

Although the number of beaver pelts produced was somewhat reduced compared with the previous year, the average value per pelt increased from \$11.81 to \$15.40. In fact, the average value of every kind of pelt except otter and hair seal was higher in 1965-66 than in 1964-65, some, particularly fox and lynx, almost doubling.

3.—Pelts of Wildlife Fur Bearing Animals Taken, by Kind, Years Ended June 30, 1965 and 1966

Kind	1965			1966		
	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
Badger.....	395	1,099	2.78	792	6,423	8.11
Bear—						
White.....	564	55,906	99.12	624	81,473	130.57
Black or brown.....	1,211	21,082	17.41	2,482	82,287	33.15
Grizzly.....	22	330	15.00	46	4,071	88.50
Beaver.....	415,261	4,905,277	11.81	372,635	5,739,147	15.40
Cougar.....	—	—	—	49	—	—
Coyote or prairie wolf.....	22,566	150,113	6.65	24,326	273,031	11.22
Ermine (weasel).....	180,259	222,999	1.24	178,672	240,356	1.35
Fisher.....	7,950	70,713	8.89	8,216	125,921	15.33
Fox—						
Blue.....	207	1,499	7.24	70	737	10.53
Cross and red.....	22,010	130,278	5.92	25,357	268,205	10.58
Silver.....	472	5,052	10.70	431	8,951	20.77
White.....	40,831	448,112	10.97	11,656	191,623	16.44
Not specified.....	71	455	6.41	38	528	13.89
Lynx.....	24,534	408,420	16.65	14,583	544,605	37.35
Marten.....	40,948	369,191	9.02	43,890	503,308	11.47
Mink.....	106,863	1,530,648	14.32	85,581	1,226,046	14.33
Muskkrat.....	1,387,022	1,832,288	1.32	1,830,307	3,207,389	1.75
Otter.....	19,315	556,507	28.81	17,944	447,901	24.96
Rabbit.....	105,790	33,967	0.32	51,424	25,835	0.50
Raccoon.....	25,785	59,014	2.29	31,568	136,994	4.34
Seal—						
Fur, North Pacific ¹	13,462	762,922	56.67	16,797	1,009,933	60.13
Hair.....	252,627	2,716,121	10.50	229,142	2,128,900	9.29
Skunk.....	1,039	555	0.53	684	373	0.55
Squirrel.....	1,503,756	882,290	0.59	800,091	561,755	0.63
Wildcat.....	1,553	10,288	6.62	3,352	30,258	9.03
Wolf.....	866	14,315	16.53	1,085	24,301	22.40
Wolverine.....	518	8,760	16.91	411	9,953	24.22
Totals.....	4,175,897	15,198,201	...	3,842,253	16,880,304	...

¹ Commonly known as Alaska fur seal; value figures are the net returns to the Federal Government for pelts sold.

Fur Farm Production.—Mink accounts for over 99 p.c. of the total value of fur farm production. In 1965 the number of mink pelts taken continued upward, reaching 1,633,152 with a value of \$28,439,444. The number of all other types of pelts taken on fur farms was only 18,739 valued at \$255,961.

On the whole, there was little change in the number of fur farms operating in 1965 compared with 1964, some provinces reporting small increases and others small decreases. Mink farms increased in number from 2,122 to 2,171 and the number of animals on those farms at year-end was 769,322 compared with 699,573 a year earlier. Chinchilla farms increased in number from 472 to 560 and the number of animals from 49,352 to 62,658. In 1965, 110 farms raising nutria reported 3,924 animals and 39 farms raising fox had 833 animals, both slight increases over the previous year.