

Fur Farm Production.—The number of fur farms in operation in Canada continues to decline, 2,083 reporting in 1962 compared with 2,161 in 1961. However, the value of pelts produced on fur farms was higher in 1962 than in the previous year. There were 39,369 more animals on 78 fewer farms and the number of pelts taken during the year increased from 1,288,157 to 1,325,667. Mink accounted for 99.1 p.c. of the value of fur farm production and fur farm production accounted for 62 p.c. of total production.

4.—Fur Farms and Value of Pelts Produced Thereon, by Province, 1961 and 1962

Province	Fur Farms at Year End		Value of Pelts Produced on Fur Farms	
	1961 ¹	1962	1961 ¹	1962
	No.	No.	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....	37	35	486,311	442,962
Prince Edward Island.....	15	15	66,075	43,149
Nova Scotia.....	115	106	764,777	903,654
New Brunswick.....	36	31	61,795	88,935
Quebec.....	232	182	1,003,870	1,335,404
Ontario.....	652	721	5,743,001	5,786,221
Manitoba.....	211	207	2,798,826	3,099,042
Saskatchewan.....	137	141	1,135,454	1,269,791
Alberta.....	308	265	2,405,732	2,462,650
British Columbia.....	418	380	4,144,169	4,523,761
Totals.....	2,161	2,083	18,611,390¹	19,957,036¹

¹ Includes some pelts not valued by province.

In 1962, the 1,503 farms raising mink reported having 557,046 animals; 468 farms raising chinchilla had 35,630 animals; 115 raising nutria had 5,856 animals; and 53 farms raising fox had 883 animals. Only farms raising chinchilla increased in number over 1961 but the number of mink on farms increased by 36,861, the number of chinchilla by 2,600 and the number of nutria by 315. Fox decreased by 395.

5.—Number and Value of Pelts Produced on Fur Farms, by Kind, 1961 and 1962

Kind	1961 ¹		1962	
	Pelts	Value	Pelts	Value
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Fox.....	1,811	18,110	1,647	16,470
Blue.....	99	990	69	690
Platinum.....	564	5,640	748	7,480
Silver.....	1,095	10,950	753	7,530
Unspecified.....	53	530	77	770
Mink.....	1,271,449	18,436,537	1,308,281	19,780,332
Standard.....	229,117	3,439,380	223,291	4,037,101
Grey.....	43,960	584,694	45,244	589,983
Dark blue.....	78,439	1,230,103	97,975	1,388,307
Light blue.....	210,352	3,384,927	255,367	4,039,906
Brown.....	497,093	6,435,668	442,803	6,168,246
Beige.....	128,113	2,311,060	177,388	2,731,775
White.....	84,375	1,050,705	66,213	825,014
Chinchilla.....	10,559	148,617	11,268	152,063
Nutria.....	3,884	7,768	3,772	7,544
Totals¹.....	1,287,741	18,611,390	1,325,066	19,957,036

¹ Includes pelts not allocated by type.