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### **Pelt Production Down 4 Percent**

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2001 totaled 2.57 million pelts, down 4 percent from 2000. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 672,000 pelts.

By color class, the number of pelts as a percent of the total U.S. production follows: Standard - 36.9 percent; Mahogany - 22.6 percent; Gunmetal - 18.4 percent; Demi-buff - 5.0 percent; Sapphire - 4.2 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 12.9 percent.

### **Value of Pelt Production Down 5 Percent**

Mink pelts produced during the 2001 crop year were valued at \$85.9 million dollars, down 5 percent from \$90.6 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2001 crop year was \$33.50, down from \$34.00 in 2000.

### **Females Bred Down 1 Percent**

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2002 totaled 620,500, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2002 by color class are: Standard - 38.2 percent; Mahogany - 20.2 percent; Gunmetal - 19.2 percent; Sapphire - 6.2 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 16.2 percent.

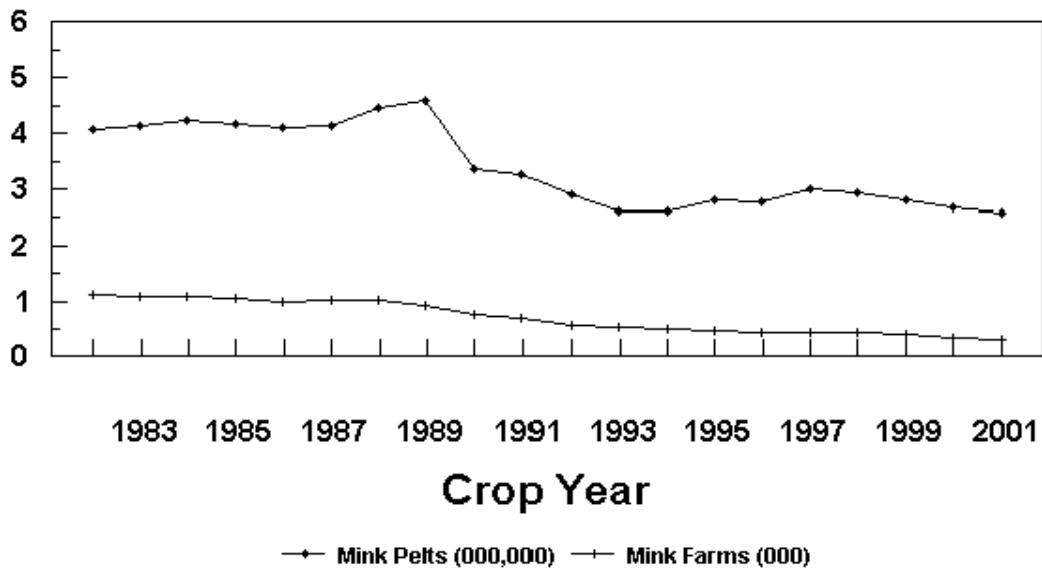
### **Number of Mink Farms Down 7 Percent**

There were 324 mink farms producing pelts in 2001, down 7 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Utah with 80 farms, Wisconsin with 65 farms and Minnesota with 36.

