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SILVER FOX FARMING BULLETIN  
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Silver foxes are being raised successfully on numerous fox farms throughout the United States and Canada, and the pelts of ranch-raised foxes are being sold in increasing quantities on the fur markets every year. At the close of 1928, silver foxes were being raised on about 3,000 ranches within the United States, according to the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, and the fox ranchers had approximately \$30,000,000 invested in their business.

The need for information on fox-farming led the department to issue a bulletin on the subject a few years ago and the demand for it has required several reprints. This bulletin, "Silver Fox Farming," by Frank G. Ashbrook, in charge of Division of Fur Resources of the Biological Survey, presents the information usually called for on the management, feeding, and breeding of silver foxes in captivity.

The real facts concerning the business are stated, showing the results that are possible under good management as compared with many erroneous statements that were made by unscrupulous promoters in the earlier history of the industry. How to choose a site and lay out a fox ranch; how to select stock and feed it properly; and how to breed for the best strains are the major matters discussed in the bulletin. Emphasis is placed on quality production and on the qualifications of a good fur farmer, as well as on sanitation, both as regards housing the foxes and preventing the introduction of diseases and parasites. Many diagrams, pictures, feeding tabulations, and formulas for special foods are also included.

The supply of the bulletin for free distribution is now exhausted, but copies can be had for 15 cents by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., and ordering Department Bulletin 1151-D, "Silver Fox Farming." This information is supplied by the Biological Survey in view of the continuing demand for the bulletin and the fact that the printing fund of Department of Agriculture is at present insufficient to meet all demands for free publications.

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