



# Looking for the MODERN FARMER



## TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming

Women's Wear Daily in its last Friday issue has a telegram from ATLANTIC, Aug. 18—A fox hunt is taking place in the cloth cut sections of the Atlantic stores which has a novel ending, for fox hunters the customers making a killing of no small importance, fox arranged in ripple fashion in fitted garments, retalling around \$89.95, the best seller in the majority of the efforts being made to improve the plastron front of sleek pelts.

Winning by a hairlength, the fox is popularly known as the "king of the fur" but because of the new tints and shade and proving that fox on the cloak is the choice of the customers in the August sales. Silver fox on black or tanger blue or even the grape tones is good, and fox in lynx coloring is particularly appealing to the customers who call for brown cloth coats.

The following received from the London Bureau of Women's Wear, Daily, N. Y. will be interesting in view of the efforts being made to change the system of marketing hitherto in vogue in the London auctions:

LONDON—The Committee of the London Public Fur Commission in its first discussion on the question of limiting quantities of silver fox skins offered in London auctions, but it seems it is not going to be effected into immediate decisions which may have a more profound effect on silver fox prices than at first sight appears. The committee has adjourned its talks for a week so, and though the adjournment was privately held and nothing official was given, and afterwards it is understood that no steps have yet been taken toward forming a committee to apportion catalog quotas as suggested by Prince Edward Island breeders and other Canadian fur interests.

Market opinion here is inclined to be that something ought to be done about limiting the tremendous quantities of silver fox pelts that are put on the market at the height of the selling season, especially in the January and March auctions. The tendency of recent seasons has been for prices to open high as buyers rush to Scandinavia and subsequently to London for the first of the new merchandise. Then when the big catalogs come on offer in January, there is usually a sharp price recession as buyers are unable to absorb the large quantities available. The carryover merchandise then appears again in the next catalog and is passed up by buyers interested only in the quantities that are available. The late arrivals could be placed away in cold storage and brought out as fresh, unhandled merchandise in the next sales.

There are difficulties, however, of reconciling the interests of different shippers, and there is the question of advance payments against goods, market factors here point out. If something could be done, nevertheless, to obtain a more even spread of merchandise over the entire selling season, the most serious would be benefited. It is thought, and other things being equal, there would be less price fluctuation.

The new sales dates for silver fox for the coming season in London have been fixed. The final clearing up sale of the old season is scheduled to open here on Sept. 1. The dates to open the Scandinavian auctions will be fixed shortly.

It is considered probable, according to some trade factors who claim to know, that appreciably smaller quantities of silver fox will be sent from Scandinavia for auction in London this coming season. Both in Norway and Sweden, domestic fur interests are keen on building up their own sales and are doing all they can to attract foreign buyer interest.

The tendency of the last couple of years has been for the Scandinavian auctions to rate high in international interests right at the start of the season, but for buyers to turn to London as the larger quantities became available after the first of the year. How far the Scandinavians will be able to obtain sustained interest in their sales is a question which may be answered during the coming season.

We presume our readers must have read the thrilling account of John Cobb's record breaking miles over the Utah salt flats this week when he accomplished an average speed for two miles, separate ways, of 369 miles an hour, but probably very few know that John Cobb is a member of the famous London fur brokers Anning and Cobb, and speed racing is his hobby. He is a splendid physical specimen some five feet in height and must have excellent nerves to stand such a pace.

The unexpectedly hot weather the past two weeks has caused some trouble in ranches. We have heard of nothing serious, just loss of individual pups. The trouble is probably due to food poisoning which is more common than generally believed, but during this hot weather is a real menace because many ranchers have no adequate means for handling meats. Oftentimes losses are blamed on other things rather than the true cause. For instance ranchers are often careless of the way they feed their dogs and cats and they do not realize that there is constant decomposition in all meat products from the time the animal is killed. Meat that has been fed to dogs and cats will be frozen again is liable to cause trouble.

Then again ranchers often mix up the meat for their ewes and lambs and some of this is left in galvanized pails and there probably is a reaction between the zinc and the food product, causing the generation of a gas in the condition in the fox's stomach. Cleanliness must be implicitly observed in the feed house, the meat grinder should be carefully gone over each day with hot water and particles adhering should be washed off. The mixer if used should be very thoroughly cleaned with boiling water and all utensils given the same treatment, but the huddling of the meat is probably the most important of all. Time the thawing out process so that the meat is ready when you are ready to grind it up for feed.

