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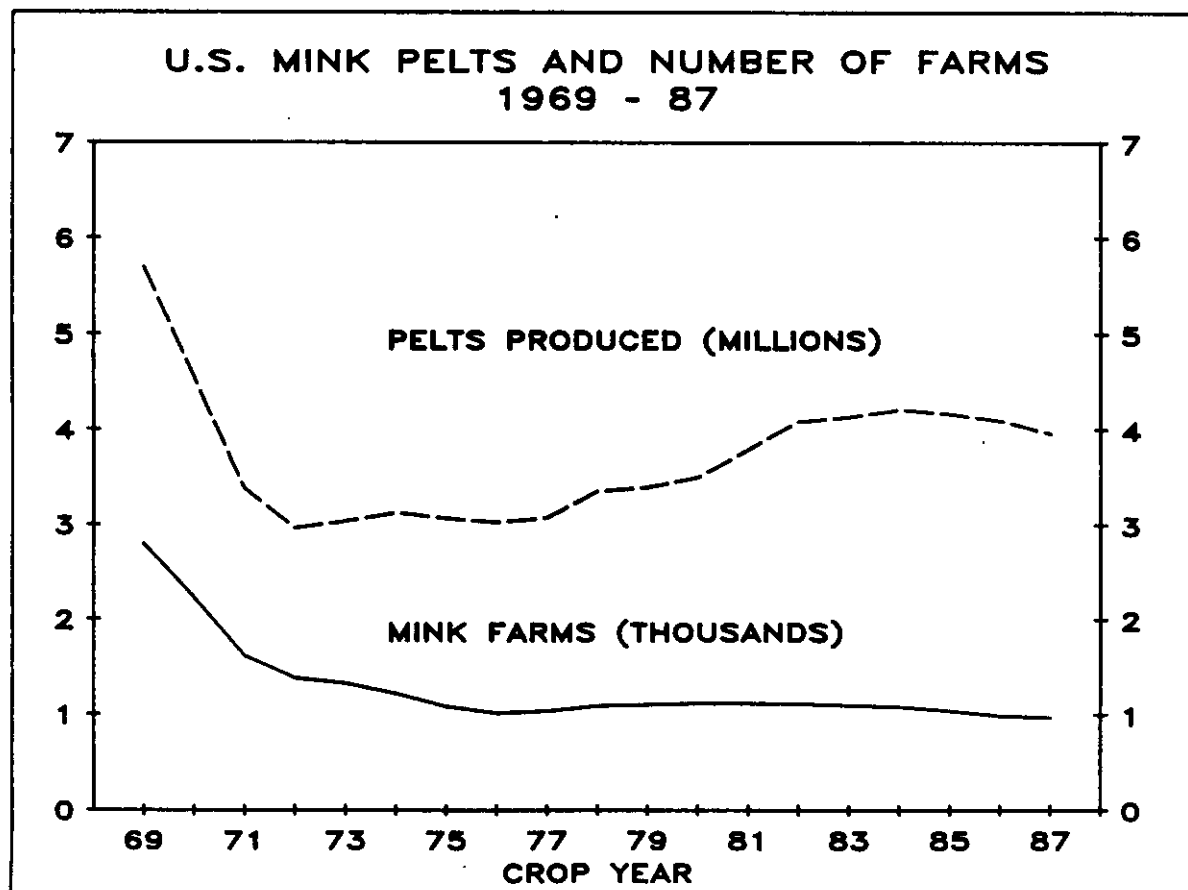
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PELT PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1987 totaled 3.95 million pelts, down 3 percent from 1986, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. Wisconsin, the major mink State, produced 1.09 million pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production was: Standard - 41.6 percent; Demi-buff - 12.8 percent; Mahogany 10.8 percent; Ranch Wild - 9.5 percent; Gunmetal - 6.1 percent; Pastel - 5.6 percent and White - 3.2 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 10.4 percent.



VALUE OF PELT PRODUCTION

Mink pelts sold during the 1987 crop year were valued at \$170.0 million dollars, up fractionally from the 169.2 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1987 crop year was \$43.00, compared with \$41.30 in 1986 and \$28.00 in 1985.

