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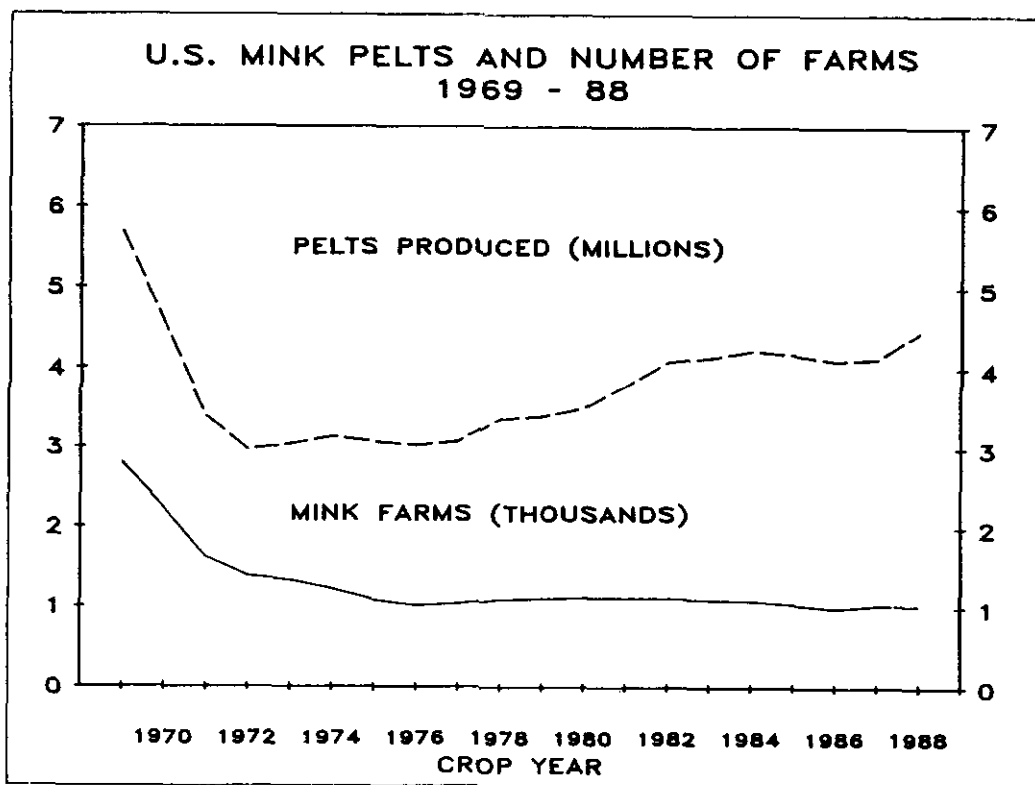
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PELT PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1988 totaled 4.45 million pelts, up 8 percent from 1987, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. Wisconsin, the major mink producing State, produced 1.12 million pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production was: Standard - 43.8 percent; Demi-buff - 11.7 percent; Mahogany 11.6 percent; Ranch Wild - 11.0 percent; Gunmetal - 6.7 percent; Pastel - 4.2 percent and White - 2.2 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 8.8 percent.



VALUE OF PELT PRODUCTION DOWN 19 PERCENT

Mink pelts sold during the 1988 crop year were valued at \$143.8 million dollars, down 19 percent from the 177.2 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1988 crop year was 32.30, compared with 43.00 in 1987 and 41.30 in 1986.

FEMALES BRED UP FRACTIONALLY

Female mink bred to produce kits in 1989 totaled 1.12 million, up fractionally from 1988. Females bred for the three major color classes are: Standard - 585 thousand; Ranch Wild - 132 and Demi-Buff - 113 thousand. Females Bred in the leading States are: Wisconsin - 304 thousand; Utah - 225 thousand and Minnesota - 132 thousand.

