Mink

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Pelt Production Down 13 Percent

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1993 totaled 2.53 million pelts, down 13 percent from 1992. Utah, the major mink producing State, produced 600,000 pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production follows: Standard - 45.3 percent; Mahogany - 15.1 percent; Ranch Wild - 13.8 percent; Gunmetal - 9.1 percent; Demi-buff - 8.5 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 8.2 percent.

Value of Pelt Production Up 25 Percent

Mink pelts produced during the 1993 crop year were valued at $86.2 million, up 25 percent from $69.0 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1993 crop year was $34.10, compared with $23.80 in 1992.

Females Bred Up 1 Percent

Female mink bred to produce kits in 1994 totaled 712,800, up 1 percent from the previous year.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1994 by color class are: Standard - 51.3 percent; Mahogany - 13.7 percent; Ranch Wild - 11.8 percent; Gunmetal - 8.9 percent; Demi-buff - 6.4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 7.9 percent.

Number of Mink Farms Down 12 Percent

There were 502 mink farms producing pelts in 1993, down 12 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Utah with 145 farms, Wisconsin with 87, and Minnesota with 59.

Fox

There were 58 mink farms which also raised fox in 1993, compared to 57 for the previous year.

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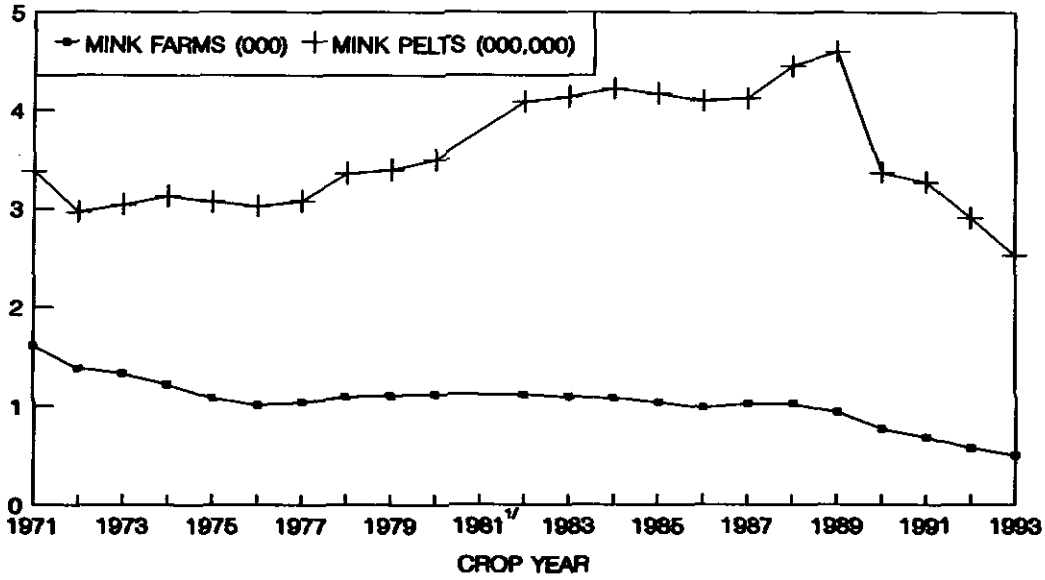
MINK PELTS AND NUMBER OF FARMS
1971 - 1993



