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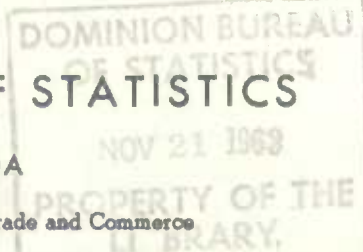
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THE ANTICIPATED FELT PRODUCTION ON FUR FARMS

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According to pelting intentions reported in a sample survey of fur farms the number of mink to be pelted this fall and winter will be approximately 1,392,700, six per cent greater than the current estimate of last year's output of 1,313,000 mink pelts. Increases are expected in the number of darks, light blue, brown and beige pelts, but the number of grey, dark blue and white pelts will be less than in 1962. According to the survey, ranchers are planning to retain approximately seven per cent more mink for breeding stock. These reported intentions may be modified to some extent by economic conditions at pelting time.

This is the fifth annual 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 mink pelt production on fur farms in 1962 is about 11,000 or 0.8 per cent higher than the advance estimate published a year ago.

	M I N K				
	1961 Final	1962		1963 Advance Estimate	1963 as % of 1962
		Advance Estimate	Current Estimate ^{1/}		
On Farms					
<u>January 1:</u>	513,225	522,900	521,000	551,300	105.8
<u>Kits Raised:</u>	1,279,048	1,383,900	1,348,900	1,429,900	106.0
<u>Peltings:</u>					
Standard (Dark)	228,193	220,300	217,400	268,300	123.4
Grey	43,725	44,000	45,300	40,400	89.2
Dark Blue	78,308	92,300	98,600	86,800	88.0
Light Blue	210,258	255,600	259,300	269,000	103.7
Brown	496,588	427,600	447,300	476,600	106.6
Beige	127,749	183,800	178,000	194,700	109.4
White	84,229	78,800	67,100	56,900	84.8
TOTAL MINK PELTS	1,269,050	1,302,400	1,313,000	1,392,700	106.1

^{1/} Interim revision of 1962 estimate based on final 1962 reports received to date.

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