

# MINK



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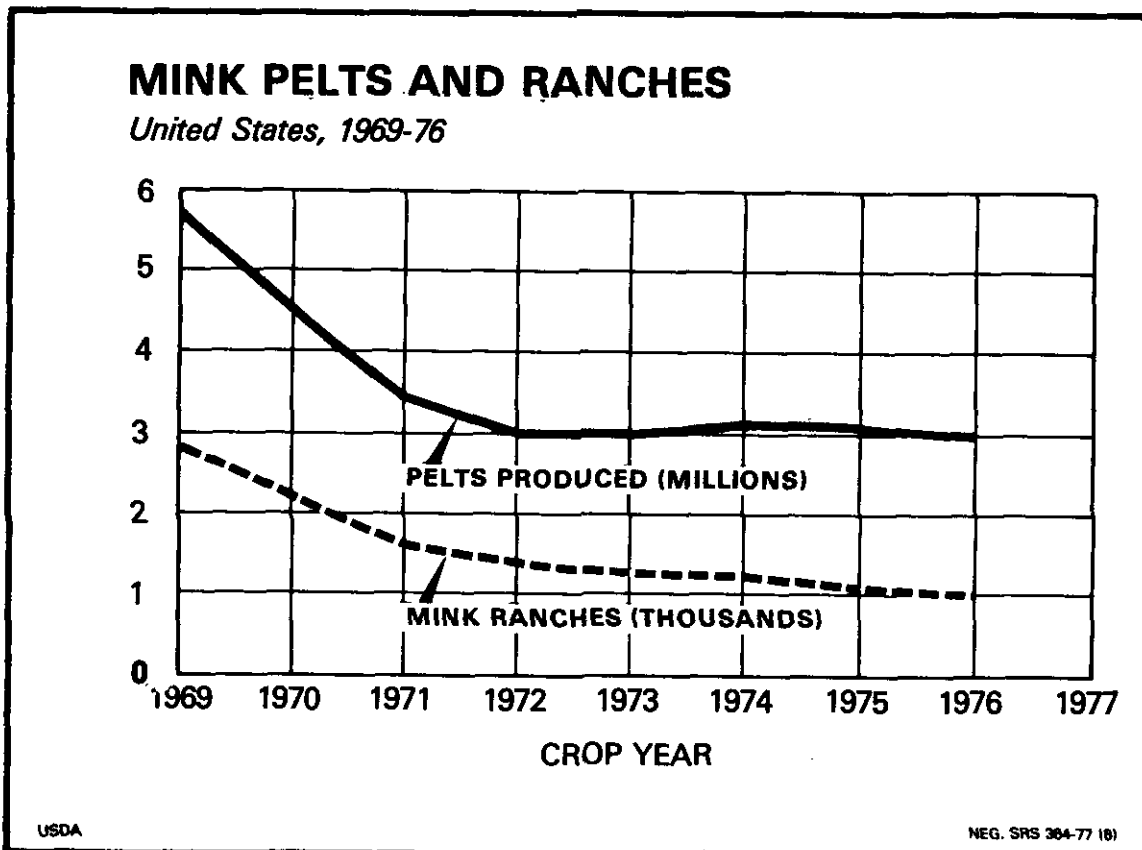
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**PELT PRODUCTION DOWN:** Mink pelt production in the United States in 1976 totaled 3.0 million pelts, down 1 percent from 1975. However, Wisconsin, the major mink State, produced 926,000 pelts, up 1 percent from a year ago. By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total 1976 production was: Standard, 32.9 percent; pastel, 21.9 percent; pearl, 8.9 percent; demi-buff, 17.6 percent; violet, 7.9 percent and the remaining color classes accounted for 10.8 percent.

**VALUE OF PELT PRODUCTION UP:** Mink pelts sold during the 1976 crop year were valued at 87.9 million dollars. This compared with a value of 73.9 million dollars for pelts sold during the 1975 crop year. The average price per pelt for the 1976 crop year was \$29.10 compared with \$24.10 the previous year.



**INCREASE IN BRED FEMALES:** Mink females bred to produce kits in 1977 totaled 886,000, up 6 percent from the 837,000 the previous year. Bred females and percent changes from a year ago for the two major color classes are: Standard, 408,000 females bred, up 9 percent; pastel, 233,000, up 11 percent. Females bred in the leading mink States and percent changes from 1976 are: Wisconsin, 256,000, up 8 percent; Utah, 113,000, up 16 percent and Minnesota unchanged at 104,000.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1977 by color are: Standard, 46.0 percent; pastel, 26.3 percent; pearl 8.8 percent; violet, 8.1 percent; the remaining color classes accounted for 10.8 percent.

