

Mink



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Pelt Production Down 27 Percent

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1990 totaled 3.37 million pelts, down 27 percent from 1989, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. Wisconsin, the major mink producing State, produced 855,300 pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production follows: Standard - 52.8 percent; Ranch Wild - 11.6 percent; Demi-buff - 8.1 percent; Mahogany - 7.8 percent; Gunmetal - 7.6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 12.1 percent.

Value of Pelt Production Down 9 Percent

Mink pelts produced during the 1990 crop year were valued at \$85.8 million dollars, down 9 percent from \$93.9 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1990 crop year was \$25.50, compared with \$20.40 in 1989 and \$32.30 in 1988.

Females Bred Down 5 Percent

Female mink bred to produce kits in 1991 totaled 873,600, down 5 percent from the previous year. Many mink producers reported the mink price motivated them to "pelt out" and reduce or close out their mink operation.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1991 by color class are: Standard - 56.5 percent; Ranch Wild - 11.3 percent; Demi-buff - 8.0 percent; Gunmetal - 7.6 percent; and Mahogany - 6.5 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 10.1 percent.

Number Of Mink Farms Down 16 Percent

There were 786 mink farms producing pelts in 1990, down 16 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Utah with 180 farms, Wisconsin with 152 farms, and Minnesota with 93 farms.

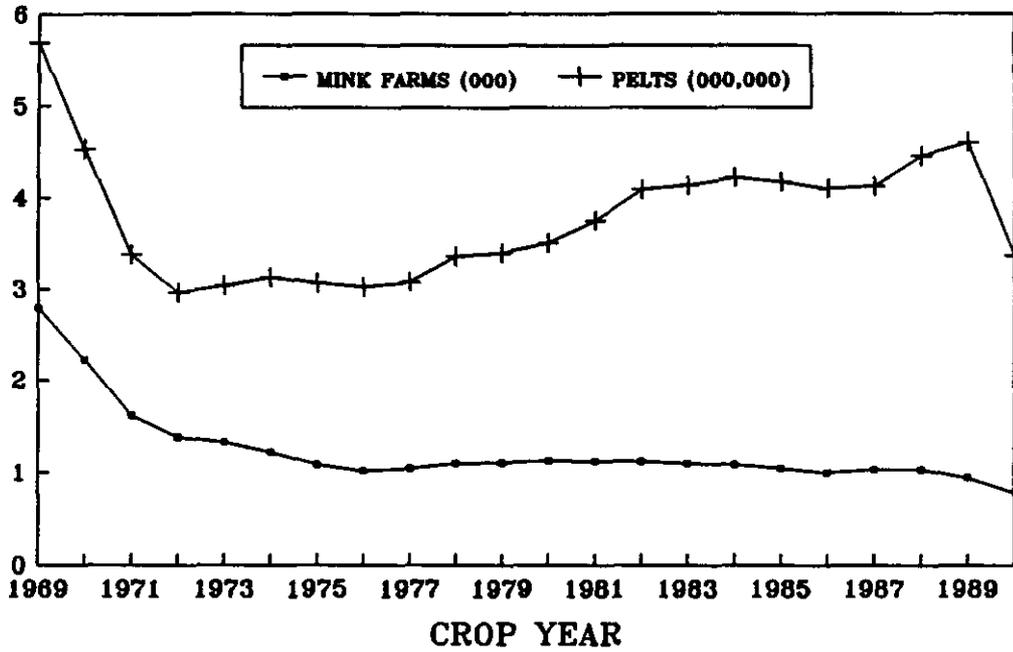
Fox

There were 84 mink farms which also raised fox in 1990, down 28 percent from the previous year.