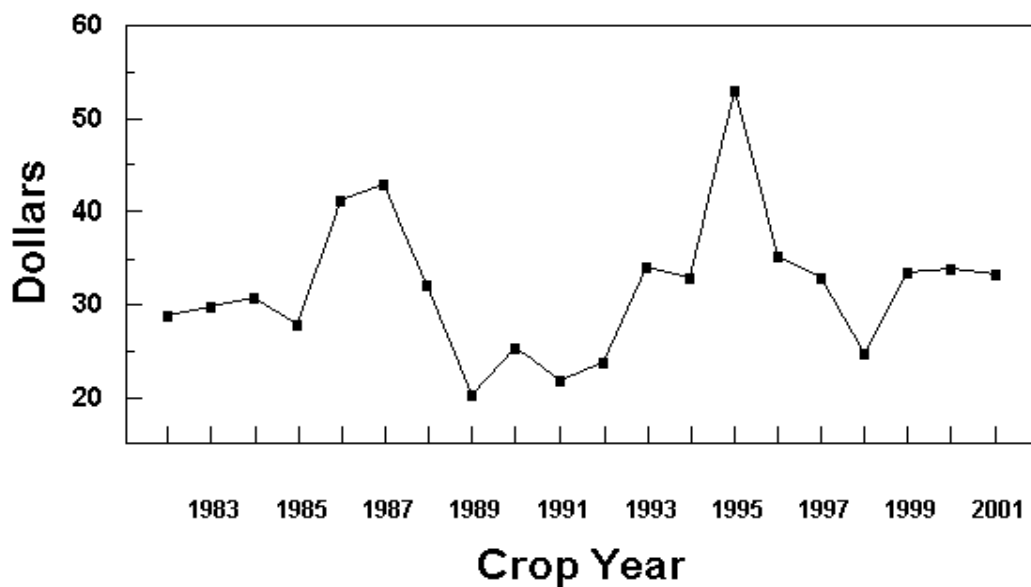
### **Fox**

There were 21 mink farms which also raised fox in 2001, down from 24 the previous year.

## Mink Pelts and Number of Farms 1982-2001



## Mink Pelt Average Price 1982-2001



**Mink: Pelts Produced and Females Bred, by Color Class,  
United States, 2000-02 <sup>1</sup>**

Color Class	Pelts Produced		Females Bred to Produce Kits		
	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2001	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2001 <sup>2</sup>	2002
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Standard	951.3	947.4	257.1	245.2	237.0
Ranch Wild	136.9	100.7	32.0	22.8	25.5
Demi-buff	95.6	129.0	24.7	18.2	15.0
Pastel	45.8	41.8	12.5	11.3	8.8
Pale Brown	7.5	1.9	0.7	2.6	0.6
Sapphire	133.8	108.3	33.4	35.1	38.5
Gunmetal	461.5	472.0	113.0	111.0	119.1
Mahogany	707.9	580.0	158.8	141.9	125.3
Pearl	43.9	73.9	11.4	13.0	18.1
Lavender-hope	4.5	3.5	1.5	1.5	4.5
Pink	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.2
Violet-type	8.5	21.4	2.0	3.2	6.3
White	66.5	73.7	16.9	22.5	17.4
Misc. & Unclassified	1.7	10.9	0.4	0.3	4.2
US	2,666.1	2,565.3	664.9	629.5	620.5

**Mink: Farms, Pelts Produced, Price, and Value,  
United States, 1983-01**

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>
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	438	2,938	24.80	72.9
1999	398	2,813	33.70	94.8
2000 <sup>2</sup>	350	2,666	34.00	90.6
2001 <sup>3</sup>	324	2,565	33.50	85.9

<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 are preliminary.

**Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms,  
Major States and United States, 2000**

States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi-Buff <sup>1</sup>	Pastel	Pale Brown	Sapphire	Gun Metal	Mahogany
	<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	43,600	21,000				26,700	21,500	92,500
IL	37,000							3,300
IA	80,600					16,000	6,700	13,300
MI								
MN	42,900	46,300		1,500			34,800	136,700
NY								
OH	27,800					6,700		19,900
OR	80,000					17,000	151,000	
PA						10,600	22,200	
SD								
UT	221,000		51,000			20,000	34,000	220,000
WA	37,300						57,400	
WI	316,000		2,200	14,500		32,100	122,600	137,000
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	65,100	69,600	42,400	29,800	7,500	4,700	11,300	85,200
US	951,300	136,900	95,600	45,800	7,500	133,800	461,500	707,900
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	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</i>
ID							222,400	24
IL					4,000		45,600	7
IA							136,800	16
MI							42,500	12
MN							284,800	37
NY							6,200	7
OH							58,500	10
OR							268,000	28
PA							68,100	10
SD							91,000	5
UT							590,000	90
WA							112,700	16
WI					38,500		680,100	70
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	43,900	4,500	700	8,500	24,000	1,700	59,400	18
US	43,900	4,500	700	8,500	66,500	1,700	2,666,100	350

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

<sup>2</sup> "Other States" include some pelts from the above listed States which were not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Published color classes may not add to the State total.

**Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms,  
Major States and United States, 2001**

States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi-Buff <sup>1</sup>	Pastel	Pale Brown	Sapphire	Gun Metal	Mahogany
	<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	41,000	19,100					22,100	46,600
IL	41,100							3,300
IA	55,000						10,300	9,300
MI								
MN	49,900	26,800	60,700	2,500		2,000	56,100	79,300
NY								
OH	29,500					5,600		18,400
OR	79,400					16,900	145,100	
PA						16,800	19,700	
SD								
UT	205,000		60,000			15,500	40,000	233,500
WA	35,500						63,100	
WI	327,000			10,600		25,600	108,500	123,000
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	84,000	54,800	8,300	28,700	1,900	25,900	7,100	66,600
US	947,400	100,700	129,000	41,800	1,900	108,300	472,000	580,000
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclassified	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</i>
ID							151,200	27
IL	2,700				4,000		51,600	7
IA							105,900	13
MI							54,000	11
MN							286,500	36
NY							5,500	7
OH							56,500	8
OR							251,000	26
PA							74,900	9
SD							78,100	4
UT							610,000	80
WA							113,100	15
WI					52,600		672,000	65
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	71,200	3,500	800	21,400	17,100	10,900	55,000	16
US	73,900	3,500	800	21,400	73,700	10,900	2,565,300	324

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**Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits: Number by Color Class,  
Major States and United States, 2001**

States	Standard	Ranch Wild	Demi- Buff <sup>1</sup>	Pas- tel	Pale Brown	Sap- phire	Gun Metal	Mahog- any
	<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	11,100					6,500	6,600	16,000
IL	10,700							
IA	18,100					4,100	3,000	2,300
MI								
MN	11,400	5,900		300		600	12,300	26,800
NY								
OH	9,300					2,400		6,300
OR	18,000					4,600	31,000	
PA						3,100	5,400	
SD								
UT	59,200		12,300			5,600	8,500	46,800
WA	9,600	2,800					12,700	
WI	77,400			3,200		7,100	27,900	25,000
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	20,400	14,100	5,900	7,800	2,600	1,100	3,600	18,700
US	245,200	22,800	18,200	11,300	2,600	35,100	111,000	141,900
	Pearl	Lavender Hope	Pink	Violet Type	White	Misc. & Unclas- sified	Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	
ID							47,000	
IL							12,900	
IA							33,200	
MI							11,800	
MN							62,300	
NY							2,000	
OH							19,500	
OR							57,000	
PA							18,500	
SD							17,500	
UT							145,000	
WA							25,100	
WI				1,500	13,700		161,000	
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	13,000	1,500	900	1,700	8,800	300	16,700	
US	13,000	1,500	900	3,200	22,500	300	629,500	

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**Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits: Number by Color Class,  
Major States and United States, 2002**

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	15,200					9,700	6,400	12,300
IL	11,400							
IA	16,000						4,300	1,500
MI								
MN	10,400	8,000		800		600	13,800	15,300
NY								
OH	8,500							5,500
OR	17,000					5,000	30,400	
PA						2,300	5,400	
SD								
UT	56,200		6,900			5,500	10,000	57,200
WA	9,300						14,500	
WI	79,100			4,000		8,700	32,000	17,000
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	13,900	17,500	8,100	4,000	600	6,700	2,300	16,500
US	237,000	25,500	15,000	8,800	600	38,500	119,100	125,300
	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>	
ID							49,800	
IL							13,800	
IA							30,900	
MI							12,700	
MN				700			59,600	
NY							1,500	
OH							18,600	
OR							54,000	
PA							14,600	
SD							17,700	
UT		2,500					149,000	
WA							28,900	
WI				1,500	10,400		158,000	
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	18,100	2,000	200	4,100	7,000	4,200	11,400	
US	18,100	4,500	200	6,300	17,400	4,200	620,500	

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