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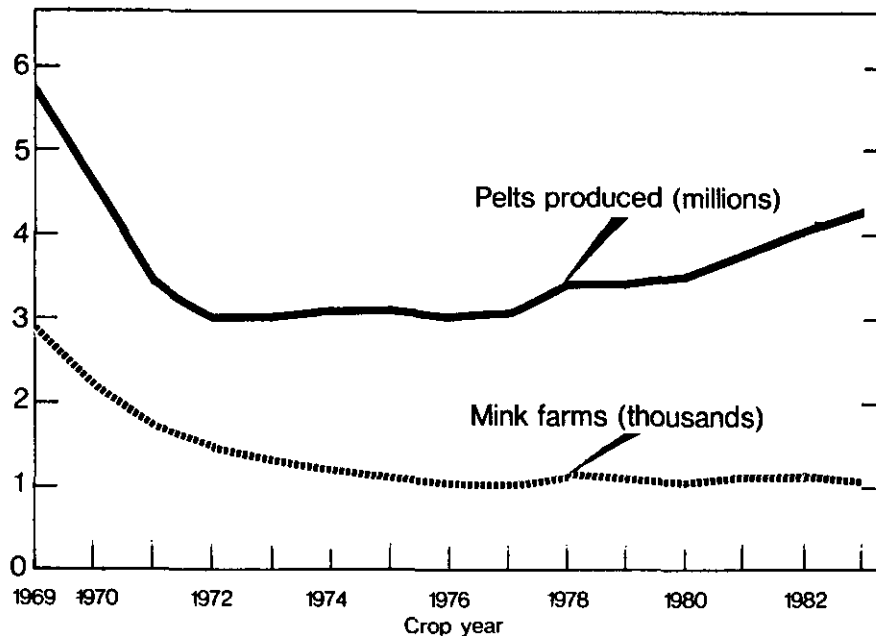
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**PELT PRODUCTION:** Mink pelt production in the United States in 1983 totaled 4.11 million pelts, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Wisconsin, the major mink state, produced 1.17 million pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production was: Standard - 32.4 percent; Demi-Buff - 17.2 percent; Ranch Wild - 10.5 percent; Pastel - 12.1 percent; Pearl - 8.0 percent; and Violet - 6.0 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 13.8 percent.

**U.S. Mink Pelts and Farms 1969-83 (Excludes 1981)**



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VALUE OF PELT PRODUCTION: Mink pelts sold during the 1983 crop year were valued at 120.1 million dollars. The average price per pelt for the 1983 crop year was \$29.20, compared with an average price of \$28.90 in 1982 and \$32.20 in 1981.

BRED FEMALES: Mink females bred to produce kits in 1984 totaled 1.11 million. Bred females for the two major color classes are: Standard - 417 thousand and Demi-Buff - 153 thousand. Females bred in the leading States are: Wisconsin - 310 thousand; Utah - 156 thousand; and Minnesota - 142 thousand.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1984 by color class are: Standard - 37.6 percent; Demi-Buff - 13.8 percent; Ranch Wild - 9.2 percent; Pastel - 9.2 percent; Pearl - 7.7 percent; and Violet - 7.7 percent with the remaining color classes accounting for 14.8 percent.

FARM NUMBERS: There were 1067 mink farms producing pelts in 1983. Leading States were Wisconsin with 252 farms, Minnesota with 148 farms and Utah with 145. Fox were raised on 14 percent of the mink farms.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS,  
UNITED STATES, 1981-1984 1/

COLOR CLASS	PEELTS PRODUCED		FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS		
	1982 2/	1983	1981	1983 2/	1984
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		
STANDARD	1,327	1,334	410	406.8	417
RANCH WILD	410	432	75.1	100.5	101.5
DEMI-BUFF	732	706	156	173.8	153.4
PASTEL	649	498	193.0	126.0	101.7
PALE BROWN	16	24	4.4	3.3	2.7
SAPPHIRE	114	130	38.6	42.9	44.4
GUNMETAL	92	114	23.7	32.6	35.9
PLATINUM	13	6	3.0	2.7	.9
PEARL	278	330	61.9	89.9	85.8
LAVENDER-HOPE	12	11	4.1	3.9	3.8
PINK	79	110	19.1	31.1	29.9
VIOLET-TYPE	203	248	52.7	75.6	85.7
WHITE	154	168	31.7	41.4	43.9
MISC & UNCLASSIFIED	5	4	1.0	1.9	1.2
U S TOTAL	4,085	4,114	1,074	1,132	1,108

