

RODENT RATIONS

On September 26, 1936 a White-footed Mouse cache was found in a wooden tool box at the Burgess Spring Experimental Range. The cache was piled under a nest consisting of bits of paper and a large quantity of wooly floss. Then the nest was uncovered 5 bewildered mice fled for more peaceful parts of the range.

Upon analysis it was found that except for the grass seed, the only other seed in sufficient quantities to be weighed was that of *Ceanothus prostratus* and *Pinus ponderosa* and *jeffreyi*.

The mice were evidently very particular in their selection of winter food.

The weights and % by weights are as follows:

	grams	%
Seed other than grass		
<i>Ceanothus prostratus</i>	5.64	4.1
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> & <i>jeffreyi</i>	11.12	8.1
Total	16.76	12.2
Grass seed	120.88	87.8
Total	137.64	100.0