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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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FREEZING THEM OUT

Every kind of weather has its uses. Even a cold wave can be turned to good account not only by ice cutters, but by large milling concerns of the north central states. The Mediterranean flour moth is one of the worst pests of the feed mills. But he doesn't enjoy cold weather, and the easiest way to check his propagation is to freeze him out. A temperature of minus 10 degrees to minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit will kill the moths and larvae too. Consequently when a good stiff cold wave is forecast, a mill has its annual freeze-out. The mill closes down, water pipes are drained, and the building opened up as much as possible. Weather Bureau assistance has proved of great value in planning these shut-downs, especially in open winters.

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