

mink production



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PELT PRODUCTION UP: Mink pelt production in the United States in 1974 totaled 3,128,000 pelts, 3 percent above 1973 according to the Crop Reporting Board. Production and percent change from a year earlier in the three major States were: Wisconsin 889,000 pelts, down 3 percent; Minnesota 443,000 pelts, up 6 percent and Utah 315,000 pelts, up 11 percent.

By color class the number of pelts as a percent of the total 1974 production was: pastel, 31.7 percent; standard 28.1 percent; pearl, 10.8 percent; demi-buff, 9.8 percent; violet, 8.6 percent. Sapphire, white, gunmetal, pink, lavender hope, platinum, and pale brown accounted for the remaining 11 percent.

BRED FEMALES DECREASE: Mink females bred to produce kits in 1975 totaled 870,000, down 4 percent from the 905,000 the previous year. Females bred in leading States and percent changes from last year are: Wisconsin 248,000, unchanged from a year ago; Minnesota 112,000, down 7 percent and Utah 99,000, down 4 percent.

Percentage of total females bred to produce kits in 1975 by color class are: Standard 41.3 percent, pastel 25.7 percent, pearl 11.6 percent; and violet, 10.3 percent; remaining color classes accounted for 11.1 percent.

RANCH NUMBERS DECLINE: There were 1,221 mink ranches producing pelts in 1974, a decrease of 8 percent from the 1,329 ranches in 1973. Wisconsin with 302 ranches was down 6 percent; Utah with 198 was down 9 percent and Minnesota with 160 was up 2 percent. Minnesota was the only State to show an increase in mink ranches.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS,
UNITED STATES, 1973-1975

COLOR CLASS	PELTS PRODUCED			FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS		
	1973	1974	1974 AS % OF 1973	1974	1975	1975 AS % OF 1974
	THOUSANDS			THOUSANDS		
STANDARD	1,088	880	81	327	359	110
DEMI-BUFF ^{1/}		308				
PASTEL	1,075	992	92	279	224	80
PALE BROWN	19.2	5.9	31	8	3	38
SAPPHIRE	136	117	86	40	25.1	63
GUNMETAL	52.9	57	108	14.9	13.9	93
PLATINUM	14.2	15.1	106	3.7	2.9	78
PEARL	310	337	109	112	101	90
LAVENDER-HOPE	22.9	18.4	80	8.4	7.1	85
PINK ^{1/}		47.3			16.5	
VIOLET TYPE	261	270	103	89.2	90	101
WHITE	55.9	75	134	21.8	25.9	119
MISC & UNCLASSIFIED	2.1	5.3	252	1.3	1.2	92
U S TOTAL	3,037	3,128	103	905	870	96

^{1/} ESTIMATED AS SEPARATE COLOR CLASS BEGINNING IN 1974. INCLUDED IN PALE BROWN, PASTEL AND STANDARD CLASSES IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

NUMBER OF MINK RANCHES PRODUCING PELTS, MAJOR
STATES AND UNITED STATES, 1973 AND 1974

STATE	RANCHES PRODUCING PELTS	
	1973	1974
IDAHO	47	44
ILL	39	31
IND	16	14
IOWA	60	59
MASS	18	15
MICH	45	43
MINN	157	160
N Y	51	44
OHIO	57	51
OREG	55	50
PA	59	54
S DAK	12	8
UTAH	218	198
WASH	64	59
WIS	322	302
ALL OTHER STATES	109	89
U S	1,329	1,221

