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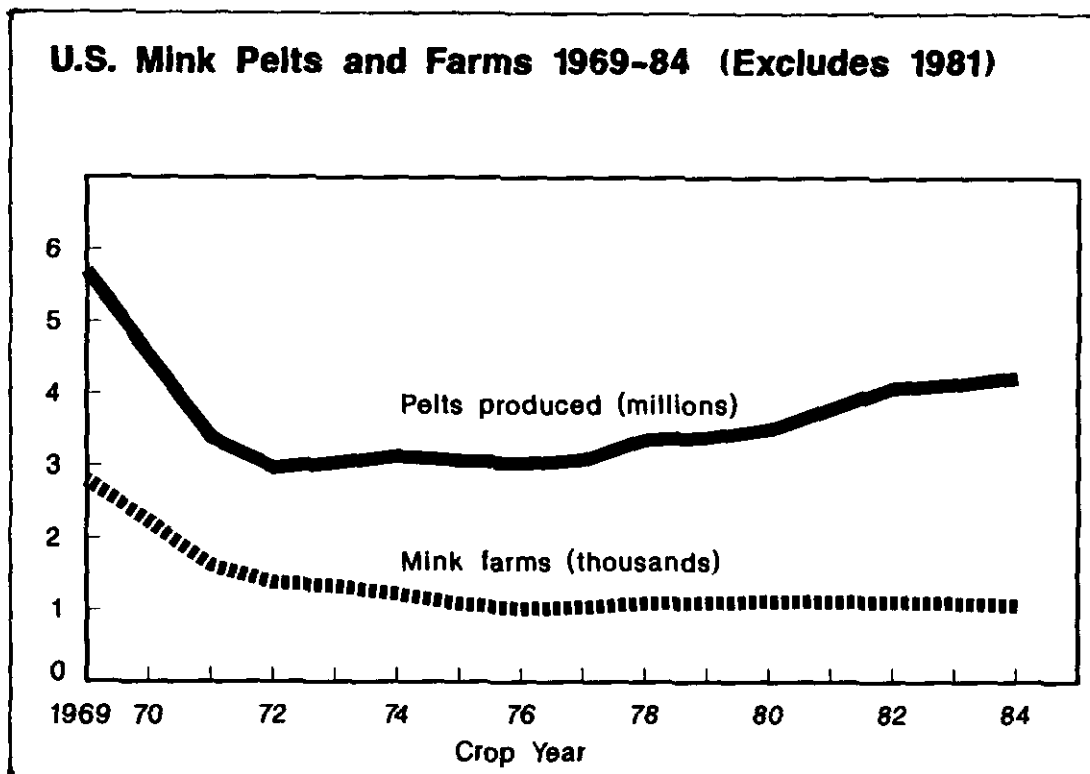
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PELT PRODUCTION UP: Mink pelt production in the United States in 1984 totaled 4.22 million pelts, up 2 percent from 1983, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Wisconsin, the major mink State, produced 1.19 million pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production was: Standard - 34.5 percent; Demi-Buff - 17.1 percent; Ranch Wild - 10.7 percent; Pastel - 8.7 percent; Pearl - 7.5 percent; and Violet - 7.1 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 14.4 percent.



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VALUE OF PELT PRODUCTION DOWN: Mink pelts sold during the 1984 crop year were valued at 119.0 million dollars, down 4 percent from 1983. The average price per pelt for the 1984 crop year was \$28.20, compared with an average price of \$29.90 in 1983 and \$28.90 in 1982.

FEMALES BRED UNCHANGED: Female mink bred to produce kits in 1985 totaled 1.12 million, unchanged from 1984. Females bred for the two major color classes are: Standard - 453 thousand and Demi-Buff - 167 thousand. Females bred in the leading States are: Wisconsin - 313 thousand; Utah - 148 thousand; and Minnesota - 147 thousand.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1985 by color class are: Standard - 40.6 percent; Demi-Buff - 15.0 percent; Ranch Wild - 10.0 percent; Pastel - 8.7 percent; Pearl - 5.0 percent; and Violet - 6.2 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 14.5 percent.

