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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION OF FUR FARMS, CANADA, SEASON 1945-1946

Ottawa, October 4, 1945.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a report on the estimated numbers of silver and new type foxes and standard and new type mink on farms together with estimates of numbers of fox pups raised and foxes to be pelted, mink kittens raised and mink to be pelted in 1945. These estimates are based on a sample survey and are preliminary in nature.

SUMMARY

A sample survey of fur farms in Canada indicates that there will be available for the marketing season of 1945-46 approximately 115,000 standard silver and 53,400 new type fox pelts, and 252,500 standard and 2,700 new type mink pelts. At January 1, 1945 the estimates showed that there were approximately 67,000 standard silver and 29,000 new type foxes on farms in Canada. The number of standard silver fox pups raised is estimated at 120,000 and of new type pups 62,000. The number of standard mink on farms at the beginning of the year is estimated at 126,700 and the number of new type mink at 4,000. Standard mink kittens raised in 1945 are estimated at 297,600 and new type at 12,000.

For the purposes of comparison, the 1944 preliminary estimates are shown alongside those of 1945. The 1944 figures will be revised in the near future when the final report on fur farms for 1944 is published.

Numbers of Foxes and Mink on Farms, Numbers Raised and to be Pelted, 1944 and 1945

	<u>Estimated</u>	
	<u>1944</u> No.	<u>1945</u> No.
<u>F O X E S</u>		
Adult Standard Silver Foxes on all farms at beginning of year:		
Male	17,457	15,023
Female	50,800	52,281
Adult New Type Foxes on all farms at beginning of year:		
Male	8,157	11,790
Female	12,702	17,283
Standard Silver Fox Pups Raised	112,617	120,600
New Type Fox Pups Raised	39,951	61,863
Standard Silver Foxes to be Pelted	106,672	115,325
New Type Foxes to be Pelted	32,372	53,429
<u>M I N K</u>		
Adult Standard Mink on farms at beginning of year:		
Male	23,729	26,636
Female	86,898	100,078
Adult New Type Mink on farms at beginning of year:		
Male	389	1,471
Female	1,103	2,668
Standard Mink Kittens Raised	259,214	297,645
New Type Mink Kittens Raised	3,862	12,168
Standard Mink to be Pelted	228,107	252,532
New Type Mink to be Pelted	936	2,698

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