MINK PELTS PRODUCED IN 1973 BY COLOR CLASS, MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATE	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. UNCLASSIFIED	TOTAL PELTS
IDAHO	51.0	54.0	.20	4.1	1/	1/	7.1		2.2	2.6		122.0
ILL	65.0	61.0	1/	2.3	2.8	.20	6.7	1/	6.6	1/		146.0
IND	8.80	16.30	1/	1/	1/	3.60		1/	3.60			33.5
IOWA	40.6	35.4	1/	1.0	1/	17.0	.73	.73	11.2	1/	1/	106.0
MASS	7.4	10.2	.21	.40		.77	2.2	.02	2.8			24.0
MICH	46.9	32.8	1/	3.3		16.2	1/	16.4	7.6	1/		125.0
MINN	127	174	2.0	17.2	5.3	6.7	41.5	2.8	35.0	5.1		417.0
N Y	40.0	42.2	3.8	3.4	7.9	.10	8.9	3.4	11.7	1/	1/	123.0
OHIO	40.2	57.0	1.3	4.2	1.8	1/	13.2	.19	7.4	1/	1/	126.0
OREG	75.0	20.0	1/	31.5	9.8	.6	3.1	1/	18.1	1/		160.0
PA	21.3	24.2	.54	5.4	1.9	.21	35.7	.38	19.3	1/		109.0
S DAK	34.0	9.9	1/	2.8		6.3	1/	1/	16.4			63.5
UTAH	126.0	102.0	.67	12.0	.50	.90	23.4	1/	10.1	.25		283.0
WASH	74.0	30.9	.35	8.0	12.2	1/	6.2	2.3	88.0			144.0
WIS	269.0	363.0	3.90	37.20	7.60	2.70	105.0	6.20	34.80	.61		918.0
ALL OTHER STATES	62	42	.6	2.0	2.4	1.3	15.5	1.9	6.6	3.0		137.0
UNITED STATES	1,088	1,075	19.2	136	52.9	14.2	310	22.9	261	55.9	2.1	3,037

MINK PRODUCTION, MAY 1975

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MINK PELTS PRODUCED IN 1974 BY COLOR CLASS MAJOR STATES & U.S.

STATE	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	PINK	DEMI-BUFF	MISC. UNCLASSIFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
IDAHO	23.9	56	.01	4.8	1/	.22	8.6		1.7	3.8		36.1	.03	136	44
ILL	59	36.7	1/	1.5	1/	1/	9.5	1/	5.1	1/		38.5	1/	158	31
IND	9.2	14.2	1/	1/	1/	1.2		1/	4	.55			.71	31	14
IOWA	34	30.4	1/	1.1	1/	21.1	1.4	12.4	1/	1/		11.1	1/	112	59
MASS	1.4	9.8	1/	1/	1/	2.9		1.6	3					20	15
MICH	35.3	32.6	1/	4.1	1/	17.7	1/	18.6	9.3	1/		15.1	.6	135	43
MINN	98	168	.63	14.5	5.6	7.4	44	1.3	35.6	7.6	13.3	46.9		443	160
N Y	37	37.2	1/	3.3	6.1	1/	8.8	2.5	11.1	1/		6.8	1/	117	44
OHIO	30.8	57	.15	4.7	1/	1/	14	1/	4.8	1/		15.4	1/	131	51
OREG	48	16.4	1/	27	10.7	1/		1/	22.4	1/	3.2	29	1/	158	50
PA	20.6	24.3	.04	6.2	1.7	.7	40.1	.28	21.3	.55	.92	4		121	54
S DAK	15.1	9.2	.04	3.4	1/	1/	14.7	7.6	1/	7.9				62	8
UTAH	125	107	.64	9.4	.27	1.8	27.2	1	22.1	.35	.39	19.1	.79	315	198
WASH	73	30.4	.37	3.7	16.3	8.5	2.6	12.7	85	44.3	17.4	36.4	.34	158	59
WIS	234	321	1.9	29.7	9.2	1.4	103	5.4	44.3	17.4	36.4			889	302
ALL OTHER STATES	35.2	41.8	1.6	2.2	.2	1.5	15.5	3	4.2	6.1	3.3	27.6	.2	142	89
U S	880	992	5.9	117	57	15.1	337	18.4	270	75	47.3	308	5.3	3,128	1,221

