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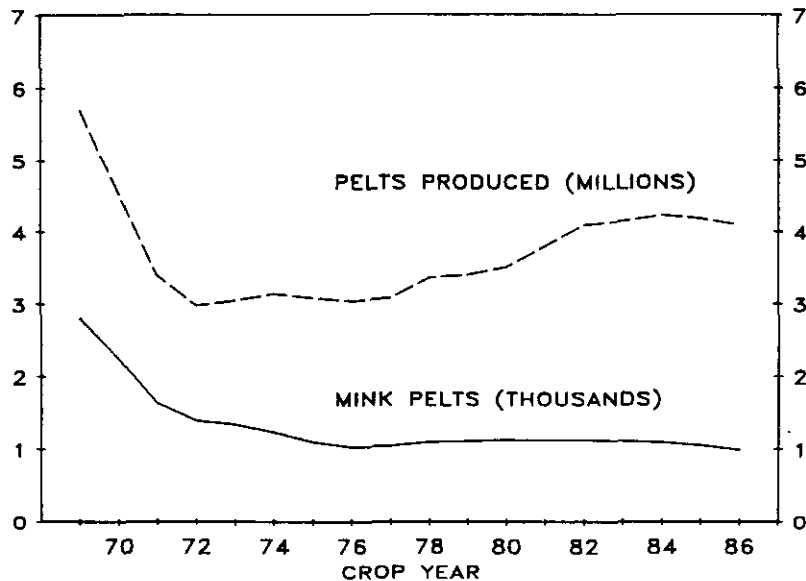
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PELT PRODUCTION DOWN

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1986 totaled 4.08 million pelts, down 2 percent from 1985, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. Wisconsin, the major mink State, produced 1.13 million pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production was: Standard - 39.5 percent; Demi-Buff - 14.0 percent; Ranch Wild - 10.2 percent; Mahogany - 9.0 percent; Pastel - 7.1 percent; Gunmetal - 5.4 percent; and White - 3.5 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 11.3 percent.

U.S. MINK PELTS AND NUMBER OF FARMS 1969 - 86



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VALUE OF PELT PRODUCTION UP

Mink pelts sold during the 1986 crop year were valued at 158.6 million dollars, up 36 percent from 1985. The average price per pelt for the 1986 crop year was \$38.90, compared with \$28.00 in 1985 and \$30.80 in 1984.

FEMALES BRED DOWN

Female mink bred to produce kits in 1987 totaled 1.07 million, down 1 percent from 1986. Females bred for the two major color classes are: Standard - 498 thousand and Demi-Buff - 120 thousand. Females bred in the leading States are: Wisconsin - 295 thousand; Minnesota - 140 thousand; and Utah - 138 thousand.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1987 by color class are: Standard - 46.8 percent; Demi-Buff - 11.3 percent; Ranch Wild - 8.3 percent; Gunmetal - 7.1 percent; Pastel - 6.0 percent; Mahogany - 5.7 percent; and Pearl - 3.3 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 11.5 percent.