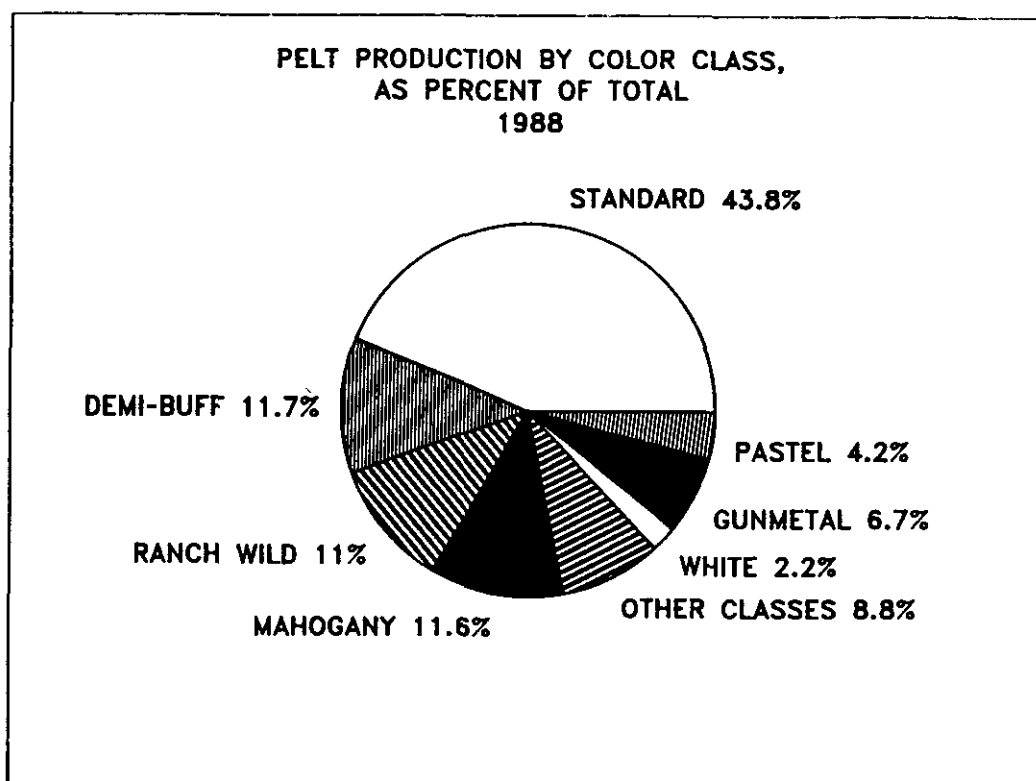
Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1989 by color class are: Standard - 48.7 percent; Ranch Wild - 11.0 percent; Demi-Buff - 9.4 percent; Mahogany - 8.2 percent; Gunmetal - 7.4 percent; Pastel 3.5 percent; and Violet-Type 3.1 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 8.7 percent.

NUMBER OF MINK FARMS UNCHANGED

There were 1027 mink farms producing pelts in 1988 unchanged from a year ago. Leading States were Wisconsin with 209 farms, Utah with 175 farms and Minnesota with 142.

FOX

Fifteen percent of the mink farms also raised fox, 3 percent fewer than last year.



MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS,
UNITED STATES, 1987-89 1/

COLOR CLASS	PEELTS PRODUCED		FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS		
	1987 2/	1988	1987	1988 2/	1989
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		
STANDARD	1,724	1,950	499.5	570.6	584.7
RANCH WILD	388	491	99.5	121.0	131.9
DEMI-BUFF	533	520	118.4	132.5	113.0
PASTEL	231	187	63.6	58.8	42.4
PALE BROWN	4	2	0.9	1.2	1.1
SAPPHIRE	92	91	25.6	26.2	29.7
GUNMETAL	247	300	76.6	84.4	88.3
MAHOGANY	446	515	60.7	80.3	98.6
PEARL	126	96	35.4	30.3	20.7
LAVENDER-HOPE	10	11	5.4	5.0	3.4
PINK	71	69	20.4	18.6	18.5
VIOLET-TYPE	120	114	35.0	36.9	36.7
WHITE	126	99	34.8	31.2	29.9
MISC. & UNCLASSIFIED:	4	8	1.3	1.3	1.1
U.S. TOTAL	4,122	4,453	1,077.1	1,198.3	1,200.0

