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### BRIDGE GRAFTING RECOMMENDED TO SAVE GIRDLED FRUIT TREES

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Orchardists should at once bridge graft fruit trees girdled by field mice, pine mice, or rabbits, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommended today after receiving a report from Michigan that orchardists in some sections have experienced the worst damage of this sort in years. Bridge grafting, a simple and comparatively inexpensive operation, is explained in Farmers' Bulletin No. 1369-F, obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., at 5 cents a copy.

Field mice and pine mice, says the Bureau of Biological Survey, have been comparatively scarce in most fruit-growing regions for the last several winters. Under such conditions, if orchardists neglect preventive measures, the mice usually increase to dangerous numbers in two or three seasons and severe damage often results before the presence of the rodents is suspected. Pine-mouse injury is usually under ground. For details on control measures the bureau refers orchardists to Farmers' Bulletin No. 1397-F, Mouse Control in Field and Orchard, also obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents at 5 cents a copy.

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