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## **Pelt Production Down 5 Percent**

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2000 totaled 2.67 million pelts, down 5 percent from 1999. Wisconsin, the major mink producing State, produced 680,100 pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production follows: Standard - 35.7 percent; Mahogany - 26.6 percent; Gunmetal - 17.3 percent; Ranch Wild - 5.1 percent; Sapphire - 5.0 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 10.3 percent.

## **Value of Pelt Production Down 4 Percent**

Mink pelts produced during the 2000 crop year were valued at \$90.6 million dollars, down 4 percent from \$94.8 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2000 crop year was \$34.00, up from \$33.70 in 1999.

## **Females Bred Down 5 Percent**

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2001 totaled 630,200, down 5 percent from the previous year.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2001 by color class are: Standard - 39.5 percent; Mahogany - 22.2 percent; Gunmetal - 17.6 percent; Sapphire - 5.6 percent;. The remaining color classes accounted for 15.1 percent.

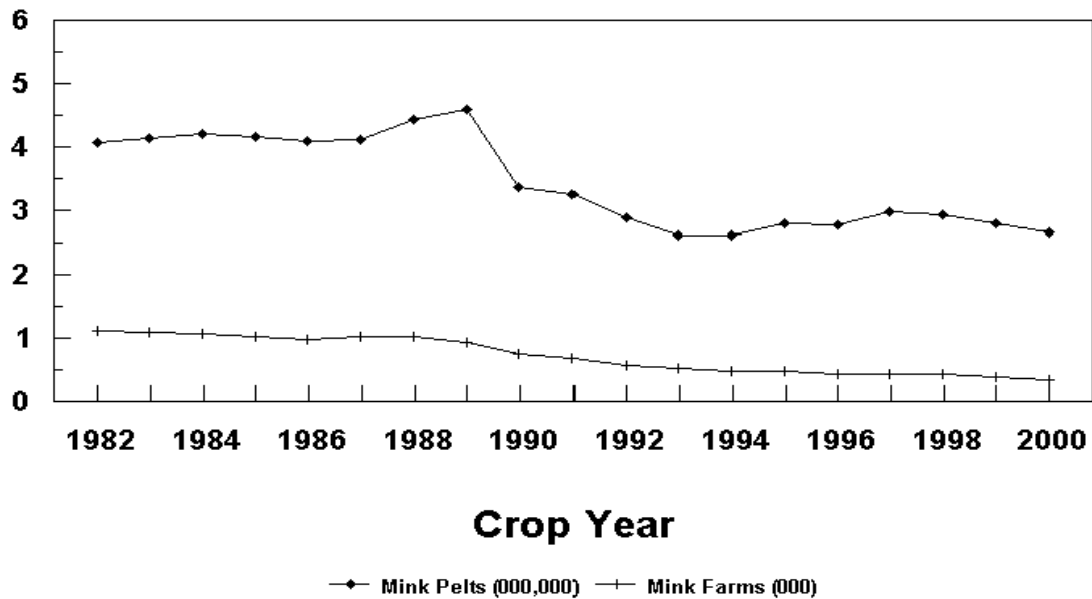
## **Number Of Mink Farms Down 12 Percent**

There were 351 mink farms producing pelts in 2000, down 12 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Utah with 90 farms, Wisconsin with 70 farms and Minnesota with 37.