MINK FARMS, PELTS PRODUCED AND VALUE OF MINK PELTS,  
UNITED STATES, 1969-1983 3/

YEAR	MINK FARMS	PEELTS PRODUCED	AVERAGE MARKETING PRICE 4/	VALUE OF MINK PELTS 4/
		THOUSAND	DOLLARS	MILLION DOLLARS
1969	2,794	5,688		
1970	2,227	4,532		
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	N/A	N/A	32.20	N/A
1982	2/1,116	2/4,085	2/28.90	2/118.1
1983	1,067	4,114	29.20	120.1

1/ THERE WAS NO SURVEY IN 1982. SUM OF COLOR CLASS MAY NOT ADD TO US TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING. 2/ REVISED BASED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. 3/ SEE CHART ON FRONT PAGE FOR PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF FARMS DATA. 4/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE PRIOR TO 1975.  
NA - NOT AVAILABLE.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF FARMS PRODUCING PELTS IN 1982, BY COLOR CLASS,  
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATE	STANDARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI-BUFF 1/	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM
NUMBER OF PELTS								
GA		2/	38,800	2/			2/	
IDAHO	50,800	2,200	112,900	47,400	2/	3,700	2/	2/
ILL	74,300	8,200	45,200	26,900	2/	900	2/	2/
IND	9,400	2/	1,300	4,700		2/		
IOWA	50,700	12,800	14,900	28,800	2/	3,800	170	2/
MASS	1,700	2/	4,000	1,900		2/		2/
MICH	58,300	10,900	24,200	22,800	2/	2/	2/	2/
MINN	146,600	139,800	57,700	98,900	630	6,600	4,500	970
N Y	34,100		12,600	30,300	2/	3,500	7,000	2/
OHIO	51,000	10,800	22,600	23,600	1,100	3,800	2/	5,700
OREG	54,900	8,300	16,500	5,400	2,600	26,400	33,700	2/
PA	14,000	16,400	40,200	26,000	980	8,900	6,200	1,100
S DAK	22,300	26,900	13,900	11,000	2/		2/	2/
UTAH	217,100	43,900	106,500	78,900	440	20,900	3,100	1,300
WASH	86,800	18,600	38,600	9,600	1,300	4,500	20,600	2/
WIS	421,900	93,900	112,100	198,800	4,100	28,200	6,200	1,700
ALL OTH STS	33,500	9,900	69,700	33,600	1,800	1,500	470	250
U S TOTAL	1,327,400	410,300	731,700	649,000	16,300	114,000	92,200	12,700
NUMBER OF PELTS								
	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC & UNCLAS-SIFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
GA	2/		2/	2/	2/		44,800	24
IDAHO	9,700			2,100	4,100		234,500	50
ILL	13,700		2/	2/	2/		180,400	26
IND	2/			2/	2/		23,600	21
IOWA	31,900			7,800			151,000	46
MASS	2,800			2/			13,100	11
MICH	11,500	2/	2/	5,500	9,100		144,000	50
MINN	32,300	2/	2/	16,700	17,600	440	542,300	144
N Y	9,600	2/	2/	9,900	2/		113,500	36
OHIO	13,900		2/	4,300	2/	270	137,000	50
OREG	2/		1,400	15,600	2/		166,000	36
PA	16,400	2/	7,200	16,300	2/		156,000	46
S DAK	16,200		4,000		2/		98,200	16
UTAH	42,100	2/		29,800	140	1,280	545,400	175
WASH	2,000	2/	1,300	5,000	2/		189,500	37
WIS	59,500	9,200	36,100	81,900	108,000	2,700	1,164,300	263
ALL OTH STS	13,000	900	2,000	3,500	10,700	400	181,200	85
U S TOTAL	278,400	12,100	79,100	202,900	153,500	5,200	4,084,800	1,116

1/ THIS COLOR CLASS INCLUDES DEMI-BUFF - DARK BROWN, VIOLET, PASTEL, STANDARD AND PEARL CROSSES AND OTHERS.

