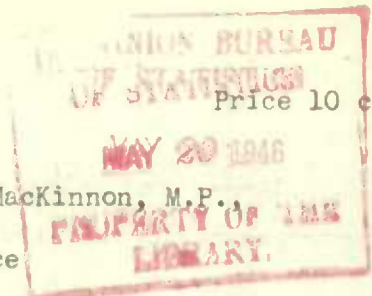


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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF CANADA, 1944

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, with the cooperation of the Provincial Departments, issues annually a report on the operations of fur farms of Canada. An advance report for the year 1944 is issued herewith. The classification "fur farm" includes all properties where fur-bearing animals are raised whether the property is one devoted solely to fur farming or one which is operated as a part of a general farm.

SUMMARY

The number of fur farms in operation in Canada in 1944 was 6,395 with a capital value of \$19,384,169. In 1943 there were 6,973 farms valued at \$17,403,249. The value of land and buildings was \$7,838,369, and of fur-bearing animals \$11,545,800 compared with \$7,358,346 and \$10,044,903 in 1943.

The number of animals on the farms at December 31, 1944 was 247,823 an increase over 1943 of 28,566. Standard foxes decreased in number from the preceding year but the new types, white-marked and the various platinum types increased from 20,786 to 28,163 in 1944. Mink also showed an increase from 118,659 in 1943 to 139,820 in 1944 for standard type and from 607 in 1943 to 4,198 in 1944 for mutation mink.

Revenue to the fur farmers from the sale of live animals and pelts amounted to \$9,373,293 a decrease from 1943 of \$472,712 or 4.8 per cent. The number and value of pelts sold fell from 408,755 at \$8,958,662 in 1943 to 345,585 at \$8,233,614 in 1944 but the sale of live animals totalled 18,934 valued at \$1,139,679 compared with 15,188 valued at \$887,345 in 1943. To the total revenue the value of live animals sold contributed 12 per cent and of pelts sold 88 per cent. The amount of revenue realized from the sale of the various kinds of animals and pelts is apportioned as follows with corresponding figures for 1943 in brackets: standard silver fox, 36 (46) per cent; white marked and platinum types of fox, 15 (11) per cent; mink of all types, 47 (41) per cent; and all other animals, 2 (2) per cent.

A summary of the principal statistics of the industry for the year 1944, with comparative statistics for 1943 are presented in the following tables. The final report to be issued at a later date will contain detailed statistics by provinces and by counties or districts.

Table 1

Number and Value of Fur Farms in Canada, by Provinces, 1943 and 1944

	1943		1944	
	Number of Fur Farms	Value of Capital \$	Number of Fur Farms	Value of Capital \$
Prince Edward Island	840	1,588,037	619	1,498,764
Nova Scotia	474	510,512	406	535,137
New Brunswick	610	941,100	494	925,672
Quebec	2,129	3,744,323	2,071	4,156,648
Ontario	1,046	3,629,698	988	3,994,034
Manitoba	505	2,256,194	485	2,536,732
Saskatchewan	474	1,233,704	456	1,540,789
Alberta	643	2,627,106	637	3,196,780
British Columbia	247	849,360	239	999,613
Yukon Territory	5	23,215	(1)	(1)
TOTAL	6,973	17,403,249	6,395	19,384,169

(1) A few small farms are located in Yukon Territory but no figures are available for publication.

Table 2

Number of Fur-bearing Animals born on Fur Farms, Canada, 1943 and 1944

	1943	1944		1943	1944
	no.	no.		no.	no.
Silver fox	135,585	127,495	Mink, standard	235,981	270,071
Cross fox	1,575	1,034	Mink, mutations	348	4,089
Red fox	945	855	Chinchilla	88	115
Blue fox	3,915	3,802	Coyote	99	29
Platinum, platinum silver			Fisher	51	47
pearl platinum, pearlating			Fitch	522	354
and glacier blue fox	7,033	14,692	Marten	75	110
White marked fox	19,568	24,941	Nutria	247	138
Other fox	32	42	Raccoon	170	142
			TOTAL	406,234	447,956

