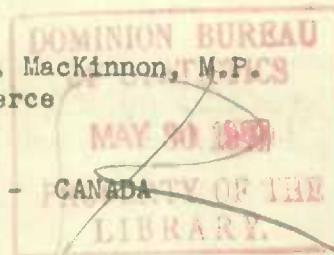


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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF CANADA, 1945

Ottawa, May 29, 1947: This advance report on the fur farms of Canada for 1945 is issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. A final report will be issued later. The term "fur farm" is not confined to those farm businesses in which fur is the main source of income; any place where fur animals are raised is a fur farm.

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The fur farms of Canada, of which there were 6,576 in 1945, had a capital value of \$24,521,992, an increase of 26.5 per cent over 1944 when 6,396 farms had a capital value of \$19,389,783.

On these fur farms there were 308,658 fur animals, an increase of 60,453 over the number in 1944. The value of these animals was \$15,401,545, an increase of 33.4 per cent over the 1944 value of \$11,548,914. The total of foxes of all types increased 4.7 per cent over 1944, while the total value of foxes increased 5.2 per cent. There were 38.4 per cent more mink than in the previous year and the total value was higher by 70.9 per cent.

Live fur animals sold totalled 30,148 with a total sales value of \$1,749,985. There were increases over 1944 of 58.7 per cent in number of animals and 53.3 per cent in total value. Pelt sales also increased. The total number of pelts was 405,394 or 17.2 per cent greater than the previous year, and the total value was 24.4 per cent higher at \$10,249,963. Thus the gross revenue from sales of fur animals and of pelts totalled \$11,999,948, as compared with \$9,382,103 in 1944.

During the year 1945 there were 527,450 fur animals born. This was an increase of 17.6 per cent over the previous year when the births were 448,420.

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TABLE 1. FUR FARMS. Number and Capital Value of Plant and Animals.  
By Provinces, 1944 and 1945

	1 9 4 4		1 9 4 5	
	Fur Farms	Capital Value	Fur Farms	Capital Value
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Prince Edward Island	619	1,498,764	567	1,561,201
Nova Scotia	406	534,841	380	672,406
New Brunswick	494	925,672	426	925,233
Quebec	2,071	4,156,648	2,084	4,641,303
Ontario	988	3,994,259	1,089	5,420,978
Manitoba	485	2,536,732	528	3,613,697
Saskatchewan	457	1,546,474	468	1,899,667
Alberta	637	3,196,780	774	4,347,784
British Columbia	239	999,613	260	1,439,723
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>6,396</b>	<b>19,389,783</b>	<b>6,576</b>	<b>24,521,992</b>

TABLE 2. FUR ANIMALS ON FUR FARMS. Number and Value.  
December 31, 1944 and 1945

	1 9 4 4			1 9 4 5		
	Male	Female	Total Value	Male	Female	Total Value
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
Silver fox	16,870	54,251	3,707,483	14,341	53,847	3,371,402
Cross fox	157	446	23,572	114	382	22,325
Red fox	130	421	9,718	123	447	11,705
Blue fox	740	1,617	251,875	996	2,252	354,069
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlatina, and glacier blue fox	4,974	4,861	1,315,098	7,421	7,351	1,746,436
White marked fox	6,449	11,874	1,178,504	6,696	13,628	1,317,539
Other fox	13	7	1,835	10	9	1,685
Mink, standard	29,514	110,453	4,269,392	37,194	147,398	6,426,275
Mink, mutations	1,551	2,648	638,109	5,715	9,269	1,962,154
Chinchilla	134	129	100,700	207	195	127,050
Coyote	7	10	266	-	-	-
Fisher	46	69	13,860	68	92	18,835
Fitch	43	110	1,185	60	129	1,143
Lynx	-	-	-	7	7	1,700
Marten	128	163	28,312	138	167	30,308
Nutria	81	138	6,925	89	112	6,049
Raccoon	69	100	2,076	71	117	2,850
Skunk	1	1	4	1	5	20
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>60,907</b>	<b>187,298</b>	<b>11,548,914</b>	<b>73,251</b>	<b>235,407</b>	<b>15,401,545</b>



TABLE 3.