2/ INCLUDED IN TOTAL TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF FARMS PRODUCING PELTS IN 1983, BY COLOR CLASS,  
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATE	STANDARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF 1/	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN- METAL	PLATINUM
NUMBER OF PELTS								
GA	2/	2/	40,000	2/	2/		2/	
IDAHO	43,800	9,800	111,100	40,100	2/	3,900	2/	2/
ILL	91,200	6,900	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	
IND	11,300	3,500	2/	3,450	2/	2/		
IOWA	55,800	11,300	15,000	26,500	2/	4,500	1,400	2/
MASS	1,400	2/	3,900	2,300		2/		2/
MICH	48,400	25,900	12,200	16,500	2/	2/	2/	2/
MINN	156,500	157,700	58,900	62,600	2/	8,600	4,800	900
N Y	36,000	2/	9,500	15,000		2,900	6,400	2/
OHIO	51,700	17,300	19,000	22,000	9,500	3,500	2/	2/
OREG	55,500	12,600	14,100	5,000	2/	29,500	36,500	2/
PA	19,300	4,500	45,600	25,700	2,700	14,600	7,600	1,400
S DAK	21,600	38,800	3,500	8,300	2/		2/	2/
UTAH	199,700	38,800	95,200	57,300	160	21,000	5,500	500
WASH	86,700	12,700	45,500	7,200	2/	5,500	30,600	
WIS	423,000	80,900	131,400	145,900	4,100	32,000	7,200	1,400
ALL OTH STS	32,100	5,500	59,300	31,300	320	2,000	300	320
U S TOTAL	1,334,000	432,300	706,200	498,100	23,500	129,800	113,900	5,700
NUMBER OF FARMS								
	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC & UNCLAS- SIFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
NUMBER OF FARMS								
GA	2/		2/		2/		54,200	21
IDAHO	13,100			1,400	6,700	2/	231,500	48
ILL	17,400		2/	2/	2/		202,900	30
IND	2/		2/	2/	2/		21,400	13
IOWA	33,200			8,400		2/	156,700	45
MASS	2/			2/	2/		12,500	10
MICH	13,200	2/	2/	16,500	9,400	2/	144,500	59
MINN	36,000	2/	2/	22,300	19,400	100	553,800	148
N Y	11,600	2/	2/	12,100	2/	2/	100,500	40
OHIO	23,000	2/		5,500	2/	2/	152,100	43
OREG			2/	19,400	2/		176,000	37
PA	20,400	2/	11,600	17,000	2/	2/	174,700	49
S DAK	18,400		7,700		2/		102,400	14
UTAH	52,800		2/	32,800	140	1,400	505,500	145
WASH	2/		2/	3,900	2/		198,000	36
WIS	72,400	8,300	50,700	98,700	112,100	1,300	1,169,400	252
ALL OTH STS	9,000	800	2,000	5,800	8,500	420	157,700	77
TOTAL	329,500	11,100	109,600	248,000	168,000	4,100	4,113,800	1,067