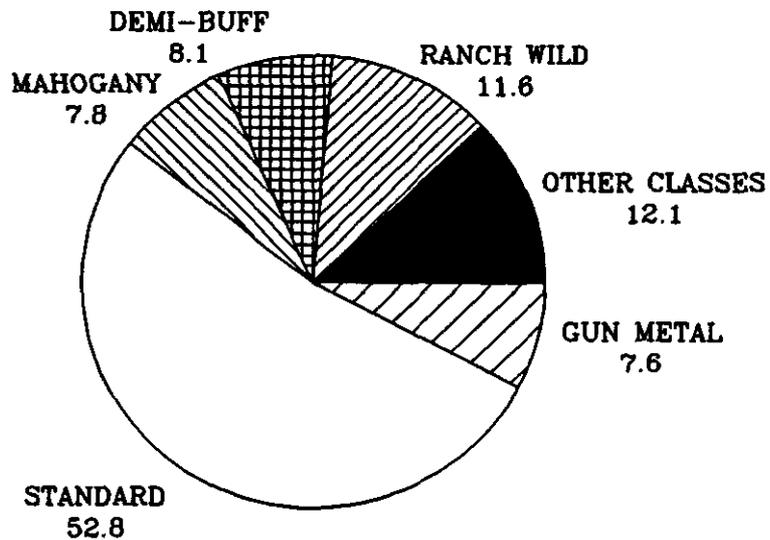
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MINK PELTS AND NUMBER OF FARMS 1969 - 1990



PELT PRODUCTION BY COLOR CLASS AS PERCENT OF TOTAL 1990



Mink Pelts Produced and Females Bred, By Color Class,
United States, 1989-1991 ^{1/}

Color Class	Pelts Produced		Females Bred To Produce Kits		
	1989 ^{2/}	1990	1989	1990 ^{2/}	1991
Thousands					
Standard	2,119	1,776	585.9	501.8	493.3
Ranch Wild	584	391	130.8	98.4	98.6
Demi-buff	444	272	113.7	74.2	69.6
Pastel	134	71	42.4	19.0	13.7
Pale Brown	7	4	1.1	0.8	0.8
Sapphire	96	93	29.9	26.1	24.5
Gunmetal	312	255	88.6	72.1	66.5
Mahogany	529	263	98.9	52.1	57.0
Pearl	65	32	20.9	12.7	6.3
Lavender-hope	12	12	3.4	2.9	2.6
Pink	60	43	18.5	13.2	7.8
Violet-type	133	89	36.9	34.4	18.1
White	104	60	29.7	13.5	13.3
Misc.& Unclassified	5	4	1.1	1.0	1.5
US Total	4,604	3,365	1201.8	922.2	873.6

Mink Farms, Pelts Produced and Value of Mink Pelts,
United States, 1969-90

Year	Mink Farms	Pelts 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	1,027	4,122	43.00	177.2
1988	1,027	4,453	32.30	143.8
1989 ^{2/}	940	4,604	20.40	93.9
1990 ^{5/}	786	3,365	25.50	85.8

^{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 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 1989,
By Color Class, Major States and United States

States:	Stan- dard	Ranch Wild	Demi- Buff <u>1/</u>	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
	Number of Pelts							
ID	95,200	65,000	53,800	11,100	2,500	4,600	15,500	22,600
IL	87,000	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>			<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
IN	11,600	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>			<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
IA	79,300	10,800	13,700	15,100		7,500	10,200	12,900
MA	<u>2/</u>		2,500	<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>
MI	87,900	16,800	17,500	5,600		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	26,500
MN	223,500	179,000	24,100	11,300		5,800	29,400	35,300
NY	55,300	<u>2/</u>	12,500	2,000		1,100	3,200	7,700
OH	74,300	9,000	2,700	5,900	<u>2/</u>	1,000	<u>2/</u>	33,600
OR	103,500	<u>2/</u>	3,500	2,700		22,000	97,000	6,800
PA	42,800	8,700	14,800	9,200	<u>2/</u>	14,000	26,100	27,700
SD	14,500	36,800	<u>2/</u>	4,400			<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
UT	415,700	43,700	152,900	3,900		10,900	21,100	92,000
WA	113,500	33,400	16,100	2,900		3,700	59,500	6,900
WI	650,000	70,500	38,000	51,100	500	21,600	37,800	143,500
Other:	64,600	110,200	91,900	8,400	4,200	3,900	12,300	113,900
US Total:	2,118,700	583,900	444,000	133,600	7,200	96,100	312,100	529,400

