

mink production



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Pelts Produced in 1970: Estimated U. S. production of mink pelts in 1970 was 4,532,000, 20 percent less than in 1969, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Fifteen States accounted for 92 percent of U. S. production; five major States produced 62 percent. In these 5 States, the 1970 production and change from a year earlier were: Wisconsin 1,340,000, down 23 percent; Minnesota 610,000, down 32 percent; Utah 396,000, down 10 percent; Washington 255,000, down 19 percent and Ohio 210,000, down 20 percent.

By color class, 35.1 percent of 1970 pelt production was standard; number as a percent of total pelts was: 29.8 percent, pastel; 13.0, pearl; 10.0, violet; 4.8, sapphire; 2.1, lavender-hope; 1.7, white; 1.4, gunmetal; 1.3, pale brown; 0.5, platinum; and 0.3, miscellaneous.

Mink pelts produced and females bred, by color class,
United States, 1969-71

Color class	Pelts produced			Females bred to produce kits		
	1969	1970	1970 as % of 1969	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970
	1,000 pelts		Percent	1,000 females		Percent
Standard	1,473	1,591	108	476	356	75
Pastel	1,684	1,351	80	398	299	75
Pale Brown	69.5	57.7	83	14.9	9.8	66
Sapphire	321	219	68	76.6	53.8	70
Gunmetal	69.3	64.0	92	20.4	14.3	70
Platinum	26.9	20.7	77	5.8	2.7	47
Pearl	942	587	62	190	127	67
Lavender-Hope	204	94.9	47	34.2	13.2	39
Violet Type	712	455	64	163	116	71
White	148	79.3	54	27.9	16.8	60
Misc. & Unclassified	38.5	12.3	32	8.7	2.4	28
U. S. Total	5,688	4,532	80	1,416	1,011	71

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Mink pelts produced in 1970 by color class, major States, and United States

State	Stand- ard	Pastel: brown	Pale brown	Sap- phire	Gun- metal	Plati- num	Pearl num	Lavender- hope	Violet: type	Misc. & White unclassified	Total pelts
											1,000 pelts
Massachusetts	26.2	17.3	1.1	1.5	1/	1.8	11.8	1/	5.9	1/	67.0
New York	64.0	39.8	1/	4.1	1.7	2.7	21.7	7.6	24.8	8.0	177
Pennsylvania	28.2	32.4	.56	5.7	3.6	.37	55.2	2.4	30.1	1/	159
Ohio	78.0	66.0	5.9	8.7	2.7	.12	20.3	.78	21.6	2.6	210
Indiana	11.4	20.2	1.1	1.6	1/	1/	4.4	1/	5.5	.98	46.0
Illinois	82	58	.40	13.3	2.9	.40	28.6	4.0	12.2	1/	204
Michigan	62	49.6	3.9	7.8	1/	1/	19.7	1.8	27.8	6.1	180
Wisconsin	399	420	15.0	61	12.0	4.4	208	35.5	14.3	39.8	2.3 1340
Minnesota	187	235	6.5	26.5	4.5	1.0	61	19.1	62	6.5	.90 610
Iowa	43.3	35.1	.28	2.1	.70	1/	30.0	2.2	17.8	1/	132
South Dakota	35.5	17.8	1/	6.0		1/	8.6		9.2	1/	79.5
Idaho	53	53	1.3	5.1	1/	1/	15.0	1.0	7.0	3.0	139
Utah	175	126	2.0	17.1	.60	1.5	40.8	3.0	28.9	.80	396
Washington	115	56	2.7	16.2	21.6		19.7	6.8	15.8	1.2	255
Oregon	90	33.7	1.4	35.5	9.8	1/	4.9	1/	19.0	1/	.84 197
All other States	141.0	91.0	11.0	7.2	3.0	5.9	37.0	8.8	24.4	8.5	2.2 340
United States	1591	1351	57.7	219	64.0	20.7	587	95.0	455	79.3	12.3 4532

1/ Included in totals to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Mink females bred to produce kits in 1970, by color class, major States and United States

