

Fur Farming

Sustainable

Strict Animal Welfare Standards

Creating Rural Employment



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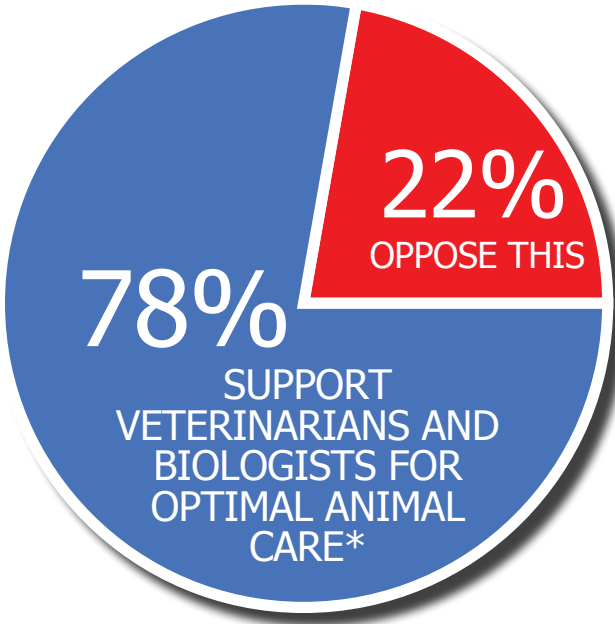
FUR FACTS

Production in Canada

Canadian Farmed Mink Pelts (2017 Stats Canada); 2,980,100

Canadian Farmed Fox Pelts (2017, Stats Canada) : 3870

Canadians Support Choice



**veterinarians and biologists helped create the Canadian mink/fox codes*



ECONOMIC STATISTICS

DID YOU KNOW?

- Canada's fur trade contributes nearly \$1 billion to the Canadian economy annually.
- The highest number of fur farms are located in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador.
- The value of Canadian fur exports ranges from \$500 million to \$800 million per year.
- In addition to fur, farms provide valuable oil (from fat) used in several medical and cosmetic products , leather treatments, bio-fuels and high quality composted fertilizer.

Farmers Contribute to their Rural Communities

- Farmers are entrepreneurs and small business owners.
- Mink farms employ thousands of people directly – and many more indirectly - in rural communities across Canada.
- Mink farms also contribute to many other local businesses, such as food processing facilities, lumber and hardware companies, banks, car dealerships – to name a few.

Canada is home to two world–renowned auction companies:

- North American Fur Auctions (NAFA) traces its roots back to 1911.
- Over 230 seasonal and full-time staff are employed by NAFA at its Toronto headquarters and over 670 worldwide.
- Fur Harvesters Auction Inc. (FHA) is a trapper-owned and operated fur auction house incorporated in North Bay, Ontario in 1991.
- FHA employs over 100 permanent and temporary staff at peak capacity during the busiest parts of the fur sales season, the majority of them in Ontario.
- Hundreds of buyers attend NAFA and Fur Harvesters Auction several times a year, contributing to the local economy not only through the purchase of pelts, but also through hotel stays, meals, entertainment and more. This is all new money being brought into our economy.





SUSTAINABLE FARMING



STRICT ANIMAL WELFARE

Standards of Care

- The standards of care for raising farmed mink/fox in Canada are set out in two separate Codes of Practice. These codes were prepared with the participation of veterinarians, animal welfare authorities, animal scientists and producers, through the National Farm Animal Care Council.
www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice
- Herd health, euthanasia, pen design and size, nutrition and other husbandry standards are established and outlined in the Codes of Practice to ensure the best possible welfare for farm raised mink and fox.
- A third party auditor visits the farms annually to verify compliance with the Codes of Practice.



ANIMAL RIGHTS EXTREMISM IN CANADA

- There are more than 400 animal activist groups operating in Canada as of 2010.
- Most are not registered charities and do not publish annual reports.
- The amount of money transferred between Canadian operations and their international headquarters is unknown, but it is estimated in the millions.
- Animal rights extremists are opposed to animal use – for any purpose.



MINK FARM ATTACKS

- Seven family-run mink farms were protested in 2017. (Some have been protested multiple times). The protesting impedes the business' ability to operate and care for the animals properly – such as preventing feed trucks from entering farms.
- A petition to ban family-run mink and fox farms is being circulated by extremists in Canada.
- Two mink farms were raided in 2016. Barns were broken into and mink were released from their pens. Nursing mother mink were released on both of these farms.
- Three mink farms were raided in 2015. Barns were broken into and mink were released from their pens.
- At least nine mink farm raids/releases have occurred in the last four to five years in Canada (Quebec, Ontario, BC).
- Five 'undercover' videos of mink farms in Ontario were released in 2015, alleging poor conditions. The making of these videos involved criminal activity - breaking into farms at night and inflicting stress on the animals for filming purposes.
- The radical Animal Liberation Front (ALF) has claimed responsibility in some of the attacks.
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) lists the ALF as an international organization and a terrorist group operating in Ontario. It lists fur farm attacks in Canada as a major threat. www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/qc/pub/sn-ns/ge-eg-eng.htm
- These attacks on farms not only create economic losses for farmers and communities, but also create very stressful and fearful environments for the farmers, farm families and employees.
- Animal rights groups have created poor animal welfare conditions - and sometimes deaths - for hundreds of thousands of mink through mink farm releases in Ontario. On several occasions, nursing mothers have been released, creating stress for both the mother, and the cold crying kits, which are often unable to survive until the farmer can reunite them with another nursing mother.
- Released mink do not have the skills to survive in the wild, and often starve to death or are killed on highways.



Mink are killed on the highway after being criminally released from their pens by animal rights extremists.

Supporting families and communities throughout Canada, by recycling food wastes into quality feed for happy and healthy mink, raised sustainably with strict animal welfare standards, to produce beautiful warm fur desired by markets internationally.



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