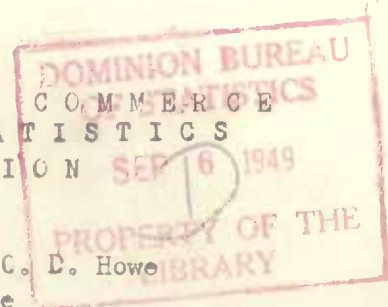


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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION OF FUR FARMS, CANADA, SEASON 1949-1950

Ottawa, September 1, 1949. - The number of pelts of standard silver and new type foxes to be taken from fur farms in Canada for the 1949-50 season is estimated to be 79,900. Standard and mutation mink pelts are estimated to be 521,700. These estimates are based on returns from 242 fox farms and 607 mink farms. Some of the reporting farms had both foxes and mink.

SUMMARY

It is estimated that 53,900 of the foxes to be pelted will be standard silver and 26,000 new type, while in mink there will be 393,700 standard and 128,000 mutations, a decrease of 30.9 per cent in fox pelts but an increase of 0.8 per cent in mink skins from the 1948-49 season. There was a decrease of 34.0 per cent in adult foxes on farms at the beginning of 1949 as compared with January 1, 1948. There was also a decline of 1.1 per cent in adult mink on farms at January 1, 1949.

There was a reduction of 31.4 per cent from the previous year in the fox pups raised in 1949, and also a decrease of 8.6 per cent in the number of mink kits raised.

The estimates are given below together with the 1948 estimates for comparative purposes.

FOXES and MINK: Estimated Numbers on Farms, Raised and to be Pelted, 1948-1949.

		<u>FOXES</u>		1948	1949
On Farms on January 1:	Standard Silver:	Male		7,200	6,300
		Female		29,800	21,700
	New Type:	Male		9,200	4,600
		Female		14,700	7,600
Pups Raised:	Standard Silver:		64,400	53,100	
	New Type:		47,900	23,900	
To be Pelted:	Standard Silver:		66,900	53,900	
	New Type:		48,800	26,000	

MINK

On Farms on January 1:	Standard:	Male	32,700	29,600
		Female	141,000	149,100
	Platinum:	Male	with	14,400
		Female	mutations	29,000
Other Mutations:	Male	18,900	6,300	
	Female	51,300	12,800	
Kits Raised	Standard:		428,100	408,900
	Platinum:			103,400
	Other Mutations:		178,200	42,100
To be Pelted	Standard:		388,100	393,700
	Platinum:			98,400
	Other Mutations:		129,600	29,600

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