FEMALES BRED UP 6 PERCENT

Female mink bred to produce kits in 1988 totaled 1.15 million, up 6 percent from 1987. Females bred for the three major color classes are: Standard - 540 thousand; Demi-Buff - 124 and Ranch Wild - 118 thousand. Females Bred in the leading States are: Wisconsin - 311 thousand; Utah - 161 thousand and Minnesota - 143 thousand.

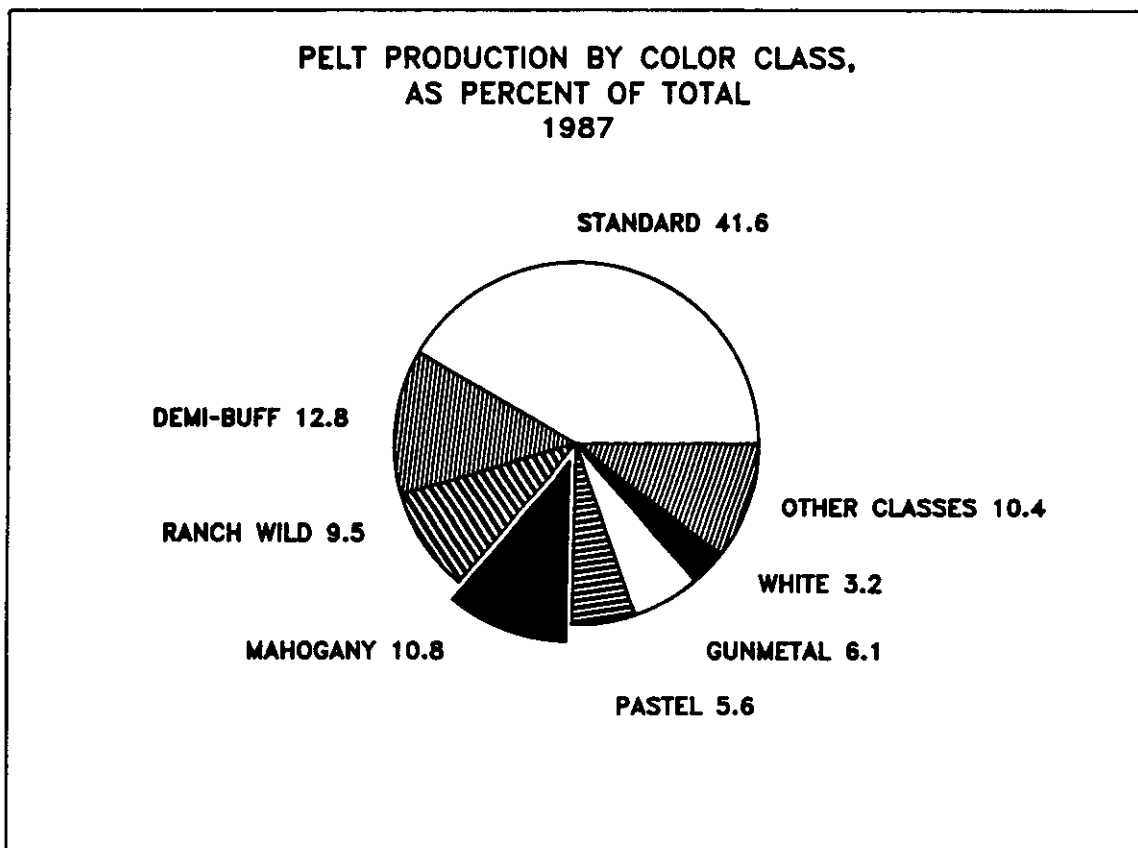
Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1988 by color class are: Standard - 47.1 percent; Demi-buff - 10.8 percent; Ranch Wild - 10.3 percent; Gunmetal - 7.2 percent; Mahogany - 6.8; Pastel - 4.9 percent; and Violet- Type - 3.1 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 9.8 percent.

NUMBER OF MINK FARMS

There were 970 mink farms producing pelts in 1987 compared with 989 the previous year. Leading States were Wisconsin with 213 farms, Minnesota with 143 and Utah with 126 farms.

FOX

Sixteen percent of the mink farms also raised fox, 2 percent greater than last year.



MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS,
UNITED STATES, 1986-88 1/

COLOR CLASS	PELTS PRODUCED		FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS		
	1986 2/	1987	1986	1987 2/	1988
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		
STANDARD	1,615	1,647	465.2	499.5	539.9
RANCH WILD	431	374	103.0	99.5	118.0
DEMI-BUFF	567	505	160.1	118.4	123.9
PASTEL	289	221	73.0	63.6	56.6
PALE BROWN	7	4	2.2	0.9	0.9
SAPPHIRE	92	89	28.3	25.6	25.5
GUNMETAL	221	240	60.0	76.6	82.3
MAHOGANY	367	428	33.7	60.7	78.3
PEARL	129	121	39.7	35.4	28.8
LAVENDER-HOPE	17	9	6.1	5.4	5.0
PINK	79	71	22.1	20.4	18.5
VIOLET-TYPE	133	116	42.1	35.0	35.2
WHITE	142	126	36.5	34.8	31.2
MISC. & UNCLASSIFIED	6	4	1.4	1.3	1.3
U S TOTAL	4,096	3,954	1,073.4	1,077.1	1,145.4

MINK FARMS, PELTS PRODUCED AND VALUE OF MINK PELTS,
UNITED STATES, 1969-87

YEAR	MINK FARMS	PELTS PRODUCED	AVERAGE MARKETING PRICE 3/	VALUE OF MINK PELTS 3/
	NUMBER	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	1,042	4,171	28.00	116.8
1986 2/	989	4,096	41.30	169.2
1987 5/	970	3,954	43.00	170.0

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

2/ REVISED BASED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

3/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE PRIOR TO 1975.

4/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE FOR 1981.

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

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/	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	19,200	11,100	23,300	11,200		12,100	20,200	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	3,700
WISC	528,700	56,100	89,700	95,400	3,300	24,000	31,300	90,100
ALL OTH: STS	51,500	4,500	81,000	11,300	1,000	800	2,000	21,400
U S TOTAL:	1,614,600	431,300	567,500	289,300	6,700	91,900	220,900	367,100

	PEARL	LAVENDER- HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
NUMBER OF PELTS								
GA			2/		2/		40,800	7
IDAHO	6,500			400	6,000	2/	244,700	44
ILL	7,000		2/		2/		189,000	24
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	42
PA	6,200		9,400	7,200	2/	3,000	140,700	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	187,500	114
U S TOTAL:	129,200	17,100	79,200	132,800	142,100	6,500	4,096,200	989

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 1987,
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								
IDAHO :	55,400	34,900	66,000	18,800		3,600	2,900	22,700
ILL :	78,700	2/	2/	2/		2/	2/	2/
IND :	10,200	2/		2/				
IOWA :	61,000	3,600	15,000	13,600	2/	5,800	5,300	7,500
MASS :	2/		4,100	1,200		2/	2/	
MICH :	63,000	13,500	15,500	6,300		2/	2/	19,000
MINN :	183,700	132,700	41,100	29,000	2/	5,200	17,400	45,700
NY :	48,700	2/	2,500	9,100		2/	5,500	6,200
OHIO :	54,900	8,800	25,300	5,600	400	4,800	1,000	17,800
OREG :	83,600	5,400	6,500	3,000		20,200	73,100	4,100
PA :	24,700	12,100	15,900	9,000		9,900	24,100	26,700
S DAK :	11,200	30,900	2/	5,600				20,200
UTAH :	258,400	22,800	111,200	31,500	1,100	10,200	23,700	46,300
WASH :	113,000	6,100	49,100	2,300		2,200	43,100	2,500
WISC :	537,400	59,900	65,700	73,800	800	23,800	35,900	112,200
ALL OTH: STS :	61,900	35,300	70,800	5,000	100	1,500	2,100	23,600
U S TOTAL :	1,646,800	374,500	504,719	221,300	4,200	88,700	240,100	427,700