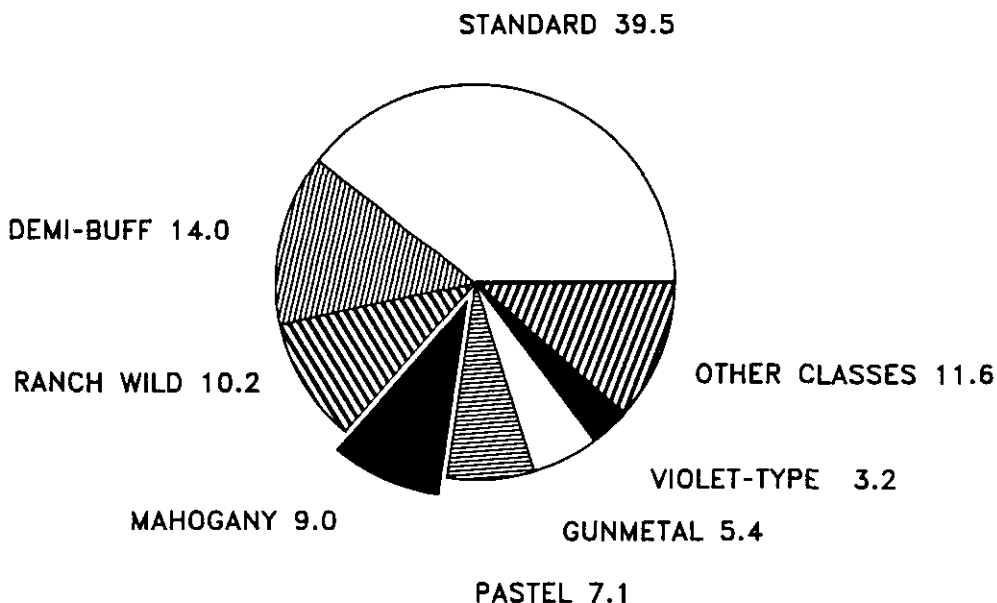
NUMBER OF MINK FARMS DOWN

There were 977 mink farms producing pelts in 1986 compared with 1042 the previous year. Leading States were Wisconsin with 228 farms, Minnesota with 155 and Utah with 121 farms.

FOX

Fourteen percent of the mink farms also raised fox, the same percentage as last year.

PELT PRODUCTION BY COLOR CLASS, AS PERCENT OF TOTAL 1986



MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS,
UNITED STATES, 1985-87 1/

COLOR CLASS	PELTS PRODUCED		FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS		
	1985 2/	1986	1985	1986 2/	1987
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		
STANDARD	1,551	1,611	454.5	465.2	498.2
RANCH WILD	488	414	111.2	103	88.4
DEMI-BUFF	785	572	167.2	160	120
PASTEL	333	289	96.6	73	63.6
PALE BROWN	10	7	1.8	2.2	0.9
SAPPHIRE	140	91	42	28.3	25.6
GUNMETAL	177	219	43.6	60	75.9
MAHOGANY	56	366	3/	33.7	60.4
PEARL	167	129	55.6	39.7	35.4
LAVENDER-HOPE	14	17	4.5	6.1	5.4
PINK	95	80	28.1	22.1	20.6
VIOLET-TYPE	204	133	68.8	42.1	34.8
WHITE	142	142	38.3	36.5	34.8
MISC. & UNCLASSIFIED	9	7	2.7	1.4	1.3
U S TOTAL	4,171	4,078	1,115	1,073	1,065

MINK FARMS, PELTS PRODUCED AND VALUE OF MINK PELTS,
UNITED STATES, 1969-86

YEAR	MINK FARMS	PELTS PRODUCED	AVERAGE MARKETING PRICE 5/	VALUE OF MINK PELTS 5/
		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 2/	1,042	4,171	28.00	116.8
1986 6/	977	4,078	38.90	158.6

1/ SUM OF COLOR CLASS MAY NOT ADD TO U.S. TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

2/ REVISED BASED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

3/ MAHOGANY COLOR CLASS WAS ADDED IN 1986. ESTIMATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR 1985.

4/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE FOR 1981.

5/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE PRIOR IN 1975.

6/ DATA IS PRELIMINARY AND WILL BE REVISED NEXT YEAR BASED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF FARMS PRODUCING PELTS IN 1985, 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								
GA	2/	2/	2/				2,600	
IDAHO	50,800	26,600	131,600	23,100	2/	3,400	2/	
ILL	106,600	4,500	2/	2/		2/	2/	
IND	10,500	2/	1,400	3,200		2/		
IOWA	53,700	6,600	19,000	23,000	100	10,800	2,700	
MASS	2,200		5,300	1,300		2/		
MICH	55,000	18,600	20,200	19,500	2/	2/	2/	11,000
MINN	192,600	176,600	47,900	51,800	2/	8,500	6,000	13,500
NY	44,800	2/	20,100	7,200	2/	3,500	7,600	9,000
OHIO	50,500	15,100	23,200	15,800	2,100	9,100	2,200	6,000
OREG	69,000	14,400	20,200	5,600	2/	28,500	55,500	
PA	15,600	19,600	21,200	14,100	2/	13,500	13,000	10,300
S DAK	18,900	40,500	17,800	3,400	2/	2/	2/	
UTAH	226,100	39,200	111,700	31,300	500	17,100	23,200	9,300
WASH	109,600	50,100	18,700	5,200		3,700	33,500	3,200
WISC	490,700	60,100	189,800	99,700	1,900	37,700	23,000	800
ALL OTH STS	53,200	13,900	73,800	18,100	2,000	1,600	1,400	2,900
U S TOTAL	1,550,500	488,200	785,200	333,100	9,600	140,400	176,500	55,700
NUMBER OF FARMS								
	PEARL	LAVENDER- HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
NUMBER OF FARMS								
GA			2/		2/		24,400	11
IDAHO	6,500			2/	5,500	300	251,700	44
ILL	9,400		2/	2/	2/		184,500	24
IND	1,600			2/	2/		19,400	11
IOWA	19,700			11,600		500	147,800	36
MASS	2/	2/		2/		900	13,900	8
MICH	13,000	2/	1,000	20,000	7,300		166,500	53
MINN	15,300		2/	19,600	16,600	200	571,200	160
NY	4,800	2/	2/	5,600	2/		108,700	31
OHIO	9,600			3,700	2/		137,200	36
OREG			2/	16,800			215,000	40
PA	2/		11,400	11,100	2/	2,100	137,500	47
S DAK	10,900		2/	2/	2/		102,300	16
UTAH	18,500			23,700		1,100	501,700	132
WASH	2/	2/		2/	2/		226,000	45
WISC	40,800	12,800	41,100	82,900	97,200	800	1,179,300	235
ALL OTH STS	5,700	400	3,000	2,900	3,800	700	183,400	113
U S TOTAL	167,300	14,200	94,500	204,300	141,900	9,100	4,170,500	1,042

