

Deer Populations Surveyed

As a service to sportsmen, especially those who hunt deer in the vicinity of Pennsylvania's nearly two million acres of State Forest lands, the Department of Forests and Waters this year conducted a survey to determine the deer population on lands under its jurisdiction.

The district foresters throughout the state were contacted to ascertain areas of State Forest land where deer concentrations were heaviest. This effort to advise hunters of areas of heavy deer concentration has two basic purposes.

By directing hunters to areas where the deer concentration is excessive, reduction of the herd will stabilize it at a size the available food supply will support over the winter.

This action will also aid in preventing heavy mortality among the deer herd, during the coming winter, from starvation.

The department is also interested in maintaining the deer herd on State Forest lands at a level that will minimize the danger of over browsing and to

prevent excessive damage to adjoining farmlands.

As reported by the district foresters, the following areas of heavy deer concentration should offer better than average opportunities for the hunters.

NORTHERN COUNTIES — District Forester Robert P. Lewis, Coudersport, reports a high deer population throughout the southern half of Potter County with the highest concentrations of deer in the upper Prouty Run-Nelson Run area, the Cross Fork-Ole Bull area, between Cherry Springs and Lyman Run, and in the Keating Summit area.

District Forester George M. Geiman, Wellshoro, reports a heavy deer population in southern Tioga County, especially in Wad, Elk, Morris and Gaines Twp.; and in Armenia Twp., Bradford County.

Heavy deer concentrations near recent timber cutting operations are reported by District Forester Paul B. Younkin, Emporium.

CENTRAL COUNTIES — Large deer concentrations are reported near timber cutting operations by District Forester John W. Wilson, Clearfield. The deer population is highest in northern Clearfield County, particularly northern Covington Twp., eastern Union Twp. northwestern Huston Twp., northern Lawrence Twp., and in southern Rush Twp., Centre County.

District Forester Jack E. Paulhamus, Renovo, reports a high population throughout all of northern Clinton County.

From Williamsport, District Forester Francis X. Kennedy reports heavy deer concentra-

tions in eastern Lycoming County, McIntyre and Cascade Twp. and in western Lycoming County in Watson, Cummings, McHenry and Pine Twp.

Robert Coy, District Forester at Bloomburg, in his Sullivan County report, indicated there is an ample supply of deer. The highest concentrations can be found in Fox, Forks, Shrewsbury and western Elkland Twp.

SOUTH - CENTRAL COUNTIES — District Forester Ralph L. Schmidt, Huntingdon, reports an increase in the herd size in northern Huntingdon County. Deer appear to be in good condition.

The Mifflinburg District Forester, Lamar F. Hawn, reports two areas of high concentration: one in Spruce Run, Union County; and the other in New Lancaster Valley, Mifflin County.

Walter D. Ludwig, Jr., District Forester at Blain, observed the presence of a high doe population in the mountainous section of western Perry County and in the Licking Creek Valley which is located south of the Juniata River, between Mt. Union and Mifflintown.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES — Little change from last year in the deer herd size or condition is reported by District Forester George R. Winning, of McConnellsburg. Winning's district includes Bedford and Fulton counties.

An increase in the herd size in his area was reported by District Forester Richard R. Thorpe, Fayetteville, R. D. 2. Thorpe said this situation is particularly prominent in the Cumberland County section, near Pine Grove Furnace.

Jay Irwin Reports On Ag. Records Program

The Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension Service has developed a successful Agricultural Records Program which is proving to be an effective tool in increasing farm income according to Jay Irwin, Associate County Agent.

"The system is designed for use by any farmer and is truly a modern electronic record-keeping program that is easy to learn, inexpensive, flexible, and confidential," Irwin said.

Many of the features offered by the program include:

1. A periodic cash flow or receipts and expenses which is very valuable for planning and obtaining credit.

2. A complete and accurate printed copy of the depreciation schedule ready for mailing with the tax return. This saves time and costly errors.

3. An itemized summary of farm income and expenses for simplified income tax planning and reporting.

4. A farm business analysis report which provides a net worth statement for borrowing money and efficiency factors to assist

MEAT IMPORTS CONTINUE AT A HIGH LEVEL

Imports of red meat totaled 1,353 million pounds during the first 8 months of 1968. About 70 percent of this was beef and veal, and represented a 17 percent increase over the first 8 months of 1967. In August of 1968, 153 million pounds of beef and veal were imported — this amount is nearly a tenth of the size of our domestic slaughter for that month.

Fourth-quarter imports are expected to be about 11 percent above those of the same period in 1967. Even though imports are near the quota, it is not expected that the quota will be reached. Countries which export meat to the U. S. appear to be making a special effort to restrain shipments so as not to invoke the quota.

in finding weak points in the farm business.

The farmer of tomorrow will be using electronic computers to do his recordkeeping and farm analysis. For further details on the Pennsylvania Agricultural Records Program, contact the Agricultural Extension Service, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pa. 17601.



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