NUMBER OF MINK FARMS DOWN: There were 1069 mink farms producing pelts in 1984 compared with 1098 the previous year. Leading States were Wisconsin with 241 farms, Utah with 159 and Minnesota with 156 farms. Fox were raised on 14 percent of the mink farms, the same as a year ago.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS,  
UNITED STATES, 1983-1985 1/

COLOR CLASS	PELTS PRODUCED		FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS		
	1983 2/	1984	1983	1984 2/	1985
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		
STANDARD	1,341	1,455	406.8	419.0	453.0
RANCH WILD	434	451	100.5	103.0	111.2
DEMI-BUFF	715	722	173.8	156.5	167.1
PASTEL	501	366	126.0	102.1	96.7
PALE BROWN	24	9	3.3	2.7	1.8
SAPPHIRE	130	148	42.9	44.7	42.0
GUNMETAL	114	122	32.6	35.9	43.6
PLATINUM	6	3	2.7	.9	.5
PEARL	330	317	89.9	85.8	55.6
LAVENDER-HOPE	12	13	3.9	4.0	4.5
PINK	110	122	31.1	29.9	28.1
VIOLET-TYPE	248	301	75.6	85.7	68.8
WHITE	168	182	41.4	43.9	38.3
MISC & UNCLASSIFIED	4	7	1.9	1.2	4.2
U S TOTAL	4,137	4,218	1,132	1,115	1,115

MINK FARMS, PELTS PRODUCED AND VALUE OF MINK PELTS,  
UNITED STATES, 1969-1984 3/

YEAR	MINK FARMS	PELTS 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			32.20	
1982	1,116	4,085	28.90	118.1
1983	2/1,098	2/4,137	29.90	123.7
1984	1,069	4,218	28.20	119.0

1/ 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. DATA NOT AVAILABLE FOR 1981. 4/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE PRIOR TO 1975.

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

STATES	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	39,100	7,500	68,400	34,300	320	2,500	670	320
U S TOTAL	1,341,000	434,300	715,200	501,100	23,500	130,300	114,300	5,700

	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC & UNCLASSIFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
NUMBER OF PELTS								
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	26
IND	2/		2/	2/	2/		21,400	14
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	54
MINN	36,000	2/	2/	22,300	19,400	100	553,800	148
N Y	11,600	2/	2/	12,100	2/	2/	700,500	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	1,500	2,000	5,800	8,600	420	180,400	116
U S TOTAL	329,500	11,800	109,600	248,000	168,100	4,100	4,136,500	1,098

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 1984, BY COLOR CLASS,  
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATES	STANDARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF 1/	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN- METAL	PLATINUM
NUMBER OF PELTS								
GA	2/	2/	25,800	2/	2/			
IDAHO	42,600	24,300	118,400	29,500	2/	5,000	2/	
ILL	109,900	5,100	2/	2/	2/	370	2/	
IND	10,400	3,300	2/	2,200		2/		
IOWA	57,800	8,700	10,400	21,700		6,700	1,800	
MASS	2,200	2/	5,900	1,600	2/	2/	2/	2/
MICH	56,800	31,900	10,100	14,400	2/	2/	2/	2/
MINN	173,800	156,300	86,300	52,000	2/	8,600	5,300	200
N Y	45,400	2/	7,800	9,900		3,200	6,000	2/
OHIO	57,600	17,600	18,600	13,100	2/	7,800	2/	
OREG	53,500	12,800	10,400	6,600	2/	27,500	42,600	2/
PA	2/	5,600	30,300	20,600	450	15,700	8,700	2/
S DAK	16,400	41,900	9,500	5,200	2/	2/	2/	
UTAH	186,300	48,900	91,000	41,800	240	23,900	6,300	280
WASH	100,200	7,100	53,200	5,200	2/	7,800	30,100	
WIS	464,400	74,100	128,500	102,200	4,100	36,900	8,500	900
ALL OTH STS	54,500	12,600	73,000	23,000	450	1,200	1,300	170
U S TOTAL	1,454,900	451,300	722,400	365,500	9,400	148,400	121,500	3,400
NUMBER OF FARMS								
	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
NUMBER OF FARMS								
GA	600		2/		2/		30,200	13
IDAHO	13,700		2/	2/	7,400	1,800	245,300	47
ILL	16,500		2/	2/	2/		205,400	24
IND	2/				2/	2/	20,300	11
IOWA	33,800		600	11,200		3,000	155,700	44
MASS	3,500			2/			15,600	10
MICH	16,600	2/	2/	23,500	10,800		167,500	56
MINN	31,300		2/	23,900	23,000	100	591,600	156
N Y	12,500	2/	2/	14,700	2/		107,000	38
OHIO	21,300			6,600	2/	2/	143,800	43
OREG	2/		2/	23,500			182,000	33
PA	16,700		12,900	19,100	2/	2/	158,600	48
S DAK	21,100		2/	2/	1,300		105,100	14
UTAH	36,400			52,300	2/		487,500	159
WASH	5,700		2/	5,900	2/		216,500	37
WIS	71,600	12,100	50,600	113,400	120,900	600	1,188,800	241
ALL OTH STS	13,600	590	3,600	2,800	10,600	60	197,500	95
TOTAL	317,000	13,000	122,100	300,500	182,400	6,600	4,218,400	1,069

