

Mink



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Pelt Production Down 3 Percent

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1991 totaled 3.27 million pelts, down 3 percent from 1990. Wisconsin, the major mink producing State, produced 900,500 pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production follows: Standard - 54.3 percent; Ranch Wild - 11.9 percent; Gunmetal - 10.0; Demi-buff - 8.1 percent; Mahogany - 6.6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 9.1 percent.

Value of Pelt Production Down 17 Percent

Mink pelts produced during the 1991 crop year were valued at \$70.9 million, down 17 percent from \$85.8 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1991 crop year was \$21.70, compared with \$25.50 in 1990.

Females Bred Down 11 Percent

Female mink bred to produce kits in 1992 totaled 781,100, down 11 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 1992 by color class are: Standard - 49.9 percent; Ranch Wild - 14.1 percent; Mahogany - 10.2 percent; Demi-buff - 8.2 percent; Gunmetal - 7.8 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 9.8 percent.

Number of Mink Farms Down 12 Percent

There were 682 mink farms producing pelts in 1991, down 12 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Utah with 160 farms, Wisconsin with 143 farms, and Minnesota with 89.

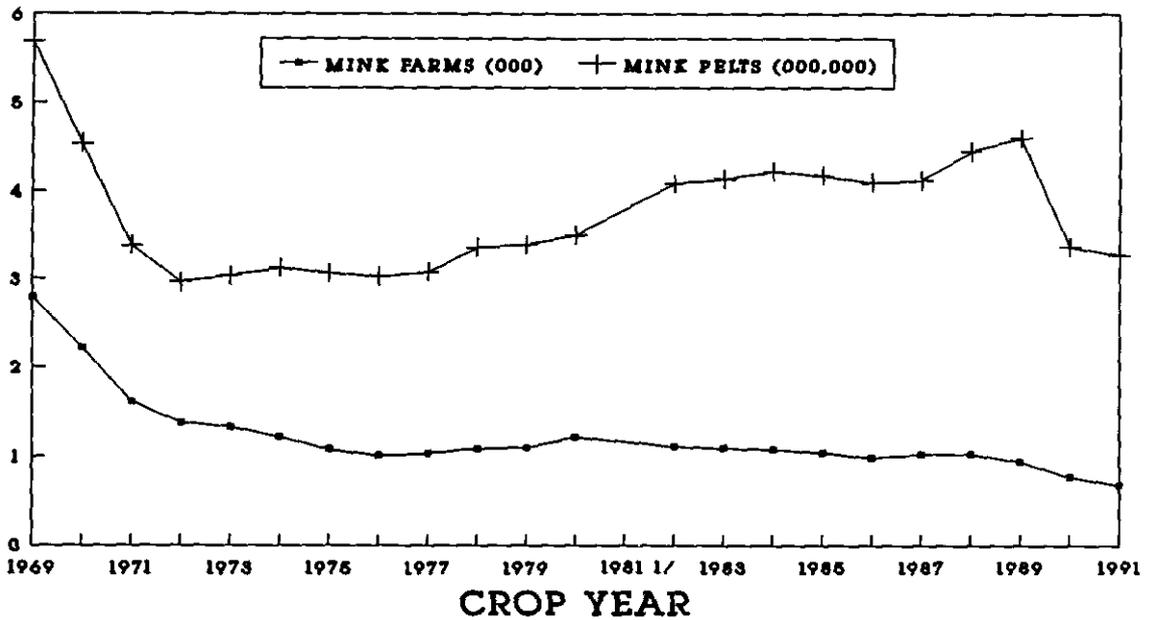
Fox

There were 77 mink farms which also raised fox in 1991, down 8 percent from the previous year.

