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Selection Of Mink Stock Discussed

The suggestions for selection of mink outlined in the following article by Dr. C. K. Gunn, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Fur Farm and Supervisor of the Dominion Mink Illustration Stations, comprise the recommended procedure of these experimental fur ranches and are submitted to Canadian mink ranchers for their assistance and study.

Selection of breeding stock in a mink ranch is one of the most important phases of mink ranching procedure.

The choice of breeding stock is based on several factors, such as: fecundity, fur characters, age, size, breeding quality and other traits. A definite system for carrying out the procedure is desirable so that each phase of selection is made in respect to the relative importance of the factor under consideration.

It is usually advisable to select primarily for fecundity or large litter size, because this trait is inherited, and if a rancher does not obtain good production he will soon go out of business. Next in importance is fur quality, which comprises proper length of fur, texture, density and colour of the fur. The relative length of guard fur in relation to underfur is designated in the trade as the nap of the fur. Medium nap is in demand by fur manufacturers and represents a guard fur of approximately three-quarters of an inch long and underfur of half an inch in length.

It is very important when examining colour of mink pelts that the colour of the underfur should blend with that of the guard fur. Underfur with a blue cast is most desirable and this should be free from bands of different colour or reddish tips in the individual underfur hairs.

Mutation Mink

With the advent of mutation mink with their different colour patterns, fur graders place emphasis upon clearness of colour and blending of the underfur with that of the guard fur of the particular mutant type. Cotton-like underfur called "cottony underfur" which is a very light coloured, is considered undesirable.

A soft silky texture of the fur is also a very desirable quality of mink pelts. It can be detected by rubbing the side of the forefinger against the pile of the fur along the back of the mink or pelt. The fur should not feel sandy or rough, but in a silky pelt simulates that of fine wheat flour in texture. Density of the underfur is of paramount importance with sufficient guard fur of uniform length to give the pelt a uniform coverage. Spikey guard fur of unequal length and mottled appearance resulting from body areas without adequate guard fur to cover the underfur are very undesirable characters.

Young mink should be selected in preference to adult breeders whenever their fur is superior to the adult animal. This practice gives rise to improvement of the average quality of fur in the ranch. If possible, it is advisable to have an outside, expert fur grader do this phase of the work, who frequently can give a more impartial selection of a rancher's mink upon the basis of fur quality.

Examination of the fur should be carried out both in shade and sunshine.

Careful observation of the fur of championship animals at Mink Shows and of the variously priced bundles of dressed mink pelts at large fur auction houses are instructive aids to the average mink rancher in acquiring a knowledge of mink fur quality. Mink which tend to retain good colour in other seasons of the year than in the fur season, have usually better fur colour at the prime state than more variable animals.

Size of Pelts

The size of the mink pelts is also important because greater valuation is placed on large pelts provided other desirable traits are present. Because size is inherited, selection should be made for large animals in both sexes which have good fur. Generally, too, in relation to the breeding of mink, large active males are preferable to smaller ones.

Healthy animals which are good eaters, from litters with clean nests, and free from nervous habits, such as screw neck and weaving or other pernicious traits such as tail chewing, are desirable. No definite age limit can categorically be stated for the number of years a mink should be kept, but it would seem usually inadvisable to retain animals for breeding purposes more than four or five years in a ranch. Exceptions, however, may be made for valuable proven breeder males. Sexually inactive males and female mink which prove difficult to breed, as well as those with a record of killing their young, should be pelted.

The study of the pedigrees of mink in the selection of breeding stock should also receive considerable attention because linebred or inbred mink, which have desirable hereditary traits for fur quality, size and breeding vigour, are more likely to transmit these traits to their offspring than animals of mongrel constitution, but of equally good appearance. Avoid retaining mink with good fur which do not nick well with that of the ranch herd, because their offspring are usually inferior in quality to the average of the mink in the ranch.

