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**RABBITS AS FOOD.**

Industry Comes Into Recognition as  
Factor in Meat Production.

It is only of comparatively recent  
date that the rabbit industry has be-  
come recognized as a real factor in  
the production of meat. The common  
wild rabbit, of course, has proven a  
source of food for time immemorial,  
but the fact that there is such an  
industry as commercial rabbit rais-  
ing is not even now so generally  
known as it should be. Not only is  
rabbit raising profitable from the  
standpoint of producing meat, but  
fur as well. In Europe raising rab-  
bits for their fur is an industry of  
long standing.

Rabbits are divided into three  
classes—commercial rabbits, such as  
the Belgian hare, Flemish giant, New  
Zealand red, etc.; rabbits, such as  
the Angora, Dutch, Himalayan, Pol-  
ish giant, etc., and wild rabbits,  
meaning the common jackrabbit and  
the hare, which do not thrive in cap-  
tivity.

Commercial rabbits should be  
raised for meat production. While  
they are larger than ordinary rab-  
bits, breeders say they consume no  
more food than the smaller rabbits.  
However, the cost of feed for rabbits  
is slight, and rabbit meat can be pro-  
duced for less actual outlay of money  
than any other kind of live stock.

During the summer feed bills are  
extremely low, as sufficient green  
food is at hand to reduce grain feed-  
ing to a minimum. Most any kind  
of food is good for rabbits, even to  
hay, clover, grass and vegetable  
crops.

As in the chicken business, your  
selection of the breed to raise should  
depend largely on your personal  
liking. There are many good breeds  
of rabbits from which to make your  
selection, and rabbit-raisers, like the  
chicken men, figure that one will be  
most successful with the breed one  
likes best.

**Swat Pedigreed-Scrub Hog.**

Thousands of pure-bred scrubs are  
scattered through this country, ac-  
cording to hog extension men of the  
Department of Agriculture, who are  
devoting their efforts to eliminating  
inferior pedigreed animals. This,  
they say, applies to all kinds of live  
stock, but is perhaps more general in  
the hog industry. Pedigrees are  
necessary and valuable to the hog  
breeder, yet the pedigree is the  
means of fooling a lot of farmers,  
particularly those who are about to



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start into the pure-bred hog business  
and who have not had enough ex-  
perience in judging to select animals  
of good standard type. Buyers  
should not be contented simply with  
pure-bred animals, but should see in  
addition that the animals they are  
about to purchase have good quality,  
say the department hog specialists.

**Liming Corrects Acid Soils.**

Lime may be applied at any sea-  
son of the year when its use is con-  
venient. It should be thoroughly  
mixed with the soil as possible. Fall  
application on the furrow, followed  
by one cultivation with a disk or  
spring-tooth harrow, is often the  
best method. On the fallow land it  
may be applied before ploughing, and  
the result will be somewhat improv-  
ed if the land can be disked and the  
furrows set at an angle of from  
thirty to forty degrees.

The ideal method of every acid  
soil is to apply two-thirds of the lime  
before ploughing and one-third on  
the furrow. On soils known to have  
a fair quantity of lime in the sub-  
soil, application after ploughing is  
preferred.

Lime is best applied just ahead of  
a tilled crop, such as corn. It may  
precede oats or wheat, and the add-  
ed tillage is beneficial. Surface ap-  
plication on grass land will give  
some benefit, but not so much as  
where the lime can be more thor-  
oughly incorporated with a shovel.

Application may be made by hand  
with a shovel. This is usually tedi-  
ous and unpleasant work. Where the  
use of some form of lime is an  
established practice, a lime distribu-  
tor will be a useful machine. There  
are several kinds of these on the  
market.

The fertilizer attachment of a  
grain drill will sow the heavier and  
more granular forms of lime. It is  
usually necessary to go over the land  
two or three times in order to get  
on the full application. The effect  
of lime may not be apparent in the  
first year if the crop grown is not  
especially sensitive to an acid soil.

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