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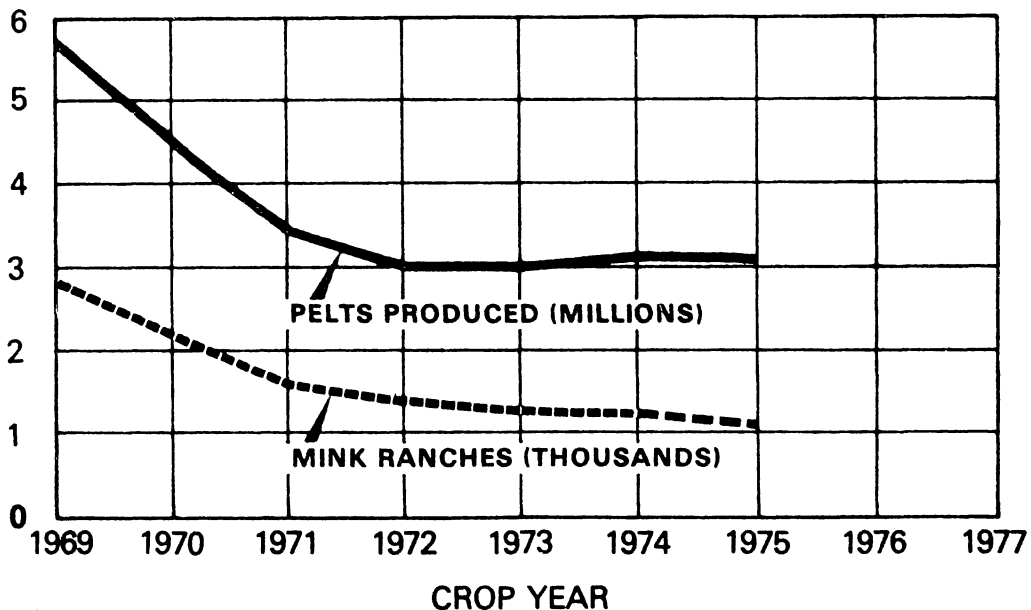
PELT PRODUCTION: Mink pelt production in the United States in 1975 totaled 3.1 million pelts, down 2 percent from 1974. However, Wisconsin, the major mink State, produced 915,000 pelts, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Demi-buff and pink color classes pelt production, included in the 1969-73 estimates for pale brown, pastel and standard, were estimated as separate color classes beginning in 1974. In 1975, demi-buff production was up 35 percent from 1974 and pink was up 162 percent.

By color class the number of pelts as a percent of the total 1975 production was: Standard, 30.9 percent; pastel, 22.7 percent; pearl, 10.9 percent; demi-buff, 13.5 percent; violet, 8.3 percent and the remaining color classes accounted for 13.7 percent.

MINK PELTS AND RANCHES

United States, 1969-75



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BRED FEMALES UNCHANGED: Mink females bred to produce kits in 1976 totaled 866,000, virtually unchanged from the 870,000 the previous year. Bred females and percent changes from a year ago for the two major color classes are: Standard, 373,000 females bred, up 4 percent; pastel, 209,000, down 7 percent. Females bred in the leading mink States and percent changes from 1975 are: Wisconsin, 238,000, down 4 percent; Minnesota, 134,000, up 20 percent and Utah, 97,500, down 2 percent.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1976 by color class are: Standard, 43.1 percent; pastel, 24.1 percent; pearl, 13.0 percent; violet, 8.8 percent; the remaining color classes accounted for 11 percent.

RANCH NUMBERS DECLINE: There were 1,081 mink ranches producing pelts in 1975, off 11 percent from a year ago. Wisconsin with 265 ranches was down 12 percent, Utah with 186 was down 6 percent and Minnesota with 146 was down 9 percent.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS,
UNITED STATES, 1974-76

COLOR CLASS	PEELTS PRODUCED			FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS		
	1974	1975	% OF 1974	1975	1976	% OF 1975
	THOUSANDS		PERCENT	THOUSANDS		PERCENT
STANDARD	880	951	108	359	373	104
DEMI-BUFF	308	415	135			
PASTEL	992	699	70	224	209	93
PALE BROWN	5.9	15.7	266	3	3.5	117
SAPPHIRE	117	99	85	25.1	22.9	91
GUNMETAL	57	52.6	92	13.9	12.3	88
PLATINUM	15.1	11.8	78	2.9	2.8	97
PEARL	337	335	99	101	113	112
LAVENDER-HOPE	18.4	16.4	89	7.1	5	70
PINK	47.3	124	262	16.5	19.9	121
VIOLET TYPE	270	257	95	90	76.5	85
WHITE	75	93	124	25.9	25.9	100
MISC & UNCLASSIFIED	5.3	10.6	200	1.2	2.3	192
U S TOTAL	3,128	3,080	98	870	866	100

NUMBER OF MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND RANCHES PRODUCING PELTS, UNITED STATES, 1969-75 ^{1/}

YEAR	PEELTS PRODUCED	MINK RANCHES
	MILLION	THOUSANDS
1969	5.7	2.8
1970	4.5	2.2
1971	3.4	1.6
1972	3.0	1.4
1973	3.0	1.3
1974	3.1	1.2
1975	3.1	1.1

^{1/} SEE CHART ON FRONT PAGE.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF RANCHES PRODUCING PELTS IN 1974 BY COLOR CLASS MAJOR STATES & U.S.