While the loss of certain pups at this stage of the game might not be serious because of low prices obtainable for litters, yet it is frequently the better ones that succumb and what would otherwise be a good breeding fox or good pup is lost through a matter of carelessness.

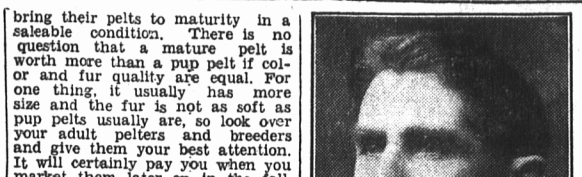
Then again remember that this hot weather develops fleas and earmites, and that the flea family in a few weeks will become of such large proportions as to be a menace, so watch out for fleas. If you notice your foxes pawing at their ears it is probably fleas, and if you notice them scratching it is probably fleas. Sometimes it is rather difficult to pin down a flea to its exact location, but behind the ears is usually the favorite camping ground for these pests. Earmites and fleas are easily treated, the former with earmite lotion which is obtainable at any drug store, and the latter with a good flea powder. But one dosing is not enough. It should be followed up in eight days with another light treatment in case some of the fleas have evaded the treatment. From now on the fur will be developing and fleas that operate around the neck and behind the ears will surely ruin a pelt as far as receiving a high price for it.

Adult foxes should be gone over next week and examined for fleas and earmites. Too often the adult foxes are neglected and all the attention given to the pups, but the adult foxes are your herd for breeding purposes and if not they should realize more for than your pup pelts. It is a matter of care and attention plus good feeding, to

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Cars must not park nor stop on any highway adjacent to an unbroken centre line.  
Police Officers have been instructed to enforce strictly these provisions.  
DATED this 10th day of August, 1939.  
P. S. FIELDING,  
Deputy Provincial Secretary



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Treasurer, Fredericton Exhibition Limited



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## Weekly Livestock Market Report

(Ottawa, August 17th)  
**SUMMARY**  
Live stock markets during the current session uncovered some of the best conditions experienced in some time. Cattle prices without exception were showing more firmness and advances in killing class and good weight steers. Calves were as a rule firm sellers, while hog and lamb prices gained substantially at all major markets.

**EASTERN CATTLE MARKETS**  
Killing cattle of good quality advanced 10 to 15c. at TORONTO on an active market. The supply of some 5,800 head was well taken care of, with just around 300 ill-bred, thin cattle remaining unsold. Good weight steers made up to \$6.50, with a few bringing as high as \$6.75 and five head making an extreme top of \$7. Butcher steers and heifers of good quality sold between \$6.25 and \$6.50. The market was steady, with good steers generally at \$6.50 to \$6.75, and tops reaching \$7.

**WESTERN CATTLE MARKETS**  
Moderate runs and an active trade moved a MONTEREAL WINNIPEG. Good dry-fed butcher cattle were scarce, and firm in price, but grass steers closed with a slightly easier tone. Cows and heifers however were in good demand and up 15c. to 25c. at the close. A few dry-fed steers sold at \$6.50 to \$7, while grassers were made from \$5.75 to \$6, with an odd \$6.25. There was a broad outlet for good feeder cattle, with good kinds taken at \$4.75 to \$5.25 and an odd lot up to \$5.50. CALGARY was mostly steady, with good butcher steers moving out at \$5 to \$5.50. EDMONTON also showed improved action and firm prices, with the top on grass steers at \$5.50. Good American country active and any change in price was in an upward direction, with top steers making \$5.75 at PRINCE ALBERT, \$5 at MOOSE JAW, \$6.50 at SASKATOON, \$6.50 at REGINA, and \$5.50 at VANCOUVER.

**U. S. MARKET ABOUT STEADY**  
The number of Canadian cattle sold at Buffalo was much below that of recent weeks. One load of heavy steers brought the high for the week of \$4.85, but most sales were between \$4.40 and \$5, with butcher steers and heifers generally between \$7.25 and \$7.50, and one lot at \$6.75. Odd sales of Manadrian calves were reported at \$7 for lightweights and up to \$11.50 for choice. Latest quotations from St. Paul on heavy Canadian bulls were between \$7.75 to \$8.25, and feeding steers \$7.75 to \$7.50. Exports to the United States during the week totalled 3,023 beef cattle, 389 dairy, and 2,000 calves. Exports of beef calves reported to August 17th inclusive, under the third quarterly quota, were 37,492 head. Shipments from January 1st to August 17th inclusive totalled 125,849 head of beef dairy and 66,699 calves, compared with 31,272 beef, 6,610 dairy and 34,013 calves in the same period of 1938.

