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GAME LAWS FOR 1920.
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The total number of game laws enacted in 1920 probably will not exceed 60, which is about normal for "even" years, when only a few States hold legislative sessions. In the laws enacted further progress was made along the line of harmonizing State legislation with the migratory bird treaty act regulations.

The most important changes affecting big game were in New York and Quebec. New York reenacted the buck law and limited the hunter to one buck a season. The deer season was also modified in several localities. In Quebec the season was shortened 19 days on deer and bull moose, except in four counties and 50 days on caribou.

Legislation of far-reaching importance looking to the preservation of quail and other upland game birds included an act of Congress, approved December 18, 1919, prohibiting the sale of upland game birds in the District of Columbia and an act in Maryland prohibiting the sale of quail, ruffed grouse, introduced pheasant and wild turkey in that State.

For the convenient use of sportsmen and others the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture has compiled information resulting from game legislation and this has been published as Farmers' Bulletin 1138. This contains a summary of Federal, State, and Provincial game laws for 1920; a summary of laws relating to seasons, licenses, limits, sale and export; disposition of game raised in captivity; the text of the Lacey Act regulating interstate commerce in game, and of the tariff act prohibiting importation of plumage; the law protecting birds and their eggs on Federal bird reservations; the regulation regarding hunting on national forests; the treaty for the protection of migratory birds; the migratory bird treaty act and the Federal and Canadian regulations; text of order of Secretary of Agriculture permitting the killing of reedbirds; a list of officials from whom copies of game laws may be obtained; and a list of the publications of the Department of Agriculture relating to game. Farmers' Bulletin 1138 may be had upon request of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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