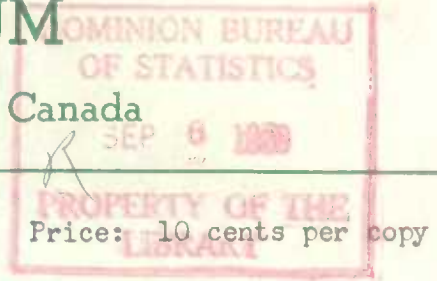


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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION OF FUR FARMS, CANADA, SEASON 1950-51

Ottawa, September 1, 1950: The number of pelts of standard silver and new type foxes to be taken from fur farms in Canada for the 1950-51 season is estimated to be 52,000. Standard and mutation mink pelts are estimated to be 515,500. These estimates are based on a sample return from fox and mink farms.

It is estimated that 38,100 of the foxes to be pelted will be standard silver and 13,900 new type, while in mink there will be 378,100 standard and 137,400 mutations, a decrease of 34.9 per cent in fox pelts and a decrease of 1.2 per cent in mink from the 1949-50 season. The estimates indicate a decrease of 30.3 per cent in adult foxes on farms at the beginning of 1950 as compared with January 1, 1949 and a decline of 4.5 per cent in adult mink. The estimated number of fox pups raised in 1950 is 35.7 per cent less than last year but the number of mink kits increased by 3.3 per cent.

The estimates are given below together with the 1949 estimates for comparative purposes.

FOXES AND MINK: Estimated Numbers on Farms, Raised and to be Felted, 1949 and 1950

<u>FOXES</u>		<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
On Farms on January 1:	Standard Silver:		
	Male	6,300	4,600
	Female	21,700	15,100
	New Type:		
	Male	4,600	2,900
	Female	7,600	5,400
Pups Raised:	Standard Silver:	53,100	36,300
	New Type:	23,900	13,200
To be Felted:	Standard Silver:	53,900	38,100
	New Type:	26,000	13,900

<u>MINK</u>			
On Farms on January 1:	Standard:		
	Male	29,600	30,000
	Female	149,100	137,500
	Silverblu:		
	Male	14,400	10,000
	Female	29,000	26,700
	Other Mutations:		
	Male	6,300	8,000
	Female	12,800	18,100
Kits Raised:	Standard:	408,900	414,100
	Silverblu	103,400	94,500
	Other Mutations:	42,100	64,000
To be Felted:	Standard:	393,700	378,100
	Silverblu:	98,400	86,100
	Other Mutations:	29,600	51,300

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