**RANCH NUMBERS DECLINE:** There were 1,015 mink ranches producing pelts in 1976, off 6 percent from a year ago. Wisconsin with 260 ranches was down 2 percent, Utah with 168 was down 10 percent and Minnesota with 123 was down 16 percent.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS,  
UNITED STATES, 1975-77

COLOR CLASS	PELTS PRODUCED			FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS		
	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976
	THOUSANDS		PERCENT	THOUSANDS		PERCENT
STANDARD	951	993	104	375	408	109
DEMI-BUFF	481	531	110			
PASTEL	700	661	94	209	233	111
PALE BROWN	15	9	60	3.2	2.4	75
SAPPHIRE	84	64	76	22.9	24.2	106
GUNMETAL	53	47	89	12.3	12.7	103
PLATINUM	12	6	50	2.8	2.8	100
PEARL	337	270	80	85	77.9	92
LAVENDER-HOPE	17	20	118	5	5.3	106
PINK	59	71	120	16.9	19.4	115
VIOLET TYPE	257	239	93	76.6	72	94
WHITE	93	90	97	25.9	25.5	98
MISC & UNCLASSIFIED	8	20	250	2.3	3.2	139
U S TOTAL	3,067	3,021	99	837	886	106

MINK RANCHES, PELTS PRODUCED AND VALUE OF MINK PELTS,  
UNITED STATES, 1969-76

YEAR	MINK RANCHES	PELTS PRODUCED	AVERAGE MARKETING PRICE 2/	VALUE OF MINK PELTS 2/
	THOUSANDS	MILLION	DOLLARS	MILLION DOLLARS
1969	2.8	5.7		
1970	2.2	4.5		
1971	1.6	3.4		
1972	1.4	3.0		
1973	1.3	3.0		
1974	1.2	3.1		
1975	1.1	3.1	24.10	73.9
1976	1.0	3.0	29.10	87.9

1/ SEE CHART ON FRONT PAGE FOR PELTS PRODUCED AND THE NUMBER OF RANCHES.

2/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE PRIOR TO 1975.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF RANCHES PRODUCING PELTS IN 1975 BY COLOR CLASS MAJOR STATES AND U.S.

STATE	1,000 PELTS										MISC. &			NUMBER OF RANCHES
	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER	VIOLET	WHITE	PINK	DEMI-BUFF	UNCLASSIFIED	
IDAHO	24.9	45	1/	4.1	1/	1/	8.6	1/	1.5	4.2	45.3	1/	135	
ILL	59	24.7	1/	.61	1/	1/	13.4	1/	3.1	1/	65	1/	175	
IND	4.1	4.9	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	3.7	1/	1/	1/	17	
IOWA	40.8	21.5	1/	1/	.06	1/	22.7	1/	11.6	1/	16.4	1/	116	
MASS	1.4	10.9	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	3.2	1/	23	
MICH	31.6	21.2	1/	1/	1/	1/	16.7	1/	10.4	1.2	17	1	174	
MINN	117	116	1/	8	.06	1/	40.5	1/	30	8.1	62	1/	411	
N Y	23.3	25.7	1/	2.3	5.6	1/	7.4	2	10.6	1.5	9.9	1/	89	
OHIO	33.8	35.6	1/	1.9	5.3	1/	16	1/	5.2	1/	19.3	3.3	118	
OREG	59	14	1/	18.6	14.6	1/	1/	1/	27.4	4.5	28.3	1/	168	
PA	16.9	21.9	1/	5.5	1.7	1/	37.5	1/	22.1	.51	16.1	1/	125	
S DAK	11.7	4.1	1/	.38	1/	1/	13.8	1/	4.5	3	17.1	1/	55	
UTAH	127	71	1/	10.4	1/	1/	31.2	1/	24.9	.27	38.6	.5	308	
WASH	73	21	1/	6.1	12.8	1/	7.4	1/	8.2	1.2	18.7	1/	151	
WTS	293	227	4.7	17.9	5.1	.91	96	5.8	88	60	90	.95	915	
ALL OTHER STATES	34.2	35.7	2.2	2.3	.4	.7	21.3	2.1	4.3	7.4	32.6	.9	147	
U S	951	700	15	84	53	12	337	17	257	93	481	8	3,067	

1/ INCLUDED IN TOTAL TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF RANCHES PRODUCING PELTS IN 1976 BY COLOR CLASS MAJOR STATES AND U.S.

STATE	1,000 PELTS										MISC. &			NUMBER OF RANCHES
	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER	VIOLET	WHITE	PINK	DEMI-BUFF	UNCLASSIFIED	
IDAHO	28.4	36.3	1/	2.7	1/	1/	6.1	1/	1.8	3.2	48.4	1/	127	
ILL	52	25.3	1/	1/	1/	1/	11	1/	2.8	1/	63	1/	173	
IND	4.5	6.7	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	3.3	.3	1/	1/	18	
IOWA	40.3	20.5	1/	1/	.4	1/	25.2	.23	6.5	1/	10.8	1/	104	
MASS	1/	6.5	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	3.6	1/	16	
MICH	36.8	16.7	1/	1/	1/	1/	11.5	1/	10	8.6	19.7	1/	105	
MINN	114	101	1/	8.8	3.3	1/	24.4	1/	27.2	7.4	75	1/	383	
N Y	35.1	25.2	1/	1.4	3.1	1/	9.6	1/	10.1	1/	9.8	1/	100	
OHIO	40.7	42	1/	1.3	1/	1/	10.5	1/	4.3	1/	19.4	1/	121	
OREG	50.8	7.7	1/	13	15.4	1/	1/	1/	24.1	1/	25.1	1/	139	
PA	15.3	20.8	1/	7.6	1.1	.5	31.1	1/	23.3	1/	21.8	1/	126	
S DAK	14.7	6.3	1/	1/	1/	1/	11.9	1/	3.8	1/	16.5	1/	58	
UTAH	141	65	1/	9.7	1/	.64	30.1	1/	22.5	.18	49.7	1.6	323	
WASH	73	18	1/	5	14.1	1/	3.6	1/	7.9	.11	26	1.6	154	
WTS	313	228	3	10.9	4.8	.78	72	11.3	85	62	101	3.6	926	
ALL OTHER STATES	32.9	35.1	.53	2	.37	1.1	19.5	1.1	5.2	6.9	38.7	.49	148	
U S	993	661	9	64	47	6	270	20	239	90	531	20	3,021	