MINK FARMS, PELTS PRODUCED AND VALUE OF MINK PELTS,
UNITED STATES, 1969-88 1/

YEAR	MINK FARMS	PEELTS PRODUCED	AVERAGE MARKETING PRICE 3/	VALUE OF MINK PELTS 3/
	NUMBER	THOUSANDS	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	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 2/	1,027	4,122	43.00	177.2
1988 5/	1,027	4,453	32.30	143.8

1/ SUM OF COLOR CALSS 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 AVAILABLE FOR 1981.

5/ DATA ARE PRELIMINARY AND WILL BE REVISED NEXT YEAR BASED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF FARMS PRODUCING PELTS IN 1987, BY COLOR CLASS,
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES 1/

STATES :	STAN- DARD :	RANCH WILD :	DEMI- BUFF :	PAS- TEL :	PALE BROWN :	SAP- PHIRE :	GUN METAL :	MAHOG- ANY :
NUMBER OF PELTS								
IDAHO :	58,000	34,900	69,000	19,300		3,600	2,900	28,100
ILL :	78,700	2/	2/	2/		2/	2/	2/
IND :	10,200	2/		2/				2/
IOWA :	61,000	3,630	15,000	13,600	2/	5,750	5,300	7,450
MASS :	1,000		4,100	1,200		2/		2/
MICH :	63,000	13,500	15,500	6,300		2/	2/	19,000
MINN :	183,700	132,700	41,100	29,000	2/	5,200	17,400	45,700
NY :	48,700	2/	2,500	9,100		2/	5,500	6,200
OHIO :	54,900	8,800	25,300	5,600	400	4,800	1,000	17,800
OREG :	83,600	2/	2/	3,000		20,200	73,100	4,100
PA :	24,700	12,100	15,900	9,000		9,900	24,100	26,700
S DAK :	11,200	37,900	2/	5,600				20,200
UTAH :	333,000	29,700	143,200	40,700	1,400	13,100	30,400	59,300
WASH :	113,000	6,100	49,100	2,300		2,200	43,100	2,500
WISC :	537,400	59,900	65,700	73,800	2/	23,800	35,900	112,200
ALL OTH:								
STS :	62,000	35,300	70,900	5,000	100	1,500	2,300	23,600
U S :								
TOTAL:	1,724,100	388,400	532,800	231,000	4,400	91,600	247,000	446,100

STATES :	PEARL HOPE :	LAVENDER- HOPE :	PINK :	VIOLET TYPE :	WHITE :	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED :	TOTAL PELTS :	NUMBER OF FARMS
NUMBER OF PELTS								
IDAHO :	6,800		300	600	4,100	400	228,000	51
ILL :	2/		2/	2/	2/		181,000	24
IND :	2/			2/			14,800	9
IOWA :	15,700			11,400	700	800	140,400	39
MASS :	3,000			2/			12,100	7
MICH :	8,300	2/	2/	11,800	6,300	2/	146,000	54
MINN :	12,900		2/	5,000	10,000		503,200	143
NY :	8,200		2/	6,100			99,400	28
OHIO :	300			1,400	2/		120,400	24
OREG :			2/	14,800	2/		215,000	43
PA :	5,100		9,300	5,200	2/	1,700	146,900	44
S DAK :	2/			2/	2/		92,200	11
UTAH :	19,300	300	700	18,600	300		690,000	165
WASH :	2/			2/	2/		219,900	49
WISC :	26,800	8,400	20,300	40,100	89,100	600	1,094,800	213
ALL OTH:								
STS :	2,400	2/	6,600	2,100	5,300	2/	217,900	123
U S :								
TOTAL:	126,400	9,700	71,000	120,100	125,800	3,600	4,122,000	1,027

