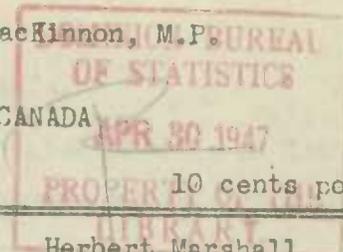


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ADVANCE REPORT OF THE FUR FARMS OF THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES AND BRITISH COLUMBIA - 1945

Ottawa, April 29, 1947: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today an advance statement on the fur farms of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia for the year 1945, with comparative data for 1944.

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Fur farms in the Prairie Provinces and in British Columbia at December 31, 1945 increased in numbers, in number of animals, in capital value of plant and animals, in revenue and in the births, over the 1944 data.

The capital value of plant and animals, \$11,084,736 on 2,030 farms, was 33.9 per cent greater than the 1944 figures of \$8,279,599 on 1,818 farms. Of the 1945 value, \$6,964,204 was for fur animals on farms. This sum was an increase of 50.3 per cent over the 1944 value of \$4,632,041. In numbers of animals on farms the increase from 115,537 in 1944 to 153,150 in 1945 was 32.6 per cent.

Total revenue from sales of live animals and of pelts was \$5,544,238, an increase of 39.5 per cent from the 1944 revenue of \$3,975,205. Live animals accounted for \$774,037 of the 1945 revenue, while pelts brought in \$4,770,201 or 86 per cent of the total revenue. Despite the increase in total revenue, there were recessions from 1944 in the average sales values of most live animals. In Manitoba, however, platinum type and white marked foxes were up in average sales value as were standard and mutation mink. In Saskatchewan only white marked foxes and standard mink showed increases, and in Alberta the only advance was on silver foxes which increased one dollar. British Columbia farms reported increases in average sales values on blue fox, which made an advance of \$50, and on standard mink, which increased \$2. A similar situation obtained in pelts. The general average sales values were down. There were some exceptions, but the increases in such cases were not very great. Manitoba reported that cross and platinum type fox pelts increased \$1. and standard mink \$2. Going west, Saskatchewan had increases in blue fox pelts of \$8, platinum type fox pelts and standard mink of \$3. Farther west, Alberta showed an increase only in standard mink, which advanced by \$2. British Columbia increased its average sales values in blue fox pelts \$1, in platinum type pelts \$8, in standard mink \$3, and in mutation mink average values increased by \$2.

Births increased by 22.6 per cent to a total of 262,206 in 1945 from 213,815 in 1944.

TABLE 1: FUR FARMS - NUMBER AND CAPITAL VALUE OF PLANT AND ANIMALS, 1944 & 1945

Province	1944		1945	
	Total Fur Farms	Capital Value	Total Fur Farms	Capital Value
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Manitoba	485	2,536,732	528	3,613,697
Saskatchewan	457	1,546,474	468	1,899,537
Alberta	637	3,196,780	774	4,131,784
British Columbia	239	999,613	260	1,439,718
TOTAL	1,818	8,279,599	2,030	11,084,736

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TABLE 2: Fur Animals on Fur Farms. Number and Value, December 31, 1944 and 1945

	1944				1945			
	Male	Female	Value	Average	Male	Female	Value	Average
	No.	No.	\$	\$	No.	No.	\$	\$
MANITOBA								
Silver fox	1,270	3,870	265,669	52	1,158	3,719	247,830	51
Cross fox	22	69	6,245	69	28	64	7,735	84
Red fox	15	39	699	13	6	29	478	14
Blue fox	80	203	32,220	114	122	316	42,084	96
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl plati- num and pearlata fox	617	556	121,275	103	895	920	171,806	95
White marked fox .	548	1,070	98,649	61	545	1,273	112,381	62
Other fox	2	-	175	88	2	3	600	120
Mink, standard ...	5,406	21,728	687,675	25	6,702	28,926	1,105,406	31
Mink, mutations ..	306	490	119,179	150	1,305	2,152	407,500	118
Other fur bearing animals 1/	96	120	14,866	-	102	120	19,985	-
TOTAL	8,362	28,145	1,346,652	-	10,865	37,522	2,115,805	-
SASKATCHEWAN								
Silver fox	577	3,079	177,008	48	538	2,846	157,545	47
Cross fox	7	19	775	30	1	7	305	38
Red fox	4	27	565	18	11	31	691	16
Blue fox	66	218	13,460	47	99	219	16,360	51
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl plati- num and pearlata fox	493	639	145,583	129	644	861	162,920	108
White marked fox .	663	1,463	128,532	60	543	1,461	117,123	58
Other fox	1	-	75	75	1	-	50	50
Mink standard	2,118	9,880	385,799	32	2,588	13,100	582,485	37
Mink mutations ...	176	256	90,263	209	658	1,095	228,320	130
Other fur bearing animals 1/	11	17	511	-	12	24	222	-
TOTAL	4,116	15,598	942,571	-	5,095	19,644	1,266,021	-

1/ Chinchilla, coyote, fisher, fitch, lynx, marten, nutria and raccoon.

