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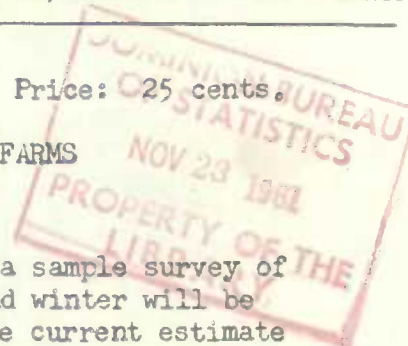
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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION ON FUR FARMS
CANADA - 1961



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 1,254,000, four per cent greater than the current estimate of last year's output of 1,205,000 mink pelts. Increases are expected in the number of blue, brown and beige pelts, but the number of standard, grey and white pelts will be less than in 1960. According to the survey ranchers are planning a moderate increase in the number of mink retained for breeding stock.

This is the third 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 1,205,000 mink pelts produced in 1960 is about 14 per cent higher than the production of 1,054,741 pelts in 1959 whereas the advance forecast indicated an increase of 9 per cent. Apparently with the decline in pelt prices in 1960 ranchers did not expand breeding stock for 1961 as much as they had planned to before pelting commenced.

	<u>M I N K</u>				1961 as % of 1960
	<u>1959</u> Final	<u>1960</u> Advance Estimate		<u>1961</u> Advance Estimate	
On Farms, <u>January 1:</u>	461,608	499,500	496,100	518,300	104.5
<u>Kits Raised:</u>	1,096,266	1,215,000	1,231,300	1,286,900	104.5
<u>Peltings:</u>					
Standard (Dark)	171,608	224,600	238,900	227,600	95.3
Grey	67,535	49,500	45,000	42,500	94.4
Dark Blue	74,393	70,100	71,700	78,900	110.0
Light Blue	234,857	216,200	197,800	208,800	105.6
Brown	350,472	407,000	473,500	496,800	104.9
Beige	63,642	72,400	76,200	116,200	152.5
White	92,234	107,200	101,900	83,600	82.0
Total Mink Pelts	1,054,741	1,147,000	1,205,000	1,254,400	104.1

^{1/} Interim revision of 1960 estimate based on final 1960 reports received to date.

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