

Fur Farm Statistics.—There were 2,706 fur farms operating in Canada in 1955 in comparison with 2,566 in the previous year. The increase resulted from the operation of a larger number of chinchilla farms and from the inclusion of fur farm statistics of Newfoundland for the first time.

Fur farms reporting foxes in 1955 numbered 189 as compared with 249 in the previous year; the number of foxes on farms was down by 32 p.c. and the value of these animals by 39 p.c. The number of mink farms increased from 1,858 to 1,912 during 1955. Farms having fewer than 80 mink decreased by 4 p.c. while those having 80 or more increased by 7 p.c. The number of mink on farms increased from 335,150 valued at \$9,632,795 in 1954 to 402,453 valued at \$11,880,147 in 1955. Fox pelt production increased from 6,836 valued at \$70,554 in 1954 to 7,238 valued at \$66,070 in 1955, and mink pelts from 677,014 valued at \$12,868,787 to 786,760 valued at \$15,787,520.

4.—Fur Farms and Value of Fur-Bearing Animals Thereon by Province 1954 and 1955

Province	Fur Farms at Year End		Values of Fur-Bearing Animals on Fur Farms	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	No.	No.	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....		47		412,116 ¹
Prince Edward Island.....	42	34	105,000	109,383
Nova Scotia.....	83	86	219,000	250,077
New Brunswick.....	116	112	363,000	353,513
Quebec.....	268	267	1,495,000	1,316,529
Ontario.....	702 ¹	735	3,401,000	4,031,095
Manitoba.....	394	372	2,051,000	2,373,636
Saskatchewan.....	145	156	640,000	810,100
Alberta.....	445	481	2,120,000	2,109,448
British Columbia.....	370	415	2,547,000	3,240,504 ¹
Totals.....	2,566¹	2,706	12,941,000	15,008,081

¹ Figures for one fox farm in Newfoundland and two in British Columbia are included in the total for Canada but are excluded from provincial totals.

5.—Fur-Bearing Animals on Fur Farms as at Dec. 31, 1954 and 1955

Kind of Animal	1954		1955 ¹	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
Fox—		\$		\$
Blue.....	244		197	
Platinum.....	409		287	
Pearl platinum.....	1,395	113,455	1,053	69,269
Silver.....	2,662		1,552	
White-marked.....	124		131	
Other.....	44		73	
Mink—				
Standard.....	103,940		104,036	
Mutation—				
Platinum (silverblu).....	61,584	9,632,795	57,369	11,880,147
Pastel.....	94,011		127,439	
Other.....	75,615		113,609	
Chinchilla.....	21,649	3,170,599	26,913	3,031,107
Marten.....	169	11,640	177	6,475
Nutria.....	224	10,702	316	19,290
Raccoon.....	87	586	84	548
Other.....	32	1,375	30	1,245
Totals.....	362,189	12,941,155	433,266	15,008,081

¹ Includes Newfoundland.