

Buck Season To Open Sept. 27 to Oct. 17

Highlights in the tentative 1952 hunting regulations set last weekend by the game commission include a September 27 to October 17 buck deer season followed by a three-day hunter's choice deer season for hunters with unsued tags, a November 1 to 20 general elk season, and a pheasant season opening October 24 and ending November 2 in western Oregon and ending November 9 in eastern Oregon.

The hunter's choice season for one deer of either sex is aimed at cropping deer from agricultural areas and problem ranges where a browse shortage threatens heavy winter losses. The dates are October 18, 19, and 20.

In western Oregon the hunter's choice season would be outside national forest exterior boundaries and within one mile of established cultivated agricultural lands, thus offering protection to non-problem deer on the higher ranges.

With the exception of Hood River valley and White River valley (Wasco county), the hunter's choice area in eastern Oregon lies east of the Dalles-California highway north to Redmond and east of the Jefferson, Wasco, and Gilliam county lines. The greater part of central and southeastern Oregon are included in the either-sex area, but Malheur county south of highway 20; all of Umatilla national forest; portions of Ochoco, Wallowa, Whitman, and

Deschutes national forests; the Newberry crater area near Bend; and the high desert between Millican and Wagon tire mountain are excluded from the proposed hunter's choice season.

One special deer season of 300 permits would be held in the Newbridge area of Baker county. A total of 1200 permits would be available for antelope hunters in the same three areas opened last year.

The special hunts allowing an extra deer or an antelope would be on a drawing basis. Hunters who received tags last year for an antelope or an extra deer will not be eligible to have their name included in this year's drawing.

A special elk season in the Troy area (Wallowa county) and a late November season in Umatilla county near Walla Walla would be held on a free permit basis, the hunter using his regular elk tag. Two hundred free permits allowing one elk of either sex would be issued for these hunts.

Eastern Oregon bull elk boundaries for the general elk season would be nearly identical to those specified last year, and in the either-sex-elk area the season would be extended to December 21 along the west side of Baker valley.

Archers would have the same archery areas for elk and deer as offered last year plus a deer archery season on the Hart mountain antelope refuge.

There would be no liberal pheasant bag and limit for Malheur county where census work by game agents has shown a decline in the pheasant population. The eastern Oregon pheasant bag would be 3 cocks per day and 12 during the entire season, and the western Oregon pheasant bag 2 cocks per day and not over 4 during the entire season. The popular teen-age pheasant hunt on the Wilson wildlife management area near Corvallis would be repeated.

Mountain quail would be hunted for the first time in years and would be included in the regular quail bag, quail season coinciding with the pheasant season.

Another Hungarian partridge hunt would be opened in northeastern Oregon, and sage hen would be hunted in Malheur, Harney, and part of Lake county on dates corresponding with the antelope hunt in that area. The blue and ruffed grouse season in western Oregon would fall during deer season.

Trapping regulations will be similar to last year's with another beaver season and a reduction in cost of beaver tags from \$2.00 to \$1.00. Public shooting grounds, gun regulations, and tagging regulations would be the same.

National Farm Safety Week to Be Held July 20-26

Governor Douglas McKay today called the attention of Oregon farmers and farm workers to the observance of National Farm Safety Week, July 20-26.

"The immediate purpose," he said, "is to arouse interest and participation in the farm accident problem. We need concentrated action to correct the conditions that are causing accidents to Oregon farmers."

"The success of such a national program will depend largely upon the local cooperation supporting the activities as outlined by the National Safety Council and its co-sponsors. All concerned must contribute—farm organizations—state agencies and the individual farmer alike. This spirit of cooperation is the key to the prevention of accidents on our more than 59,000 Oregon farms."

"I urge you to join in this movement of accepting and practicing the theme for the week—ADOPT RIGHT ATTITUDES. THINK SAFETY—ACT SAFELY."

The Accident Prevention Division of the State Industrial Accident Commission in emphasizing Farm Safety Week has also announced that the farm accident record for 1951 was slightly higher than for 1950, with 2,252 accidents reported by agricultural firms covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Of this total number 1,508 were time loss accidents, 649 no time loss, 92 occupational disease and 3 fatalities. Two of the fatalities occurred to fruit pickers, one to a tractor operator. These figures indicate a very high accident rate since they represent only one out of five farms in Oregon, the Commission stated.

The Commission also stated that the occupations in which occurred the greater number of accidents in the agricultural industry were as follows: general farm hand, 59 per cent; fruit picker, 13 per cent; carpenter, 3 per cent; tree pruner, 2 per cent; and tractor operator, 1 per cent.

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One of the major problems in accident prevention on Oregon farms is the matter of properly safeguarded machinery and equipment, the Commission revealed. Farmers of Oregon enjoy a very low Workmen's Compensation Insurance rate at present, and the State Industrial Accident Commission is doing everything within its power to keep this cost down. Reduction in rates can be maintained only by an active accident awareness. The Commission urges all farm operators and workers to make use of safety devices on their new machines and further to safeguard the older equipment and installations with home made guard panels or barricades.

By implementing the machine guarding program with the theme of National Farm Safety Week—"ADOPT RIGHT ATTITUDES; THINK SAFETY—ACT SAFELY"—the farm accident toll can be reduced, the Commission stated.

Poultry Meat Use Shows Increase In Recent Years

Although the use of poultry meat is increasing five times faster than that of red meat, there is still lots of room to step up poultry meat consumption before it is a serious threat to the livestock meat industry, a visiting speaker said during the recent annual meeting of the Oregon Baby Chick association at Oregon State college.

The speaker, Fred Hunt, Seattle, manager of the Washington Cooperative Farmers association poultry

department, said national per capita consumption of red meat, meanwhile, stands at 138 pounds.

To succeed Frank Erickson, Hillsboro, as president the hatcherymen chose Conrad Burmester, Portland. New vice-president is John White, Klamath Falls. John Kirk, St. Paul, succeeds C. L. Lamont, Eugene, as a director and W. H. Schwelder, Portland, was reelected to the board.

The Oregon Poultry Improvement association which held its annual meeting the following day named Kirk to its top office. He succeeds P. A. Gent, Eugene. New board members are Jake Hoeft, Grants Pass; Marlow Jenks, Tangnet; and Lloyd A. Lee, Salem. Directors whose terms expired were White; Leo Farr, Clackamas; and George Gilmore, Junction City.

Earl Reitsma, state department of agriculture poultry improvement program supervisor, reported that there were 10 pullorum outbreaks in Oregon during the past 12 months. Out of 551,390 birds in 966 flocks tested, he said the percentage of reactors was .107 percent, a slight increase as compared with a year ago.

Breed participation honors went to the New Hampshires by a wide margin with more than 300,000 included in the program. White leg-

horns ranked second with 91,000. Participation included 66 hatcheries with a total capacity of almost 4,000,000 chicks.

Noel Bennion, OSC extension poultry specialist, was reelected secretary-treasurer of both the poultry improvement and the baby chick association.



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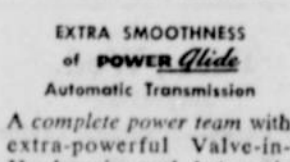
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