Check and get rid of dead mice every day and reset traps. If using poison, check after 3 days to see if eaten. If not, move to other locations. After 5 days, the mice problem should be under control.

If you still have a problem, you may need to move the baits. Place them where you have seen the mice.

For further information contact your County Extension Agent.


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Mice move in from outdoors. They ruin food and can destroy other items in your home.

You can prevent mice from entering your home. Nail a piece of tin over holes. Repair screen and window openings. Use steel wool or cement to plug cracks. Also plug around pipes or wires entering the home.

Since mice move along the wall, set snap traps so the trigger is nearest the wall.

Set traps in runways no farther than 20 feet apart.

Bait the trap with peanut butter, a raisin or bacon.

Mice poison can be bought from the store. Or you can buy a glue board. Make a safe poison station with a board. Put in the poison and a mouse trap. Make sure children and pets cannot reach the poison.