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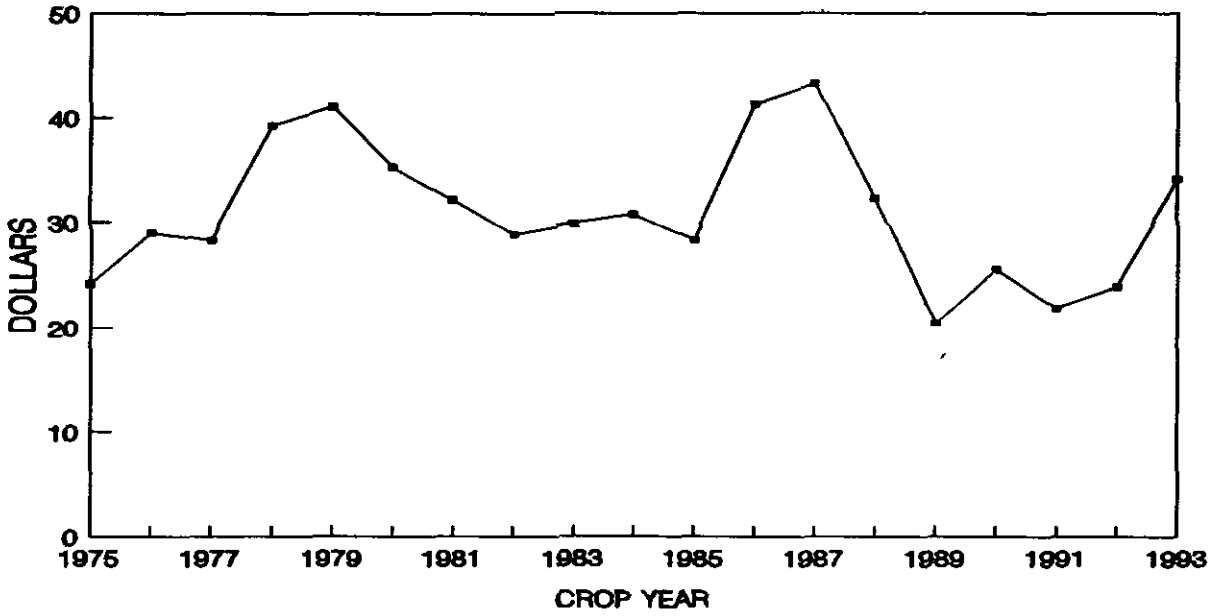
1975- 1993



Mink: Pelts Produced and Females Bred, by Color Class, United States, 1992-1994 1/

Color Class	Pelts Produced 1992 2/	Pelts Produced 1993	Females Bred To Produce Kits 1992	Females Bred To Produce Kits 1993 2/	Females Bred To Produce Kits 1994
			1,000		
Standard	1,331	1,144	389.9	359.3	365.6
Ranch Wild	431	348	114.4	89.8	84.4
Demi-buff	225	215	58.1	45.1	45.7
Pastel	40	35	13.6	11.4	9.8
Pale Brown	4	1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Sapphire	77	71	21.1	19.4	20.7
Gunmetal	228	230	65.4	64.7	63.7
Mahogany	450	380	81.3	90.8	97.6
Pearl	16	15	5.0	4.7	5.3
Lavender-hope	8	7	1.7	1.7	1.5
Pink	16	12	4.5	4.6	4.2
Violet-type	38	26	16.1	6.0	6.3
White	36	42	10.6	8.9	7.9
Misc.& Unclassified	1	1	0.1	0.1	--
US	2,900	2,527	781.9	706.7	712.8

Mink: Farms, Pelts Produced, Price, and Value, United States, 1971-93

Year	Mink Farms	Pelts Produced	Average Marketing Price 3/	Value of Mink Pelts 3/
	Number	1,000	Dollars	Million Dollars
1971	1,615	3,380		
1972	1,380	2,965		
1973	1,329	3,037		
1974	1,221	3,128		
1975	1,084	3,067	24.10	73.9
1976	1,015	3,026	29.00	87.8
1977	1,040	3,076	28.30	87.1
1978	1,095	3,358	39.30	132.0
1979	1,105	3,394	41.10	139.5
1980	1,122	3,501	35.30	123.6
1981	4/	4/	32.20	4/
1982	1,116	4,085	28.90	118.1
1983	1,098	4,137	29.90	123.7
1984	1,084	4,220	30.80	130.0
1985	1,042	4,171	28.00	116.8
1986	989	4,096	41.30	170.0
1987	1,027	4,122	43.00	177.2
1988	1,027	4,453	32.30	143.8
1989	940	4,604	20.40	93.9
1990	771	3,366	25.50	85.8
1991	683	3,268	21.90	71.6
1992 2/	571	2,900	23.80	69.0
1993 5/	502	2,527	34.10	86.2

1/ Sum of color class may not add to U.S. total due to rounding.
2/ Revised based on additional information.
3/ Data not available prior to 1975.
4/ Data not availabe for 1981.
5/ Data are Preliminary.

Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms, Major States and United States, 1992

States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi-Buff 1/	Pastel	Pale Brown	Sapphire	Gun Metal	Mahogany
	Number of Pelts							
ID	74,900	29,500	22,700	500	3,000	5,500	17,800	35,200
IL	44,900	*	*				*	*
IA	37,000	6,100	17,400	9,700		5,800	6,300	3,300
MI	33,600	*	*	800		100	*	6,200
MN	121,000	143,100	15,200	3,900		*	19,700	15,600
NY	13,500	*	600	1,700	*	*	2,200	15,400
OH	40,000	*	*	*		*		13,600
OR	73,000	*	*	1,900		10,000	83,000	12,000
PA	24,500		3,900	*		9,400	19,900	8,600
SD	*	45,500		2,600				15,100
UT	358,200	24,100	107,300	1,000		20,200	11,700	120,300
WA	86,700	*	*	*			23,300	
WI	378,200	37,800	25,000	11,800		17,100	34,400	148,700
Oth Sts	45,300	145,100	33,100	5,700	600	8,500	9,400	56,300
US	1,330,800	431,200	225,200	39,600	3,600	76,600	227,700	450,300

States	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
	Number of Pelts							
ID	300	500	100				190,000	27
IL	*				*		56,700	15
IA	4,500			10,400	500		101,000	25
MI	*			*	*	*	53,300	15
MN	*		*	*	2,300		332,900	72
NY	200		1,800	700	*		38,000	12
OH				*			64,500	11
OR			*	*			191,900	29
PA	*		1,100	*	*		73,200	21
SD	*						76,000	7
UT	2,000			5,200		1,000	651,000	150
WA							136,000	28
WI	2,600	7,000	5,700	10,500	25,800	100	704,700	114
Oth Sts	6,400		7,300	11,100	7,800	100	230,800	45
US	16,000	7,500	16,000	37,900	36,400	1,200	2,900,000	571

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States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi-Buff 1/	Pastel	Pale Brown	Sapphire	Gun Metal	Mahogany
	Number of Pelts							
ID	63,400	32,500	36,500	1,400		4,000	*	20,500
IL	36,100						*	*
IA	33,700	4,300	5,900	8,700		3,000	3,700	7,900
MI	33,500	*	1,800	1,600		*	500	8,400
MN	104,100	125,300	11,500	3,100		*	21,600	27,200
NY	17,800	*	1,800	2,400		*	2,800	8,400
OH	36,700	*	*	*		1,400	*	4,600
OR	65,000	*	*	*		9,200	91,000	11,000
PA	*		*	*		8,000	18,800	5,000
SD	*	32,700	*	*				*
UT	310,000	30,000	99,000	1,000		24,000	11,000	121,000
WA	62,700	*	*	*			22,200	
WI	314,300	25,300	15,600	10,200		15,000	36,400	108,100
Oth Sts	66,300	98,100	43,200	6,600	500	6,200	22,100	58,300
US	1,143,600	348,200	215,300	35,000	500	70,800	230,100	380,400

States	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
	Number of Pelts							
ID	*	*					169,000	24
IL					*	*	41,800	11
IA	4,500			8,500	*	*	81,000	21
MI	2,900			3,300	3,400		55,800	16
MN	*		*	*	2,200		302,200	59
NY	600		2,500	900	*		38,300	12
OH			*	*	*		57,800	12
OR			*	2,000			189,000	27
PA	*		*	*	*		61,400	17
SD	*						68,400	6
UT	2,000			1,000		1,000	600,000	145
WA							102,700	24
WI	1,100	6,000	2,800	6,800	29,400		571,000	87
Oth Sts	3,500	1,100	6,300	3,900	7,000	400	188,600	41
US	14,600	7,100	11,600	26,400	42,000	1,400	2,527,000	502