Table 3

Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1943 and 1944

	1943			1944		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
Silver fox	5,083	328,857	65	4,332	248,484	57
Cross fox	38	1,330	35	30	1,170	39
Red fox	39	695	18	34	564	17
Blue fox	139	13,008	94	193	28,675	149
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlataina and glacier blue fox	1,008	213,932	212	1,124	239,664	213
White marked fox	1,016	96,938	95	961	77,089	80
Mink, standard	7,565	212,407	28	11,191	391,264	35
Mink, mutations	142	16,850	119	799	127,706	160
Chinchilla	-	-	-	8	3,800	475
Coyote	3	75	25	10	100	10
Fisher	-	-	-	37	8,652	234
Fitch	52	158	3	40	240	6
Marten	26	2,010	77	85	11,253	132
Nutria	52	915	17	78	925	12
Raccoon	25	168	7	12	93	8
TOTAL	15,188	887,343	-	18,934	1,139,679	-

Table 4

Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1943 and 1944

	1943			1944		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
Silver fox	137,368	4,241,614	31	106,972	3,093,065	29
Cross fox	1,722	39,128	23	1,133	29,565	26
Red fox	1,065	15,391	14	777	8,903	11
Blue fox	1,852	57,337	31	2,870	125,005	44
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlataina and glacier blue fox	2,538	226,623	89	5,853	420,188	72
White marked fox	12,282	543,519	44	15,742	670,848	43
Other fox	23	575	25	37	1,108	30
Mink, standard	250,713	3,821,867	15	210,591	3,854,547	18
Mink, mutations	49	1,789	37	1,043	22,496	22
Coyote	161	2,138	13	30	360	12
Fisher	68	3,124	46	35	2,909	83
Fitch	490	1,736	4	315	1,159	4
Marten	43	1,775	41	49	2,820	58
Nutria	151	652	4	66	272	4
Raccoon	230	1,394	6	72	369	5
TOTAL	408,755	8,958,662	-	345,585	8,233,614	-



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Table 5

Fur Farm Revenue by Provinces, Canada, 1943 and 1944

	1943			1944		
	Fur-bearing Animals Sold	Pelts Sold	Total Revenue	Fur-bearing Animals Sold	Pelts Sold	Total Revenue
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	121,591	687,270	808,861	98,470	607,252	705,722
Nova Scotia	31,550	410,410	441,960	33,184	296,669	329,853
New Brunswick	66,801	612,462	679,263	85,618	517,563	603,181
Quebec	186,976	1,843,084	2,030,060	205,887	1,650,529	1,856,416
Ontario	245,555	1,793,568	2,039,123	284,200	1,627,526	1,911,726
Manitoba	80,076	1,143,646	1,223,722	111,181	1,246,634	1,357,815
Saskatchewan	49,572	661,746	711,318	87,352	575,808	663,160
Alberta	73,945	1,373,654	1,447,599	145,210	1,359,146	1,504,356
British Columbia	31,277	431,079	462,356	88,577	352,487	441,064
Yukon Territory	-	1,743	1,743	-	-	-
TOTAL	887,343	8,958,662	9,846,005	1,139,679	8,233,614	9,373,293

Table 6

Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Canada
December 31, 1943 and 1944

	1943			1944		
	Male	Female	Total Value	Male	Female	Total Value
	no.	no.	\$	no.	no.	\$
Silver fox	19,562	54,952	4,233,722	16,870	54,251	3,707,483
Cross fox	167	435	25,098	157	446	23,572
Red fox	143	392	13,069	127	413	9,498
Blue fox	654	1,331	190,577	740	1,392	251,875
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlataina and glacier blue fox	2,750	2,697	866,622	4,977	4,863	1,315,394
White marked fox	5,428	9,911	1,149,270	6,449	11,874	1,178,504
Other fox	3	-	275	13	7	1,835
Mink, standard	25,590	93,069	3,366,204	29,495	110,325	4,266,452
Mink, mutations	207	400	99,288	1,550	2,648	638,109
Chinchilla	131	113	50,000	134	129	100,700
Coyote	10	18	675	7	10	266
Fisher	48	76	13,405	46	69	13,860
Fitch	76	179	1,396	43	110	1,185
Marten	132	166	24,988	127	161	28,062
Nutria	155	202	6,882	81	138	6,925
Raccoon	90	168	3,428	69	100	2,076
Skunk	1	1	4	1	1	4
TOTAL	55,147	164,110	10,044,903	60,886	186,937	11,545,800