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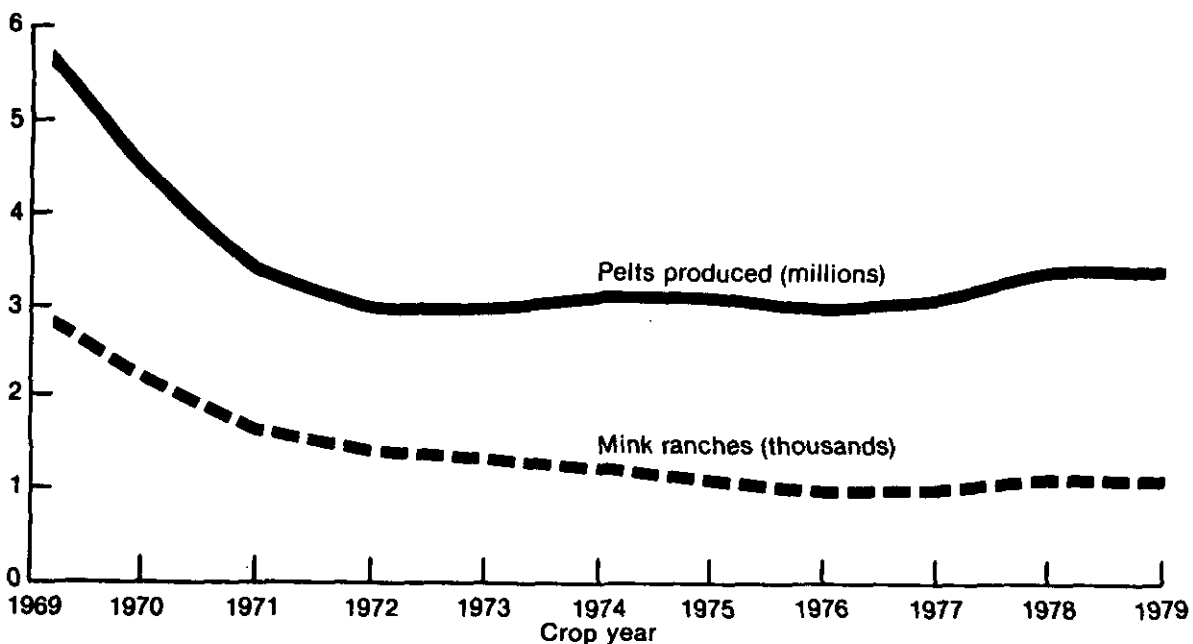
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**Pelt Production Up 1 Percent:** Mink pelt production in the United States in 1979 totaled 3.39 million pelts, up 1 percent from 1978. Wisconsin, the major mink State, produced 978 thousand pelts, 3 percent fewer than the 1004 thousand pelts produced in 1978.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production was: Standard, 36.1 percent; ranch wild, 6.1 percent; demi-buff, 19.5 percent; pastel, 17.2 percent; pearl, 5.0 percent; violet, 5.2 percent, and the remaining color classes accounted for 10.9 percent.

**Value of Pelt Production Up 6 Percent:** Mink pelts sold during the 1979 crop year were valued at 140 million dollars. This is an increase of 6 percent compared with the value of 132 million dollars for pelts sold during the 1978 crop year. The average price per pelt for the 1979 crop year was \$41.30 compared with \$39.30 a year ago.

**Mink Pelts and Ranches  
United States 1969-1979**



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Increase in Bred Females: Mink females bred to produce kits in 1980 totaled 1035 thousand, up 6 percent from the 978 thousand the previous year. Bred females and percent changes from a year ago for the two major color classes are: Standard, 406 thousand females bred, up 9 percent; pastel, 171 thousand, up 3 percent. Females bred in the leading mink States and percent changes from 1979 are: Wisconsin, 282 thousand, up 6 percent; Utah, 149 thousand, up 6 percent; and Minnesota, 134 thousand, up 10 percent.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1980 by color class are: Standard, 39.2 percent; ranch wild, 6.0 percent; demi-buff, 16.2 percent; pastel, 16.5 percent; pearl, 5.5 percent; violet, 5.4 percent, with the remaining color classes accounting for 11.2 percent.