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Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits: Number by Color Class, Major States and United States, 1993

States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi-Buff 1/	Pastel	Pale Brown	Sapphire	Gun Metal	Mahogany
	Number							
ID	20,500	7,300	4,900	300		1,300	2,800	12,800
IL	12,800							*
IA	10,200	1,900	1,300	2,800		1,100	3,100	1,800
MI	8,700	*	700	400		100	*	1,900
MN	33,000	30,500	1,700	*		*	6,500	4,600
NY	7,800	*	100	1,000	*	*	900	1,300
OH	11,900	*	*	*		*		2,500
OR	18,000	*	*	500		2,700	22,700	2,000
PA	6,200		*	*		2,100	5,300	2,200
SD	*	9,100		*				4,300
UT	106,100	6,000	23,800	300		5,300	3,400	24,300
WA	15,800	*	*	*			5,900	
WI	95,000	7,600	5,000	3,700		4,300	11,200	16,300
Oth Sts	13,300	27,400	7,600	2,400	200	2,500	2,900	16,800
US	359,300	89,800	45,100	11,400	200	19,400	64,700	90,800

States	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total
	Number						
ID	200	200	100				50,400
IL	*				*		14,300
IA	1,400			*	*		24,500
MI	900			*	*		15,300
MN	*		*		1,000		80,300
NY	600		1,200	500			14,100
OH			*	*			17,400
OR			*	*			49,000
PA	*		*	*	*		18,700
SD	*						18,500
UT	300			500			170,000
WA							26,700
WI	400	1,500	900	1,800	5,400	100	153,200
Oth Sts	900		2,400	3,200	2,500		54,300
US	4,700	1,700	4,600	6,000	8,900	100	706,700

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States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi-Buff 1/	Pastel	Pale Brown	Sapphire	Gun Metal	Mahogany
	Number							
ID	20,100	6,000	8,100	200		900	*	6,000
IL	13,300		*					*
IA	12,400	1,100	1,000	2,600		1,100	1,800	2,900
MI	10,300		800	300		*	400	1,400
MN	31,800	23,900	1,900	300		*	5,400	7,100
NY	8,500	*	500	900		*	700	1,700
OH	12,100	*	*	*		700	*	1,700
OR	18,000	1,800	*	500		*	23,000	*
PA	6,900		*	*		2,500	5,800	1,700
SD	3,800	9,300	*	*				*
UT	95,000	11,700	18,500	200		6,900	3,000	28,700
WA	19,300	*	*				6,100	
WI	99,900	5,200	4,500	3,100		3,900	12,000	21,000
Oth Sts	14,200	25,400	10,400	1,700	100	4,700	5,500	25,400
US	365,600	84,400	45,700	9,800	100	20,700	63,700	97,600

States	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total
	Number						
ID	*	*					44,700
IL	*				*		14,700
IA	1,000		*	2,400	*		26,500
MI	*			700	*		15,500
MN	*		*	*	1,000		74,000
NY	700		1,100	500			15,000
OH			*		*		19,000
OR			*	*			48,500
PA	*		*	*	*		19,800
SD	*						19,800
UT	700			300			165,000
WA							29,900
WI	300	1,300	800	900	4,100		157,000
Oth Sts	2,600	200	2,300	1,500	2,800		63,400
US	5,300	1,500	4,200	6,300	7,900	--	712,800

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Survey Procedures: Data for mink production are collected from all known producers. State Statistical Offices use all known sources of producers to ensure that their lists are as complete as possible. Data collection from the approximately 500 producers begins in February. All known mink producers are mailed a questionnaire and given adequate time to respond by mail Those that do not respond by mail are telephoned or possibly enumerated in person. Great care is exercised to ensure that all operations are accounted for. Major auction houses which handle virtually all producer sales provide mink pelt price data in June. Prices are collected at the point of first sale by producers, before marketing costs are deducted.

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