

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 1100, 20 GAUGE LIGHTWEIGHT SHOTGUN - contd.

These changes will increase gun weight 1½ ounces. If walnut replaces mahogany, this will be 4 more ounces of weight increase.

Production does not expect a continued supply of African mahogany past 1974. Availability of Honduras and Philippine mahogany is being checked.

Production was asked to investigate the suitability and availability of other species of wood as replacement for African mahogany.

MODEL 3200 SHOTGUN
(Introduction 1973)

Production reported that a summary of the Model 3200 shotgun factory costs and sales value of guns produced through September, 1973 indicates that approximately an \$8000 year-to-date factory margin loss on a cash basis has been experienced.

The used EB machine was delivered and is being installed. It will be tried out by November 16.

Present status of wood for One of 1000 trap guns indicates that these guns can be completed in December (not including 500 Premier guns.) It appears that American wood of this grade is available for no more than 100 guns per month. The 2000 guns (500 Premier Trap; 1000 - One of 1000 Skeet, and 500 Premier Skeet) remaining to be produced probably could be completed in August, 1975.

No available supply of "Presentation Grade" European grown walnut has been located.

The new Premier roll mark has been received and is being tried. Production of Premier guns will start after decision is made on allocation of available American walnut or source of suitable European walnut is established.

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