## **Fox**

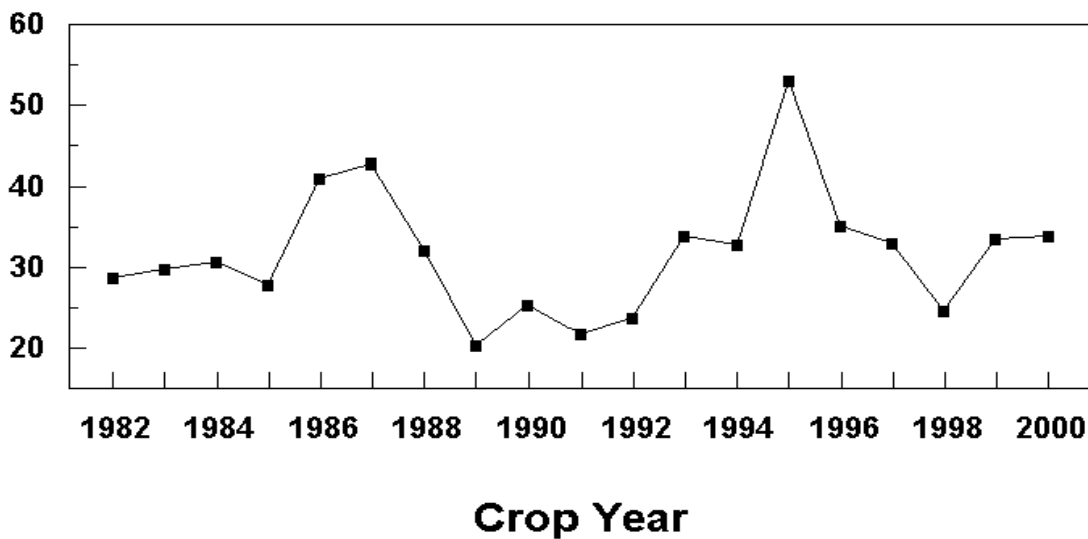
There were 24 mink farms which also raised fox in 2000, down from 27 the previous year.

## Mink Pelts and Number of Farms 1982-2000



## Mink Pelt Average Price 1982-2000

**Dollars**



**Mink: Pelts Produced and Females Bred, by Color Class,  
United States, 1999-01 <sup>1</sup>**

Color Class	Pelts Produced		Females Bred to Produce Kits		
	1999 <sup>2</sup>	2000	1999 <sup>2</sup>	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Standard	1,067.3	951.3	265.5	257.1	248.8
Ranch Wild	171.6	136.9	39.3	32.0	22.7
Demi-buff <sup>1</sup>	106.3	95.6	26.2	24.7	17.7
Pastel	40.5	45.8	10.2	12.5	11.3
Pale Brown	1.2	7.5	0.2	0.7	2.5
Sapphire	141.7	133.8	36.9	33.4	35.1
Gunmetal	458.9	461.5	112.6	113.0	111.0
Mahogany	719.0	707.9	155.0	158.8	139.9
Pearl	32.3	43.9	9.4	11.4	12.8
Lavender-hope	7.9	4.5	2.0	1.5	1.5
Pink	3.3	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.9
Violet-type	8.6	8.5	5.2	2.0	3.2
White	52.2	66.5	10.9	16.9	22.5
Misc. & Unclassified	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.4	0.3
US	2,812.5	2,666.1	675.7	664.9	630.2

**Mink: Farms, Pelts Produced, Price, and Value,  
United States, 1982-00**

Year	Mink Farms	Pelts Produced	Average Marketing Price	Value of Mink Pelts
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Million Dollars</i>
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	571	2,900	23.80	69.0
1993	523	2,620	34.10	89.3
1994	484	2,623	33.00	86.6
1995	478	2,803	53.10	148.8
1996	449	2,783	35.30	98.2
1997	452	2,993	33.10	99.1
1998	438	2,938	24.80	72.9
1999 <sup>2</sup>	398	2,813	33.70	94.8
2000 <sup>3</sup>	351	2,666	34.00	90.6

<sup>1</sup> Sum of color class may not add to U.S. total due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Revised based on additional information.

<sup>3</sup> Data are preliminary.

**Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms,  
Major States and United States, 1999**

States	Stan- dard	Ranch Wild	Demi- Buff <sup>1</sup>	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>
ID	39,000	38,800				27,800	31,700	76,700
IL	42,700							
IA	76,300					9,000	15,900	9,000
MI	16,500			2,000		2,300		23,500
MN	43,300	60,400	5,900	2,500		1,800	37,300	107,600
NY								
OH	31,000					3,300		20,300
OR	89,000					14,000	147,000	
PA						13,200	26,100	
SD			12,700	2,000				46,500
UT	284,000	11,000	58,000			32,000	23,000	211,000
WA	45,000						67,900	
WI	341,300			10,200		35,400	99,900	187,700
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	59,200	61,400	29,700	23,800	1,200	2,900	10,100	36,700
US	1,067,300	171,600	106,300	40,500	1,200	141,700	458,900	719,000
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclass- ified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number</i>
ID							228,500	27
IL							49,300	8
IA							128,100	16
MI							51,000	12
MN							262,700	40
NY							5,900	8
OH							59,100	9
OR							270,000	30
PA							74,000	11
SD	12,000						99,700	5
UT							650,000	110
WA							129,200	18
WI					30,800		731,700	82
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	20,300	7,900	3,300	8,600	21,400	1,700	73,300	22
US	32,300	7,900	3,300	8,600	52,200	1,700	2,812,500	398

<sup>1</sup> Demi-buff includes crossed of dark brown, violet, pastel, standard, pearl or others.