STATE	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER	VIOLET	WHITE	PINK	DEMI-BUFF	MISC. UNCLASSIFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF RANCHES
IDAHO	23.9	56	1/	4.8	1/	1/	8.6	1.7	3.8	36.1	1/	1/	136	44	
ILL	59	36.7	1/	1.5	1/	1/	9.5	5.1	1/	38.5	1/	1/	158	31	
IND	9.2	14.2	1/	1/	1/	1/	1.2	4	.55	1/	1/	.71	31	14	
IOWA	34	30.4	1/	1.1	1/	1/	21.1	12.4	1/	11.1	1/	1/	112	59	
MASS	1.4	9.8	1/	1/	1/	1/	2.9	1.6	3	3	1/	1/	20	15	
MICH	35.3	32.6	1/	4.1	1/	1/	17.7	18.6	9.3	1/	1/	1/	135	43	
MINN	98	168	.63	14.5	5.6	7.4	44	35.6	7.6	13.3	1/	1/	443	160	
N Y	37	37.2	1/	3.3	6.1	1/	8.8	11.1	1/	1/	1/	1/	117	44	
OHIO	30.8	57	.15	4.7	1/	1/	14	4.8	1.2	1/	1/	1/	131	51	
OREG	48	16.4	1/	27	10.7	1/	1/	1/	1/	3.2	29	22.4	158	50	
PA	20.6	24.3	1/	6.2	1.7	.7	40.1	21.3	.55	.92	4	1/	121	54	
S DAK	15.1	9.2	1/	3.4	1/	1/	14.7	7.6	1/	7.9	1/	1/	62	8	
UTAH	125	107	.64	9.4	.27	1.8	27.2	22.1	.35	.39	19.1	1/	315	198	
WASH	73	30.4	.37	3.7	16.3	8.5	8.5	12.7	.47	10.4	1/	1/	158	59	
WIS	234	321	1.9	29.7	9.2	1.4	103	85	44.3	17.4	36.4	.34	889	302	
ALL OTHER STATES	35.2	41.8	1.6	2.2	.2	1.5	15.5	4.2	6.1	3.3	27.6	.2	142	89	
U S	880	992	5.9	117	57	15.1	337	270	75	47.3	308	5.3	3,128	1,221	

1/ INCLUDED IN TOTALS TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

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

STATE	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER	VIOLET	WHITE	PINK	DEMI-BUFF	MISC. UNCLASSIFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF RANCHES
IDAHO	24.9	45.0	1/	4.1	1/	1/	8.6	1.5	4.2	45.3	1/	1/	135	59	
ILL	62	24.7	1/	.61	1/	1/	12.4	3.1	1/	64.7	1.4	3.7	179	31	
IND	4.1	4.9	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	3.7	.25	1/	1/	1/	17	8	
IOWA	40.8	21.5	1/	1.0	.06	1/	22.7	11.6	1/	16.4	1/	1/	116	53	
MASS	1.4	10.9	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	3.2	1/	1/	1/	23	16	
MICH	31.6	21.2	2.9	2.5	5.6	6.3	40.5	10.4	9.2	17.0	1.2	1.0	114	35	
MINN	117	116	.06	8.0	5.3	1/	7.4	30.0	8.1	62.0	16.3	1.0	411	146	
N Y	23.3	25.7	1/	1.9	5.3	1/	16.0	10.6	1/	9.9	1/	1/	89	38	
OHIO	33.8	35.6	1/	1.9	14.6	1/	16.0	5.2	1.0	19.3	1/	3.3	118	36	
OREG	59.0	14.0	.37	1/	1/	1/	27.4	27.4	1/	28.3	4.5	1/	168	47	
PA	16.9	21.9	1/	5.5	1.7	.70	37.5	22.1	.51	16.1	1.7	1/	125	51	
S DAK	11.7	4.1	.38	1/	1/	1/	13.8	4.5	17.1	1/	1/	1/	55	8	
UTAH	127	71	.76	10.4	.42	1.9	31.2	24.9	.27	38.6	1/	.50	308	186	
WASH	73	21	.91	6.1	12.8	7.4	1.6	8.2	.16	18.7	1.2	1/	151	55	
WIS	293	227	4.7	17.9	5.1	.91	96	88	60	24.3	90	.95	915	265	
ALL OTHER STATES	31.2	34.5	2.2	17.4	.04	.7	20.6	4.2	7.4	32.1	3.0	.9	156	67	
U S	951	699	15.7	99	52.6	11.8	335	257	93	415	124	10.6	3,080	1,081	

