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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION ON FUR FARMS, CANADA^{1/}
SEASON 1957-58

The pre-season sample survey in which fur farmers report pelting intentions indicates that pelt production from ranch-raised fox and mink during the 1957-58 season will consist of about 1,300 fox and 794,000 mink pelts.

The number of foxes on hand at the beginning of 1957 was drastically reduced to about 43 per cent of holdings a year earlier and peltings are expected to consist of about 800 silver and 500 other mutation types, approximately one-third of last season's peltings.

Mink on farms at the beginning of 1957 slightly exceeded year earlier totals and a very marked shift from standard to mutation mink has occurred. The number of kits raised per female was lower than last year in nearly all provinces and the estimate of total mink peltings indicates a decrease of about 6.5 per cent from last season. The expected take of standard mink pelts at 109,300 is only 42 per cent of the estimate for the previous season but mutation peltings are expected to increase about 17 per cent to 684,700.

			1956	1957
			No.	No.
<u>F O X E S</u>				
<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>	Standard Silver	Male	500	300
		Female	1,000	600
	Other Mutation	Male	500	100
		Female	1,000	300
<u>Pups Raised:</u>	Standard		1,800	1,400
	Other Mutation		1,600	500
	Total Pups Raised		3,400	1,900
<u>To be Pelted:</u>	Standard Silver		2,000	800
	Other Mutation		2,000	500
	Total Fox Pelts		4,000	1,300
<u>M I N K</u>				
<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>	Standard	Male	17,300	7,500
		Female	77,100	41,200
	Mutation	Male	46,500	56,200
		Female	185,100	228,500
<u>Kits Raised:</u>	Standard		263,800	114,600
	Mutation		647,000	733,100
	Total Kits Raised		910,800	847,700
<u>To be Pelted:</u>	Standard		261,700	109,300
	Mutation		584,300	684,700
	Total Mink Pelts		849,000	794,000

^{1/} Exclusive of Newfoundland.

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