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SURPLUS BIG GAME
OFFERED FOR SALE

Bids on 49 buffalo, 17 elk, and 25 mule deer have just been asked for by the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture. These animals are surplus in the herds on big-game preserves administered by the Bureau in Montana, Nebraska, and North Dakota. Mule deer, the biologists, say are suitable only for regions west of the Mississippi.

Animals less than two years old will be sold only for breeding and exhibition, but some of the older buffalo and elk may be sold 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, which would result in malnutrition and suffering among the animals.

Owing to drought and range conditions last year heavy disposals were made at most of the preserves. More favorable conditions have prevailed this season, and ranges are capable of carrying all the animals without danger to either the animals or the range. Therefore the Bureau has fixed minimum prices for these surplus animals as follows: \$50 each for mature buffalo, and \$40 each for buffalo under 2 years of age; \$40 each for mature elk, and \$35 each for elk under 2 years of age; and \$30 each for mule deer.

Bids will be opened in Room 4519, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., at 2 p.m., October 21, 1935. They should be addressed to the Chief, Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, and marked "Bid on Big-game Animals, to be opened October 21, 1935."