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SURPLUS BIG GAME  
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The Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has called for bids on 170 surplus animals on big-game preserves administered by the Bureau in Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Animals to be disposed of are buffalo, elk, and a few whitetailed and mule deer. Mule deer, say biologists, are suitable only for regions west of the Mississippi River.

Animals less than two years of age will be sold only for breeding and exhibition, but some of the older buffalo and elk may be disposed of for meat. Those not sold under the bureau's invitation can be obtained, at cost of handling and transportation, by State or municipal parks, zoos, or game preserves making special arrangements with the Survey.

Surpluses on the big-game preserves, the bureau explains, are disposed of annually to prevent overgrazing of the ranges. Under protection the animals have increased in numbers and some must therefore be disposed of, because overgrazing, if not avoided, would result in malnutrition and suffering among the animals.