

Different Color Types of Fur Animals

Both mink and foxes have several naturally occurring color types. In mink, crossbreeding takes place within the species but in foxes also inter-species crossbreeding (Alopex X Vulpes) is commonly done. Even though it has been possible to produce tens of differently colored skins, only a few, such as Bluefrost and Golden Islandfox, have become economically important. Both of these types are crossbreeds between Vulpes and Alopex species. However, by modern coloring techniques the original color of the skin can be changed (after a dressing process) and thus create matching colors for fur trimmings. Consequently, the importance of homogeneity and the size of the skin has increased.

Main Color Types and Mean Prices of Finnish Skins¹⁾

MINK	1991/92	1990/91	FIM/skin 1991/92	FIM/skin 1990/91
Scanblack	393 000	525 000	64	72
Scanbrown	105 000	225 000	80	89
Scanglow	694 000	647 000	98	97
Pastel	25 000	43 000	63	73
Dawn	67 000	4 000	50	71
Silverblue	19 000	24 000	53	73
Sapphire	68 000	75 000	65	73
White	31 000	31 000	81	66
Black cross	32 000	44 000	65	68
Others	50 000		57	
MINK TOTAL	1 424 000	1 678 000	81	84
FOX				
Bluefox	512 000	665 000	271	171
Shadowfox	232 000	22 000	197	136
Silverfox	114 000	355 000	244	199
Blue Frost	8 000	151 000	324	174
Golden Island	22 000		219	
FOXES TOTAL	1 054 000	1 458 000	243	171
FINNRACCOON	37 000	24 000	329	257
FERRET	82 000	128 000	61	41

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¹⁾Finnish Fur Sales Co Ltd., Auctions 1990/91, 1991/92