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Pelt Production Up Slightly

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2021 totaled 1.44 million pelts, up slightly from 2020. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 579,460 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 319,690 pelts.

The number of pelts, by color class, as a percent of the total United States production in 2021 is as follows: Black at 59 percent, Mahogany at 13 percent, White at 9 percent, and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 13 percent.

Value of pelts produced during the 2021 crop year was \$59.9 million, up 23 percent from \$48.6 million the prior year. The average price per pelt for the 2021 crop year was \$41.50, up \$7.80 from \$33.70 in 2020.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2022 totaled 341,890, down 11 percent from the previous year.

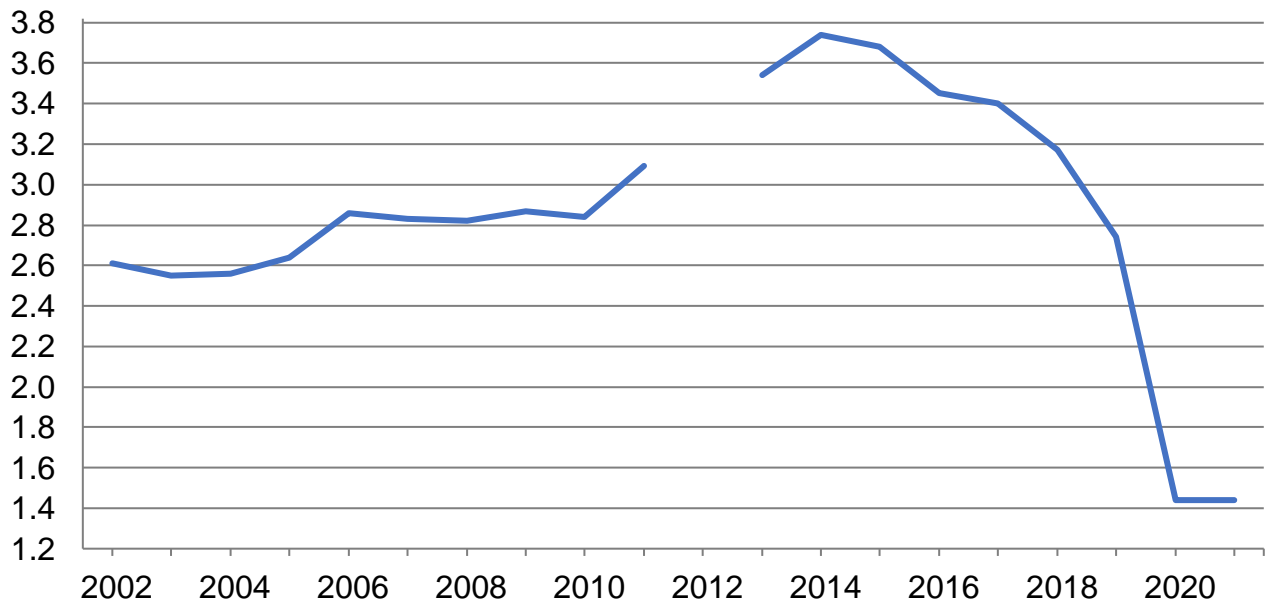
Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2022 by color class as is follows: Black at 56 percent, Mahogany and White both at 11 percent, and Sapphire at 7 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 15 percent.

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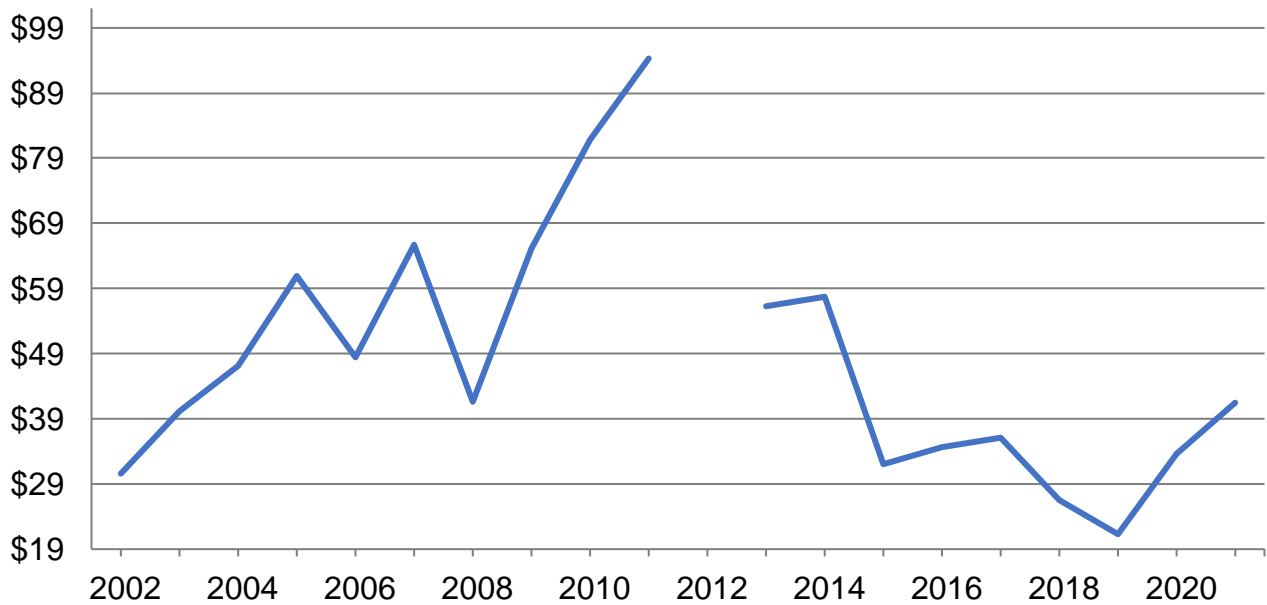
Pelts Produced – United States

