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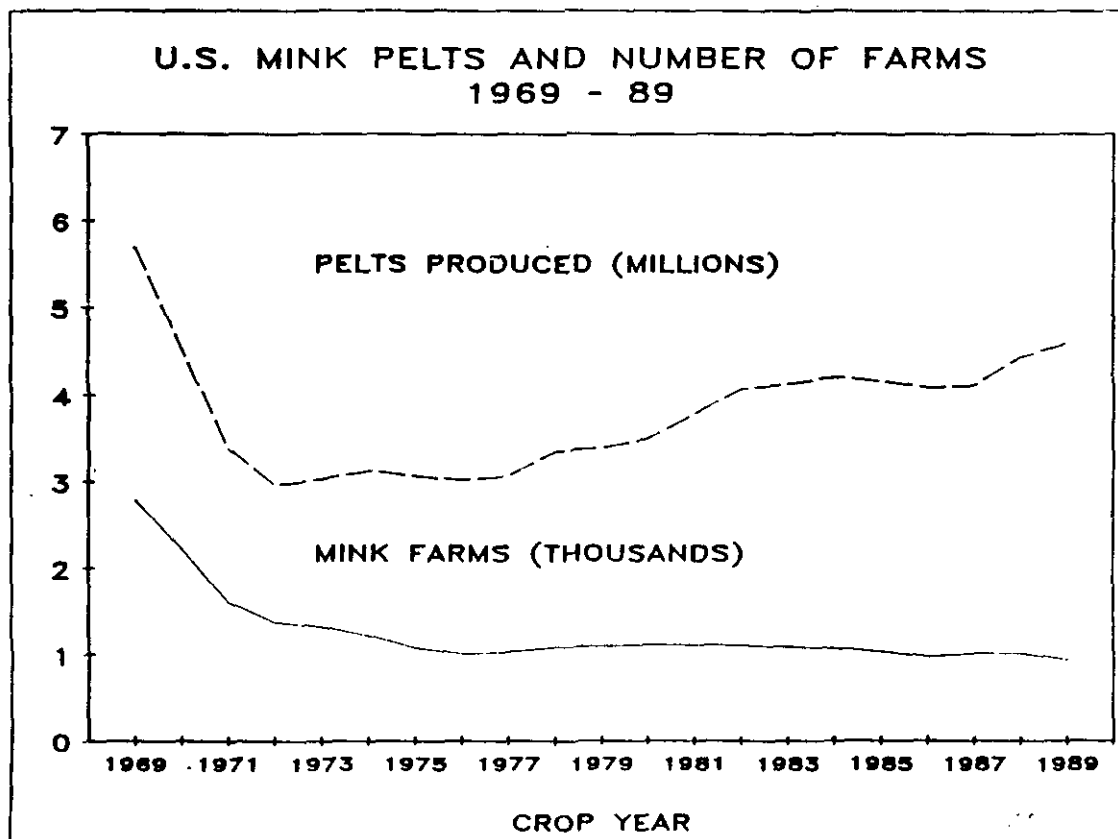
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PELT PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

Mink pelt production in the United States in 1989 totaled 4.60 million pelts, up 3 percent from 1988, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. Wisconsin, the major mink producing State, produced 1.16 million pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production was: Standard - 46 percent; Ranch Wild - 12.7 percent; Mahogany - 11.5 percent; Demi-buff - 9.6 percent; and Gunmetal - 6.8 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 13.4 percent.



VALUE OF PELT PRODUCTION DOWN 17 PERCENT

Mink pelts sold during the 1989 crop year were valued at \$118.7 million dollars, down 17 percent from 143.8 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 1989 crop year was \$25.80, compared with \$32.30 in 1988 and \$43.00 in 1987.

FEMALES BRED DOWN 23 PERCENT

Female mink bred to produce kits in 1990 totaled 921 thousand, down 23 percent from 1989. Many mink producers reported the low mink price motivated them to "pelt out" and reduce or close out their mink operation.

