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NEW WOODCHUCK FILM
SHOWS CONTROL METHODS

"The Eastern Woodchuck and Its Control" is the title of a two-reel motion picture just released by the United States Department of Agriculture. It shows the nature of the damage done by woodchucks, or groundhogs, to alfalfa fields, fruit trees, and garden crops, and also the various methods of control that have been worked out by the Bureau of Biological Survey, including the use of calcium cyanide and of carbon disulphide.

Formerly many farm boys hunted this rodent so persistently for sport or for the bounty paid that hardly a one was alive to look for his shadow on "groundhog day," but now they seem to have forsaken the gun for the automobile and its opportunities for recreation and enjoyment, to the neglect of the woodchuck. At any rate, the woodchuck has increased in numbers so rapidly in recent years that it has actually become a menace to cultivated crops in many of the Northeastern States.

The Biological Survey has met this situation by intensive studies of methods of control and has so far solved the problem that the farmer may keep the numbers of woodchucks reduced, especially in and near cultivated fields, with but little labor and at a comparatively low cost.

The new picture on the control of the woodchuck is of special interest to farmers in the Eastern States, and may be borrowed without charge from the Office of Motion Pictures, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The borrower is required to pay transportation charges both ways.

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