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MINK PRODUCTION – 2023

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Mink pelt production in Utah for 2023 totaled 138,550 pelts, a decrease 50 percent from the 276,700 pelts produced last year. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2024 totaled 28,650, down 20 percent from the 35,620 females bred the previous year.

Special Note: Color class is no longer published at state level. Future U.S. publications will not include mink pelts produced and females bred to produce kits by state.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2023 totaled 973,510 million pelts, down 28 percent from 2022. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 514,130 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 138,550 pelts.

The number of pelts, by color class, as a percent of the total United States production in 2023 is as follows: Black at 57 percent, White at 20 percent, Mahogany at 8 percent, and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 9 percent.

Value of pelts produced during the 2023 crop year was \$33.1 million, down 10 percent from \$36.6 million the prior year. The average price per pelt for the 2023 crop year was \$34.00, up 6.80 from \$27.20 in 2022.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2024 totaled 216,470, down 14 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2024 by color class as is follows: Black at 58 percent, White at 21 percent, Mahogany at 9 percent, and Sapphire at 7 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 5 percent.

For a full copy of the *Mink* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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