State	Stand- ard	Pastel	Pale brown	Sap- phire	Gun- metal	Plati- num	Pearl hone	Lavender- stone	Violet type	White unclas- sified	Misc. & Total females
											1,000 females
Massachusetts	7.9	4.9	.11	.76	1/	.33	2.9	.51	2.0	1/	19.5
New York	18.9	11.9	.40	1.6	.80	.40	8.0	1.8	7.5	.20	51.5
Pennsylvania	9.5	9.8	.23	2.4	1/	.47	20.3	1.1	12.4	1/	58.0
Ohio	22.0	22.0	.40	2.5	1.5	1/	7.7	.30	7.3	.90	65.5
Indiana	3.7	6.1	.55	.68	.14		1.3	.22	1.7	.31	14.7
Illinois	20.2	13.8	1/	2.3	.80	.10	6.8	1.2	1/	1/	57.5
Michigan	18.7	13.0	.34	2.0		.01	5.1	.49	8.3	1.4	49.5
Wisconsin	105	108	4.0	19.0	3.6	.80	56	11.0	48.0	14.0	.60 370
Minnesota	71	83	1.1	1/	1.2	.80	26.9	6.1	23.8	1/	234
Iowa	14.3	9.0	.14	1/	.31	.15	11.0	1.3	7.8	1/	45.5
South Dakota	8.7	4.7	1/	1.8			4.9	1/	3.3		25.0
Idaho	16.6	16.1	.40	2.4	1/	1/	4.5	.40	2.4	1.3	44.5
Utah	61	37.0	.34	6.3	.33	1/	14.6	1.7	11.9	.39	1/ 134
Washington	34.0	16.6	.34	4.0	5.2	1/	6.3	3.1	6.0	1/	2.4 78.5
Oregon	27.0	10.3	.27	11.6	3.6	1/	1.8	.60	6.1	1/	61.5
All other States	37.5	31.6	4.0	2.7	1.0	1.8	12.3	1/	1/	3.4	.10 107
United States	476	398	14.9	76.6	20.4	5.8	190	34.2	163	27.9	8.7 1416

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Mink females bred to produce kits in 1971, by color class, major States and United States

State	Stand- ard	Pastel	Pale brown	Sap- phire	Gun- metal	Plati- num	Pearl	Lavender- hope	Violet type	Misc. & White unclas- sified	Total females	
											1,000 females	
Massachusetts	5.6	3.9	1/	.36	1/	1/	2.5		.71	1/	13.5	
New York	13.4	9.8	1/	1.2	.90	.22	4.3	1.3	4.2	1/	35.5	
Pennsylvania	7.0	8.6	.70	1.4	.84	.28	13.1	.32	8.1	1/	40.5	
Ohio	20.8	19.8	1.2	2.3	.50	1/	4.8	.16	6.2	1.1	57.5	
Indiana	2.6	4.8	1/	.48	1/		.87		1.4	.16	10.5	
Illinois	17.5	12.7	1/	2.7	1/	1/	4.7	.60	3.5	1/	43.5	
Michigan	12.4	9.4	1/	1.5		1/	4.6	.17	6.4	1/	36.5	
Wisconsin	80	86	1.4	12.7	3.1	.55	40.4	5.4	35.9	8.9	.65	275
Minnesota	40.5	50	1.2	8.4	1.8	1/	14.9	1.6	17.1	1.3	137	
Iowa	11.4	9.2	.14	.83	.14	1/	7.5	.59	5.3	1/	35.5	
South Dakota	6.7	3.7	1/	1.3			3.2		2.8	1/	18.5	
Idaho	15.2	14.2	1/	1.9	1/	1/	3.7	1/	2.1	1.0	38.5	
Utah	52	30.8	.18	5.5	.19	.25	9.3	.17	9.5	.11	108	
Washington	26.3	10.8	.20	3.0	3.0	1/	3.8	1.6	3.6	1/	52.5	
Oregon	20.5	7.8	.51	8.5	2.2	1/	1.0	1/	4.9	1/	46.0	
All Other States	24.4	17.2	2.5	1.7	.40	.50	8.6	1.2	4.1	1.8	62.5	
United States	356	299	9.8	53.8	14.3	2.7	127	13.2	116	16.8	1011	

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Number of mink ranches producing pelts, major States and
United States, 1969 and 1970.

State	Ranches producing pelts	
	1969	1970
	Number	
Massachusetts	43	45
New York	116	90
Pennsylvania	143	106
Ohio	135	99
Indiana	45	32
Illinois	78	64
Michigan	96	82
Wisconsin	661	497
Minnesota	366	290
Iowa	101	89
South Dakota	39	28
Idaho	76	58
Utah	343	308
Washington	132	109
Oregon	118	91
All other States	302	239
United States	2,794	2,227

Females Bred in 1971: An estimated 1,011,000 mink were bred to produce kits in 1971, down 29 percent from 1970. Females bred in the leading States and the percent change from 1970 are: Wisconsin 275,000, down 26 percent; Minnesota 137,000, down 41 percent; Utah 108,000, down 19 percent; Ohio 57,500, down 12 percent; and Washington 52,500, down 33 percent.

By color class, 35.2 percent of the females bred were standard: 29.5 percent, pastel; 12.6, pearl; 11.5, violet type; 5.3, sapphire; 1.7, white; 1.4, gunmetal; 1.3, lavender-hope; 1.0, pale brown; 0.3, platinum; and 0.2 percent, miscellaneous.

Ranch Numbers in 1970: An estimated 2,227 mink ranches were producing pelts in 1970 -- 20 percent less than the 2,794 in 1969. Wisconsin had the most, 497, or 25 percent fewer than a year earlier, followed by: Utah with 308 ranches, down 10 percent and Minnesota with 290, down 21 percent. Only Massachusetts showed an increase in mink ranch numbers -- 45 in 1970 compared with 43 in 1969.

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