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Major States and United States, 2000**

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	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>
ID	43,600	21,000				26,700	21,500	92,500
IL	37,000							3,300
IA	80,600					16,000	6,700	13,300
MI								
MN	42,900	46,300		1,500			34,800	136,700
NY								
OH	27,800					6,700		19,900
OR	80,000					17,000	151,000	
PA						10,600	22,200	
SD								
UT	221,000		51,000			20,000	34,000	220,000
WA	37,300						57,400	
WI	316,000		2,200	14,500		32,100	122,600	137,000
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	65,100	69,600	42,400	29,800	7,500	4,700	11,300	85,200
US	951,300	136,900	95,600	45,800	7,500	133,800	461,500	707,900
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclass- ified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number</i>
ID							222,400	26
IL					4,000		45,600	7
IA							136,800	17
MI							42,500	11
MN							284,800	37
NY							6,200	7
OH							58,500	10
OR							268,000	27
PA							68,100	10
SD							91,000	5
UT							590,000	90
WA							112,700	16
WI					38,500		680,100	70
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	43,900	4,500	700	8,500	24,000	1,700	59,400	18
US	43,900	4,500	700	8,500	66,500	1,700	2,666,100	351

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**Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits: Number by Color Class,  
Major States and United States, 2000**

States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi-Buff <sup>1</sup>	Pastel	Pale Brown	Sapphire	Gun Metal	Mahogany
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
ID	10,300	5,000				6,900	5,500	21,700
IL	10,600							
IA	23,400						5,200	3,500
MI	4,300			400		800		3,900
MN	11,000	11,800		600		500	9,100	27,700
NY								
OH	8,500	1,300				1,800		6,200
OR	17,700					3,900	31,500	
PA						4,000	5,300	
SD			3,100					8,600
UT	67,900		12,900			5,700	12,600	51,100
WA	9,000						14,900	
WI	78,600		200	3,700		7,800	25,700	30,100
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	15,800	13,900	8,500	7,800	700	2,000	3,200	6,000
US	257,100	32,000	24,700	12,500	700	33,400	113,000	158,800
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	
ID							54,000	
IL							12,800	
IA							37,800	
MI							11,000	
MN							62,900	
NY							2,000	
OH							18,100	
OR							57,000	
PA							18,300	
SD							21,800	
UT							163,000	
WA							26,600	
WI					10,200		162,500	
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	11,400	1,500	500	2,000	6,700	400	17,100	
US	11,400	1,500	500	2,000	16,900	400	664,900	

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	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
ID	9,700	4,100				6,500	6,600	14,000
IL	10,700							
IA	25,100					4,100	3,000	2,300
MI								
MN	11,400	5,900		300		600	12,300	26,800
NY								
OH	9,300					2,400		6,300
OR	18,000					4,600	31,000	
PA						3,100	5,400	
SD								
UT	59,200		12,300			5,600	8,500	46,800
WA	9,600	2,800					12,700	
WI	77,400			3,200		7,100	27,900	25,000
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	18,400	9,900	5,400	7,800	2,500	1,100	3,600	18,700
US	248,800	22,700	17,700	11,300	2,500	35,100	111,000	139,900
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	
ID							42,900	
IL							12,900	
IA							40,200	
MI							9,600	
MN							62,300	
NY							2,000	
OH							19,500	
OR							57,000	
PA							18,500	
SD							17,500	
UT							145,000	
WA							25,100	
WI				1,500	13,700		161,000	
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	12,800	1,500	900	1,700	8,800	300	16,700	
US	12,800	1,500	900	3,200	22,500	300	630,200	

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