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THE ANTICIPATED FELT PRODUCTION OF FUR FARMS, CANADA, SEASON 1948-1949

Ottawa October 1, 1948. - An estimate of the number of pelts of silver and new type foxes and of standard and mutation mink which will be available from fur farms in Canada for the season 1948-49 is issued herewith. All the figures given are based on a mailed sample survey of 307 fox farms and 747 mink farms, some of which had both kinds of fur animals.

SUMMARY

The number of foxes and mink estimated to be pelted on fur farms for the marketing season of 1948-49 is as follows,—standard silver fox 66,900, new type fox 48,800, standard mink 388,100 and mutation mink 129,600. This is a decrease of 36% in fox pelts and an increase of 6% in mink pelts from the previous season. There is a marked decrease in the number of adult foxes on farms but a slight increase in the total number of adult mink. The number of fox pups raised decreased by 34% while the number of mink kittens increased by 6%.

The estimates from the sample survey for 1948 are given below along with those for 1947 for purposes of comparison.

Number of Foxes and Mink on Farms, Numbers Raised and to be Pelted, 1947 and 1948.

		Estimated	
FOXES	1947	1948	
Adult Standard Silver Foxes on all farms at beg	inning of year: No.	No.	
	e	7,200	
Adult New Type Foxes on all farms at beginning		29,000	
Male Femal	e	9,200 14,700	
Standard Silver Fox Pups Raised		64,400	
Standard Silver Foxes to be Pelted New Type Foxes to be Pelted		48,800	
MINK			
Adult Standard Mink on farms at beginning of ye	ar:		
Male	e 40,200 162,100	32,700 141,000	
Adult Mutation Mink on farms at beginning of ye			
	e	18,900 51,300	
Standard Mink Kittens Raised	469,300	428,100	
Mutation Mink Kittens Raised	103,700	178,200	
Standard Mink to be Pelted	430,400	388,100	
Mutation Mink to be Pelted	60,000	129,600	



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