

Respondents also mention that their gun choice sometimes depends on a particular personal preference which may be based on a physical impairment such as sight...

"I'm blind on the right side  
and to me a bolt is very  
clumsy on the left side -  
a lever is better for me."

...or a special concern such as safety and misfiring...

"I have a Savage 99 I bought  
in 1950-51 and I've shot 5  
boxes of shells a year and  
it's never misfired. You  
can't do better than that."

...or a particular feel or style of hunting...

"I shoot a lever action for  
a totally different reason.  
I like the hammer and I can  
tell right away it is off.  
It's a personal preference  
with me."

"A model 88 has a 2½ inch  
spread which takes the gun  
off the game every time you  
crank it whereas a good hunter  
who shoots with a bolt won't  
take it off the game."

"A lever action lends itself  
to hunting on a horse whereas  
with a bolt it's harder to do."

"It depends which type you are  
more familiar with."

"To me its all subjective -  
personal preference. I just  
like using a bolt action better."