

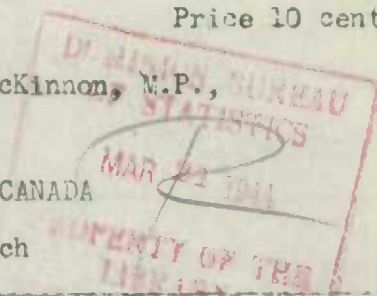
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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF CANADA, 1942

The classification of "fur farm" includes all properties where furbearing animals are raised, whether the property is one devoted solely to fur farming or one which is operated as part of a general farm.

The number of fur farms in operation in Canada in 1942 was 7,834 and the value of property is recorded as \$13,912,585, compared with 8,440 farms and a property value of \$15,171,845 in the preceding year. The total value is apportioned as follows, with corresponding figures for 1941 in brackets: land and buildings, \$7,158,730 (\$7,242,874); furbearing animals, \$6,753,855 (\$7,928,971).

The number of animals retained on the farms at the end of the year was 204,480, comprising 83,429 silver foxes, 104,686 mink, 11,720 new-type foxes (platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.), and various other kinds with a total of 4,645 animals. The number of silver foxes decreased from the preceding year by 9 per cent, the number of mink by 31 per cent and the number of new-type foxes advanced by 80 per cent.

The revenue of the farms in 1942 amounted to \$7,156,017 an increase over 1941 of \$1,573,547, or 28 per cent. The pelt sales had a total value of \$6,739,121 and the sales of live furbearing animals a value of \$416,896, compared with \$4,799,489 and \$782,981, respectively, in 1941. To the total revenue (live animals and pelts) silver fox contributed 51 per cent and mink, 41 per cent, or a total for the two kinds combined of 92 per cent.

Average prices for silver and new type fox, mink, coyote, fisher and marten pelts show decreases while cross, red, and white fox, fitch and raccoon pelts show increases. Prices for most of the live furbearing animals sold decreased.

The following tables summarize the principal statistical data of the industry for the year 1942, with comparative statistics for 1941. The final report, to be issued at a later date, will contain detailed statistics by provinces, and by counties or districts.

1. Number and Value of Property in Canada, by Provinces, 1941 and 1942.

Province	1941		1942	
	Number of fur farms	Value of fur farms \$	Number of fur farms	Value of fur farms \$
Prince Edward Island (x) .....	635	1,034,603	1,034	1,288,021
Nova Scotia .....	673	488,648	543	395,417
New Brunswick (x) .....	581	694,651	726	769,510
Quebec .....	2,637	2,948,710	2,340	3,019,338
Ontario .....	1,298	3,109,364	1,101	2,670,798
Manitoba .....	701	2,134,868	548	1,864,243
Saskatchewan .....	628	1,326,161	522	939,189
Alberta .....	858	2,520,927	716	2,239,087
British Columbia .....	419	896,056	298	714,977
Yukon Territory .....	10	17,857	6	12,005
TOTAL .....	8,440	15,171,845	7,834	13,912,585

(x) The increase in 1942 is owing to the securing of additional names through the Census rather than to an actual increase in fur-farming.

2. Number of Furbearing Animals born on Fur Farms, Canada, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941		Kind	1942	
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox .....	158,512	170,310	Coyote .....	61	66
Cross fox .....	2,271	1,753	Fisher .....	30	32
Red fox .....	814	870	Fitch .....	857	811
Blue fox .....	2,500	3,270	Marten .....	91	85
New-type fox (+) .....	8,141	16,435	Nutria .....	804	518
White fox .....	10	22	Raccoon .....	175	182
Mink .....	309,113	337,626	Skunk .....	3	-
Chinchilla .....	154	124	TOTAL .....	483,536	532,104

