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## THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION ON FUR FARMS, CANADA SEASON 1958-59

The pre-season sample survey in which fur farmers report pelting intentions indicates that pelt production from mink during the 1958-59 season will be 962,100 pelts, compared with 938,700 in the 1957-58 season, an increase of 2.5 per cent.

The number of foxes on farms is now so reduced that a mailed questionnaire sample survey cannot be expected to yield reliable data and no estimate has been made of fox peltings for the coming season.

Mink on farms at the beginning of 1958 decreased slightly from year-earlier totals and the shift from standard to mutation mink continues. The number of kits raised in proportion to stock on hand at the beginning of the year was slightly higher than in the previous year and the estimate of total mink kits raised indicates an increase of about 1 per cent from last season. The expected take of standard mink pelts at 120,300 is only 85 per cent of the estimate for the previous season but mutation pelts are expected to increase about 10.6 per cent to 841,800.

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<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>		408,700	402,600
<u>Kits Raised:</u>		997,200	1,059,800
<u>To be Pelted:</u>	Standard	141,000	120,300
	Mutation	797,700	841,800
	<b>Total Mink Pelts</b>	<b>938,700</b>	<b>962,100</b>

1/ Interim revision of 1957 estimate based on final reports for 1957 received to date and including Newfoundland.

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