

ANNUAL SPRING FUR AUCTION

March 15, 2014

The Annual Spring Fur Auction was held at the Whitcomb High School in Bethel VT on Saturday, March 15, 2014. Forty two (42) lots of fur were offered to the 5 buyers present. The following is a breakdown of prices received.

SPECIES	OFFERED	# SOLD	AVG	HIGH	LOW	TOTAL \$	N/S
Mink	23	22	13.40	4.00	1.30	294.80	1
Muskrat	247	241	9.57	10.68	7.94	2305.50	6
Coyote	75	74	24.09	44.00	7.33	1783.00	1
Red Fox	15	15	41.20	51.00	25.00	618.00	
Grey Fox	22	22	23.32	32.00	20.77	513.00	
Raccoon	41	41	8.68	13.00	3.00	356.00	
Fisher	40	40	88.55	101.00	70.00	3542.00	
Beaver	227	227	21.41	33.00	15.50	4859.00	
Otter	24	23	61.22	77.50	25.00	1408.00	1
Skunk	4	4	4.25	7.00	2.50	17.00	
Opossum	7	7	2.07	2.40	.50	14.50	
Weasel	2	2	4.50	4.50	4.50	9.00	
Bobcat	8	8	95.63	140.00	60.00	765.00	
Castor	13lb 13oz	13lbs 13oz	19.49	25.14	8.67	268.00	
Deer head mount	1	1	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	

Total Sales: \$16,817.80

Averages on most species declined in comparison to our December Fall 2013 Fur Auction, reflecting the recent downward adjustment in the fur market. However, fisher, beaver and otter prices advanced while muskrat prices were off slightly.

We would like to thank all those who again helped out. Thanks go out especially to Dave Perrin, Bruce and Penny Baroffio, John Abts, Jim Calchera, Jim Stewart, Mak Keyes, John Krisher, Dave Lauzon, Willis Gillfillan and everyone else who helped out. I apologise to anyone I may have missed in thanking.

Thank you, John Krisher, once again, for obtaining the sausage donation.

A "big" thanks to Chuck Eaton for the excellent job of auctioneering!

A special thanks to Doreen Perrin, the "Birthday Girl" for another wonderful job of managing and running the food concession! Thank you, Judi, for assisting Doreen.

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Respectfully submitted,

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