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MINK FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1974 BY COLOR CLASS,
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATE	STANDARD	PASTEL	PALE BROWN	SAPPHIRE	GUN-METAL	PLATINUM	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE UNCLAS-	MISC & TOTAL FEMALES	
IDAHO	18.3	19.3	.57	2.0	1/	1/	2.6	1/	1.5	.75	45.5	
ILL	22.7	13.1	1/	.50	1/	1/	3.0	1/	1.6	1/	42.5	
IND	2.40	3.80	1/	1/	1/	1/	.33	1/	1/	.13	8.5	
IOWA	15.2	11.8	1/	.41	1/	1/	6.8	.60	4.1	1/	39.0	
MASS	.84	3.5	1/	1/	1/	1/	.84	1/	.76	1/	6.5	
MICH	11.6	8.9	1/	1.1	1/	1/	4.1	1/	5.9	2.0	35.0	
MINN	39.1	43.0	1/	4.3	1.6	1/	15.2	1.0	11.5	2.8	121.0	
N Y	8.1	9.7	1/	1.0	2.2	1/	2.9	1.0	4.6	1/	31.0	
OHIO	13.5	14.5	1/	1.3	1/	1/	4.7	1/	2.3	1/	38.0	
OREG	19.5	5.3	1/	6.7	2.6	1/	1.3	1/	7.3	.30	43.0	
PA	7.0	7.5	.4	2.3	.5	.28	14.0	1/	6.4	1/	38.6	
S DAK	6.7	2.0	1/	1/	1/	1/	3.5	1/	1/	1/	16.0	
UTAH	47.6	31.5	.10	4.9	1/	1/	9.5	1/	8.3	1/	103.0	
WASH	22.4	8.5	1/	3.1	3.7	1/	1.8	1/	2.4	1/	42.5	
WIS	74.0	82.0	1.7	10.10	2.5	.50	34.7	2.5	26.9	12.8	248.0	
ALL OTHER STATES 1/	18.2	14.9	1.7	.72	.02	.13	6.5	.92	1.7	2.4	.01	47.0
U S	327	279	8.0	40.0	14.9	3.7	112	8.4	89.2	21.8	1.3	905

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IDAHO	20	12.7	1.4	1/	1/	1/	2.4	1/	1.4	1/	39	
ILL	24.1	11.4	1/	1/	1/	1/	4.4	1/	1.6	1/	5.9	
IND	1.9	2.2	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1.1	1.1	1/	34.5	
IOWA	15.9	6.7	1/	.3	1/	1/	7	.39	3.9	1/	6	
MASS	1.08	2.85	1/	1/	1/	1/	.99	1/	.69	1/	34	
MICH	13.7	7.5	.6	1/	1/	1/	4	1/	5.4	1/	112	
MINN	43.8	31	2.1	1.3	1.6	1.6	11.1	.48	12.7	3.1	28.5	
N Y	10.3	8.7	1/	.87	1.6	1/	2.5	.66	3	1/	35	
OHIO	14.7	12	.81	1/	1/	1/	4.4	1/	1.8	.41	41	
OREG	18	6	4.5	3.3	1/	1/	1/	1/	7.8	1/	39.5	
PA	8.2	7.6	2.4	.51	.48	.48	13	1/	6.8	.16	15.5	
S DAK	5.9	2.1	.31	1/	1/	1/	4.1	2.4	2.4	1/	99	
UTAH	52.7	23.8	1	3.2	.05	.23	10	.45	8.3	.15	43	
WASH	24.8	7.5	1.1	3.4	1.7	.7	2.3	.7	2.5	.42	248	
WIS	86	69	6.3	1.7	1.7	.22	28.9	3.2	29.7	15.7	.03	
ALL OTHER STATES 1/	18	13.1	1.4	.38	.02	.02	6	.8	1.6	2.4	44.7	
U S	359	224	3	25.1	13.9	2.9	101	7.1	90	25.9	1.2	870

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