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MINK FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1975 BY COLOR CLASS, MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATE	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	PINK	MISC & UNCLAS-SIFIED	TOTAL FEMALES
IDAHO	20	12.7	1.4	1/	1/	2.4	1/	1/	.63	1.4	1/	1/	39
ILL	24.1	11.4	1/	1/	1/	4.4	1/	1/	1.6	1/	1/	1/	44.0
IND	1.9	2.2	1/	1/	1/	7	1/	1/	1.1	1/	1/	1/	5.9
IOWA	15.9	6.7	1/	.3	1/	1/	.39	1/	3.9	1/	1/	1/	34.5
MASS	1.08	2.85	1/	1/	1/	.99	1/	1/	.69	2	.5	.1	6
MICH	13.7	7.5	.1	.6	1/	4	1/	1/	5.4	3.1	4.8	1/	34
MINN	43.8	31	.02	2.1	1.3	11.1	.48	12.7	12.7	1/	1/	1/	112
N Y	10.3	8.7	1/	.87	1.6	2.5	.66	3	1/	1/	1/	1/	28.5
OHIO	14.7	12	1/	.81	1/	4.4	1/	1.8	1/	1/	1/	1/	35
OREG	18	6	1/	4.5	3.3	1/	1/	7.8	1/	1	1	1/	41
PA	8.2	7.6	1/	2.4	.51	.48	13	6.8	.16	.23	1/	1/	39.5
S DAK	5.9	2.1	1/	.31	1/	4.1	1/	2.4	1/	1/	1/	1/	15.5
UTAH	52.7	23.8	1/	3.2	1/	10	1/	8.3	1/	1/	1/	1/	99
WASH	24.8	7.5	.33	1.1	3.4	2.3	.7	2.5	1/	.42	1/	1/	43
WIS	86	69	.87	6.3	1.7	28.9	3.2	29.7	15.7	6.8	1/	.03	248
ALL OTHER STATES	18	13.1	1.4	.38	1/	.02	6	1.6	2.4	1	1/	1/	44.7
U S	359	224	3	25.1	13.9	2.9	101	7.1	90	25.9	16.5	1.2	870

1,000 FEMALES

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MINK FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1976 BY COLOR CLASS, MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATE	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	PINK	MISC & UNCLAS-SIFIED	TOTAL FEMALES
IDAHO	19.0	13.6	1/	1.0	1/	2.6	2.6	1/	.52	.87	1/	1/	38.0
ILL	27.0	9.7	.34	1/	1/	4.0	4.0	1/	1.1	1/	1/	1/	45.0
IND	1.4	1.7	1/	1/	1/	6.8	6.8	.09	1.0	1/	1/	1/	4.5
IOWA	15.6	6.8	1/	.20	1/	1/	1/	1/	2.8	1/	1/	1/	32.5
MASS	1.7	2.3	1/	1/	1/	3.8	3.8	1/	1/	2.0	1/	1/	6.0
MICH	12.7	7.0	1/	1/	1/	1.4	1.4	.40	9.7	2.2	1/	1/	30.5
MINN	45.0	28.5	.08	1.9	1.1	38.4	38.4	.97	3.3	2.2	5.7	1/	134.0
N Y	10.8	8.3	1/	.52	1.1	2.8	2.8	1/	1.9	1/	1/	1/	28.0
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	1/	4.7	3.5	1/	1/	1/	7.8	1/	1/	1/	38.5
PA	8.3	7.3	1/	2.5	.50	10.7	10.7	1/	7.1	.16	1/	1/	38.5
S DAK	8.2	1.5	1/	3.7	.05	3.0	3.0	.2	1.0	.8	1/	1/	14.5
UTAH	54.9	22.5	.07	1.9	3.4	8.3	8.3	.37	7.7	.12	.10	1/	97.5
WASH	25.7	6.0	.27	3.9	1.2	21.0	21.0	1.9	1.8	.05	.30	1/	41.5
WIS	94.0	63.0	1.7	3.9	1.2	4.8	4.8	1.9	26.8	17.0	6.9	.29	238.0
ALL OTHER STATES	15.9	13.8	.2	.6	1/	.4	.4	.5	.9	1.9	3.9	.2	43.1
U S	373	209	3.5	22.9	12.3	2.8	113	5.0	76.5	25.9	19.9	2.3	866

1,000 FEMALES

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