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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT REPORTS CHANGES IN MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

Changes in the basic hunting regulations for ducks, geese, doves, and other migratory game birds were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

The most significant change concerns the type of area over which migratory game birds, other than waterfowl, may be hunted.

The previous regulation permitted the taking of all species of migratory game birds over lands where grains or other feed had been scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting.

The new regulation will permit the taking of all migratory game birds, except waterfowl, over lands where any type of valid agricultural operation is carried on.

This will permit the hunting of doves and certain other migratory game birds over areas where food is available as the result of valid agricultural operations such as livestock feeding, weed control, soil improvement, and the handling of nurse or cover crops. Hunting previously was prohibited over these areas.

This amendment does not change the waterfowl hunting regulations in any way.

Another change in the regulations requires that one fully feathered wing must remain attached on all dressed migratory game birds taken in the United States or imported from other countries, until the hunter reaches his personal abode or a commercial preservation facility in this country. Migratory birds can be positively identified by their wing feathers and requiring a fully feathered wing will permit ready field identification of species.

The third amendment to the regulations will permit the taking of migratory game birds by the sport of falconry. The use of birds of prey to take migratory game birds has been prohibited in the past.

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