<u>Territory</u>	Most Preferred Safety		
Iowa, Mo., N.D., S.D., Kan., Nebr. Texas, Ckla.	Sliding Catch Cross bolt-front of	26.3%	
Mont., Idaho, Wyo., Colo.	trigger guard Cross bolt-rear of	31.5%	
Ariz., N.M., Utah, Nev.	trigger guard Cross bolt-front of	25.8%	
Wash., Calif., Ore.	trigger guard Cross bolt-front of trigger guard	24.7%	

The sliding catch safety received the preference vote of sportsmen of almost all age groups. An analysis of returns showing the standings of the three most favored safeties by age groups of respondents follows:

	Percent Preference					
Age Group	Sliding Catch	Crcss Bolt Front of Trigger	Cross Bolt Rear of Trigger	<u>Others</u>		
10-14 yrs. 15-19 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59 60-64 65-59 70-74	17.5 26.1 21.0 29.8 26.3 29.1 23.9 28.6 32.2 30.8 26.5 36.0 30.7	15.8 18.9 19.3 28.7 20.6 23.2 25.4 26.1 19.2 28.6 17.9 24.1 23.1	10.0 11.1 27.4 16.0 25.1 22.3 24.4 25.0 28.1 18.6 23.2 27.6 30.7	56.7 43.9 32.3 25.5 28.0 26.4 26.3 20.3 20.5 22.0 30.4 10.3 15.5		

Sportsmen of all four "ratings" prefer the sliding catch safety over other types. Its popularity is greatest with the infrequent shooter and progressively less as more interested groups are considered:

	Percent Preference			
	Sliding Catch	Cross Bolt Front of Trigger	Cross Bolt Rear of Trigger	Others
"Gun nuts" Regular shooters Cocasional shooters Infrequent shooters	24.3 27.0 29.9 31.0	20.6 24.6 24.4 9.3	21.2 21.3 21.3 13.2	33.9 27.1 24.4 46.5

And finally -

left handed shooters prefer the sliding catch. The scuthpaws are quite veciferous in the matter of rifle sareties as evidenced by a number of letters claiming that they have