	Pearl	Lavender: Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclass- ified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
	Number of Pelts							
ID	4,100		1,600	1,600	5,400	2,000	285,000	47
IL	<u>2/</u>				<u>2/</u>		190,800	25
IN	<u>2/</u>			<u>2/</u>			17,300	10
IA	15,800			12,700	900	100	179,000	41
MA	2,000			<u>2/</u>			9,200	5
MI	9,000			12,000	6,100	<u>2/</u>	184,000	54
MN	4,400	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	13,300		545,900	119
NY	1,200		<u>2/</u>	5,700	<u>2/</u>		97,100	24
OH				1,900			128,900	21
OR			<u>2/</u>	13,400			255,000	42
PA	4,000	<u>2/</u>	9,000	5,700	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	169,000	30
SD	<u>2/</u>						94,600	9
UT	3,100	800		35,100		800	780,000	175
WA	<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>			237,200	50
WI	7,600	9,800	22,000	38,500	63,200	1,000	1,155,100	187
Other:	14,200	1,000	26,900	6,400	14,900	1,400	275,500	101
^{3/} US Total:	65,400	11,600	59,500	133,000	103,800	5,300	4,603,600	940

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Mink Pelts Produced and Number of Farms Producing Pelts in 1990,
By Color Class, Major States and United States

States:	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi-Buff 1/	Pastel	Pale Brown	Sapphire	Gun Metal	Mahogany any
	Number of Pelts							
ID	71,600	43,500	51,300	9,600	2,200	8,600	6,200	12,800
IL	72,200	2/	2/	2/			2/	2/
IN	11,900	3,100	2/					2/
IA	61,600	3,400	11,500	15,000		6,500	8,900	3,900
MA	2/		2/	2/		2/		2/
MI	54,000	2/	6,200	1,200		2/	900	2/
MN	149,100	135,500	20,800	5,400		2/	24,100	14,800
NY	43,000	2/	2,600	3,600		1,600	7,800	900
OH	66,300	8,000		2/	2/	2/		9,000
OR	100,100	2/	2/	1,600		20,400	80,100	2,300
PA	32,100	2/	3,400	2/	2/	11,600	19,200	13,400
SD	8,100	46,900	2/	2/				2/
UT	435,100	20,400	95,900	700	700	17,700	16,300	71,400
WA	87,700	2/	12,800	2,000		2/	45,700	2/
WI	537,700	45,100	17,100	22,100	200	17,500	37,000	74,700
Other:	45,700	85,100	50,400	10,100	500	8,600	8,900	59,600
US Total:	1,776,200	391,000	272,000	71,300	3,600	92,500	255,100	262,800

	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
	Number of Pelts							
ID	3,100		1,000		100		210,000	34
IL	2/				2/		120,300	20
IN	2/			2/			16,100	8
IA	900			13,200	100		125,000	32
MA	2/			2/		2/	8,300	4
MI	5,600			6,300	6,400	2/	83,000	35
MN	900		2/	2/	7,500	2/	373,200	93
NY	4,100		5,300	4,500	2/		74,200	20
OH				2/			88,300	16
OR			2/	10,600			227,000	40
PA	600		4,500	3,100	2/		95,400	24
SD	2/						69,100	8
UT	1,400			17,000		3,400	680,000	180
WA							172,400	43
WI	5,800	12,300	18,000	28,600	38,600	600	855,300	152
Other:	9,500	100	14,400	5,700	7,500	200	167,800	77
3/ US Total:	31,900	12,400	43,200	89,000	60,200	4,200	3,365,400	786

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Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits in 1990, By Color Class,
Major States and United States

