	2 8	Oct. 27-Nov. 24
Rabbits, Cottontail	4 20	Oct. 27-Nov. 24
Squirrels, Gray, Black & Fox (com)	6 24	Oct. 20-Nov. 24
Squirrels, Red (closed Oct. 1 to 19 incl.)	Unlimited	All mos. (ex. Oct. 1-19)
Hares (Snowshoe Rabbits)	2 6	Dec. 29-Jan. 5, '57
Raccoons	Unlimited	Unprotected
Woodchucks (Groundhogs)	Unlimited	Unprotected
Grackles	Unlimited	Unprotected
Bears, over one yr old, by individual	1 1	Nov. 26-Dec. 1
Bears, as above, by hunting party of three or more	2 2	Nov. 26-Dec. 1
Deer <b>Bow and Arrow Season</b> — Male with two or more points to one antler. Provided, a male deer with an antler three or more inches long without points, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life, shall be considered legal (requires hunting license and Special Archery License), combined by individual	(only one deer for seasons)	Oct 1-Oct 19
Deer <b>Regular Season</b> — Male with or more points to one antler. Provided, a male deer with an antler three or more inches long without points, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life, shall be considered legal, by individual	1 1	Dec 3-Dec 15

**NO OPEN SEASON**—Hungarian Partridges, Hen Pheasants, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Cub Bears, Elk, Antlerless Deer, including Spike Bucks with antlers less than three inches long, and Otters.

### FURBEARERS:

Skunks and Opossums	Unlimited	Unprotected
Minks	Unlimited	De 1-Ja 15, '57
Muskrats (traps only)	Unlimited	De 1-Ja. 15, '57
Beavers (traps only) state-wide	4 4	Feb. 14-Mar. 11, '57

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS

**POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION LIMITS** of legally-killed small game shall mean not more than the daily limit for the first day nor more than an accumulated total for each succeeding day of the open season for each species, but not in excess of the season limit, regardless of where held, stored or found in possession.

**DEER**—Even though there are two separate seasons for taking deer, a hunter may not kill more than one deer during the two combined 1956 seasons, whether hunting individually or with a camp or hunting party. A Special Archery License is required during Bow and Arrow Season, issued only by the Department of Revenue, Harrisburg, at a fee of \$2.00. See Digest issued with hunting license for details.

**BEAVERS**—No trapping at Commission-posted dams. Nonresidents may not trap beavers. One person may set, tend or operate 10 traps only. Traps must not be set on the structure of any beaver dam or house, or within 25 feet of the waterline on the structure of either thereof. Tags must be kept above ice or waterline to facilitate identification without disturbing traps. Pelts must be tagged within 10 days after season, and may not be sold or otherwise disposed of until properly tagged. Present them to the Game Protector in District or County where trapped.

**TRAPPING**—Traps for furbearers not to be placed, staked or set before 7:00 A.M. on the first day of the open seasons. The season indicated for Trapping closes at 12:00 o'clock Noon on last day. Traps must be tagged with metal name tags.

**SNARES**—The use of snares is prohibited in all counties except by special permit.

The Commission would like to further study the results of the effects of last year's antlerless deer season and the winter kill before authorizing another antlerless season.

The Commission also believes that if the deer herd increases as it is likely to do this year the logical approach then would be to have an antlerless deer season in 1957, with sufficient antlerless deer licenses available for everyone who wants to hunt these animals. Of course, even with the contemplated increase in antlerless deer licenses in 1957 such licenses would be assigned to those counties in numbers in relation to the number of deer that should be harvested.

### FURBEARERS

The mink and muskrat season will run concurrently, December 1, 1956, to January 15, 1957. These furbearers may be taken

in unlimited numbers. Skunks and opossums remain unprotected and may be taken in unlimited numbers.

Beavers may be trapped, state-wide, February 14 to March 11, 1957. The daily limit is 4, the season limit is 4.

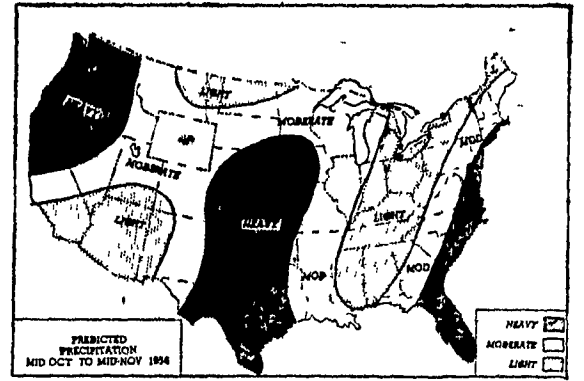
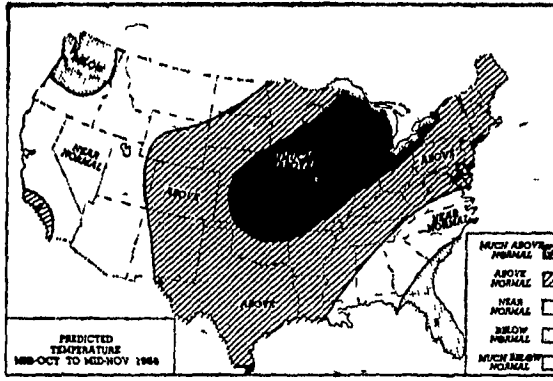
All hunting and trapping dates given above are inclusive, except that the last day of each trapping season terminates at noon.

Hunters and trappers are urged to study the information on their 1956 hunting licenses, also to consult the leaflet issued with each license for additional details.

### Migratory Waterfowl

Migratory waterfowl seasons will be announced later, after being established by the federal government.

### Closed Seasons



The Weather Bureau's 30-day outlook for the period from mid-October to mid-November calls for temperatures to average above seasonal normals over most of the nation east of the Continental Divide, except for near to below normal in the Southeast. Temperatures not far from normal are anticipated west of the Divide. Precipitation is predicted to exceed nor-


mal along the Atlantic Seaboard and also in the Pacific Northwest. Rainfall equal to or greater than normal amounts is expected to be of some help in the drought-stricken Central and Southern Plains. Sub-normal rainfall is indicated over the Southwest and also between the Appalachians and the Mississippi. In areas not specified, near normal amounts are in prospect.

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