

	March 8, 1956 <u>Schedule</u> (12 gauge)	January 3, 1956 <u>Schedule</u> (12 gauge)
December, 1955	0	200
January, 1956	108 actual	1,680
February, 1956	2,543 actual	3,500
March, 1956	<u>6,300</u> (300 per day)	<u>7,350</u>
	8,951	12,730

One of the major problems encountered concerned the shooting jacks used for functional testing. This has required and is still requiring considerable attention both from the Plant and from Research and Development.

Because of the assistance which it has been necessary for Research and Development to give the Plant on 12 gauge guns, the schedule for completion of design and introduction of the 16 and 20 gauge guns has been delayed two months. There is some question whether announcement of these guns late in the fall will be advisable, and some consideration may be given to withholding announcement until the end of the year. In addition, J. B. Maupin pointed out that introduction of 16 and 20 gauges in the plant would necessarily interfere with production of 12 gauge guns. If, as now appears likely, orders for 12 gauge guns exceed the forecast, it may be advisable to produce as many of these guns as possible in 1956 without interrupting production to introduce the 16 and 20 gauges.

It was agreed that completion of the designs and acquisition of the necessary tooling should proceed in accordance with the Development Schedule, with the understanding that the relationship between deliveries and orders would be reviewed at the next meeting to determine the advisability of delaying introduction of the 16 and 20 gauge models until December, 1956.

A Grade

In spite of the decision to defer introduction of an A grade gun previously recommended by the Operations Committee, it was felt that an approved A grade should be available for introduction when needed. Research and Development will therefore submit a sample of the present gun in A grade for Management Staff approval.