

## **Rabbit wars (1949)**

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NARRATOR: Public enemy number one, a foe whose battalions are thousands of millions strong, despite unceasing slaughter. Today, as the rabbit menace reaches an all-time high, national leaders, farmers, graziers and local authorities are fighting a vital battle. The prize is Australia's rich and fertile grazing land. It's no use blaming governments, for many land owners seem disinterested in a plague which threatens their livelihood.

Grasslands are laid bare as rabbits destroy vegetation which keeps the soil together and dig winding burrows to warrens below the surface. Millions of acres have been laid waste. Then come the winds. Precious soil is whirled away in dusty clouds.