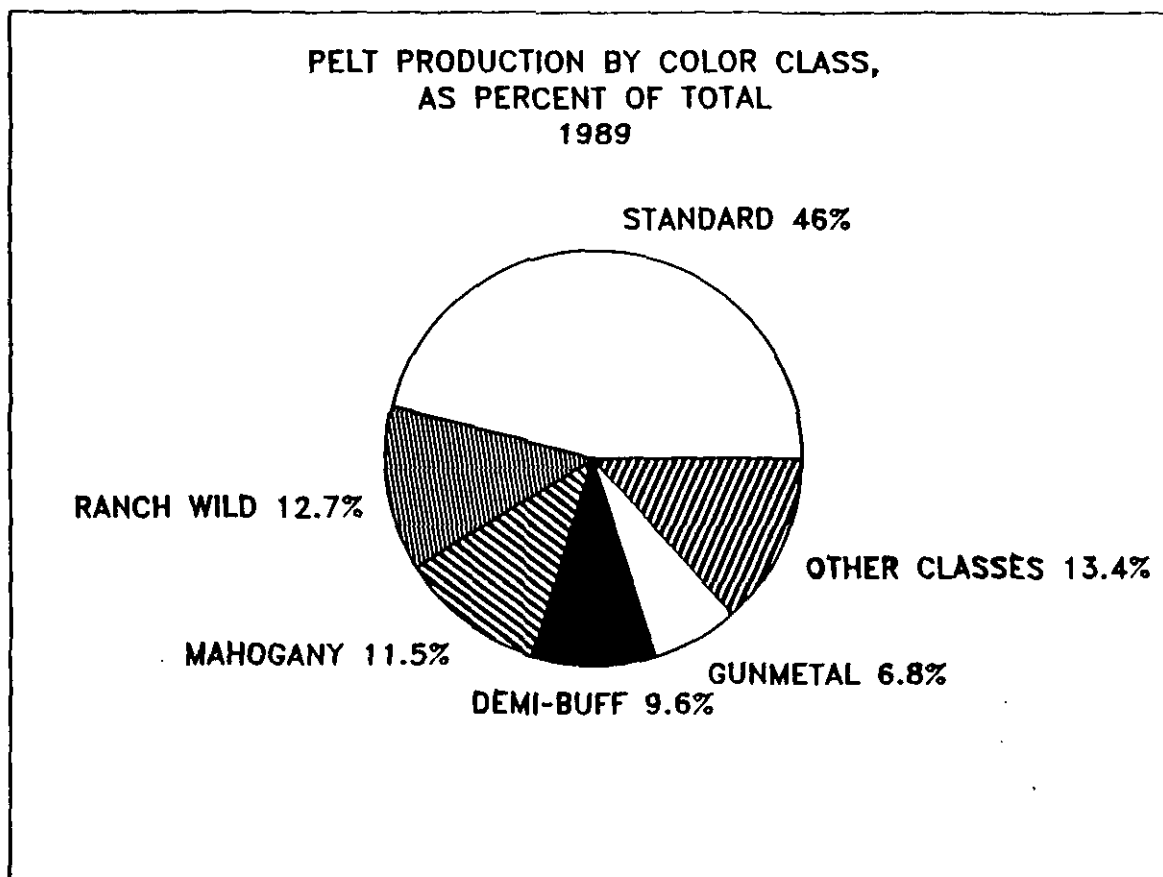
Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 1990 by color class are: Standard - 54.7 percent; Ranch Wild - 10.5 percent; Demi-buff - 7.9 percent; Gunmetal - 7.8 percent; and Mahogany - 5.6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 13.5 percent.

NUMBER OF MINK FARMS DOWN 7 PERCENT

There were 952 mink farms producing pelts in 1989, down 7 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Wisconsin with 204 farms, Utah with 175 farms and Minnesota with 119.