Number of Ranches Up Fractionally: There were 1097 mink ranches producing pelts in 1979, up fractionally from the 1095 ranches a year ago. Wisconsin with 253 ranches was down 2 percent; Utah with 190 was virtually unchanged; and Minnesota with 150 was up 6 percent.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS,  
UNITED STATES, 1978-1980

COLOR CLASS	PELT'S PRODUCED			FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS			
	1978	1979	1979 AS % OF 1978	1978	1979 <sup>2/</sup>	1980	1980 AS % OF 1979
	THOUSANDS		PERCENT	THOUSANDS		PERCENT	
STANDARD	3/1,173	1,225	104	458	373	406	109
RANCH WILD	4/NA	206	NA	NA	4/NA	62.4	NA
DEMI-BUFF	690	663	96	NA	212	168	79
PASTEL	776	585	75	238	166	171	103
PALE BROWN	11	16	145	2.5	3.9	5.0	128
SAPPHIRE	115	137	119	33.9	42.8	39.3	92
GUNMETAL	51	60	118	13.6	17.0	21.4	126
PLATINUM	5	7	140	1.4	1.2	1.3	108
PEARL	3/190	169	89	64.1	59.1	57.4	97
LAVENDER-HOPE	16	13	81	4.1	4.8	3.7	77
PINK	56	52	93	18.4	16.2	15.9	98
VIOLET-TYPE	3/189	175	93	62.0	57.2	55.5	97
WHITE	81	81	100	26.0	22.2	25.8	116
MISC & UNCLASSIFIED	5	5	100	3.1	2.8	1.8	64
U S TOTAL	3/3,358	3,394	101	925	978	1,035	106

MINK RANCHES, PELTS PRODUCED AND VALUE OF MINK PELTS,  
UNITED STATES, 1969-1979 <sup>1/</sup>

YEAR	MINK RANCHES	PELT'S PRODUCED	AVERAGE MARKETING PRICE <sup>5/</sup>	VALUE OF MINK PELTS <sup>5/</sup>
	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	29.00	87.8
1977	1.0	3.1	28.30	87.1
1978	1.1	3/3.4	3/39.30	3/132.0
1979	1.1	3.4	41.30	140.2

NA - NOT AVAILABLE.

<sup>1/</sup> SEE CHART ON FRONT PAGE FOR PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF RANCHES.

<sup>2/</sup> REVISED BASED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO SHOW FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE DEMI-BUFF PELTS.

<sup>3/</sup> REVISED.

<sup>4/</sup> RANCH WILD WAS INCLUDED IN DEMI-BUFF.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF RANCHES PRODUCING PELTS IN 1978, BY COLOR CLASS, MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

MINK PRODUCTION, JULY 1980

STATE	STANDARD	DEMII--	PASTEL	PALE	SAPPHIRE	GUNMETAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	HOPE	HOPE	PINK	VIOLET	WHITE	MISC &	TOTAL	NUMBER
		1/										TYPE		UNCLASSIFIED	PELTS	OF
																RANCHES
GA		2/	38.0	2/	3.3		2/	6.4	2/	2.7	2.3			2/	16	10
IDAHO	29.0	58.3	56.4	2/	2/		2/	9.0	2/	2.9	2/			2/	3/142	53
ILL	6.1	47.5	13.8	2/	2/		2/	18.8	2/	4.5				2/	171	29
IND	1.5	39.5	15.3	2/	2/		2/	10.3	2/	2/	1.2			2/	3/18	16
IOWA	137.3	100.0	138.6	2/	2/		2/	20.7	2/	1.3				2/	3/115	3/49
MASS	40.5	14.9	28.1	2/	2/		2/	4.1	2/	13.5	6.9			2/	20	16
MICH	43.4	26.8	34.8	2/	2/		2/	7.3	2/	8.8	2/			2/	447	45
MINN	50.5	28.9	6.8	2/	2/		2/	19.5	2/	2.0	2/			2/	110	34
N Y	14.5	35.6	26.1	2/	2/		2/	24.4	2/	1.7	2/			2/	122	35
OHIO	16.7	29.0	10.5	2/	2/		2/	22.2	2/	2/	1.9			2/	148	37
OREG	184.6	58.0	94.5	2/	2/		2/	22.2	2/	2/	2/			2/	138	46
PA	78.5	38.6	18.7	2/	2/		2/	14.6	2/	2/	2/			2/	69	8
S DAK	390.9	145.3	233.9	2/	2/		2/	38.2	2/	9.3	54.5			2/	411	3/191
UTAH	34.0	50.4	38.8	2/	2/		2/	9.9	2/	1.5	2.1			2/	167	55
WASH															1,004	259
WIS																
ALL OTH STS:	34.0	50.4	38.8	2/	2/		2/	9.9	2/	1.5	2.1			2/	3/147	3/71
TOTAL	3/1,173	690	776	11	115	51	5	3/190	16	56	3/189	81	5	3/3,358	3/1,095	

