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## **Pelt Production Down 4 Percent**

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1999 totaled 2.81 million pelts, down 4 percent from 1998. Wisconsin, the major mink producing State, produced 731,700 pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production follows: Standard - 37.9 percent; Mahogany - 25.6 percent; Gunmetal - 16.3 percent; Ranch Wild - 6.1 percent; Demi-buff - 3.8 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 10.3 percent.

## **Value of Pelt Production Up 30 Percent**

Mink pelts produced during the 1999 crop year were valued at \$94.8 million dollars, up 30 percent from \$72.9 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1999 crop year was \$33.70, up from \$24.80 in 1998.

## **Females Bred Down 2 Percent**

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2000 totaled 660,400, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2000 by color class are: Standard - 38.5 percent; Mahogany - 23.7 percent; Gunmetal - 17.4 percent; Sapphire - 5.0 percent; Ranch Wild - 4.8 percent;. The remaining color classes accounted for 10.6 percent.

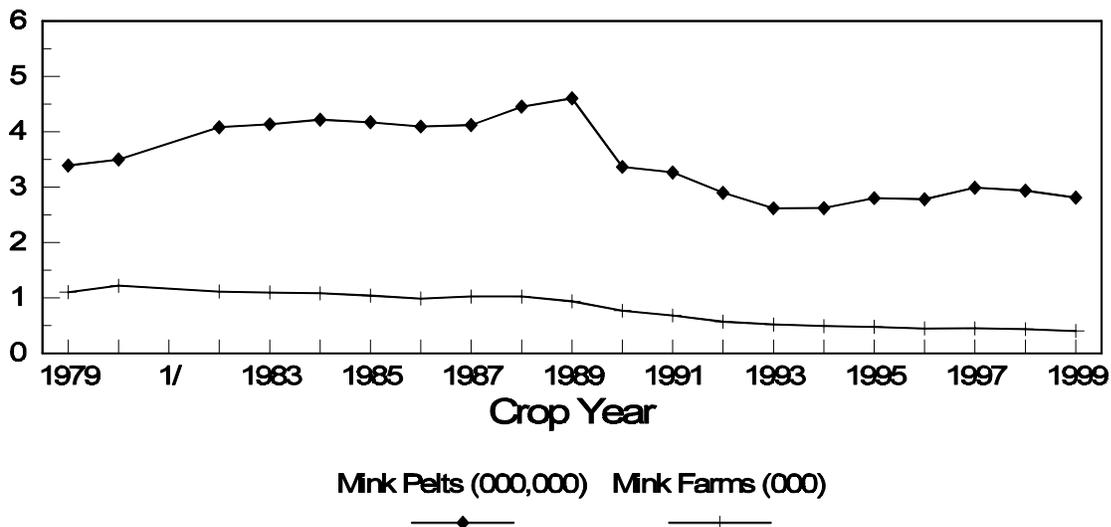
## **Number Of Mink Farms Down 8 Percent**

There were 404 mink farms producing pelts in 1999, down 8 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Utah with 110 farms, Wisconsin with 82 farms and Minnesota with 40.

## **Fox**

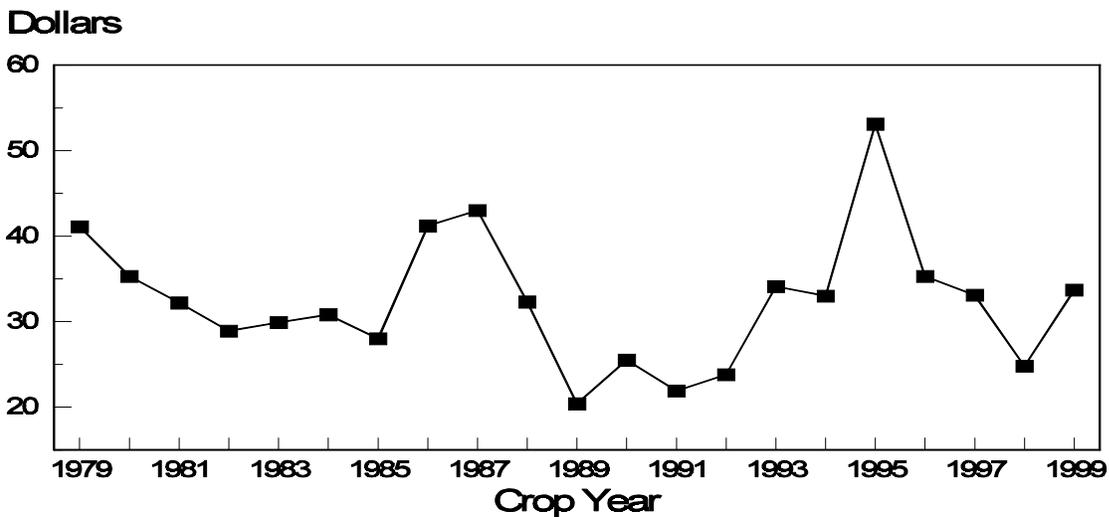
There were 27 mink farms which also raised fox in 1999, down from 31 the previous year.