FOX

There were 117 mink farms which also raised fox, down 26 percent from 158 the previous year.



MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND FEMALES BRED, BY COLOR CLASS
UNITED STATES, 1988-1990 1/

COLOR CLASS	PEELTS PRODUCED		FEMALES BRED TO PRODUCE KITS		
	1988	1989	1988	1989 2/	1990
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		
STANDARD	1,950	2,118	570.6	585.9	503.5
RANCH WILD	491	584	121.0	130.8	97.0
DEMI-BUFF	520	444	132.5	113.7	72.8
PASTEL	187	134	58.8	42.4	19.0
PALE BROWN	2	7	1.2	1.1	0.8
SAPPHIRE	91	96	26.2	29.9	26.1
GUNMETAL	301	312	84.4	88.6	72.1
MAHOGANY	515	529	80.3	98.9	51.7
PEARL	96	65	30.3	20.9	12.7
LAVENDER-HOPE	11	12	5.0	3.4	2.9
PINK	70	60	18.6	18.5	13.2
VIOLET-TYPE	114	133	36.9	36.9	34.4
WHITE	99	104	31.2	29.7	13.5
MISC. & UNCLASSIFIED	8	5	1.3	1.1	1.0
U.S.	4,453	4,602	1198.3	1201.8	920.7

MINK FARMS, PELTS PRODUCED AND VALUE OF MINK PELTS,
UNITED STATES, 1969-89 1/

YEAR	MINK FARMS	PEELTS 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	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 5/	952	4,602	25.80	118.7

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 ARE PRELIMINARY AND WILL BE REVISED NEXT YEAR BASED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF FARMS PRODUCING PELTS IN 1988, BY COLOR CLASS
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATES:	STAN- DARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF 1/	PAS- TEL	PALE BROWN	SAP- PHIRE	GUN METAL	MAHOG- ANY
NUMBER OF PELTS								
ID	66,500	47,300	60,900	19,800	100	3,500	12,400	36,400
IL	87,600	2/	10,700	2/			2/	2/
IN	10,500	2/	2/	2/				2/
IA	70,500	3,400	19,200	15,100		6,500	7,900	3,700
MA	2,100		2/	1,300		2/		2/
MI	69,000	17,700	14,800	7,700		2/	2/	23,700
MN	195,900	165,000	41,600	23,700	2/	5,400	19,800	41,000
NY	55,300	2/	14,400	4,000		2/	2,700	7,600
OH	72,200	14,500	1,100	6,100	2/	500	2/	30,600
OR	104,300	2/	2/	2,800		20,900	90,500	6,400
PA	43,400	2/	17,800	9,700	2/	13,300	23,800	24,500
SD	13,100	46,000	2/	4,400				2/
UT	394,300	30,800	161,800	16,900	400	14,600	34,700	78,600
WA	123,200	7,600	46,900	3,500		2,500	50,900	8,900
WI	586,400	61,500	62,700	61,600	300	19,600	46,400	133,400
OTH 3/	55,700	97,200	68,000	10,200	900	4,100	11,400	120,200
U.S.	1,950,000	491,000	519,900	186,800	1,700	90,900	300,500	515,000
NUMBER OF FARMS								
	PEARL	LAVENDER: HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
NUMBER OF FARMS								
ID	7,200		2,000	2,100	3,700	100	262,000	51
IL	6,900		2/		2/		196,100	27
IN	2/			2/			16,200	13
IA	12,400			10,700	700	3,900	154,000	39
MA	2,500			2/			10,700	6
MI	8,900	2/		12,100	5,000	2/	161,100	56
MN	7,900		2/	2/	14,400	100	536,000	142
NY	3,500		2/	7,200	2/		104,100	25
OH	2/			600		2/	126,400	21
OR			2/	14,300			255,000	43
PA	4,400	2/	9,000	3,500	2/	1,200	162,700	43
SD	2/			2/			95,200	9
UT	16,200		800	19,300	100	1,500	770,000	175
WA	2/		2/	2/			244,000	46
WI	13,200	10,000	24,000	38,000	63,800	600	1,121,500	209
OTH 3/	12,600	1,000	33,700	6,300	11,100	800	238,100	122
U.S.	95,700	11,000	69,500	114,100	98,800	8,200	4,453,100	1,027