1/ THIS COLOR CLASS INCLUDES "RANCH WILD" AND DEMI-BUFF - DARK BROWN, VIOLET, PASTEL, STANDARD, PEARL CROSSES AND OTHERS. 2/ INCLUDED IN TOTAL TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. 3/ REVISED.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF RANCHES PRODUCING PELTS IN 1979, BY COLOR CLASS, MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

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STATE	STANDARD	RANCH	DEMII--	PASTEL	PALE	SAPPHIRE	GUNMETAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	HOPE	HOPE	PINK	VIOLET	WHITE	MISC &	TOTAL	NUMBER
		1/											TYPE		UNCLASSIFIED	PELTS	OF
																RANCHES	
GA		2/	38.2	2/	3.9		2/	5.3	2/	2.5	2.7			2/	18	11	
IDAHO	34.7	20.3	8.9	2/	2/		2/	5.0	2/	4.1	2/			2/	145	55	
ILL	8.7	55.2	7.1	2/	2/		2/	16.8	2/	5.9	2/			2/	175	28	
IND	1.6	47.8	15.1	2/	2/		2/	20.3	2/	2/	2/			2/	18	16	
IOWA	145.8	65.3	7.1	2/	2/		2/	18.7	2/	2/	2/			2/	125	51	
MASS	38.1	16.1	18.7	2/	2/		2/	8.6	2/	14.8	2/			2/	18	12	
MICH	47.8	91.8	98.4	2/	2/		2/	7.7	2/	2/	2/			2/	470	45	
MINN	145.8	65.3	7.1	2/	2/		2/	20.3	2/	2/	2/			2/	92	34	
N Y	38.1	18.1	17.8	2/	2/		2/	2.7	2/	6.9	2/			2/	122	39	
OHIO	49.6	26.7	28.1	2/	2/		2/	7.9	2/	2/	2/			2/	155	40	
OREG	55.0	9.3	19.4	2/	2/		2/	18.7	2/	1.5	13.6			2/	152	45	
PA	20.6	4.5	40.7	2/	2/		2/	8.2	2/	2/	2/			2/	64	10	
S DAK	17.7	7.9	22.6	2/	2/		2/	20.4	2/	2/	2/			2/	41.5	190	
UTAH	187.2	12.0	78.3	2/	2/		2/	9.5	2/	1.0	6.2			2/	172	49	
WASH	88.2	19.1	18.5	2/	2/		2/	37.5	2/	8.6	52.1			2/	978	253	
WIS	377.3	38.5	137.1	2/	2/		2/	6.8	2/	2.8	2.1			2/	154	69	
ALL OTH STS:	39.0	4.9	47.0	2/	2/		2/	1.2	2/	2.0	2.3			2/	5		
TOTAL	1,225	206	663	585	16	137	60	7	169	12	53	175	81	5	3,394	1,097	

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

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MINK FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1979, BY COLOR CLASS, MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES 1/