STATES :	PEARL :	LAVENDER- HOPE :	PINK :	VIOLET TYPE :	WHITE :	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED :	TOTAL PELTS :	NUMBER OF FARMS :
NUMBER OF PELTS								
IDAHO :	5,300		300	600	4,100	400	215,000	40
ILL :	2/		2/	2/	2/		181,000	23
IND :	800	2/		2/			14,800	9
IOWA :	15,700			11,400	700	800	140,400	39
MASS :	3,000			2/			12,100	7
MICH :	8,300	2/	2/	11,800	6,300	2/	146,000	54
MINN :	12,900		2/	5,000	10,000		503,200	143
NY :	8,200		2/	6,100			99,400	28
OHIO :	300			1,400	2/		120,400	24
OREG :			2/	14,800	2/		215,000	42
PA :	5,100		9,300	5,200	2/	1,700	146,900	44
S DAK :	2/			2/	2/		92,200	11
UTAH :	15,200	200	300	14,300	200		535,400	126
WASH :	2/			2/	2/		219,900	49
WISC :	26,800	8,400	20,300	40,100	89,100	600	1,094,800	213
ALL OTH: STS :	2,400	800	6,600	2,100	5,300	0	217,500	118
U S TOTAL :	120,800	9,500	70,600	115,800	125,700	3,600	3,954,000	970

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FEMALE MINK BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1987, 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/	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/	1,000	1,600
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	7,500	3,000	5,500	2,600		4,200	6,700	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	17,000	1,400	17,500	1,300	300	400	1,100	3,600
U S TOTAL:	499,500	99,500	118,400	63,600	900	25,600	76,600	60,700

	PEARL	LAVENDER- HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL
	NUMBER						
GA			2/		2/		19,200
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		2,700	1,600	2/	400	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	600	1,200	1,400	700	1,200	100	47,800
U S TOTAL:	35,400	5,400	20,400	35,000	34,800	1,300	1,077,100

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FEMALE MINK BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1988, 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								
IDAHO :	19,800	7,500	15,800	4,700	100	1,500	1,600	3,300
ILL :	24,100	2/	700	2/			2/	2/
IND :	3,900	2/		2/				
IOWA :	22,000	2,200	5,300	4,000	2/	1,800	3,000	500
MASS :	500		600	2/		2/		
MICH :	21,700	3,700	4,300	2,300		2/	2/	3,400
MINN :	60,700	35,000	9,900	8,900		1,000	6,500	7,600
NY :	14,100	2/	800	2,500		2/	1,900	1,100
OHIO :	20,600	2,000	3,900	1,000	100	200	100	5,200
OREG :	25,900	2,000	2/	1,000		6,100	23,200	1,000
PA :	9,100	3,100	3,900	2,000		3,900	7,600	6,500
S DAK :	4,600	9,400	5,300	1,500	2/			
UTAH :	93,300	5,300	28,300	7,100	200	2,800	6,900	8,300
WASH :	30,100	2,200	11,800	1,100		700	14,000	1,200
WISC :	169,700	18,000	17,900	17,600	200	6,400	13,000	21,300
ALL OTH: STS :	19,800	25,100	14,400	1,400	0	500	1,800	5,700
U S TOTAL :	539,900	118,000	123,900	56,600	900	25,500	82,300	78,300

	PEARL :	LAVENDER- HOPE :	PINK :	VIOLET TYPE :	WHITE :	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED :	TOTAL :
NUMBER							
IDAHO :	2,000			1,000	2,000	200	59,500
ILL :	1,700		2/		2/		44,200
IND :	2/			2/			5,500
IOWA :	3,600			3,300	200	800	47,000
MASS :	800			2/			2,800
MICH :	2,300	2/	2/	4,000	1,300		44,000
MINN :	3,200		2/	2/	4,200		143,100
NY :	2,000		2/	1,700	2/		27,000
OHIO :				300			33,400
OREG :			2/	3,900			65,000
PA :	1,400		2,400	1,200	2/	2/	42,000
S DAK :	2/			2/	2/		24,900
UTAH :	3,000		100	5,600	100		161,000
WASH :	2/			2/			61,400
WISC :	5,300	3,800	6,900	11,400	19,700	100	311,300
ALL OTH: STS :	600	1,100	400	1,300	1,200	0	73,300
U S TOTAL :	28,800	5,000	18,500	35,200	31,200	1,300	1,145,400

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