1/ DEMI-BUFF INCLUDES DARK BROWN, VIOLET, PASTEL, STANDARD, PEARL CROSSES AND OTHERS.

MAHOGANY WAS ADDED AS A SEPARATE COLOR CLASS AND PLATINUM WAS DROPPED.

2/ INCLUDED IN TOTAL TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF FARMS PRODUCING PELTS IN 1986, 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								
GA	2/		2/					2/
IDAHO	58,800	43,500	66,400	26,400	2/	1,600	2,500	32,600
ILL	79,000	2/	9,500	2/		2/	2/	2/
IND	11,600	2/	2/	900		2/		2/
IOWA	59,700	7,500	15,900	20,000	2/	4,800	4,500	6,300
MASS	2,500	2/	2/	1,200		2/		
MICH	57,500	19,200	19,300	11,000		2/	2/	16,600
MINN	190,600	167,700	54,300	46,900	2/	5,700	14,000	26,300
NY	54,000	2/	5,600	9,500	2/	2/	2/	9,600
OHIO	55,100	7,300	22,400	8,300	400	3,300	1,000	10,400
OREG	80,100	2/	14,500	5,900		22,500	70,200	15,900
PA	16,100	9,200	27,600	11,200		11,600	18,500	2/
S DAK	14,600	44,100	7,200	5,800	2/	2/	2/	14,900
UTAH	241,400	32,800	87,700	20,500		10,400	25,100	35,700
WASH	109,200	2/	47,200	4,900		2/	42,700	3,100
WISC	528,700	56,100	89,700	95,400	3,300	24,000	31,300	90,100
ALL OTH STS	50,900	4,500	81,000	11,300	1,000	800	2,000	21,000
U S TOTAL	1,610,900	414,400	571,800	289,300	6,600	91,400	219,200	366,400
NUMBER OF PELTS								
	PEARL	LAVENDER- HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
GA			2/		2/		25,800	6
IDAHO	6,500			400	6,000	2/	244,700	44
ILL	7,000		2/	2/	2/		189,000	21
IND	2/			2/			17,100	8
IOWA	21,200			10,400	2/	1,500	152,600	35
MASS	3,100			2/			11,800	8
MICH	8,700	2/	2/	13,200	7,300	2/	154,500	51
MINN	12,900	2/	2/	9,700	16,100	200	568,000	155
NY	6,200	2/	2/	5,900	2/		104,000	30
OHIO	2,100			2,500	2/	2/	113,000	27
OREG			2/	15,600	2/		237,000	41
PA	6,200		10,300	6,900	2/	3,200	138,100	41
S DAK	11,300		2/	2/	2/	2/	106,000	12
UTAH	12,500	200		13,100			479,400	121
WASH	2/			2/	2/		217,300	42
WISC	27,800	11,900	28,500	49,800	96,200		1,132,800	228
ALL OTH STS	2,900	800	4,500	1,300	3,800	700	186,500	107
U S TOTAL	129,200	17,100	80,100	132,500	142,000	6,700	4,077,600	977

