

**May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Auction - All prices in Canadian dollars**

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Our auction fell in line with our competitor's earlier auction with price declines on most wild fur species compared to February levels. The exception was taxidermy items that saw strong demand and resulted in excellent prices. Clearances on some species were disappointing, however FHA firmly believes that wild fur is in the early stages of recovery and it's important the auction houses support this recovery by limiting major price fluctuations.

Although muskrat prices were weaker than February it must be noted that this collection contained a large quantity of spring caught muskrat and therefore the overall quality was weaker. Still the price is well above recent year's levels. Otter prices continue to strengthen. FHA held firm on raccoon evaluations and therefore clearances were low. Beaver production was far greater than first anticipated and the added supply put pressure on this article's fragile recovery especially on commercial grades. Lighter weight commercial marten sold while heavy qualities remain unsold as demand for this type is currently weak. Demand continues for female fisher however most of the males remain unsold. Trim type coyote and red fox continue to sell well, flatter sections saw limited interest. Demand continues for lynx and western cats with good quality and colour while off colours saw limited interest.

FHA would like to wish both our shippers and buyers an enjoyable summer and we look forward to doing business next season.

*Please note FHA has started our summer hours, Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM, closed Fridays.*

Species	Offered	Section	% Sold	High	Average	
Beaver	62,195	East-Sec. I P.Lots	77%	\$56.84	\$16.59	
		West-P.Lots	66%	\$45.68	\$13.17	
		III Section	90%		\$6.86	
Wild Mink	9,087	Over All	97%	\$21.32	\$13.12	
Sable	25,637	Eastern XL-L	63%	\$71.05	\$38.60	Larger sizes are unsold.
		NWT XXL-XL	28%	\$96.43	\$39.45	
		Medium Overall	94%		\$26.83	
		Section III	92%		\$22.25	
Otter	2,787	1 <sup>st</sup> Section	100%	\$73.08	\$47.29	
		III Section	100%		\$14.62	
Fisher	6,828		49%	\$56.84	\$42.33	Males Unsold
Lynx	5,517	CDN Part Lots	85%	\$223.30	\$123.90	
		Alaska	40%	\$233.45	\$161.64	
		III Section	97%		\$18.99	
Lynx Cat	3,805	Canadian	55%	\$157.33	\$101.50	
		Western	80%	\$700.35	\$315.91	
		Northern U.S.	40%	\$131.95	\$63.05	
Muskrat	111,863	1 <sup>st</sup> Section	100%	\$17.56	\$7.61	
		III Section	100%		\$4.26	
Raccoon	134,849	Ontario	Mainly Unsold			
		Minn/Wisc	25%	\$38.57	\$29.44	
		Iowa	20%	\$33.50	\$18.70	
		Eastern U.S.	Mainly Unsold			
Coyote	13,779	Western CDN	70%	\$69.02	\$45.57	
		Western USA	68%	\$56.84	\$34.05	
		Eastern	30%	\$35.53	\$25.32	
		Central	Mainly Unsold			
Red Fox	15,748	Eastern	92%	\$54.81	\$25.64	
		Central	60%	\$14.21	\$9.11	
Grey Fox	1,231		Mainly Unsold			
Arctic Fox	577		100%	\$88.32	\$30.62	
Cross Fox	193		90%	\$91.35	\$30.51	
Wolverine	132		100%	\$466.90	\$250.00	
Timber Wolf	417	Arctic	96%	\$629.30	\$311.39	
		Boreal	90%	\$182.70	\$90.45	
Black Bear	48		90%	\$588.70	\$152.20	
Weasel	10,459		46%	\$12.38	\$4.93	
Squirrel	6,930		Unsold			
Castoreum	3728 lbs		100%		\$50.02 / lb	