

**Wild Fur Production.**—The principal kinds of wild fur pelts taken, according to their value in 1964-65, were beaver, seal, muskrat, mink, squirrel, otter, white fox, lynx, and marten. These nine kinds of pelts accounted for 94.8 p.c. of the total value of wild pelts produced.

**3.—Pelts of Wildlife Fur Bearing Animals Taken, by Kind, Years Ended June 30, 1964 and 1965**

Kind	1964			1965		
	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
Badger.....	409	1,175	2.87	395	1,099	2.78
Bear—						
White.....	482	33,082	68.63	564	55,906	99.12
Black or brown.....	683	9,976	14.61	1,211	21,082	17.41
Grizzly.....	19	285	15.00	22	330	15.00
Beaver.....	463,837	6,181,030	13.33	415,281	4,905,277	11.81
Coyote or prairie wolf.....	19,366	118,990	6.14	22,566	150,113	6.65
Ermine (weasel).....	124,079	99,701	0.80	180,259	222,999	1.24
Fisher.....	8,364	92,232	11.03	7,950	70,713	8.89
Fox—						
Blue.....	171	1,061	6.20	207	1,499	7.24
Cross and red.....	19,214	83,781	4.36	22,010	130,278	5.92
Silver.....	293	1,695	5.78	472	5,082	10.70
White.....	32,447	499,067	15.07	40,831	448,112	10.97
Not specified.....	2	7	3.50	71	455	6.41
Lynx.....	36,197	529,674	14.63	24,834	408,420	16.65
Marten.....	49,664	439,033	8.84	40,948	369,191	9.02
Mink.....	121,459	1,971,186	16.23	108,863	1,530,648	14.32
Muskrat.....	1,433,057	1,962,381	1.37	1,387,022	1,832,288	1.32
Otter.....	19,802	547,286	27.64	19,315	556,507	28.81
Rabbit.....	143,873	53,393	0.37	105,790	33,967	0.32
Raccoon.....	25,975	49,611	1.91	25,785	59,014	2.29
Seal—						
Fur, North Pacific <sup>1</sup> .....	10,908	585,651	53.70	13,462	762,922	56.67
Hair, N.W.T. <sup>2</sup> .....	46,962	691,764	14.73	65,332	757,017	11.08
Hair, Que. <sup>2</sup> .....	21,342	317,996	14.90	24,141	359,701	14.90
Hair, Atlantic Coast <sup>2</sup> .....	177,913	2,485,000	13.97	147,834	1,638,000	11.10
Skunk.....	374	159	0.43	1,039	555	0.53
Squirrel.....	653,175	379,525	0.58	1,503,756	882,290	0.59
Wildcat.....	1,133	4,675	4.13	1,553	10,288	6.62
Wolf.....	1,474	24,067	16.33	866	14,315	16.53
Wolverine.....	478	6,401	13.36	518	8,760	16.91
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>3,413,151</b>	<b>17,159,384</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>4,163,277</b>	<b>15,236,798</b>	<b>...</b>

<sup>1</sup> Commonly known as Alaska fur seal; not available by province. Value figures are the net returns to the Federal Government for pelts sold. <sup>2</sup> Value figures are payments to sealers for landed pelts, including blubber; an unknown quantity is processed as leather.

**Fur Farm Production.**—Mink now accounts for over 99 p.c. of the total value of fur farm production. In 1964 the number of mink pelts taken continued upward, reaching 1,418,368 with a value of \$21,165,324. The total number of all types of pelts taken was 1,435,803 with a value of \$21,376,685.

On the whole, there was little change in the number of fur farms operating in 1964 compared with 1963, some provinces reporting small increases and others small decreases.

Mink farms increased in number from 1,476 to 1,491 and the number of animals on those farms at year-end from 583,312 to 641,818. Chinchilla farms also increased in number from 451 to 477 and the number of animals increased from 39,656 to 49,298. In 1964, 151 farms raising nutria reported 3,986 animals and 36 farms raising fox had 762 animals; the number of nutria decreased by 2,734 over 1963 and the number of fox increased by 4.