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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION ON FUR FARMS
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According to pelting intentions reported in a sample survey of fur farms the number of mink to be pelted this winter (1959-1960) will be 1,022,000, about four per cent greater than last year's output of approximately 981,000 mink pelts. Increases are expected in the number of standard, brown, beige and white pelts, but the number of grey and blue pelts will be lower than in 1958. While the number of mink on farms at the beginning of the year was over six per cent greater than in 1958 the estimated number of kits raised increased only four per cent. Prospective peltings are in proportion to the increased crop of mink kits, thus no significant withholding for the further increase of breeding stock is indicated. However, improved prices realized at recent fur auctions may influence withholding for breeding stock.

This is the first forecast in which a detailed colour phase breakdown for mink peltings has been attempted. While past experience with this sample survey shows that forecasts of total mink peltings have generally proved to have a fairly narrow range of error it is to be expected that forecasts by colour phase may be less accurate than the forecast of total peltings. Data for prospective peltings of other fur-bearing animals on farms are not available.

		<u>M I N K</u>		1959 as a % of 1958
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<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>		427,300	454,700	106.4
<u>Kits Raised:</u>		1,025,500	1,069,700	104.3
<u>Peltings:</u>				
Standard (Dark)	123,500	153,700	124.5	
Grey	118,200	68,600	58.0	
Dark Blue	86,300	73,200	84.8	
Light Blue	244,500	237,500	97.1	
Brown	279,600	336,800	120.5	
Beige	59,100	64,100	108.5	
White	69,800	88,100	126.2	
Total Mink Pelts	981,000	1,022,000	104.2	

^{1/} Interim revision of 1958 estimate based on final 1958 reports received to date.

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