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The Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior estimated today that three times as many domestic rabbits will be produced this year as in the year before the war.

More than 12,000,000 pounds of rabbit will be produced in 1944, according to Frank Ashbrook, in charge of the Service's Fur Resources Section.

The chief obstacle to further large increases in rabbit production is lack of prepared feed, but it was pointed out, while rabbits grow faster when fed with a scientifically balanced ration, it is feasible to feed them with various whole grains and green feed such as lawn clippings or carrot tops.

Representatives of the Service are now conducting short courses in rabbit raising in cooperation with State extension services. Such courses have been given recently in more than 30 states.