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### THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION ON FUR FARMS, CANADA<sup>1/</sup> SEASON 1956-57

The forecast of pelt production from ranch-raised fox and mink in Canada <sup>1/</sup> during the 1956-57 season is 4,000 fox and 849,000 mink pelts. These estimates are based on a sample survey in which fur farmers report pelting intentions.

Fox peltings, still declining, are expected to consist of 2,000 silver and 2,000 new-type, more than a third below the preliminary estimate of 6,200 in total last year. Indications are that 849,000 mink will be pelted. This is an 8 per cent increase on the preliminary estimate of 784,900 for last season. Standard mink peltings are expected to decrease 3 per cent and silverblu by 22 per cent, while increases of 22 and 39 per cent are expected in the take of pastel and other mutation pelts, respectively.

#### FOXES

		1955	1956
<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>	Standard Silver	Male 850	500
		Female 1,900	1,000
	New-Type	Male 500	500
		Female 1,000	1,000
<u>Pups Raised:</u>	Standard Silver	3,600	1,800
	New-Type	2,100	1,600
<u>To be Pelting:</u>	Standard Silver	3,900	2,000
	New-Type	2,300	2,000
	Total fox pelts	6,200	4,000

#### MINK

<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>	Standard	Male 19,600	17,300	
		Female 87,400	77,100	
	(Silverblu)	Male 10,900	7,600	
		Female 50,500	40,000	
	Mutation (Pastel)	Male 18,700	20,900	
		Female 73,600	85,200	
	(Other)	Male 14,800	18,000	
		Female 46,100	59,900	
	<u>Kits Raised:</u>	Standard	290,900	263,800
		(Silverblu)	145,100	120,900
Mutation (Pastel)		271,400	312,100	
(Other)		157,900	214,000	
<u>To be Pelting:</u>	Standard	269,500	261,700	
	(Silverblu)	140,400	109,400	
	Mutation (Pastel)	243,400	295,700	
	(Other)	131,600	182,200	
	Total mink pelts	784,900	849,000	

<sup>1/</sup> Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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