

3.—Pelts of Fur Bearing Animals Taken by Kind, Years Ended June 30, 1953 and 1954

Kind	1953			1954		
	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
Badger.....	215	158	0.73	268	71	0.26
Bear, white.....	598	1,135	18.98	458	10,588	23.12
Bear, unspecified.....	465	9,460	2.03	437	725	1.66
Beaver.....	224,606	3,121,608	13.90	242,453	2,561,786	10.57
Coyote or prairie wolf.....	9,099	19,851	2.18	4,404	7,356	1.67
Ermine (weasel).....	546,344	718,642	1.32	293,309	279,870	0.95
Fisher.....	5,533	112,347	20.30	5,794	102,157	17.63
Fox, blue.....	582	4,033	6.93	639	3,482	5.45
Fox, cross.....	2,314	5,384	2.33	2,149	4,014	1.87
Fox, new-type.....	5,058	40,834	8.07	2,727	22,640	8.30
Fox, red.....	23,697	20,655	0.87	15,637	12,238	0.78
Fox, silver.....	24,282	180,296	7.43	9,816	76,228	7.77
Fox, white.....	40,710	360,760	8.86	36,371	403,562	11.10
Fox, other.....	41	156	..	27	35	..
Lynx.....	13,099	72,759	5.55	11,325	40,987	3.62
Marten.....	16,574	193,296	11.66	14,981	108,653	7.25
Mink, standard.....	642,234	9,751,580	15.18	506,007	7,459,053	14.74
Mink, mutation.....	143,555	2,950,315	20.55	198,010	3,819,643	19.29
Muskkrat.....	3,440,664	4,322,093	1.26	3,362,495	3,158,653	0.94
Otter.....	14,612	330,480	22.62	13,773	302,560	21.97
Rabbit.....	55,692	13,131	0.24	45,770	12,224	0.26
Raccoon.....	32,986	61,354	1.86	36,910	55,429	1.50
Skunk.....	10,315	10,525	1.02	6,304	4,401	0.70
Squirrel.....	2,313,455	1,037,172	0.45	1,461,881	809,040	0.55
Wildcat.....	501	405	0.81	492	417	0.85
Wolf.....	1,121	5,341	4.76	824	3,844	4.67
Wolverine.....	406	4,589	11.30	465	5,512	11.85
Other.....	107	1,321	..	1,001	22,374	..
Totals.....	7,568,865	23,349,680	..	6,274,727	19,287,522	..

Fur Farm Statistics.—The postwar downward trend in number of fur farms continued through 1954 with 2,408 farms compared with 2,513 in 1953. The value of fur bearers on these farms however was \$12,941,000 compared with \$10,835,709 in the earlier year.

Fur farms reporting foxes in 1954 numbered 249, a decrease from the 278 of the previous year; the 4,878 foxes on farms in 1954 were 9 p.c. fewer than in 1953 and were valued at \$113,455. Mink farms also dropped from 1,894 in 1953 to 1,858 in 1954. Farms having one to 79 mink decreased by 9 p.c. while those with 80 and over increased by 3 p.c. There was an increase in mink from 299,433 valued at \$3,142,229 in 1953 to 335,150 at \$9,632,795 in 1954. Fox pelt production decreased from 10,784 valued at \$82,252 in 1953 to 6,836 valued at \$70,554 in 1954 and mink pelts produced numbered 622,358 valued at \$10,097,794 in 1953 compared with 677,014 valued at \$12,868,787 in 1954.

4.—Fur Farms and Value of Fur Bearing Animals Thereon by Province 1951-54

Province	Fur Farms at Year End				Values of Fur Bearing Animals on Fur Farms			
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1951	1952	1953	1954
	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....
Prince Edward Island.....	88	60	45	42	101,565	75,845	59,416	105,000
Nova Scotia.....	110	82	75	83	195,171	143,795	176,845	219,000
New Brunswick.....	95	72	93	116	149,377	103,351	201,783	363,000
Quebec.....	389	248	245	268	1,043,629	1,112,157	1,344,436	1,495,000
Ontario.....	903	778	680	544	3,205,643	2,805,994	2,883,614	3,401,000
Manitoba.....	467	432	422	394	1,644,672	1,655,603	1,882,883	2,051,000
Saskatchewan.....	180	157	144	145	556,443	430,380	577,126	640,000
Alberta.....	519	503	476	446	1,768,280	1,553,626	1,861,275	2,120,000
British Columbia.....	321	336	333	370	1,530,781	1,619,561	1,848,331	2,547,000
Totals.....	3,072	2,668	2,513	2,408	10,195,561	9,560,702	10,835,709	12,941,000