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**THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION ON FUR FARMS
CANADA - 1960**

According to pelting intentions reported in a sample survey of fur farms the number of mink to be pelted this fall and winter will be approximately 1,147,000, close to ten per cent greater than the current estimate of last year's output of 1,044,700 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 less than in 1959. While the number of mink on farms at the beginning of the year was nearly nine per cent greater than in 1959 the estimated number of kits raised increased by twelve per cent. According to the survey ranchers plan on retaining somewhat more mink for breeding stock than was the case in 1959.

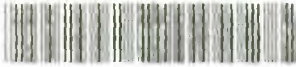
This is the second forecast in which a detailed colour phase breakdown for mink peltings has been attempted. It is to be expected that forecasts by colour phase may be less accurate than forecasts for total peltings. The current estimate of 1,044,700 mink pelts produced in 1959 is about two per cent higher than the advance estimate of 1,022,000 published in November 1959 before pelting commenced. The increase in output of dark, brown, and white pelts was greater than had been forecast while most other colour types fell slightly below the forecast.

	<u>M I N K</u>				1960 as % of 1959 %
	1958 <u>Final</u>	1959 <u>Advance Estimate</u>	1959 <u>Current Estimate</u> ^{1/} -- number --	1960 <u>Advance Estimate</u>	
<u>On Farms, January 1:</u>	428,778	454,700	459,300	499,500	108.8
<u>Kits Raised:</u>	1,013,305	1,069,700	1,084,900	1,215,000	112.0
<u>Peltings:</u>					
Standard (Dark)	123,601	153,700	166,500	224,600	134.9
Grey	116,702	68,600	66,100	49,500	74.9
Dark Blue	85,763	73,200	73,800	70,100	95.0
Light Blue	242,765	237,500	235,400	216,200	91.8
Brown	280,899	336,800	349,000	407,000	116.6
Beige	59,862	64,100	62,500	72,400	115.8
White	73,191	88,100	91,400	107,200	117.3
Total Mink Pelts	982,783	1,022,000	1,044,700	1,147,000	109.8

^{1/} Interim revision of 1959 estimate based on final 1959 reports received to date.

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