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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION ON FUR FARMS, CANADA

SEASON 1955-56

The forecast of pelt production in Canada ^{1/} from ranch-raised fox and mink in the 1955-56 season is 6,200 fox and 784,900 mink pelts. These estimates are based on a sample return from fur ranchers indicating their intentions with regard to peltings for the coming season.

It is estimated that there will be 3,900 standard silver and 2,300 new-type fox pelts from fur-farm animals which is a slight decline from last year's total of 6,800 fox pelts.

Mink peltings indicated will be 13 per cent higher than in the previous season. Standard pelts are expected to be increased by 5 per cent, silverblu by 1 per cent, pastel by 20 per cent, and other mutation mink by 39 per cent. A total of 784,900 mink pelts is forecast.

FOXES

			<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>	Standard Silver	Male	800	850
		Female	2,000	1,900
	New-Type	Male	600	500
		Female	1,200	1,000
<u>Pups Raised:</u>	Standard Silver		4,100	3,600
	New-Type		2,500	2,100
<u>To be Pelted:</u>	Standard Silver		4,400	3,900
	New-Type		2,400	2,300

MINK

<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>	Standard	Male	18,900	19,600
		Female	84,900	87,400
	(Silverblu)	Male	11,000	10,900
		Female	49,600	50,500
	Mutation (Pastel)	Male	16,300	18,700
		Female	60,200	73,600
	(Other)	Male	10,900	14,800
		Female	32,300	46,100
<u>Kits Raised:</u>	Standard		271,800	290,900
	(Silverblu)		148,000	145,100
	Mutation (Pastel)		226,400	271,400
<u>To be Pelted:</u>	(Other)		112,400	157,900
	Standard		257,600	269,500
	(Silverblu)		139,300	140,400
Mutation (Pastel)			204,600	243,400
	(Other)		94,800	131,600

^{1/} Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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