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Prepare for Rat War, Farmers are Advised

War will be declared next November--on rats. Farmers should prepare for the fight now. That's the advice given by rodent-control experts of the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of the Interior.

During the summer rats scatter throughout the farm, the experts point out. Empty storage houses and corn cribs are relatively free of rodents. Farmers and others who store corn and grains for winter use can keep rat populations and storage losses at a minimum by taking the following precautions:

Clean and rat-proof all storage houses and corn cribs now, before the bins are filled.

Remove all trash that may be around barns, for these are places where rats often hide.