FUR ANIMALS SOLD FROM FUR FARMS. Number and Value. 1944 and 1945.

	1 9 4 4			1 9 4 5		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
Silver fox	4,332	248,484	57	5,013	301,084	60
Cross fox	30	1,170	39	11	314	29
Red fox	34	564	17	31	442	14
Blue fox	193	28,675	149	298	37,245	125
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlataina and glacier blue fox	1,124	239,664	213	1,211	191,233	158
White marked fox	961	77,089	80	1,407	121,754	87
Other fox	-	-	-	2	185	93
Mink, standard	11,256	392,824	35	19,697	723,699	37
Mink, mutations	799	127,706	160	2,199	337,557	154
Chinchilla	8	3,800	475	84	23,225	276
Coyote	10	100	10	-	-	-
Fisher	37	8,652	234	14	3,590	256
Fitch	40	240	6	71	679	10
Marten	85	11,253	132	74	8,440	114
Nutria	78	925	12	27	375	14
Raccoon	12	93	8	9	163	18
T O T A L	18,999	1,141,239	-	30,148	1,749,985	-

TABLE 4.

PELTS SOLD FROM FUR FARMS. Number and Value. 1944 and 1945.

	1 9 4 4			1 9 4 5		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
Silver fox	106,972	3,093,065	29	109,987	2,952,744	27
Cross fox	1,133	29,565	26	858	18,980	22
Red fox	780	8,953	11	713	6,618	9
Blue fox	2,870	125,005	44	3,507	151,122	43
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlataina and glacier blue fox	5,853	420,188	72	13,107	807,663	62
White marked fox	15,742	670,848	43	21,664	820,096	38
Other fox	37	1,108	30	29	674	23
Mink, standard	211,025	3,861,747	18	253,857	5,449,905	21
Mink, mutations	1,043	22,496	22	1,312	38,496	29
Coyote	30	360	12	-	-	-
Fisher	35	2,909	83	10	544	54
Fitch	315	1,159	4	213	997	5
Marten	49	2,820	58	22	1,280	58
Nutria	66	272	4	26	257	10
Raccoon	72	369	5	89	587	7
T O T A L	346,022	8,240,864	-	405,394	10,249,963	-



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TABLE 5.

FUR FARM REVENUE. Fur Animals and Pelts.  
By Provinces, 1944 and 1945

	1 9 4 4			1 9 4 5		
	Fur Animals Sold	Pelts Sold	Total Revenue	Fur Animals Sold	Pelts Sold	Total Revenue
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	98,470	607,252	705,722	113,220	669,117	782,337
Nova Scotia	33,184	296,669	329,853	48,304	307,657	355,961
New Brunswick	85,618	517,563	603,181	62,196	460,070	522,266
Quebec	205,887	1,650,529	1,856,416	304,713	1,965,407	2,270,120
Ontario	284,200	1,627,526	1,911,726	447,455	2,078,046	2,525,501
Manitoba	111,181	1,246,634	1,357,815	202,577	1,512,807	1,715,384
Saskatchewan	88,912	583,058	671,970	170,684	811,895	982,579
Alberta	145,210	1,359,146	1,504,356	265,416	1,949,010	2,214,426
British Columbia	88,577	352,487	441,064	135,420	495,954	631,374
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>1,141,239</b>	<b>8,240,864</b>	<b>9,382,103</b>	<b>1,749,985</b>	<b>10,249,963</b>	<b>11,999,948</b>

TABLE 6.

FUR ANIMALS BORN ON FUR FARMS. 1944 and 1945.

	1944	1945		1944	1945
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox	127,495	126,095	Chinchilla	115	217
Cross fox	1,034	864	Coyote	29	-
Red fox	872	705	Fisher	47	65
Blue fox	3,802	4,753	Fitch	354	371
Platinum type fox <u>1/</u>	14,692	24,066	Lynx	-	6
White marked fox	24,941	28,944	Marten	110	122
Other fox	42	51	Nutria	115	111
Mink, standard	270,541	326,920	Raccoon	142	152
Mink, mutations	4,089	14,028	<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>448,420</b>	<b>527,450</b>

1/ Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlata and glacier blue.