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TABLE 2 (continued): Fur Animals on Fur Farms. Number and Value, December 31, 1944 and 1945

	1944				1945			
	Male	Female	Value	Average Value	Male	Female	Value	Average Value
	No.	No.	\$	\$	No.	No.	\$	\$
ALBERTA								
Silver fox	1,073	3,114	177,898	42	957	2,949	157,908	40
Cross fox	28	59	3,453	40	19	58	2,879	37
Red fox	13	26	792	20	3	20	505	22
Blue fox	133	258	32,955	84	133	254	27,200	70
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, and pearl- atina fox ..	571	542	128,825	116	779	914	162,575	96
White marked fox	1,261	2,502	200,080	53	1,133	2,535	184,005	50
Other fox	2	-	225	113	3	2	635	127
Mink, standard .	8,171	27,437	1,062,469	30	10,785	38,965	1,647,127	33
Mink, mutations.	264	349	126,919	207	1,151	1,730	427,474	148
Other fur bearing animals 1/..	182	251	107,906	-	181	218	81,651	-
TOTAL	11,698	34,538	1,841,522	-	15,144	47,645	2,691,959	-
BRITISH COLUMBIA								
Silver fox	170	409	27,810	48	136	387	25,520	49
Cross fox	12	8	513	26	-	1	38	38
Red fox	2	5	70	10	-	2	25	13
Blue fox	54	126	4,605	26	60	163	8,695	39
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum and pearl- atina fox	51	47	13,690	140	65	47	15,325	137
White marked fox	92	254	26,305	76	83	285	28,045	76
Mink, standard .	2,489	8,563	356,035	32	3,126	11,251	629,164	44
Mink, mutations.	177	382	54,483	97	444	918	164,830	121
Other fur bearing animals 1/..	101	138	17,785	-	121	146	18,777	-
TOTAL	3,148	9,932	501,296	-	4,035	13,200	890,419	-

1/Chinchilla, coyote, fisher, fitch, lynx, marten, nutria, raccoon and skunk.

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TABLE 3: Fur Animals Sold from Fur Farms. Number and Value
1944 and 1945

	1944			1945		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
<u>MANITOBA</u>						
Silver fox	111	7,655	69	137	7,568	55
Cross fox	1	100	100	-	-	-
Red fox	-	-	-	3	40	13
Blue fox	19	2,230	117	27	2,430	90
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum and pearl- atina fox	58	8,005	138	54	7,580	140
White marked fox	42	2,685	64	62	4,580	74
Other fox	-	-	-	2	185	93
Mink, standard	1,638	49,562	30	3,130	96,268	31
Mink, mutations	327	32,125	98	708	82,738	117
Other fur bearing-animals <u>1/</u>	56	8,819	-	30	1,188	-
TOTAL	2,252	111,181	-	4,153	202,577	-
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>						
Silver fox	111	6,063	55	141	6,983	50
Red fox	-	-	-	7	110	16
Blue fox	32	3,075	96	67	5,810	87
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum and pearl- atina fox	96	18,810	196	88	14,175	161
White marked fox	68	6,075	89	101	11,160	110
Mink, standard	1,439	48,066	33	2,202	85,846	39
Mink, mutations	32	6,775	212	285	46,495	163
Other fur bearing animals <u>1/</u>	19	48	-	11	105	-
TOTAL	1,797	88,912	-	2,902	170,684	-

1/ Fisher, fitch and marten.

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TABLE 3 (continued): Fur Animals Sold from Fur Farms: Number and Value
1944 and 1945

	1944			1945		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
<u>ALBERTA</u>						
Silver fox.....	83	4,955	60	98	5,940	61
Cross fox	4	105	26	-	-	-
Red fox	9	160	18	3	70	23
Blue fox	13	2,155	166	25	1,450	58
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum and pearl- atina fox	53	8,845	167	53	8,460	160
White marked fox	56	4,974	89	81	2,933	36
Mink standard	2,739	88,656	33	5,591	171,133	31
Mink, mutations	116	26,532	229	343	66,600	194
Other fur bearing animals <u>1/</u>	73	8,828	-	51	8,830	-
TOTAL	3,146	145,210	-	6,245	265,416	-
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>						
Silver fox	15	995	66	14	865	62
Blue fox	7	1,750	250	3	900	300
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, and pearl- atina fox	2	475	238	5	450	90
White marked fox	9	895	99	6	475	79
Mink, standard	1,130	56,078	50	1,636	84,535	52
Mink, mutations	112	23,431	209	236	41,775	177
Other fur bearing animals <u>1/</u>	83	4,953	-	55	6,360	-
TOTAL	1,358	88,577	-	1,955	135,360	-

1/ Chinchilla, coyote, fisher, fitch, marten, nutria, and raccoon.