Million



Average Price Per Pelt – United States

Dollars



Mink Pelts Produced and Females Bred by Color Class – United States: 2020-2022

Color class	Pelts produced		Females bred to produce kits	
	2020 (number)	2021 (number)	2021 (number)	2022 (number)
Black	755,800	848,310	218,050	192,470
Demi/Wild	61,930	52,130	13,890	13,780
Pastel	51,010	39,090	10,320	10,330
Sapphire	75,810	84,620	22,780	22,560
Blue Iris	39,690	24,450	6,810	5,830
Mahogany	267,850	182,340	53,510	38,090
Pearl	55,500	55,050	14,010	13,540
Lavender	9,840	3,220	1,350	1,210
Violet	19,520	19,780	5,100	3,950
White	95,350	128,500	34,680	38,160
Other	9,460	6,700	1,690	1,970
Total	1,441,760	1,444,190	382,190	341,890

Mink Pelts Produced, Average Price, and Value – United States: 2002-2021

Year	Pelts produced (number)	Average price (dollars)	Value of mink pelts (dollars)
2002	2,607,300	30.60	79,783,380
2003	2,549,000	40.10	102,214,900
2004	2,558,100	47.10	120,486,510
2005	2,637,800	60.90	160,642,020
2006	2,858,800	48.40	138,365,920
2007	2,828,200	65.70	185,812,740
2008	2,820,700	41.60	117,341,120
2009	2,866,700	65.10	186,622,170
2010	2,840,200	81.90	232,612,380
2011	3,091,470	94.30	291,525,621
2012 ¹	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2013	3,544,610	56.30	199,561,543
2014	3,741,150	57.70	215,864,355
2015	3,682,960	32.00	117,854,720
2016	3,454,410	34.70	119,868,027
2017	3,400,080	36.10	122,742,888
2018	3,169,560	26.60	84,310,296
2019	2,742,200	21.30	58,408,860
2020	1,441,760	33.70	48,587,312
2021	1,444,190	41.50	59,933,885

(NA) Not available.

¹ Due to sequestration the *Mink* report was suspended.

Pelts Produced by Color Class – States and United States: 2020

State	Black (number)	Demi/Wild (number)	Pastel (number)	Sapphire (number)	Blue Iris (number)	Mahogany (number)
Idaho	58,000	(D)	(D)	6,500	(D)	93,000
Illinois	(D)	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa	30,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	23,000
Michigan	11,000	-	-	(D)	(D)	-
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon	134,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	(D)	-	2,100	(D)	(D)	-
Utah	121,000	32,000	40,000	(D)	(D)	100,000
Washington	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	315,000	-	(D)	6,500	(D)	20,000
Other States ¹	86,800	29,930	8,910	62,810	39,690	31,850
United States	755,800	61,930	51,010	75,810	39,690	267,850
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total ² (number)
Idaho	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	170,000
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa	-	-	-	(D)	-	61,000
Michigan	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	20,360
Minnesota	-	-	(D)	15,500	(D)	42,230
Oregon	-	-	(D)	-	-	137,790
Pennsylvania	-	3,000	(D)	-	900	18,490
Utah	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	386,880
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Wisconsin	-	(D)	(D)	48,000	(D)	423,140
Other States ¹	55,500	6,840	19,520	31,850	8,560	181,870
United States	55,500	9,840	19,520	95,350	9,460	1,441,760

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

² Published color classes may not add to the State total to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Pelts Produced by Color Class – States and United States: 2021

