

The average values of nearly all types of pelts showed marked decreases in the year ended June 30, 1947, from the previous year. Ermine dropped from \$2.97 to \$1.61, muskrat from \$3.26 to \$1.94, squirrel from 79 cents to 44 cents, red fox from \$6.74 to \$3.81, beaver from \$50.80 to \$29.46, white fox from \$22.83 to \$13.49, new-type fox from \$47.83 to \$28.62, standard silver fox from \$27.93 to \$17.21, marten from \$56.17 to \$32.45 and standard mink from \$29.03 to \$19.61. As a result of these decreases in average values, the total value of production declined from \$43,870,541 in 1945-46 to \$26,349,997 in 1946-47, though the number of pelts taken was only slightly smaller in the later year.

3.—Pelts of Fur-Bearing Animals Taken, by Kinds, Years Ended June 30, 1946 and 1947

Kind	1946			1947		
	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
Badger.....	6,373	17,211	2.70	2,090	3,293	1.58
Bear, white.....	202	5,158	25.53	150	3,840	25.60
Bear, unspecified.....	1,145	3,738	3.26	1,150	2,904	2.53
Beaver.....	153,902	7,817,490	50.80	127,622	3,760,045	29.46
Cat, domestic.....	92	46	0.50	50	25	0.50
Chinchilla.....	40	920	23.00	64	2,240	35.00
Coyote or prairie wolf.....	37,501	262,144	6.99	24,114	90,167	3.74
Ermine (weasel).....	672,152	1,998,477	2.97	524,126	844,589	1.61
Fisher.....	4,150	258,344	62.25	4,189	162,483	38.79
Fitch.....	344	1,879	5.46	500	1,748	3.50
Fox, blue.....	3,046	91,130	29.92	3,765	59,720	15.86
Fox, cross.....	19,703	310,664	15.77	14,700	140,426	9.55
Fox, red.....	121,728	819,986	6.74	85,274	325,249	3.81
Fox, silver.....	133,639	3,732,812	27.93	120,927	2,080,668	17.21
Fox, new-type.....	32,312	1,545,399	47.83	37,910	1,085,316	28.62
Fox, white.....	27,169	620,170	22.83	67,314	907,920	13.49
Fox, other.....	212	1,537	7.25	87	444	5.10
Lynx.....	9,338	347,332	37.20	8,151	193,132	23.69
Marten.....	19,831	1,113,998	56.17	20,661	670,412	32.45
Mink, standard.....	381,421	11,073,699	29.03	437,343	8,574,488	19.61
Mink, mutation.....	885	53,743	60.72	5,261	144,580	27.48
Muskrat.....	3,420,496	11,159,502	3.26	2,795,687	5,431,833	1.94
Nutria.....	6	13	2.17	30	90	3.00
Otter.....	12,337	404,188	32.76	11,730	290,446	24.76
Rabbit.....	307,655	246,671	0.80	180,170	144,994	0.80
Raccoon.....	36,092	112,299	3.11	24,406	53,476	2.19
Skunk.....	125,794	193,341	1.54	73,901	62,380	0.84
Squirrel.....	2,061,205	1,626,927	0.79	2,911,413	1,288,751	0.44
Wild cat.....	1,585	23,340	14.73	1,365	6,837	5.01
Wolf.....	2,569	21,198	8.25	2,177	12,613	5.79
Wolverine.....	492	7,185	14.60	537	4,888	8.33
Totals.....	7,593,416	43,870,541	-	7,486,914	26,349,997	-

Fur-Farm Statistics.—The number of fur farms in Canada dropped considerably during the war years because of difficulties experienced in securing feed and necessary labour. Most of those going out of business were the smaller farms or farms operated as a side-line to general farming. On the other hand, the value of land and buildings in 1946 showed an increase of 55.6 p.c. over the 1939 figure and the value of fur-bearing animals on the farms an increase of 136.0 p.c.