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WINTER FEEDING PLANNED
FOR RELIEF OF WILDLIFE

Wildlife in the United States is already feeling the backlash of the severe drought which cost farmers and livestock raisers millions of dollars during the summer, but the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will be prepared to go a long way toward alleviating starvation among the wild creatures, officials said today.

Through cooperation of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Biological Survey will have approximately 10,000 bushels of grain for feeding this winter. This grain, obtained from the samples that are taken from commercial lots of grain for the purposes of the Federal supervision of grain inspection, will be made available at widely separated points throughout the country and will be turned over to the field men of the Bureau for distribution to feeding grounds. The only cost to the Bureau in feeding the grain will be the expense of distribution. The field offices of Federal Grain Supervision are turning over free of charge the samples of grain collected at the various Supervision offices.

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Local Feeding Campaigns Advocated

The drought, which has been piling up the rainfall and snowfall deficiency during the past four years, has left a serious dearth of foodstuffs for animal and bird life, and in addition to distributing the Federal grain as widely as possible, the Biological Survey is appealing to friends of wildlife to organize winter-feeding campaigns.

"In the time of stress that will come with winter this year, every possible agency should cooperate to prevent the wildlife losses that are threatened by a shortage of food. Communities should organize now for their winter feeding and should lay plans in cooperation with the neighboring farmers. While recognizing that such community campaigns must be carried out under local or State auspices, the Biological Survey is eager to assist by furnishing any needed information on methods."

Specialists of the Bureau have studied the practices found successful, and these have been described in an illustrated publication entitled "Winter Feeding of Wildlife on Northern Farms" (Miscellaneous Publication No. 159). Copies may be obtained at 5 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.