

Statistics of Fur Farms.—The earliest Dominion-wide statistics of fur farms were collected for the year 1919. The statistics of 1919 recorded 429 fur farms with 8,326 fur-bearing animals.

Preliminary Statistics for 1937.—According to figures published at the time of going to press, fur farms numbered 9,179, lands and buildings were valued at \$7,687,171, and fur-bearing animals at \$9,676,431. Animals sold alive numbered 25,202, valued at \$1,030,888, while the 259,870 pelts sold were valued at \$5,779,498.

1.—Numbers of Fur Farms, Values of Land and Buildings, and Values of Fur-Bearing Animals, by Provinces, 1934-36.

Province.	Fur Farms.			Values of Land and Buildings.			Values of Fur-Bearing Animals.		
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
P.E. Island.....	646	771	730	879,083	884,895	876,446	1,168,663	1,192,410	1,088,647
Nova Scotia.....	690	853	958	254,739	314,637	337,422	431,098	557,447	608,202
New Brunswick.....	991	983	1,023	563,009	508,221	531,955	941,746	949,101	908,215
Quebec.....	2,279	2,408	2,570 ¹	1,035,942	1,173,107	1,226,657	1,627,874	1,910,659	1,910,811 ¹
Ontario.....	1,026	1,029	1,170	1,215,022	1,321,913	1,401,675	1,606,592	1,848,343	2,044,500
Manitoba.....	352	400	512 ¹	592,400	700,403	797,602 ¹	780,546	913,072 ¹	1,109,290 ¹
Saskatchewan.....	225	308	349	404,707	413,752	567,850	490,828	545,552	629,432 ¹
Alberta.....	510	463	514	852,342	905,913	972,632	1,077,110	1,085,050	1,154,714 ¹
British Columbia.....	293	272	304	397,887	356,184	367,747	314,725	373,916	362,635 ¹
Yukon.....	7	8	7	14,550	11,756	17,350	8,366	6,275	11,825 ¹
Totals.....	7,919	7,495	8,142 ¹	6,209,788	6,590,825	7,097,036 ¹	8,427,567	9,381,825	9,538,268 ¹

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1938 Year Book.

Table 2 indicates that the numbers of silver foxes and mink, the two fur-bearing animals which have proved most readily adaptable to domestication, were higher in 1936 than in any previous year. The values of animals on fur farms, on the other hand, have been greatly affected by the decline in prices since 1929.

2.—Numbers of Fur-Bearing Animals on Fur Farms in Canada at Dec. 31, 1928-36.

Kind of Animal.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
Silver fox.....	72,631	97,190	105,894	95,734	92,703	103,842	125,577	141,509	151,696
Patch or cross fox.....	1,853	2,563	3,335	3,369	2,973	3,574	2,472	1,931	1,723
Red fox.....	1,439	2,348	3,018	2,879	2,526	2,244	2,031	1,548	1,248
Blue fox.....	1,331	1,576	1,755	1,219	858	689	691	669	649
Silver-blue fox.....	6	Nil	Nil	12	5	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
White fox.....	1	4	64	65	39	11	5	"	4
Mink.....	5,028	10,436	20,726	21,062	17,212	18,640	25,435	31,946	44,695 ¹
Raccoon.....	1,852	2,870	3,395	3,600	3,067	2,522	1,897	1,334	930
Skunk.....	99	78	20	54	20	12	19	Nil	2
Marten.....	152	187	225	272	207	202	154	113	122
Fisher.....	136	184	195	244	200	183	164	163	126
Opossum.....	Nil	Nil	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coyote.....	30	73	135	72	44	34	22	18	27
Badger.....	113	726	559	307	119	63	45	22	27
Lynx.....	9	10	13	16	10	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Otter.....	1	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	"	"
Fitch.....	Nil	25	150	826	1,657	1,857	1,558	1,144	1,001
Ferret.....	"	5	1	Nil	1	4	1	6	Nil
Weasel.....	"	11	6	11	17	8	9	8	8
Nutria.....	"	Nil	10	27	56	64	48	72	62
Chinchilla rabbit.....	3,464	1,438	1,206	239	80	79	79	2	"
Rabbit, <i>s.s.</i>	1,738	428	475	267	285	291	218	57	"
Karakul sheep.....	94	96	193	140	108	107	111	102	102
Muskrat.....	168,861	711,111	425,525	119,285	132,973	65,324	35,556	20,539	17,789
Beaver ²	799	698	1,112	806	1,118	1,029	1,010	1,180	888
Totals.....	259,632	832,659	548,618	250,446	256,205	199,782	196,970	202,363	221,679 ¹

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³ Based on estimates furnished by the operators