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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
		\$	\$		\$	\$
<u>MANITOBA</u>						
Silver fox	8,880	273,320	31	8,470	241,326	28
Cross fox	89	2,604	29	159	4,726	30
Red fox	144	1,380	10	111	959	9
Blue fox	320	16,169	51	361	16,111	45
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, and pearl- atina fox	518	35,125	68	1,140	78,554	69
White marked fox	1,639	72,390	44	1,622	62,232	38
Other fox	36	1,068	30	29	674	23
Mink, standard	45,410	841,678	19	52,473	1,105,112	21
Mink, mutations	36	1,080	30	78	1,608	21
Other fur bearing animals <u>1/</u>	96	1,820	-	94	1,505	-
TOTAL	57,168	1,246,634	-	64,537	1,512,807	-
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>						
Silver fox	5,340	157,549	30	6,272	147,140	23
Cross fox	34	1,007	30	36	873	24
Red fox	23	324	14	35	404	12
Blue fox	221	7,746	35	241	10,340	43
Platinum, platinum silver pearl platinum and pearl- atina fox	752	47,901	64	1,079	72,524	67
White marked fox	1,514	69,791	46	2,631	94,233	36
Mink, standard	16,413	298,732	18	22,721	483,535	21
Mink, mutations	-	-	-	73	2,772	38
Other fur bearing animals <u>1/</u>	2	8	-	14	74	-
TOTAL	24,299	583,058	-	33,102	811,895	-

1/ Fisher, fitch, and marten.

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TABLE 4 (continued): Pelts Sold from Fur Farms. Number and Value, 1944 and 1945

	1944			1945		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
<u>ALBERTA</u>						
Silver fox	6,516	196,743	30	7,673	208,363	27
Cross fox	439	12,870	29	203	4,940	24
Red fox	68	1,044	15	60	697	12
Blue fox	550	15,748	29	587	15,033	26
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum and pearl- atina fox	595	43,423	73	1,451	84,001	58
White marked fox	2,963	124,873	42	4,310	147,441	34
Mink, standard	50,558	962,477	19	69,630	1,482,582	21
Mink, mutations	10	360	36	157	5,149	33
Other fur bearing animals <u>1/</u>	135	1,608	-	143	1,339	-
TOTAL	61,832	1,359,146	-	84,214	1,949,545	-
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>						
Silver fox	828	21,651	26	796	19,487	24
Cross fox	17	440	26	43	741	17
Red fox	2	40	20	11	220	20
Blue fox	231	8,992	39	561	22,334	40
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum and pearl- atina fox	23	1,642	71	90	7,097	79
White marked fox	290	14,017	48	462	18,496	40
Mink, standard	14,624	295,434	20	17,733	413,953	23
Mink, mutations	324	6,981	22	544	13,306	24
Other fur bearing animals <u>1/</u>	48	3,290	-	4	320	-
TOTAL	16,387	352,487	-	20,244	495,954	-

1/ Chinchilla, coyote, fisher, fitch, marten, nutria and raccoon.



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TABLE 5: Fur Animals Born on Fur Farms, 1944 and 1945

	MANITOBA		SASKATCHEWAN	
	1944	1945	1944	1945
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox	9,434	9,322	6,852	7,107
Cross fox	112	153	41	14
Red fox	153	70	37	48
Blue fox	482	609	435	384
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum and pearlata fox	1,652	2,546	1,705	2,371
White marked fox	2,123	2,499	3,031	2,653
Other fox	30	48	-	-
Mink, standard	57,597	68,839	25,130	29,177
Mink, mutations	582	3,185	204	1,867
Other fur bearing animals <u>1/</u> .	167	147	43	45
TOTAL	72,332	87,418	37,478	43,666

	ALBERTA		BRITISH COLUMBIA	
	1944	1945	1944	1945
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox	7,372	7,029	929	792
Cross fox	327	186	12	13
Red fox	67	45	5	6
Blue fox	704	611	269	660
Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum and pearlata fox ..	1,622	2,566	135	185
White marked fox	4,484	4,775	513	427
Other fox	-	3	-	-
Mink, standard	66,282	86,273	19,642	22,874
Mink, mutations	380	2,498	843	1,765
Other fur bearing animals <u>1/</u> .	299	307	120	107
TOTAL	81,537	104,293	22,468	26,829

1/ Chinchilla, coyote, fisher, fitch, lynx, marten, nutria and raccoon.