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MINK FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1983, BY COLOR CLASS,  
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATE	STANDARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF 1/	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN- METAL	PLATINUM
NUMBER								
GA		2/	14,100	2/			2/	
IDAHO	15,800	600	25,200	12,300		1,600	2/	
ILL	25,200	2,100	8,100	5,400	2/	2/	4,000	
IND	3,200	2/	600	1,000		2/		
IOWA	16,500	5,100	3,000	5,900		1,200	550	
MASS	500	2/	1,200	360		2/		2/
MICH	16,800	4,300	5,100	3,900	2/	2/	2/	2/
MINN	45,800	32,100	11,600	18,900	2/	2,900	1,700	2/
N Y	9,700	2/	3,600	3,900	2/	1,100	2,600	2/
OHIO	18,100	3,400	5,000	5,100	2/	1,600	2/	1,600
OREG	13,800	2,300	2,900	2,200	2/	8,400	9,400	
PA	5,200	3,100	7,900	5,300	2/	4,000	2,000	590
S DAK	6,000	6,000	3,700	1,300	2/		2/	
UTAH	75,300	9,400	29,200	16,700		8,400	2,000	
WASH	20,800	4,400	10,800	2,000	2/	2,000	7,000	
WIS	124,100	21,800	29,400	32,800	450	10,500	2,900	100
ALL OTH STS	10,000	4,000	12,400	9,000	350	600		30
U S TOTAL	406,800	100,500	173,800	126,000	3,300	42,900	32,600	2,700
	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC & UNCLAS- SIFIED	TOTAL FEMALES	
NUMBER								
GA	2/		2/		2/		16,300	
IDAHO	3,700			2/	2,000	2/	62,300	
ILL	5,300		2/	1,100	2/		51,500	
IND	2/			2/	2/		6,500	
IOWA	9,800			3,500	50		45,600	
MASS	880			2/			3,700	
MICH	3,400	2/	2/	4,160	2,100	2/	40,700	
MINN	10,300	2/	2/	7,800	6,100	240	143,600	
N Y	2,400	2/	2/	4,100	2/		30,000	
OHIO	6,100	2/	2/	2,000	2/		43,300	
OREG	2/		2/	4,500	2/		44,600	
PA	5,300	2/	4,000	5,500	2/	2/	44,400	
S DAK	5,000		2,200		2/		25,500	
UTAH	13,800			11,200	90	750	166,800	
WASH	2/		2/	1,100			49,500	
WIS	19,300	3,000	13,800	28,700	27,000	650	314,500	
ALL OTH STS	2,500	240	700	900	2,700	100	43,500	
U S TOTAL	89,900	3,900	31,100	75,570	41,400	1,850	1,132,300	

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MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATE	STANDARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF 1/	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN- METAL	PLATINUM
NUMBER								
GA	2/	2/	8,700		2/			
IDAHO	15,000	3,400	23,100	9,500	2/	2,000	2/	
ILL	27,300	1,200	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	
IND	3,200	1,100		730		2/		
IOWA	17,800	2,400	2,700	5,500	2/	1,400	1,200	
MASS	560	2/	2/	590		2/		2/
MICH	16,300	6,500	1,900	4,400		2/	2/	2/
MINN	48,700	33,400	14,100	12,500	2/	2,300	2,000	2/
N Y	10,300	2/	1,800	3,800		940	2,400	
OHIO	17,800	4,000	3,500	3,700	2/	1,900		
OREG	13,800	3,400	2,400	1,800		9,200	10,600	2/
PA	4,900	1,200	9,100	5,100	2/	4,900	2,100	390
S DAK	5,300	9,100	1,900	1,700	2/	2/	2/	
UTAH	68,400	12,600	23,200	13,700		7,600	2,800	
WASH	23,900	2,700	11,500	1,400	2/	1,800	8,300	
WIS	132,200	15,500	24,700	26,400	730	10,900	3,100	2/
ALL OTH STS	11,000	3,300	14,700	8,200	20	400	20	
U S TOTAL	416,800	101,500	153,400	101,700	2,700	44,400	35,900	900
	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC & UNCLAS- SIFIED	TOTAL FEMALES	
NUMBER								
GA	2/		2/		2/		11,200	
IDAHO	3,700			2/	2,100		60,000	
ILL	2/		2/	2/	2/		49,300	
IND	2/			2/	2/		5,900	
IOWA	10,400			3,600	2/	300	45,500	
MASS	830			2/			4,200	
MICH	3,100	2/	2/	7,400	2,200		42,700	
MINN	8,400	2/	2/	7,300	6,200		142,100	
N Y	3,700	2/	2/	3,100	2/	2/	27,700	
OHIO	6,200	2/		2,300	2/	2/	39,700	
OREG			2/	5,900	2/		48,000	
PA	5,000	2/	4,000	5,500	2/		44,000	
S DAK	5,100		2/	2/	2/		24,800	
UTAH	13,100			13,800	70	680	156,000	
WASH	2/		2/	1,200	2/		52,000	
WIS	17,300	2,900	14,000	32,700	29,000	2/	309,700	
ALL OTH STS	2,800	200	700	1,200	2,300		44,800	
U S TOTAL	85,800	3,800	29,900	85,700	43,900	1,200	1,107,600	

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