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MINK FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1976 BY COLOR CLASS, MAJOR STATES AND U.S.

STATE	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	PINK	MISC & UNCLAS-SIFIED	TOTAL FEMALES
IDAHO	19	13.6	1/	1/	1/	2.6	2.6	1/	.52	.87	1/	1/	38
ILL	28.8	9.7	1/	1/	1/	4.2	4.2	1/	1.1	1/	1/	1/	47
IND	1.4	1.7	1/	1/	1/	6.8	6.8	.09	2.8	1/	1/	1/	4.5
IOWA	15.6	6.8	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	32.5
MASS	1.7	2.3	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	6
MICH	12.7	7	1/	1/	1/	3.8	3.8	1/	3.6	2	1/	1/	30.5
MINN	45	28.5	.08	1.9	1.1	1.4	8.4	4	9.7	2.2	5.7	1/	104
N Y	10.2	8.3	.52	.52	1.1	1/	2.8	.97	3.3	1/	1/	1/	27
OHIO	15.4	12.1	1/	.98	1/	4.3	4.3	1/	1.9	1/	1/	1/	35.5
OREG	17.5	4.4	4.7	3.5	1/	1/	1/	7.8	7.1	1.16	1/	1/	38.5
PA	8.3	7.3	2.5	.5	.45	10.7	10.7	1/	7.1	1	1/	1/	38.5
S DAK	8.2	1.5	1/	1/	1/	3	3	1/	7.7	1.12	1/	1/	14.5
UTAH	54.9	22.5	1/	3.7	1/	1/	8.3	1/	7.7	1/	1/	1/	97.7
WASH	25.7	6	.27	1.9	3.4	1.8	1.8	.37	1.8	.05	3	1/	41.6
WIS	94	63	1.7	3.9	1.2	.24	21	1.9	26.8	17	6.9	.29	238
ALL OTHER STATES	16.9	13.9	.2	.6	.4	6.7	6.7	.5	1.0	1.9	.9	.2	43.2
U S	375	209	3.2	22.9	12.3	85	85	5	76.6	25.9	16.9	2.3	837

MINK PRODUCTION, JULY 1977

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MINK FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1977 BY COLOR CLASS, MAJOR STATES AND U.S.

STATE	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	PINK	MISC & UNCLAS-SIFIED	TOTAL FEMALES
IDAHO	19.8	12.5	1/	1.1	1/	1/	1.9	1/	.59	.77	1/	1/	37.5
ILL	28.8	10.2	1/	1/	1/	1/	4	1/	.76	1/	1/	1/	46.1
IND	1.6	1.8	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	.84	.84	1/	1/	1/	4.6
IOWA	15.5	11.7	1/	1.4	1/	.3	7	.19	2.9	1/	.01	1/	38.1
MASS	1.5	1.8	1/	1/	1/	1/	.64	1/	1/	1.9	1/	1/	5
MICH	16	5.1	1/	1/	1/	1/	2.6	1/	2.8	2	1/	1/	29
MINN	47.5	33.6	.06	1.6	.54	.09	6.5	.52	7.8	2	3.3	1/	104
N Y	10.8	8.7	1/	.53	1.1	1/	2.8	1/	3.5	1/	1/	1/	29.3
OHIO	16.7	12.3	1/	.65	1/	.77	3	1/	1.8	1/	1/	1/	35.8
OREG	14.8	5.2	1/	4.4	4.1	.1	.12	1/	6.3	.03	1/	1/	35.6
PA	9.5	8.7	1/	3.4	.52	.45	10.1	1/	5.9	1/	1/	1/	40.3
S DAK	11.3	1.7	1/	1/	1/	1/	2.5	1/	3	1/	1/	1/	16.9
UTAH	64	23.9	1/	4.9	1/	1/	9.7	1/	10	.07	1/	1/	113
WASH	28	6.5	.45	2.3	4.1	.75	19	.76	1.6	.05	1/	1/	45.7
WIS	103	73	.9	4	1	.22	19	2.4	25.8	16.9	8.9	1.4	256
ALL OTHER STATES	18.8	16.3	.11	.72	.01	.16	7.1	.23	.82	3.4	1.4	.03	49
U S	408	233	2.4	24.2	12.7	2.8	77.9	5.3	72	25.5	19.4	3.2	886

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