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MINK PELTS PRODUCED AND NUMBER OF FARMS PRODUCING PELTS IN 1989, BY COLOR CLASS
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATES:	STAN- DARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF 1/	PAS- TEL	PALE BROWN	SAP- PHIRE	GUN METAL	MAHOG- ANY
NUMBER OF PELTS								
ID	95,200	65,000	53,800	11,100	2,500	4,600	15,500	22,600
IL	87,000	2/	2/	2/			2/	2/
IN	11,600	2/	2/	2/			2/	2/
IA	79,300	10,800	13,700	15,100		7,500	10,200	12,900
MA	2/		2,500	2/		2/		2/
MI	87,900	16,800	17,500	5,600		2/	2/	26,500
MN	223,500	179,000	24,100	11,300		5,800	29,400	35,300
NY	55,300	2/	12,500	2,000		1,100	3,200	7,700
OH	74,300	9,000	2,700	5,900	2/	1,000	2/	33,600
OR	103,500	2/	3,500	2,700		22,000	97,000	6,800
PA	42,800	8,700	14,800	9,200	2/	14,000	26,100	27,700
SD	14,500	36,800	2/	4,400			2/	2/
UT	415,700	43,700	152,900	3,900		10,900	21,100	92,000
WA	113,500	33,400	16,100	2,900		3,700	59,500	6,900
WI	650,000	70,500	38,000	51,100	500	21,600	37,800	143,500
OTH 3/	63,900	110,200	91,600	8,400	4,200	3,700	12,300	113,800
U.S.	2,118,000	583,900	443,700	133,600	7,200	95,900	312,100	529,300

	PEARL	LAVENDER: HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL PELTS	NUMBER OF FARMS
NUMBER OF PELTS								
ID	4,100		1,600	1,600	5,400	2,000	285,000	47
IL	2/				2/		190,800	25
IN	2/			2/			17,300	10
IA	15,800			12,700	900	100	179,000	41
MA	2,000			2/			9,200	5
MI	9,000			12,000	6,100	2/	184,000	54
MN	4,400	2/	2/	2/	13,300		545,900	119
NY	1,200		2/	5,700	2/		97,100	24
OH				1,900			128,900	21
OR			2/	13,400			255,000	41
PA	4,000	2/	9,000	5,700	2/	2/	169,000	30
SD	2/						94,600	9
UT	3,100	800		35,100		800	780,000	175
WA	2/		2/	2/			237,200	50
WI	7,600	9,800	22,000	38,500	63,200	1,000	1,155,100	204
OTH 3/	14,200	1,000	26,900	6,400	14,900	1,400	274,200	97
U.S.	65,400	11,600	59,500	133,000	103,800	5,300	4,602,300	952

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FEMALE MINK BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1989, BY COLOR CLASS
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATES:	STAN- DARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF 1/	PAS- TEL	PALE BROWN	SAP- PHIRE	GUN METAL	MAHOG- ANY
NUMBER OF PELTS								
ID	23,400	10,100	16,400	3,200	600	1,800	4,700	2,700
IL	27,200	2/	700	2/			2/	2/
IN	3,800	2/	2/	2/				2/
IA	22,300	1,200	3,400	4,200		2,100	3,000	1,600
MA	600		2/	2/		2/		2/
MI	23,900	5,500	2,400	1,400		2/	2/	4,800
MN	57,500	36,400	8,800	5,400		1,600	5,600	5,900
NY	14,500	2/	4,900	1,000		2/	1,300	1,500
OH	20,800	3,400		800	2/	2/		6,200
OR	25,800	2/	2/	1,000		5,700	24,000	1,400
PA	11,900	1,500	4,100	2,200		4,200	6,700	6,400
SD	5,300	11,900	2/	1,400				2/
UT	127,900	6,100	41,200	4,100	100	5,600	10,600	20,300
WA	31,000	9,200	3,900	1,000		900	13,500	2,200
WI	172,600	14,300	11,900	14,200	200	6,300	14,000	24,500
OTH 3/	17,400	31,200	16,000	2,500	200	1,700	5,200	21,400
U.S.	585,900	130,800	113,700	42,400	1,100	29,900	88,600	98,900