Selection of mink can preferably be carried out when the fur has reached the prime state when the various fur characters are at their optimum state. Primeness is usually reached toward the end of November in strains of standard mink. It is advisable, however, to make three examinations of standard dark mink at intervals during the latter part of October and early in November to note the sequence of fur priming, which takes place from the tail, over the back and sides towards the head region.

Final Selection

The final selection of detailed fur characters can then preferably be carried out by catching the mink in an examining cage or by hand, to note the texture and colour of the leather in relation to primeness or unprimeness. The presence of blue coloured leather resulting from pigmentation in the hair roots embedded in the skin in the region at the nape of the neck indicates that the animal has not quite reached the prime state. When primeness is reached, this area of skin will appear clear or cream coloured and since it is the last body area to become prime, the pelt is then ready to take.

Particular care should be taken in regard to estimating the presence of the prime state in mutant types of mink, because they do not prime up as early as standard animals. Experimental work is in progress at the Dominion Experimental Fur Farm and the Dominion Illustration Stations, which to date indicates that priming of such animals takes place later than in standard mink on the same ranch.

When purchases of new breeding stock are to be made, it is advisable to obtain mink which not only nick with the ranch stock, but whenever possible, from a locality where available feed stuffs and climatic conditions are similar to those of the ranch. Proven breeder males are preferable to untried pup males and usually repay their difference in cost by litter production. The shipment of bred females should be made immediately after their breeding season, while it is generally advisable to have newly purchased mink stock in the ranch as early in the autumn season as possible so that they may become acclimatized and well adjusted to their new surroundings before the next breeding season.

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Housing Report

OTTAWA, Sept. 26—(CP)—The Bureau of Statistics today reported that both starts and completions of new housing units were down sharply in July compared with July last year. Starts fell 40 per cent and completions 28 per cent.

Starts in the first seven months of the year were 15 per cent lower than in the corresponding period of last year, while completions were moderately higher.

Starts in the month numbered 6,123 compared with 10,245 a year ago, bringing the seven-month total to 44,588 against 52,394. July completions totalled 4,926 against 6,853, and in the seven months numbered 43,620 against 42,821. Dwellings under construction at the end of the month totalled 59,766 as against 67,097 last year.

Starts in Ontario in July fell to 2,342 from 2,936 a year ago, Quebec to 1,981 from 3,111, and the Prairie Provinces to 1,106 from 2,141. In British Columbia there was a drop to 368 from 1,039, the Maritimes to 260 from 593, and Newfoundland to 66 from 425.

Completions in Quebec in July were lower at 1,683 against 1,883, Ontario 1,622 against 2,687, Prairie Provinces 903 against 946, British Columbia 458 against 889, Maritimes 209 against 359, and Newfoundland 46 against 89.

Artificial Heart Used Successfully

PARIS, Sept. 27—(AP)—An artificial heart has been used successfully for the first time in surgical history to give an "assist" to the normal heart in saving human life. An Italian surgeon reported on the operation yesterday at the 14th congress of the International Society of Surgeons.

Dr. A. M. Dogliotti, professor of surgery at the University of Turin, said that last August a 50-year-old patient was brought to his clinic suffering from a large tumor which squeezed the right side of the heart.

The doctor said the man was dying, chiefly because his heart was unable to deliver enough oxygen to his body.

To aid the heart, Dogliotti substituted an artificial heart for 20 minutes while he cut out the tumor and then returned the blood to normal circulation. The patient is alive and well.

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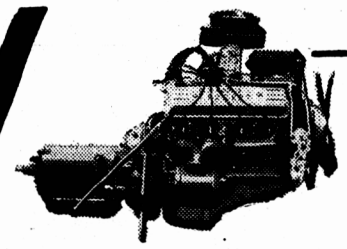

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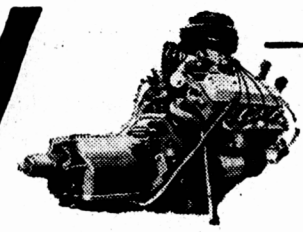

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