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WARN ORCHARDISTS OF MOUSE DAMAGE
TO TREES IN SNOW-COVERED REGIONS

Damage to orchards by short-tailed field mice is foreseen as a possible result of the heavy early March snow in the Northern States, according to a statement issued today by the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

It is to be expected, said the bureau officials, that, with the heavy blanket of snow, short-tailed field mice will depend upon bark and roots of trees for food and that, where orchards have not been protected by field-mouse control measures, the fruit trees may be girdled.

Bridge grafting will be necessary to save these trees, the bureau suggests and advises that this is the best time to gather suckers, or whips, from the trees, to be used later for this purpose. Farmers' Bulletin 1369, Bridge Grafting, may be obtained free on request from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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