1/ DEMI-BUFF INCLUDES CROSSES OF DARK BROWN, VIOLET, PASTEL, STANDARD, PEARL OR OTHERS. 2/ INCLUDED IN TOTAL TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF FARMS PRODUCING PELTS IN 1988, BY COLOR CLASS,
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES 1/

STATES	STAN- DARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF	PAS- TEL	PALE BROWN	SAP- PHIRE	GUN METAL	MAHOG- ANY
NUMBER OF PELTS								
IDAHO	66,500	47,300	60,900	19,800	100	3,500	12,400	36,400
ILL	87,600	2/	10,700	2/			2/	2/
IND	10,500	2/	2/	2/				2/
IOWA	70,500	3,400	19,200	15,100	30	6,500	7,900	3,700
MASS	2,100		2/	1,300		2/		2/
MICH	69,000	17,700	14,800	7,700		2/	2/	23,700
MINN	195,900	165,000	41,600	23,700	2/	5,400	19,800	41,000
NY	55,300	2/	14,400	4,000	2/	2/	2,700	7,600
OHIO	72,200	14,500	1,100	6,100	400	500	100	30,600
OREG	104,300	2/	2/	2,800		20,900	90,500	6,400
PA	43,400	2/	17,800	9,700	2/	13,300	23,800	24,500
S DAK	13,100	46,000	2/	4,400				2/
UTAH	394,300	30,800	161,800	16,900	400	14,600	34,700	78,600
WASH	123,200	7,600	46,900	3,500		2,500	50,900	8,900
WISC	586,400	61,500	62,700	61,600	300	19,600	46,400	133,400
ALL OTH: STS	55,600	71,900	58,300	4,100	100	1,800	6,200	26,800
U S TOTAL:	1,949,900	490,900	519,900	186,800	1,700	90,900	300,500	515,200

	PEARL	LAVENDER- HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
NUMBER OF PELTS								
IDAHO	7,200		2,000	2,100	3,700	100	262,000	51
ILL	6,900		2/	600	2/		196,100	26
IND	2/			2/			16,200	13
IOWA	12,400			10,700	700	3,900	154,000	39
MASS	2,500			2/			10,700	6
MICH	8,900	2/		12,100	5,000	2/	161,100	56
MINN	7,900		2/	2/	14,400	100	536,000	142
NY	3,500		2/	7,200	2/		104,100	25
OHIO	100			600		200	126,400	21
OREG	60		2/	14,300			255,000	43
PA	4,400	2/	9,000	3,500	2/	1,200	162,700	43
S DAK	2/			2/			95,200	9
UTAH	16,200		800	19,300	100	1,500	770,000	175
WASH	2/		2/	2/			244,000	46
WISC	13,200	10,000	24,000	38,000	63,800	600	1,121,500	209
ALL OTH: STS	2,400	600	2,400	2,800	4,800	2/	238,100	123
U S TOTAL:	95,700	11,000	69,500	114,100	98,500	8,500	4,453,100	1,027

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FEMALE MINK BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1988, BY COLOR CLASS,
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES 1/

STATES	STAN- DARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF	PAS- TEL	PALE BROWN	SAP- PHIRE	GUN METAL	MAHOG- ANY
NUMBER								
IDAHO	22,600	7,500	16,900	4,900	400	1,500	1,600	3,900
ILL	24,100	2/	700	2/			2/	2/
IND	3,900	2/		2/				
IOWA	22,000	2,200	5,300	4,000	2/	1,800	3,000	2/
MASS	500		600	2/		2/		
MICH	21,700	3,700	4,300	2,300		2/	2/	3,400
MINN	60,700	35,000	9,900	8,900		1,000	6,500	7,600
NY	14,100	2/	800	2,500		2/	1,900	1,100
OHIO	20,600	2,000	3,900	1,000	100	200	100	5,200
OREG	25,900	2/	2/	1,000		6,100	23,200	1,000
PA	9,100	3,100	3,900	2,000		3,900	7,600	6,500
S DAK	4,600	10,700	2/	1,500				700
UTAH	120,600	6,900	36,600	9,100	200	3,500	8,900	10,600
WASH	30,100	2,200	11,800	1,100		700	14,000	1,200
WISC	169,700	18,000	17,900	17,600	200	6,400	13,000	21,300
ALL OTH: STS	20,400	25,200	14,900	1,400	2/	500	1,800	4,800
U S TOTAL:	570,600	121,000	132,500	58,800	1,200	26,200	84,400	80,300