## Mink Pelts and Number of Farms 1979-1999



1/Data Not Available

## Mink Pelt Average Price 1979-1999



**Mink: Pelts Produced and Females Bred, by Color Class,  
United States, 1998-00 <sup>1</sup>**

Color Class	Pelts Produced		Females Bred to Produce Kits		
	1998 <sup>2</sup>	1999	1998 <sup>2</sup>	1999 <sup>2</sup>	2000
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Standard	1,191	1,067	304	266	254
Ranch Wild	175	172	43	39	32
Demi-buff	116	106	36	26	23
Pastel	34	41	9	10	13
Pale Brown	1	1	0	0	1
Sapphire	137	141	40	37	33
Gunmetal	453	459	127	113	115
Mahogany	728	719	152	155	157
Pearl	23	32	4	9	11
Lavender-hope	6	9	2	2	2
Pink	2	3	1	1	1
Violet-type	26	9	5	5	2
White	44	52	11	11	17
Misc. & Unclassified	5	2	1	2	0
US	2,938	2,813	733	673	660

**Mink: Farms, Pelts Produced, Price, and Value,  
United States, 1979-99**

Year	Mink Farms	Pelts Produced	Average Marketing Price	Value of Mink Pelts
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Million Dollars</i>
1979	1,105	3,394	41.10	139.5
1980	1,122	3,501	35.30	123.6
1981	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	32.20	
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	771	3,366	25.50	85.8
1991	683	3,268	21.90	71.6
1992	571	2,900	23.80	69.0
1993	523	2,620	34.10	89.3
1994	484	2,623	33.00	86.6
1995	478	2,803	53.10	148.8
1996	449	2,783	35.30	98.2
1997	452	2,993	33.10	99.1
1998 <sup>2</sup>	438	2,938	24.80	72.9
1999 <sup>4</sup>	404	2,813	33.70	94.8

<sup>1</sup> Sum of color class may not add to U.S. total due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Revised based on additional information.

<sup>3</sup> Data not available for 1981.

<sup>4</sup> Data are preliminary.

**Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms,  
Major States and United States, 1998**

States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi- Buff <sup>1</sup>	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>
ID	40,600	42,300	*	*		19,100	28,200	49,600
IL	43,200							*
IA	61,500		*	*		*	17,000	8,100
MI	13,900	*	*	1,200		2,700	*	20,000
MN	72,200	58,000	*	2,100		1,700	31,100	97,700
NY	13,000			200		4,200	100	8,700
OH	31,000	*			*	*	*	27,700
OR	87,600		*	*		15,800	133,000	*
PA	*	*	*	*		12,400	22,900	*
SD	*	*	*	*				37,200
UT	312,000	*	62,000	*	*	40,000	27,000	219,000
WA	57,700	*	*				59,300	*
WI	397,100	14,100	2,500	9,500		27,500	118,000	194,300
Oth Sts	61,500	60,100	51,100	20,600	600	13,400	13,800	65,700
US	1,191,300	174,500	115,600	33,600	600	136,800	453,400	728,000
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclas- sified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>
ID		*		*		*	192,600	22
IL	*				*	*	49,600	10
IA	*			*	*		123,900	19
MI	800			*	4,400		46,000	13
MN	*				*		268,200	44
NY				4,200			30,500	10
OH							70,400	12
OR				*			263,000	30
PA	*		*	*	*		67,500	11
SD	*						93,800	6
UT	*			*			675,000	115
WA							142,600	20
WI		*	*	11,900	20,700	*	800,500	94
Oth Sts	22,300	5,500	1,900	9,400	18,400	4,700	114,500	32
US	23,100	5,500	1,900	25,600	43,500	4,700	2,938,100	438

<sup>1</sup> Demi-buff includes crossed of dark brown, violet, pastel, standard, pearl or others.