State	Black (number)	Demi/Wild (number)	Pastel (number)	Sapphire (number)	Blue Iris (number)	Mahogany (number)
Idaho	37,000	1,000	3,500	4,700	(D)	61,000
Illinois	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa	22,000	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	11,500	-	-	3,600	(D)	700
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon	126,000	-	-	(D)	(D)	-
Pennsylvania	7,500	-	1,600	(D)	(D)	90
Utah	104,000	(D)	32,000	(D)	(D)	72,000
Washington	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	470,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	70,310	51,130	1,990	76,320	24,450	48,550
United States	848,310	52,130	39,090	84,620	24,450	182,340
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total ² (number)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	109,600
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa	-	-	-	(D)	-	37,200
Michigan	-	(D)	(D)	25,000	-	42,980
Minnesota	-	-	(D)	16,500	(D)	38,920
Oregon	-	-	(D)	-	(D)	128,450
Pennsylvania	-	200	(D)	-	-	10,250
Utah	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	319,690
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Wisconsin	-	1,900	(D)	63,000	(D)	579,460
Other States ¹	55,050	1,120	19,780	24,000	6,700	177,640
United States	55,050	3,220	19,780	128,500	6,700	1,444,190

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Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits by Color Class – States and United States: 2021

State	Black (number)	Demi/Wild (number)	Pastel (number)	Sapphire (number)	Blue Iris (number)	Mahogany (number)
Idaho	10,000	(D)	920	1,300	(D)	20,000
Illinois	(D)	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa	7,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	3,000	-	-	970	(D)	180
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon	30,000	-	-	(D)	(D)	-
Pennsylvania	2,600	-	410	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	30,000	6,000	8,500	(D)	(D)	19,500
Washington	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	117,000	-	(D)	750	5,000	(D)
Other States ¹	18,450	7,890	490	19,760	1,810	13,830
United States	218,050	13,890	10,320	22,780	6,810	53,510
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total ² (number)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	33,100
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa	-	-	-	(D)	-	13,210
Michigan	-	(D)	590	(D)	-	11,290
Minnesota	-	-	(D)	4,400	(D)	10,590
Oregon	-	-	(D)	-	(D)	30,630
Pennsylvania	-	60	(D)	-	-	3,310
Utah	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	86,730
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Wisconsin	-	(D)	(D)	17,500	(D)	147,300
Other States ¹	14,010	1,290	4,510	12,780	1,690	46,030
United States	14,010	1,350	5,100	34,680	1,690	382,190

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Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits by Color Class – States and United States: 2022

State	Black (number)	Demi/Wild (number)	Pastel (number)	Sapphire (number)	Blue Iris (number)	Mahogany (number)
Idaho	7,000	(D)	750	1,500	(D)	13,000
Illinois	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa	5,000	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan	2,800	-	-	990	(D)	170
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon	30,000	-	-	(D)	-	-
Pennsylvania	(D)	-	590	(D)	(D)	-
Utah	24,000	(D)	8,500	(D)	(D)	14,000
Washington	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	106,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	17,670	13,780	490	20,070	5,830	10,920
United States	192,470	13,780	10,330	22,560	5,830	38,090
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total ² (number)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	23,750
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa	-	-	-	(D)	-	8,460
Michigan	-	(D)	550	6,000	-	10,670
Minnesota	-	-	(D)	5,000	(D)	9,840
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(D)	30,450
Pennsylvania	-	330	(D)	-	130	(D)
Utah	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	73,230
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Wisconsin	-	430	(D)	21,000	(D)	138,380
Other States ¹	13,540	450	3,400	6,160	1,840	47,110
United States	13,540	1,210	3,950	38,160	1,970	341,890

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Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Mink production data are collected from early May through late May from all known producers. Individual NASS Regional Field Offices maintain a list of all known mink producers and use known sources of producers to update their lists. All known mink producers are mailed a questionnaire and given adequate time to respond by mail. Those who do not respond by mail are telephoned or enumerated in person.

Estimation Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS headquarters prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State and US estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve year-to-year and item-to-item relationships. Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when current estimates are made.

Reliability: Mink production estimates are based on a census of all known active producers and therefore, have no sampling variability. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omissions, duplication, mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality control in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the “Root Mean Square Error” is shown for selected items in the following table. The “Root Mean Square Error” is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and final estimates. The “Root Mean Square Error” for mink pelts produced over the past 10 years is 2.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 1.44 million pelts by more than 2.0 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.7 percent.

Reliability of Mink Estimates

[Based on data for the past 10 years]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Years	
						Below latest	Above latest
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)
Pelts produced	2.0	3.7	48	0	137	6	2
Females bred	5.6	10.3	18	0	59	5	3

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