	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. # UNCLASS- IFIED	TOTAL
NUMBER							
ID	2,000		600	500	2,000		68,000
IL	2/		2/		2/		45,100
IN	2/			2/			5,500
IA	4,200			3,200	300	500	46,000
MA	700			2/			2,500
MI	2,200			4,400	1,400	2/	47,000
MN	1,500		2/	2/	1,400	100	131,800
NY	500		2/	2,000	2,900		28,000
OH				2/		2/	31,900
OR			2/	3,600			65,000
PA	1,000		1,800	1,300	2/	2/	41,900
SD	2/			2/			24,500
UT	2,500		100	6,500			225,000
WA	2/		2/	2/			62,000
WI	2,400	3,400	7,900	12,100	20,000	200	304,000
OTH 3/	3,900		8,100	3,300	3,100	300	73,600
U.S.	20,900	3,400	18,500	36,900	29,700	1,100	1,201,800

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FEMALE MINK BRED TO PRODUCE KITS IN 1990, BY COLOR CLASS
MAJOR STATES AND UNITED STATES

STATES:	STAN- DARD	RANCH WILD	DEMI- BUFF 1/	PAS- TEL	PALE BROWN	SAP- PHIRE	GUN METAL	MAHOG- ANY
NUMBER OF PELTS								
ID	23,300	6,800	11,100	1,500	400	3,100	4,600	1,700
IL	23,500	2/		2/			2/	2/
IN	3,500	2/						2/
IA	18,000	1,200	1,100	3,000		1,200	2,700	1,400
MA	2/		2/	2/		2/		
MI	15,900	1,400	2/	700		2/	400	700
MN	44,200	31,200	4,000	1,200		1,100	7,000	3,100
NY	14,200	2/	3,600	500		2/	400	400
OH	19,500			400	2/	300		3,000
OR	22,900	2/	2/	2/		5,900	21,800	2/
PA	9,400	2/	1,200	700		3,300	6,400	2,400
SD	4,000	12,600	2/	2/				
UT	113,200	8,700	30,000	400		3,800	6,200	15,100
WA	21,300	5,600	3,200	600		2/	11,400	2/
WI	155,500	9,900	4,600	7,800	100	5,600	8,000	13,100
OTH 3/	15,100	19,600	14,000	2,200	300	1,800	3,200	10,800
U.S.	503,500	97,000	72,800	19,000	800	26,100	72,100	51,700
NUMBER								
	PEARL	LAVENDER HOPE	PINK	VIOLET TYPE	WHITE	MISC. & UNCLASS- IFIED		TOTAL
ID	1,300		200			500		54,500
IL	2/				2/			31,300
IN				2/				4,700
IA	3,100			4,200	100			36,000
MA	2/			2/				2,500
MI	2,000			2,300	1,500	2/		25,600
MN	200		2/	2/	1,600			98,500
NY	1,400		2/	1,700				24,000
OH				900		2/		24,200
OR			2/	3,000				56,000
PA	100		1,200	1,000	2/			27,100
SD	2/							21,300
UT	600	200		10,800				189,000
WA				2/				42,800
WI	1,000	2,700	5,600	8,000	7,200	400		229,500
OTH 3/	3,000		6,200	2,500	3,100	100		53,700
U.S.	12,700	2,900	13,200	34,400	13,500	1,000		920,700

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