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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION OF FUR FARMS, CANADA

SEASON 1954-55

The forecast of pelt production in Canada ^{1/} from ranch raised fox and mink in the 1954-55 season is 6,800 fox and 758,600 mink pelts. These estimates are derived from a sample return from fur ranchers indicating their intentions at July 1.

It is estimated that 4,400 standard silver and 2,400 new type fox pelts will be taken from fur farm animals this season, a sharp decline from last year's total of about 12,700 pelts.

Indications are for a 12 per cent increase in mink pelts this season, the result of a sharp increase in the number of pastel and other mutations and a moderate increase in silverblu mink pelts. The number of standard mink pelts will be down about 22 per cent from last season. It is expected there will be 257,600 standard, 139,300 silverblu, 204,600 pastel and 94,800 other mutation mink pelts.

F O X E S

			<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>	Standard Silver	Male	1,400	800
		Female	<u>3,700</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	New Type	Male	900	600
		Female	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,200</u>
<u>Pups Raised:</u>	Standard Silver		7,300	4,100
	New Type		<u>4,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>
<u>To be Pelted:</u>	Standard Silver		8,500	4,400
	New Type		<u>4,200</u>	<u>2,400</u>

M I N K

<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>	Standard	Male	25,900	18,900
		Female	<u>115,500</u>	<u>84,900</u>
	Silverblu	Male	19,800	11,000
		Female	<u>52,900</u>	<u>49,600</u>
	Pastel	Male	13,400	16,300
		Female	<u>40,400</u>	<u>60,200</u>
Other Mutations	Male	13,900	10,900	
	Female	<u>26,700</u>	<u>32,300</u>	
<u>Kits Raised:</u>	Standard		321,000	271,800
	Silverblu		116,200	148,000
	Pastel		136,800	226,400
	Other Mutations		<u>79,400</u>	<u>112,400</u>
<u>To be Pelted:</u>	Standard		329,700	257,600
	Silverblu		109,100	139,300
	Pastel		117,100	204,600
	Other Mutations		<u>67,300</u>	<u>94,800</u>

1/ Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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C O R R E C T I O N

Anticipated production of mink pelts should read 696,300 instead of 758,600 as reported in the memorandum 'The Anticipated Pelt Production of Fur Farms, Canada, Season 1954-55' distributed September 22, 1954.

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