3. Number and Value of Furbearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941			1942		
	Number	Value \$	Average Value \$	Number	Value \$	Average Value \$
Silver fox .....	6,994	327,845	47	3,441	151,418	44
Cross fox .....	50	1,253	25	38	842	22
Red fox .....	43	377	9	35	387	11
Blue fox .....	43	3,072	71	68	2,850	42
New-type fox (+) .....	826	148,041	179	975	146,490	150
Mink .....	12,058	291,761	24	6,102	109,356	18
Coyote .....	2	15	8	1	25	25
Fisher .....	15	2,355	157	2	150	75
Fitch .....	72	266	4	42	155	4
Marten .....	57	4,565	80	38	3,475	91
Nutria .....	211	3,215	15	126	1,525	12
Raccoon .....	55	216	4	31	223	7
TOTAL .....	20,426	782,981	-	10,899	416,896	-

(+) New-type fox includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941			1942		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
Silver fox .....	120,708	2,753,093	23	160,992	3,532,571	22
Cross fox .....	1,669	30,835	18	1,818	35,561	20
Red fox .....	711	5,338	8	1,021	9,626	9
Blue fox .....	1,586	42,977	27	2,766	75,217	27
New-type fox <sup>(+)</sup> .....	2,117	76,114	36	8,939	288,947	32
White fox .....	5	66	13	8	164	21
Mink .....	177,741	1,888,189	11	350,087	2,793,573	8
Badger .....	4	22	6	-	-	-
Coyote .....	55	455	8	120	832	7
Fisher .....	15	585	39	12	353	29
Fitch .....	439	707	2	360	1,053	3
Marten .....	9	303	34	20	495	25
Nutria .....	155	241	2	86	281	3
Raccoon .....	129	564	4	94	448	5
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>305,343</b>	<b>4,799,489</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>526,323</b>	<b>6,739,121</b>	<b>-</b>

(+) New-type fox includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.

5. Fur Farm Revenue by Provinces, 1941 and 1942.

Province	1941			1942		
	Fur-bearing animals sold	Pelts sold	Total revenue	Fur-bearing animals sold	Pelts sold	Total revenue
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island ..	53,030	369,581	422,611	44,485	568,844	613,329
Nova Scotia .....	28,267	236,893	265,160	15,228	310,979	326,207
New Brunswick .....	39,830	337,312	377,142	21,147	512,603	533,750
Quebec .....	246,560	922,512	1,169,072	106,906	1,307,564	1,414,470
Ontario .....	176,829	1,054,551	1,231,380	125,139	1,259,449	1,384,588
Manitoba .....	82,481	525,493	607,974	32,496	992,032	1,024,528
Saskatchewan .....	47,196	349,138	396,334	27,703	455,311	483,014
Alberta .....	75,351	776,650	852,001	32,029	1,040,233	1,072,262
British Columbia .....	33,437	222,879	256,316	11,763	284,965	296,728
Yukon Territory .....	-	4,480	4,480	-	7,141	7,141
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>782,981</b>	<b>4,799,489</b>	<b>5,582,470</b>	<b>416,896</b>	<b>6,739,121</b>	<b>7,156,017</b>



6. Number and Value of Furbearing Animals on Fur Farms, Canada, December 31, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941		1942	
	Number	Value \$	Number	Value \$
Silver fox .....	91,525	3,782,297	83,259	3,483,868
Oress fox .....	816	20,806	684	21,795
Red fox .....	499	6,081	479	8,245
Blue fox .....	1,462	111,431	1,445	72,789
New-type fox <sup>(+)</sup> .....	6,511	585,847	11,720	877,994
White fox .....	18	1,975	14	1,400
Mink .....	153,447	2,172,323	104,636	2,059,612
Rudger .....	5	55	3	50
Chinchilla .....	292	212,150	205	178,000
Coyote .....	39	390	35	485
Fisher .....	145	11,745	101	9,225
Fitch .....	398	1,614	294	2,784
Marten .....	305	21,255	317	23,170
Nutria .....	1,165	16,998	786	11,460
Otter .....	2	50	-	-
Raccoon .....	279	2,314	282	2,978
Skunk .....	2	15	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>255,910</b>	<b>7,948,346</b>	<b>204,480</b>	<b>6,753,855</b>

(+) New-type fox includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.