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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF ONTARIO, 1940 (a)

The number of fur farms in operation in the province of Ontario in 1940 was 1,408, a reduction of 109 from the preceding year. The number of farms on which foxes are raised totalled 632, while the number of farms reporting mink was 884. The numbers of farms with other kinds of fur bearers are: with fisher, 6; fitch, 2; marten, 4; nutria, 15; raccoon, 36; and with skunk, 1. The total of these numbers does not correspond with the total number of farms, as on some farms more than one kind of fur-bearing animal is raised. It might be noted that the "new type" fox, which term includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc., is reported as raised on 44 farms.

The number of fur-bearing animals born on the farms was slightly less than in 1939 - 103,053 compared with 106,128. The number of silver foxes born shows a reduction of 15 per cent, but mink increased by 3 per cent and nutria by 81 per cent, while the number of new type foxes was 62 compared with none in the preceding year.

The amount of revenue in 1940 was \$1,248,237, to which the sales of pelts contributed \$1,125,476, or 90 per cent, and the sales of live animals, \$122,761, or 10 per cent. In the pelt sales, silver foxes accounted for \$653,015, or 58 per cent of the total value, and mink for \$468,108, or 41½ per cent. In the live animal sales mink was first with \$65,892, or 54 per cent and silver foxes second with \$45,137, or 37 per cent. A large item in the sales of live animals is the new type fox with 28 at \$7,077, or an average value of \$252.75. No pelt sales are recorded for the new type fox.

Retained on the farms at the end of the year 1940 were: silver foxes, 15,731; blue foxes, 387; new type foxes, 128; other kinds of foxes, 189; mink, 33,859; and other kinds of fur-bearing animals, 347. The total value for all kinds, combined, was \$1,567,604. Compared with the preceding year there is a reduction of 2,439, or 13 per cent, in the number of silver foxes, but an increase of 2,367, or 8 per cent, in the number of mink. The number of new type foxes increased from 1 in 1939 to 128 in 1940.

1. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms,
Ontario, 1939 and 1940

Kind	1939	1940
	No.	No.
Silver fox	37,404	31,714
Cross fox	242	210
Red fox	110	50
Blue fox	176	606
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver blue, etc.)	-	62
Mink	67,923	70,170
Fisher	4	6
Fitch	40	2
Karakul sheep	17	(b)
Marten	-	4
Nutria	67	121
Raccoon	145	105
Skunk	-	3
TOTAL	106,128	103,053

(a) Reports for the other provinces have already been issued.

(b) The collection of information concerning this kind has been discontinued.

2. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Ontario, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	1939			1940		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average value
Silver fox	689	25,454	36.94	1,056	45,137	42.74
Cross fox	18	260	14.44	8	215	26.88
Red fox	7	70	10.00	23	270	11.74
Blue fox	35	2,272	64.91	13	825	63.46
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) ..	3	900	300.00	28	7,077	252.75
Mink	4,468	100,398	22.47	2,932	65,892	22.47
Fisher	1	85	85.00	2	150	75.00
Nutria	47	1,398	29.74	108	3,105	28.75
Raccoon	32	111	3.47	22	90	4.09
TOTAL	5,300	130,948	-	4,192	122,761	-

3. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Ontario, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	1939			1940		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average value
Silver fox	39,206	649,822	16.57	34,684	653,015	18.83
Cross fox	261	2,957	11.33	191	2,503	13.10
Red fox	168	783	4.66	97	474	4.89
Blue fox	29	244	8.41	69	958	13.88
Mink	52,407	386,074	7.37	52,340	468,108	8.94
Fisher	3	30	10.00	4	123	30.75
Fitch	-	-	-	7	55	7.86
Muskrat	1,949	1,593	0.81	(a)	(a)	(a)
Nutria	-	-	-	7	30	4.29
Raccoon	152	318	2.09	95	203	2.14
Skunk	-	-	-	5	7	1.40
TOTAL	94,175	1,041,821	-	87,499	1,125,476	-

4. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Ontario, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	1939			1940		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average value
Silver fox	18,170	864,723	47.59	15,731	768,338	48.84
Cross fox	158	3,280	20.76	127	2,581	20.32
Red fox	105	689	6.56	62	551	8.89
Blue fox	217	17,957	82.75	387	31,847	82.29
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)	1	300	300.00	128	27,465	214.57
Mink	31,492	686,490	21.79	33,859	727,660	21.49
Beaver	32	1,525	47.66	(a)	(a)	(a)
Fisher	24	2,745	114.38	23	2,650	115.22
Fitch	49	365	7.45	8	80	10.00
Karakul sheep ...	22	635	28.86	(a)	(a)	(a)
Marten	19	1,460	76.84	16	1,405	87.81
Muskrat	2,916	4,093	1.40	(a)	(a)	(a)
Nutria	153	4,790	31.31	167	4,355	26.08
Raccoon	215	902	4.20	132	670	5.08
Skunk	6	11	1.83	1	2	2.00
TOTAL	53,579	1,589,965	-	50,641	1,567,604	-

(a) The collection of information concerning this kind has been discontinued.



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