



NORTH AMERICAN FUR AUCTIONS

Wild Fur Market Update

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There is little doubt that the financial turmoil of the last four weeks will have an affect on Wild Fur prices. However, it is too early to tell the extent of the decline in prices. Because the Canadian dollar has weakened by approximately 25% vis à vis the U.S. dollar since our March 2008 auction, it could be that most articles will be more or less the same for the Canadian producer.

October has been an unusually warm month in both China and Russia. However, 80% of their retail sales are done from November onwards. Cold weather should start in November and the long-term forecast for both China and Russia is a normal winter.

We will update you again once our agents obtain sales figures for November. Herman Jansen will be travelling to China at the end of November and a team of four NAFA representatives are travelling through China right now.

We have to keep in mind that wild fur is in fashion and that despite the current economic turmoil, we will have a fur business—cold weather in China and Russia will be the determining factor as regards the price structure.