STATE	STANDARD	DEMI-BUFF*	PASTEL	PALE	SAPPHIRE	GUNMETAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER	HOPE	PINK	VIOLET	WHITE	MISC & UNCLASSIFIED:	TOTAL FEMALES
GA	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	7.1
IDAHO	13.3	13.6	11.5	1.9	2/	2/	2/	2.2	2/	2/	.75	2/	2/	2/	44.0
ILL	16.9	19.7	4.6	2/	2/	2/	1.6	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	46.6
IND	2.8	2/	1.3	2/	2/	2/	6.3	2/	2/	2/	2.0	2/	2/	2/	5.7
IOWA	15.3	4.1	6.8	.75	2/	2/	.80	2/	2/	2/	.69	2/	2/	2/	35.5
MASS	.69	5.6	2.6	2/	2/	2/	1.9	2/	2/	2/	3.2	2.0	2/	2/	5.3
MICH	15.9	38.0	4.5	2/	2/	2/	3.0	2/	2/	2/	4.4	2.2	2/	2/	34.5
MINN	37.9	24.0	6.4	1.3	2/	2/	5.7	2/	2/	2/	1.4	2.2	2/	2/	122
N Y	11.6	5.4	9.5	1.4	2/	2/	1.3	2/	2/	2/	1.5	2/	2/	2/	29.9
OHIO	15.0	6.3	3.1	.50	2/	2/	5.8	2/	2/	2/	5.0	2/	2/	2/	38.3
OREG	15.0	4.6	3.1	6.3	2/	2/	.61	2/	2/	2/	.71	2/	2/	2/	40.5
PA	6.1	8.5	7.5	6.5	2/	2/	7.0	2/	2/	2/	4.1	2/	2/	2/	42.2
S DAK	6.9	6.8	1.7	2/	2/	2/	6.1	2/	2/	2/	10.0	2/	2/	2/	17.1
UTAH	73.1	19.0	23.6	7.9	2/	2/	6.1	2/	2/	2/	10.0	2/	2/	2/	141
WASH	25.4	6.3	4.7	2.6	2/	2/	4.3	2/	2/	2/	1.3	2/	2/	2/	45.9
WIS	97.8	58.7	39.1	.89	2/	2/	2.1	2/	2/	2/	8.3	19.5	2/	2/	267
ALL OTH STS	17.0	12.2	14.5	.16	.8	.4	5.5	.14	1.1	.66	2.1	.48	2.1	.48	55.0
U S	373	212	166	3.8	42.8	17.0	1.2	59.1	4.8	16.2	57.2	22.0	3.1	3.1	978

1/ REVISED BASED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO SHOW FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE DEMI-BUFF PELTS. 2/ INCLUDED IN TOTAL TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. \* THIS COLOR CLASS INCLUDES "RANCH WILD" AND FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE DEMI-BUFF - DARK BROWN, VIOLET, PASTEL, STANDARD AND PEARL CROSSES AND OTHERS.

MINK FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1980, BY COLOR CLASS, MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATE	STANDARD	RANCH	DEMI-BUFF*	PASTEL	PALE	SAPPHIRE	GUNMETAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER	HOPE	PINK	VIOLET	WHITE	MISC & UNCLASSIFIED:	TOTAL FEMALES
GA	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	9.7	
IDAHO	14.0	4.8	11.1	12.6	1.6	1/	2.1	1/	1/	1/	.72	1/	1/	1/	48.0	
ILL	17.5	2.5	1/	5.5	1/	1/	1.8	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	48.7	
IND	3.2	1/	1/	1.5	1/	1/	6.4	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	6.3	
IOWA	17.7	2.4	3.6	6.2	.10	2.5	2.2	1/	1/	1/	.53	1/	1/	1/	38.5	
MASS	.68	1/	1.3	1.5	1/	1/	.73	1/	1/	1/	3.1	2.0	1/	1/	5.2	
MICH	16.8	2.4	2.7	4.6	1/	1/	7.2	1/	1/	1/	4.1	3.8	2.8	1/	34.1	
MINN	42.2	20.2	21.9	28.4	2.1	2.0	1.9	1/	1/	1/	2.1	1/	1/	1/	134	
N Y	11.0	1/	3.6	7.8	.40	1.1	3.5	1/	1/	1/	1.5	1/	1/	1/	31.5	
OHIO	16.2	1/	6.4	9.8	1/	1/	6.4	1/	1/	1/	.88	3.3	1/	1/	39.3	
OREG	16.6	2.6	3.6	2.1	6.2	2.1	5.5	1/	1/	1/	1/	3.3	1/	1/	42.7	
PA	6.2	1/	11.8	7.5	5.4	1/	7.1	1/	1/	1/	8.5	1/	1/	1/	44.5	
S DAK	7.0	1.4	7.2	1.9	1/	1/	7.1	1/	1/	1/	20.0	1/	1/	1/	20.6	
UTAH	80.7	5.1	20.9	17.3	1/	1/	4.8	1/	1/	1/	2.2	7.2	1/	1/	149	
WASH	27.9	5.6	5.1	3.7	2.0	2.6	1.4	1/	1/	1/	2.2	20.0	1/	1/	53.3	
WIS	116.8	10.1	35.0	48.0	9.1	2.6	1.4	1/	1/	1/	.60	.7	1/	1/	282	
ALL OTH STS	11.4	1.3	12.6	12.7	.5	.8	4.2	.13	4.2	.22	.7	2.4	.14	.14	47.7	
U S	406	62.4	168	171	5.0	39.3	21.4	1.3	57.4	3.7	15.9	55.5	25.8	1.8	1,035	

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