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FEMALE MINK BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1986, 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							
GA	2/		5,300					2/
IDAHO	17,500	6,100	17,100	6,600	2/	1,100	1,000	8,200
ILL	19,800	1,000	2/	2/		2/	2/	16,500
IND	3,000	2/	2/	350		2/		2/
IOWA	18,200	2,600	1,900	5,000		850	1,400	1,800
MASS	600	2/	700	500		2/		
MICH	20,300	3,900	4,500	2,700		2/	2/	
MINN	56,600	36,800	12,800	11,300	2/	1,900	3,600	2,200
NY	12,100	2/	2,200	3,100	2/	2/	500	3,300
OHIO	17,800	5,000	3,900	1,900	2/	900		1,500
OREG	19,400	2,000	2,600	1,600	2/	5,500	16,800	4,100
PA	5,000	1,700	7,300	2,800	2/	4,000	6,100	3,500
S DAK	4,900	9,300	3,800	1,100	2/	2/	2/	
UTAH	78,500	10,200	26,400	7,700		2,900	8,400	900
WASH	25,300	3,600	11,600	1,300		2/	10,900	800
WISC	146,600	14,800	31,300	20,800	900	8,500	8,500	500
ALL OTH STS	17,100	4,300	18,100	4,550	250	400	300	500
U S TOTAL	465,200	103,000	160,100	73,000	2,200	28,300	60,000	33,700
	PEARL	LAVENDER- HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL PELTS	
	NUMBER							
GA			2/		2/			6,900
IDAHO	1,900			160	1,800			61,600
ILL	2,100		2/	2/	2/			47,300
IND	2/			2/				4,800
IOWA	8,000			2,800		100		42,600
MASS	2/	2/		2/				3,200
MICH	1,900	2/	2/	4,800	1,600			40,400
MINN	5,900	2/	2/	3,000	5,400			146,300
NY	1,500	2/	2/	1,500	2/			27,300
OHIO	300			1,100		2/		32,800
OREG			2/	3,800				57,000
PA	2,100		2,800	2,100	2/	800		39,100
S DAK	2,600		2/		2/			23,500
UTAH	3,800			5,500				144,300
WASH	2/			2/	2/			55,000
WISC	8,400	3,300	8,500	15,900	23,200			291,200
ALL OTH STS	700	800	1,500	460	1,050	90		50,100
U S TOTAL	39,700	6,100	22,100	42,100	36,500	1,400		1,073,400

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MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES 1/

STATES	STAN- DARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF	PAS- TEL	PALE BROWN	SAP- PHIRE	GUN METAL	MAHOG- ANY
	NUMBER							
GA	2/	2/	2/					2/
IDAHO	19,300	8,900	13,200	6,600		700	1,300	3,300
ILL	24,200	2/	2/	2/			2/	2/
IND	3,300	2/		2/				
IOWA	20,900	2,200	2,000	4,600		1,100	2,500	900
MASS	1,200		2/	2/		2/		
MICH	19,500	3,900	4,900	2,400		2/	2/	3,800
MINN	57,000	33,600	12,100	9,400		1,100	6,900	4,000
NY	13,300	2/	1,000	2,400		2/	500	2,100
OHIO	19,700	2,400	4,500	1,600	100	700	300	2,700
OREG	23,000	2/	1,000	1,200		6,100	20,300	800
PA	6,400	2,900	6,600	2,600		4,200	6,600	2/
S DAK	5,300	10,200	2,200	2,700				
UTAH	82,300	5,600	20,500	6,100		3,300	8,200	4,900
WASH	28,300	1,700	11,700	1,100		800	12,700	600
WISC	157,300	11,800	15,500	19,900	500	6,300	13,000	17,900
ALL OTH STS	16,800	1,400	18,000	1,300	200	400	1,100	2,900
U S TOTAL	498,200	88,400	120,000	63,600	900	25,600	75,900	60,400

	PEARL	LAVENDER- HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL PELTS
	NUMBER						
GA			2/		2/		8,200
IDAHO	2,600		300	100	1,600	200	57,500
ILL	1,800		2/	2/	2/		44,200
IND	2/			2/			4,400
IOWA	5,900			2,800	2/	400	43,400
MASS	800			2/			3,900
MICH	2,200	2/	2/	4,400	1,500		43,500
MINN	3,100		2/	2,400	4,700		139,800
NY	1,700	2/	2/	1,300	2/		25,100
OHIO	2/				2/	2/	33,000
OREG			2/	4,000	2/		59,000
PA	1,900		2,900	1,600	2/	500	40,100
S DAK	4,700		2/	2/	2/	2/	26,500
UTAH	3,100			3,600			137,600
WASH				2/	2/		57,200
WISC	6,500	4,200	6,500	12,700	22,800		294,900
ALL OTH STS	700	1,200	1,400	400	1,200		47,000
U S TOTAL	35,400	5,400	20,600	34,800	34,800	1,300	1,065,300

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