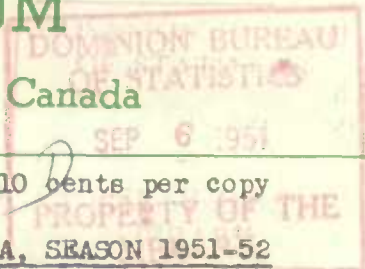


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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION OF FUR FARMS, CANADA, SEASON 1951-52

Ottawa, September 5, 1951: The number of pelts of standard silver and new type foxes to be taken from fur farms in Canada for the 1951-52 season is estimated at 41,800. Standard and mutation mink pelts are estimated to be 526,200. These estimates are based on a sample return from fox and mink farms.

It is estimated that 33,900 of the foxes to be pelted will be standard silver and 7,900 new type, while in mink there will be 375,400 standard, 77,500 silverblu, 55,300 pastel and 18,000 other mutations, a decrease of 19.6 per cent in fox pelts and a increase of 2.1 per cent in mink from the 1950-51 season. The estimates indicate a decrease of 18.9 per cent in adult foxes on farms at the beginning of 1951 as compared with January 1, 1950. Adult mink on farms increased 3.3 per cent during the same period. The estimated number of fox pups raised in 1951 is 20.0 per cent less than last year but the number of mink kits increased by 1.9 per cent.

The estimates, in comparison with the 1950 estimates, are as follows:

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On Farms on January 1:	Standard Silver:	Male 4,600	4,900
		Female 15,100	13,200
	New Type:	Male 2,900	1,700
		Female 5,400	2,900
Pups Raised:	Standard Silver:	36,300	31,800
	New Type:	13,200	7,800
To Be Pelted	Standard Silver:	38,100	33,900
	New Type:	13,900	7,900
 <u>M I N K</u>			
On Farms on January 1:	Standard:	Male 30,000	29,100
		Female 137,500	137,500
	Silverblu:	Male 10,000	8,900
		Female 26,700	28,600
	Pastel:	Male 1/	7,600
		Female 1/	16,600
	Other Mutations:	Male 8,000	2,700
		Female 18,100	7,000
Kits Raised:	Standard:	414,100	404,900
	Silverblu:	94,500	89,500
	Pastel:	1/	65,700
	Other Mutations:	64,000	23,500
To Be Pelted:	Standard:	378,100	375,400
	Silverblu:	86,100	77,500
	Pastel:	1/	55,300
	Other Mutations:	51,300	18,000

1/ Included in Other Mutations.

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