\* Included in other States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms,  
Major States and United States, 1999**

States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi- Buff <sup>1</sup>	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>
ID	39,000	38,800	*	*		27,800	31,700	76,700
IL	42,700				*			*
IA	76,300		*	*		9,000	15,900	9,000
MI	16,500		*	2,000		2,300	0	23,500
MN	43,300	60,400	5,900	2,500		1,800	37,300	107,600
NY	*			*		*	*	*
OH	31,000	*		*		2,200	*	20,300
OR	89,000		*	*		14,000	147,000	*
PA	*	*	*	*		13,200	26,100	*
SD	*	*	12,700	2,000				46,500
UT	284,000	11,000	58,000	*		32,000	23,000	211,000
WA	45,000	*	*				67,900	
WI	341,300	*	*	10,200	*	35,400	99,900	187,700
Oth Sts	59,300	61,400	29,700	23,800	1,200	3,000	10,100	36,800
US	1,067,400	171,600	106,300	40,500	1,200	140,700	458,900	719,100
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclas- sified	Total Pelts	Number of Farms
	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>	<i>Number of Pelts</i>
ID		*				*	228,500	26
IL	*		*		*	*	49,300	8
IA				*	*		128,100	16
MI	*			*	*		51,000	13
MN	*			*	*		262,700	40
NY							5,900	8
OH		*					59,100	12
OR				*			270,000	30
PA	*			*	*		74,000	11
SD	12,000						99,700	5
UT	*			*			650,000	110
WA							129,200	18
WI	*	*	*	*	30,800		731,700	82
Oth Sts	20,300	9,000	3,300	8,600	21,400	1,700	73,600	25
US	32,300	9,000	3,300	8,600	52,200	1,700	2,812,800	404

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**Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits: Number by Color Class,  
Major States and United States, 1999**

States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi-Buff <sup>1</sup>	Pastel	Pale Brown	Sapphire	Gun Metal	Mahogany
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
ID	7,700	9,100	*	*		5,600	6,600	13,900
IL	11,300		*					*
IA	20,300	*	1,600			*	4,900	3,600
MI	3,900	*	*	600		1,000	*	4,700
MN	10,900	13,900	*	700		700	7,100	22,500
NY	1,500			300		100	100	
OH	8,800	*				*	*	5,900
OR	18,400		*	*		2,900	33,000	*
PA	*	*	*	*		3,700	6,000	*
SD	*	*	*	*				7,800
UT	70,400	*	15,400	*		9,800	8,500	45,700
WA	11,800	*	*				15,100	
WI	79,500	3,400	800	2,800		7,300	28,400	35,000
Oth Sts	21,000	12,900	8,400	5,800	200	5,800	12,900	15,900
US	265,500	39,300	26,200	10,200	200	36,900	112,600	155,000
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
ID		*				*	53,600	
IL	*					*	12,800	
IA	*			*		*	37,900	
MI	*			*	1,300		15,500	
MN					*		57,100	
NY							2,000	
OH						*	20,100	
OR							58,000	
PA	*		*	*	*		18,900	
SD	*						22,800	
UT	*			*	*		156,000	
WA							29,600	
WI		*	*	2,000	5,300	1,000	166,200	
Oth Sts	9,400	2,000	700	3,200	4,300	600	22,200	
US	9,400	2,000	700	5,200	10,900	1,600	672,700	

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	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
ID	9,300	4,700	*	*		6,900	7,500	19,700
IL	10,600		*				*	*
IA	23,400		*	*		*	5,200	3,500
MI	2,300		*	400		800		3,900
MN	11,000	11,800	*	600		500	9,100	27,700
NY	*			*		*		
OH	8,500	1,300		*		1,400	*	6,200
OR	17,700		*	*		3,900	31,500	*
PA	*	*	*	*		4,000	5,300	*
SD	*	*	3,100	*				8,600
UT	67,900	*	12,900	*		5,700	12,600	51,100
WA	9,000	*	*				14,900	
WI	78,600	*	200	3,700	*	7,800	25,700	30,100
Oth Sts	15,900	13,900	6,900	7,800	700	2,000	3,200	6,000
US	254,200	31,700	23,100	12,500	700	33,000	115,000	156,800
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
ID		*				*	51,700	
IL	*					*	12,800	
IA				*		*	37,800	
MI				*		*	8,800	
MN						*	62,900	
NY							2,000	
OH							18,000	
OR				*			57,000	
PA	*		*	*		*	18,300	
SD	*						21,800	
UT	*			*		*	163,000	
WA							26,600	
WI	*	*	*	*	10,200		162,500	
Oth Sts	11,200	2,100	500	2,300	6,700	400	17,200	
US	11,200	2,100	500	2,300	16,900	400	660,400	

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**Survey Procedures:** Data for mink production are collected from all known producers. State Statistical Offices use known sources of producers to update their lists. 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. 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 July. Prices are collected at the point of first sale by producers, before marketing costs are deducted.

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