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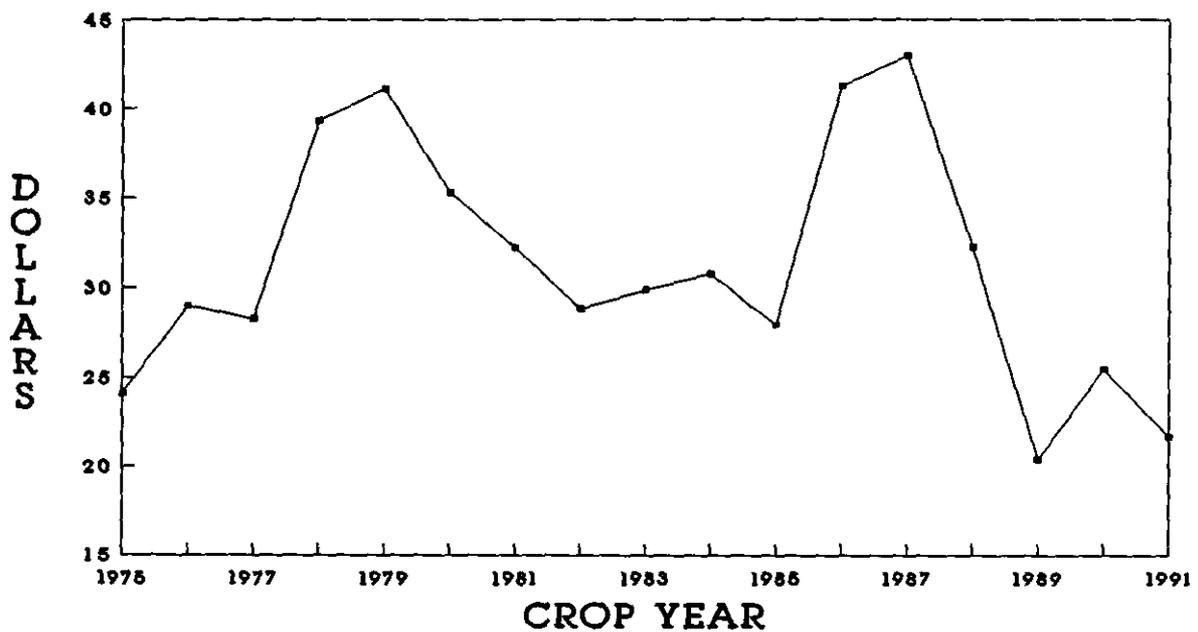
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MINK PELTS AND NUMBER OF FARMS 1969 - 1991



1/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE

MINK PELT AVERAGE PRICE 1975 - 1991



Mink: Pelts Produced and Females Bred, by Color Class,
United States, 1990-1992 ^{1/}

Color Class	Pelts Produced		Females Bred to Produce Kits		
	1990 ^{2/}	1991	1990	1991 ^{2/}	1992
			1,000		
Standard	1,776	1,776	501.8	493.2	390.1
Ranch Wild	391	388	98.4	98.7	110.5
Demi-buff	272	264	74.2	69.0	63.7
Pastel	71	41	19.0	13.7	13.8
Pale Brown	4	15	0.8	0.8	0.5
Sapphire	93	95	26.1	24.5	22.6
Gunmetal	255	326	72.1	66.5	61.1
Mahogany	263	215	52.1	59.0	79.7
Pearl	32	18	12.7	6.3	5.2
Lavender-hope	12	8	2.9	2.6	1.7
Pink	43	24	13.2	7.9	4.5
Violet-type	89	53	34.4	16.8	17.0
White	60	44	13.5	13.3	10.6
Misc. & Unclassified	4	1	1.0	1.5	0.1
US Total	3,366	3,268	922.2	873.8	781.1

Mink: Farms, Pelts Produced, Price, and Value
United States, 1969-91

Year	Mink Farms	Pelts Produced	Average Marketing Price ^{3/}	Value of Mink Pelts ^{3/}
	Number	1,000	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	940	4,604	20.40	93.9
1990 ^{2/}	771	3,366	25.50	85.8
1991 ^{5/}	682	3,268	21.70	70.9

^{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 by Color Class,
Major States and United States, 1990

States:	Stan- dard	Ranch Wild	Demi- Buff 1/	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- 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	500
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
Oth Sts	45,800	85,300	50,400	10,100	500	8,600	8,900	59,100
US								
Total	1,776,300	391,200	272,000	71,300	3,600	92,500	255,100	262,800

	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclass- ified	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	15
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	165
WA							172,400	43
WI	5,800	12,300	18,000	28,600	38,600	600	855,300	152
Oth Sts	9,500	100	14,400	5,700	7,500	200	168,100	78
US								
Total	31,900	12,400	43,200	89,000	60,200	4,200	3,365,700	771

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2/ Included in other States for each color class to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Mink: Pelts Produced and Number of Farms by Color Class,
Major States and United States, 1991