	PEARL	LAVENDER- HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL
NUMBER							
IDAHO	2,500			1,000	2,000	200	65,000
ILL	1,700		2/		2/		44,200
IND	2/			2/			5,500
IOWA	3,600		1,000	3,300	200	800	47,000
MASS	800			2/			2,800
MICH	2,300		2/	4,000	1,300		44,000
MINN	3,200		2/		4,200		143,100
NY	2,000		2/	1,700	2/		27,000
OHIO				300			33,400
OREG			2/	3,900			65,000
PA	1,400		2,400	1,200	2/	2/	42,000
S DAK	2/		300	200	800		24,900
UTAH	4,000		200	7,300	100		208,000
WASH	2/			2/			61,400
WISC	5,300	3,800	6,900	11,400	19,700	100	311,300
ALL OTH: STS	600	1,200	400	1,300	1,200	2/	73,700
U S TOTAL:	30,300	5,000	18,600	36,900	31,200	1,300	1,198,300

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FEMALE MINK BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1989, BY COLOR CLASS,
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES 1/

STATES	STAN- DARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF	PAS- TEL	PALE BROWN	SAP- PHIRE	GUN METAL	MAHOG- ANY
NUMBER								
IDAHO	23,400	10,100	16,400	3,200	600	1,800	4,700	2,700
ILL	27,200	2/	700	2/			2/	2/
IND	3,800	2/	2/	2/				2/
IOWA	22,300	1,200	3,400	4,200		2,100	3,000	1,600
MASS	600		2/	2/		2/		2/
MICH	23,900	5,500	2,400	1,400		2/	2/	4,800
MINN	57,500	36,400	8,800	5,400	0	1,600	5,600	5,900
NY	14,500	300	4,900	1,000	2/	2/	1,300	1,500
OHIO	20,800	3,400		800	100	200		6,200
OREG	25,800	2/	2/	1,000		5,700	24,000	1,400
PA	11,900	1,500	4,100	2,200	2/	4,200	6,700	6,400
S DAK	5,300	11,900	2/	1,400				2/
UTAH	127,900	6,100	41,200	4,100	100	5,600	10,600	20,300
WASH	30,000	10,300	2,800	1,000		700	13,200	2,200
WISC	172,600	14,300	11,900	14,200	200	6,300	14,000	24,500
ALL OTH:								
STS	17,200	27,600	14,300	1,200	2/	600	2,200	7,200
U S								
TOTAL:	584,700	131,900	113,000	42,400	1,100	29,700	88,300	98,600

	PEARL	LAVENDER- HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL
NUMBER							
IDAHO	2,000		600	500	2,000		68,000
ILL	2/		2/		2/		45,000
IND	2/			2/			5,500
IOWA	4,200			3,200	300	500	46,000
MASS	650			2/			2,400
MICH	2,200			4,400	1,400	2/	47,000
MINN	1,500		2/	2/	2,900	100	131,800
NY	500		2/	2,000	2/		28,000
OHIO				300		100	31,900
OREG			2/	3,600			65,000
PA	1,000		1,800	1,300	2/	2/	41,900
S DAK	2/			2/			24,500
UTAH	2,500		100	6,500			225,000
WASH	2/		2/	2/			60,500
WISC	2,400	3,400	7,900	12,100	20,000	200	304,000
ALL OTH:							
STS	500	0	0	1,500	1,100	0	73,500
U S							
TOTAL:	20,700	3,400	18,500	36,700	29,900	1,100	1,200,000

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