

Denmark to cull mink herd over Covid fears

Denmark is planning to cull its entire population of roughly 15 million farmed mink after a mutated version of the new coronavirus was found to spread from the animals to humans

Denmark began culling millions of mink in October after initial discoveries of Covid-19. Cull will affect more than 1,000 farms

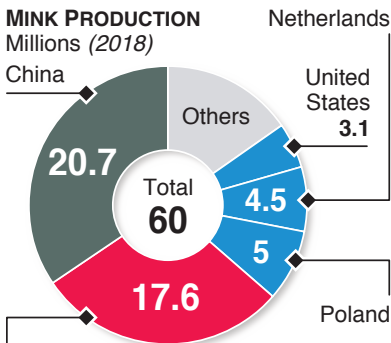


Cases: New virus strain found in at least 12 people infected by mink. Danish health minister says half of 783 human cases of Covid-19 in northern Denmark “are related” to mink

Mutation: Found to weaken body’s ability to form antibodies, potentially making current vaccines under development for Covid-19 ineffective

Mink farms: More than 200 infected. Disease has spread to all of western peninsula of Jutland. Government has promised to compensate farmers for cull

MINK PRODUCTION Millions (2018)



Denmark: Among world’s main mink fur exporters – most of its exports go to China and Hong Kong