

# Volume of Fur Skin Production in Finland

Fur farming in Finland was started with foxes, but it was the introduction of mink that expanded fur farming in order for it to become a large scale business, especially in the Vaasa province in the 1960's. Fox farming was not profitable until the 1970's when there was a real fox farming boom. Even though ferret and especially finnraccoon are important species in some areas neither of them have become substantially important fur skins.

## Production of Farmed Fur Skins in Finland 1930-1992

| Year | Farms | Production (thousands of skins) |       |                 |        |
|------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
|      |       | Mink                            | Fox   | Finn<br>raccoon | Ferret |
| 1930 | 241   | -                               | 2     | -               | -      |
| 1940 | 478   | 2                               | 20    | -               | -      |
| 1950 | 528   | 33                              | 25    | -               | -      |
| 1960 | 775   | 500                             | 3     | -               | -      |
| 1970 | 2 865 | 3 000                           | 44    | -               | -      |
| 1979 | 3 500 | 3 700                           | 1 000 | 13              | 20     |
| 1980 | 4 372 | 4 100                           | 1 400 | 70              | 130    |
| 1981 | 5 267 | 3 900                           | 1 800 | 85              | 143    |
| 1982 | 5 529 | 4 500                           | 2 400 | 112             | 200    |
| 1983 | 5 588 | 4 400                           | 2 400 | 70              | 330    |
| 1984 | 5 577 | 4 500                           | 2 400 | 61              | 350    |
| 1985 | 5 312 | 4 900                           | 2 900 | 73              | 320    |
| 1986 | 5 573 | 3 900                           | 3 400 | 84              | 183    |
| 1987 | 5 416 | 3 900                           | 3 500 | 90              | 117    |
| 1988 | 5 151 | 3 900                           | 3 000 | 67              | 100    |
| 1989 | 4 852 | 3 300                           | 2 000 | 50              | 130    |
| 1990 | 3 086 | 1 700                           | 1 500 | 34              | 138    |
| 1991 | 2 477 | 1 500                           | 1 000 | 39              | 104    |
| 1992 | 2 292 | 1 600                           | 1 300 | 55              | 83     |

Note! Add 10 % for each number to get a correct number (10 % of farmers don't belong to FFBA).