**LAMB PRICES FIRM UP**  
Lambs opened 25c. higher and gained a further 10c. at Toronto, good ewes and wethers closing at \$8.85. Montreal was steady, with good lambs at \$8.50. Winnipeg closed 25c. higher, with good lambs up to \$9. Prince Albert and Regina were \$6, and Moose Jaw and Saskatoon \$6.25.

**CATTLE MARKETS**  
TORONTO sold 5,800 cattle and advanced 10c. to 15c. on killing classes. Good weight steers sold for \$6.25 to \$6.50, with a few up to \$6.75, and five head at an extreme top of \$7. Plain heavies sold \$7.50. Butcher steers and heifers ranged from \$6 to \$6.50, and better cows from \$4.75 to \$5, with a few at \$5. Canners and cutters were \$2.50 to \$3. Fed calves were \$2.50 to \$3. Hogs were \$4.75 to \$5.50. Good kinds of stockers made \$3 to \$3.50, and culls down to \$3.50. Good milkers and springers brought \$6 to \$6.50 each for tested kinds, and common \$4.50 to \$5.

**CALF MARKETS**  
TORONTO calves were steady, with good to choice at \$8.50 to \$9, and common down to \$7.50. Sales to \$5. Grassers sold between \$4 and \$4.75.

**HOG MARKETS**  
The Dominion hog run was again heavier at 57,112 head, compared with 35,823 in the same week last year. Totals to date this year 1,960, 710, last year 1,965,316. Most of the bacon quota at \$10.60 to \$10.65 and closed \$10.65 to \$10.75 dressed. Bacon alive were \$8 off trucks.

**SHEEP AND LAMB MARKETS**  
TORONTO lambs gained 35c. good closing at \$8.85, with bucks discounted \$1. Culls \$6.50 to \$7, sheep unchanged from \$2 to \$4.

**MONTEREAL** had 1,974 cattle, generally steady, with top steers at \$7, good from \$6.50 to \$6.75, and most others down to \$4. Heifers were mostly \$4 to \$5.50 and \$6, good cows \$5, odd sales \$5.25, and common down to \$3. Canners and cutters sold at \$2.25 to \$2.75, and bulls from \$2.50 to \$3.

**WHEATLEY RIVER**  
I will sell by Public Auction on Thursday Aug 31st at 5 P. M. the real estate property of the late Mr. John Ware, consisting of 12 room house, barn and double garage and about 1-2 acre land; also kitchen stove and other articles.

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**NATURE WASTING**  
No argument for the preservation of wildlife can be convincing, and no program for its restoration can be complete and effective without a change in trapping methods.

The steel-trap commonly used for commercial trapping, destroys thousands of fur-bearers and ruins their pelts under the most favorable circumstances of its use. An animal caught between the strong jaws of a steel-trap suffers from the time its leg is broken by the impact of the trap until it dies of starvation, thirst, exhaustion, or is eaten by another animal or gnaws its own foot off and escapes. (The fur trader would not bemoan the passing of an animal trap. It is efficient as an animal catcher, but it is not altogether efficient as a means of securing pelts. It does not always operate as intended and frequently injures the animal caught between its jaws.)

Proposals of this statement a letter was addressed to the Maryland State Conservation Department by a trapper who asked the additional protection be given to mink, skunk and fox. It is reported that the State Game Warden answered by saying, "I cannot agree with you that mink, skunk and fox need protection for they are 'very min' and I hope their names will never appear on the Maryland Game Code." Further light is shed on trapping wildlife to themselves by interested groups in the same letter. "Persons interested in the hunting of raccoon and opossums," writes the Maryland Game Warden, "cause the enactment of laws prohibiting trapping of same (Hunter-Trapper-Trapper, p. 2, June, 1937). If any part of our common heritage is to be left for future generations, conservationists must exert their influence equally with organized sportsmen and trappers. By the very nature of our Government regulations and laws of any sort enacted as the result of the VOCAL demands (Legislation sought by stockmen of the wool local survey, Jay N. Darling, to say "At this moment the herds of game species of some of the most valued species are, but for our prayers, to be shut out forever from 80,000,000 acres of our public domain by dedicated and unwieldy public grazing, without any provision for game upon it."—Address at the American Game Conference, 1938.)

The conviction of the trapper that all fur-bearing animals are his to do with as he pleases and that any objections to his use of them, though it result in eventual disaster to the fur song, is merely malicious interference of his rights by pulling sentimentalists, has led him to oppose salutary legislation in this field.

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