States:	Stan- dard	Ranch Wild	Demi- Buff 1/	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
Number of Pelts								
ID	95,500	34,000	34,900	2,400	1,000	12,500	18,900	21,700
IL	71,200	2/	2/				2/	2/
IA	54,200	2,100	12,900	8,600		6,800	6,600	2,700
MI	51,600	200	3,900	1,100		2/	1,300	1,600
MN	148,400	146,100	6,500	1,800		2/	26,200	2/
NY	22,900	2/	1,000	900		700	3,500	11,400
OH	63,200	2/	2/	600	2/	1,700		8,300
OR	85,000	2/	2/	2,000		18,000	88,000	10,000
PA	29,700		2/	2/		9,500	17,700	9,100
SD	8,500	48,200	2/	2/				2/
UT	426,800	30,200	101,200	1,300	12,100	18,100	71,000	1,300
WA	90,300	5,800	2/	2/			45,000	
WI	586,400	33,800	25,400	17,900	1,100	20,000	38,100	106,000
Oth Sts	42,200	87,900	78,100	4,700	500	7,700	9,500	42,500
US								
Total	1,775,900	388,300	263,900	41,300	14,700	95,000	325,800	214,600
Number of Pelts								
	Pearl	Lavender: Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclass- ified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
ID	3,000	100					224,000	32
IL	2/				2/	2/	80,900	20
IA	2,200			10,500	700	200	107,500	27
MI	3,400			3,800	1,900	2/	69,300	22
MN	2/		2/	2/	3,700	2/	352,300	89
NY	300		2,400	500	2/		45,100	15
OH				2/			81,900	15
OR			2/	3,500			214,000	32
PA			2/	2/	2/		77,300	24
SD	2/						74,000	8
UT				8,000			670,000	160
WA							167,500	36
WI	1,900	8,200	14,300	20,400	27,000		900,500	143
Oth Sts	7,600		7,100	6,300	11,100	600	203,900	59
US								
Total	18,400	8,300	23,800	53,000	44,400	800	3,268,200	682

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Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits: By Color Class,
Major States and United States, 1991

States:	Stan- dard	Ranch Wild	Demi- buff <u>1/</u>	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
Number								
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>		<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
Oth Sts	15,100	31,400	17,100	2,800	100	5,200	4,200	12,600
US								
Total	493,200	98,700	69,000	13,700	800	24,500	66,500	59,000
	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			<u>2/</u>	1,000				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
Oth Sts	2,000		2,200	1,500	3,300			64,700
US								
Total	6,300	2,600	7,900	16,800	13,300	1,500		873,800

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Major States and United States, 1992

States:	Stan- dard	Ranch Wild	Demi- Buff <u>1/</u>	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
	Number							
ID	20,900	7,200	13,800	200		2,800	2,000	5,800
IL	15,900	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>				<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
IA	9,700	1,100	4,900	2,800		1,400	2,500	200
MI	12,200	100	1,500	300		<u>2/</u>	1,000	500
MN	33,100	36,900	1,400	<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>	6,100	3,000
NY	5,200	<u>2/</u>	100	900		200	1,100	6,100
OH	12,100	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	500		2,800
OR	20,400	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	700		4,000	20,500	2,900
PA	7,200		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>		2,200	5,700	2,200
SD	2,800	12,200	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>				<u>2/</u>
UT	109,100	8,800	25,400	500		2,800	4,200	19,800
WA	20,800	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>			6,200	
WI	106,000	9,400	6,400	5,300	200	4,700	10,300	23,900
Oth Sts	14,700	34,800	10,200	3,100	300	4,000	1,500	12,500
US								
Total	390,100	110,500	63,700	13,800	500	22,600	61,100	79,700

	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclass- ified	Total
	Number						
ID	300						53,000
IL	<u>2/</u>				<u>2/</u>		18,500
IA	1,200			3,400	200	100	27,500
MI	900		<u>2/</u>	1,400	400		18,400
MN	<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	1,200		85,600
NY	200		700	300	<u>2/</u>		15,300
OH				<u>2/</u>			18,000
OR			<u>2/</u>	1,500			52,000
PA	<u>2/</u>		<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>		20,200
SD	<u>2/</u>						18,300
UT	500			3,900			175,000
WA							33,500
WI	600	1,700	1,300	4,300	6,600		180,700
Oth Sts	1,500		2,500	2,200	2,200		65,100
US	5,200	1,700	4,500	17,000	10,600	100	781,100

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Survey Procedures: Data for mink production are collected from all known producers. State Statistical Offices use all known sources of producers to ensure that their lists are as complete as possible. Data collection from the approximately 700 producers begins in February. All known mink producers are mailed a questionnaire and given adequate time to respond by mail. Those that 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.

Revision policy: Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when current estimates are made. Revisions are the result of late or corrected data and are generally within one-half percent.

The next "Mink" report will be released in July 1993.