States:	Stan- dard	Ranch Wild	Demi- buff <u>1/</u>	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
	Number of Pelts							
ID	23,300	6,800	11,100	1,500	400	3,100	4,600	1,700
IL	23,500	<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>			<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
IN	3,500	<u>2/</u>						<u>2/</u>
IA	18,000	1,200	1,100	3,000		1,200	2,700	1,400
MA	<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>		
MI	15,900	1,400	<u>2/</u>	700		<u>2/</u>	400	700
MN	44,200	31,200	4,000	1,200		1,100	7,000	3,100
NY	14,200	<u>2/</u>	3,600	500		<u>2/</u>	400	400
OH	19,500			400	<u>2/</u>	300		3,000
OR	21,100	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>		5,900	21,800	<u>2/</u>
PA	9,400	<u>2/</u>	1,200	700		3,300	6,400	2,400
SD	4,000	12,600	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>				
UT	113,200	8,700	30,000	400		3,800	6,200	15,100
WA	21,300	5,600	3,200	600		<u>2/</u>	11,400	<u>2/</u>
WI	155,500	9,900	4,600	7,800	100	5,600	8,000	13,100
Other:	55,200	21,000	15,400	2,200	300	1,800	3,200	11,200
US Total:	501,800	98,400	74,200	19,000	800	26,100	72,100	52,100
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclass- ified		Total
	Number							
ID	1,300		200			500		54,500
IL	<u>2/</u>				<u>2/</u>			31,300
IN					<u>2/</u>			4,700
IA	3,100			4,200	100			36,000
MA	<u>2/</u>			<u>2/</u>				2,500
MI	2,000			2,300	1,500	<u>2/</u>		27,000
MN	200		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	1,600			98,500
NY	1,400		<u>2/</u>	1,700				24,000
OH				900		<u>2/</u>		24,200
OR			<u>2/</u>	3,000				56,000
PA	100		1,200	1,000	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>		27,100
SD	<u>2/</u>							21,300
UT	600	200		10,800				189,000
WA				<u>2/</u>				42,800
WI	1,000	2,700	5,600	8,000	7,200	400		229,500
Other:	3,000		6,200	2,500	3,100	100		53,800
<u>3/</u> US Total:	12,700	2,900	13,200	34,400	13,500	1,000		922,200

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States:	Stan- dard	Ranch Wild	Demi- Buff <u>1/</u> :	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
Number of Pelts								
ID	22,200	8,000	12,600	600	200	2,500	2,000	7,400
IL	20,200	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>			<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
IN	700	<u>2/</u>						
IA	15,000	1,000	3,200	2,800		2,100	1,600	100
MA	<u>2/</u>			<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>
MI	15,900	<u>2/</u>	700	400		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	500
MN	42,600	31,800	4,700	1,100		<u>2/</u>	6,800	2,200
NY	12,400	<u>2/</u>	3,000	600		<u>2/</u>	500	600
OH	16,900	<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>		2,200
OR	22,700	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>		4,600	20,800	<u>2/</u>
PA	9,200	<u>2/</u>	1,100	<u>2/</u>	100	<u>2/</u>	5,900	1,800
SD	3,000	11,000	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>				<u>2/</u>
UT	121,600	5,400	22,300	200	400	4,000	5,600	14,600
WA	22,100	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>			9,200	
WI	153,600	10,100	4,300	5,200		6,100	9,900	17,000
Other:	15,200	31,300	17,700	2,800	100	5,200	4,200	10,600
US Total:	493,300	98,600	69,600	13,700	800	24,500	66,500	57,000
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclass- ified		Total
Number								
ID	300	100	100					56,000
IL	<u>2/</u>							23,900
IN				<u>2/</u>				1,300
IA	1,300			2,700	200			30,000
MA	<u>2/</u>			<u>2/</u>				1,900
MI	1,100			1,600	800			21,800
MN	400		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	1,900	100		94,600
NY	<u>2/</u>		900	200	<u>2/</u>			18,700
OH				<u>2/</u>				21,400
OR				2,300				54,000
PA			900	500	<u>2/</u>			23,500
SD	<u>2/</u>							18,000
UT	500			4,500		900		180,000
WA								38,400
WI	700	2,500	3,800	4,800	7,100	500		225,600
Other:	2,000		2,100	1,500	3,300			64,500
^{3/} US Total:	6,300	2,600	7,800	18,100	13,300	1,500		873,600

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Reliability

Survey Procedures: Data for mink production are collected from producers. States use all known sources of producers to ensure that their lists are as complete as possible. Firms that are not on the list are not represented in the data. Data collection from the approximately 1,000 producers begins in February. All known mink producers are mailed a questionnaire and given adequate time to respond by mail. The producers which 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.

Reliability: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive the estimates from reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for inaccessible operations are accounted for through the expansion of the reported data or by imputation based on individual historical data. Survey data are subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and in processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by carefully reviewing all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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