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SAVE THE DOES.

During the Coming Hunting Season Kill Only
Full-Grown Bucks.

Washington, D. C. The open season for deer is now at hand in many parts of the country and in 15 States the law allows both bucks and does to be killed. In the other States does are protected at all seasons. The United States Department of Agriculture strongly urges that these 15 States should make 1917 a close season on does. It points out that about 10,000,000 pounds of venison are produced in a year.

Since the does as a rule average less in weight than bucks of the same age, killing a doe instead of a buck usually means considerably less meat. Furthermore the department points out that the supply of deer will not increase if the breeding stock is killed off. The rapidity with which deer increase when does are protected is shown by the experience in Vermont, Pennsylvania, and other States, and a doe spared this fall means one more ^{fawn} as well as one more doe next spring.

Make Every Deer Count.

Several recommendations are made by the department as follows:-

Do not kill a spike buck or doe when you can obtain a full-grown buck.

Do not kill deer when weather conditions or difficulties of transportation prevent saving the meat.

Save every pound of meat.

Save the skin and the head also if the antlers are in good condition.

Do not shoot deer at night, or in the water, or unless you can clearly see that the animal aimed at is a full-grown buck. Failure to observe this rule usually results in a violation of the game laws and often in the loss of human life.

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