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FEMALE MINK BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1984, BY COLOR CLASS,  
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATES	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	13,300	4,800	17,700	8,600	20	700	40	0
U S TOTAL	419,100	103,000	156,500	102,100	2,700	44,700	35,900	900
	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC & UNCLASS-IFIED	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	400	700	1,200	2,300	0	52,600	
U S TOTAL	85,800	4,000	29,900	85,700	43,900	1,200	1,115,400	

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MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATES	STANDARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF 1/	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN- METAL	PLATINUM
NUMBER								
GA	2/	2/	9,100					
IDAHO	16,300	5,000	26,500	7,600		2/	540	
ILL	26,000	550	2/	2/		2/	2/	
IND	3,500	790	2/	640		2/		
IOWA	18,500	1,900	4,300	6,100		2,600	1,300	
MASS	710	2/	1,200	470		2/		2/
MICH	18,000	7,100	2,500	3,500		2/	2/	
MINN	52,400	32,100	18,500	14,600		2,700	2,100	
N Y	12,200	2/	1,600	2,700	2/	1,000	1,700	2/
OHIO	18,000	4,600	2,900	4,000	2/	2,800		
OREG	15,300	3,200	2,500	1,800		6,500	12,500	
PA	2/	2,000	7,400	5,300		5,000	4,000	2/
S DAK	5,800	8,900	4,800	2,100	2/	2/	2/	
UTAH	68,400	13,700	25,300	11,100		6,400	4,000	2/
WASH	25,300	9,400	4,900	1,100		1,900	9,200	
WIS	148,100	16,500	33,200	25,500	1,000	10,100	4,800	
ALL OTH STS	18,100	5,200	14,400	7,300	150	480	1,000	0
U S TOTAL	453,000	111,200	167,100	96,700	1,800	42,000	43,600	530
NUMBER								
	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL FEMALES	
GA			2/		2/	2/	11,000	
IDAHO	1,800		2/	2/	2,500	1,000	62,900	
ILL	2/		2/	2/	2/		45,200	
IND	2/			2/	2/		5,800	
IOWA	6,400		2/	3,900		2/	46,200	
MASS	880			2/			4,000	
MICH	2,500	2/	2/	6,600	1,600		42,400	
MINN	6,400		2/	5,500	5,400		146,900	
N Y	2,300	2/	2/	2,900	2/		26,200	
OHIO	3,700			1,300	2/	2/	39,200	
OREG			2/	5,900			49,000	
PA	3,800		3,800	4,200	2/	2/	42,400	
S DAK	3,100		2/	2/	900		27,900	
UTAH	7,100			12,300	2/		148,300	
WASH	2/			400	2/		52,500	
WIS	11,000	4,200	11,000	22,900	24,700	300	313,300	
ALL OTH STS	2,700	100	1,000	700	1,100	10	52,200	
U S TOTAL	55,600	4,500	28,100	68,800	38,300	4,200	1,115,400	

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