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## **Pelt Production Down 15 Percent**

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2022 totaled 1.33 million pelts, down 15 percent from 2021. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 571,750 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 266,700 pelts.

The number of pelts, by color class, as a percent of the total United States production in 2022 is as follows: Black at 57 percent, Mahogany and White each at 12 percent, and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 13 percent.

The value of pelts produced during the 2022 crop year was \$39.2 million, down 17 percent from \$47.0 million the prior year. The average price per pelt for the 2022 crop year was \$29.40, down 0.60 from \$30.00 in 2021.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2023 totaled 245,160, down 31 percent from the previous year.

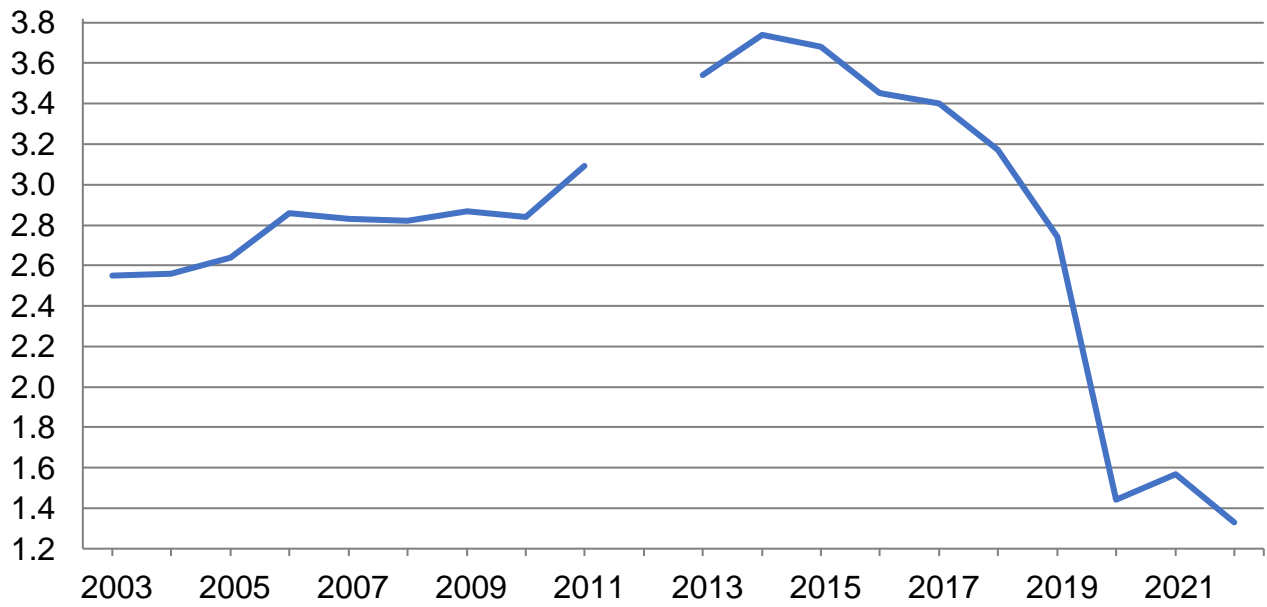
The percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2023 by color class is as follows: Black at 61 percent, White at 13 percent, Mahogany at 11 percent, and Sapphire at 5 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 10 percent.

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## Pelts Produced – United States

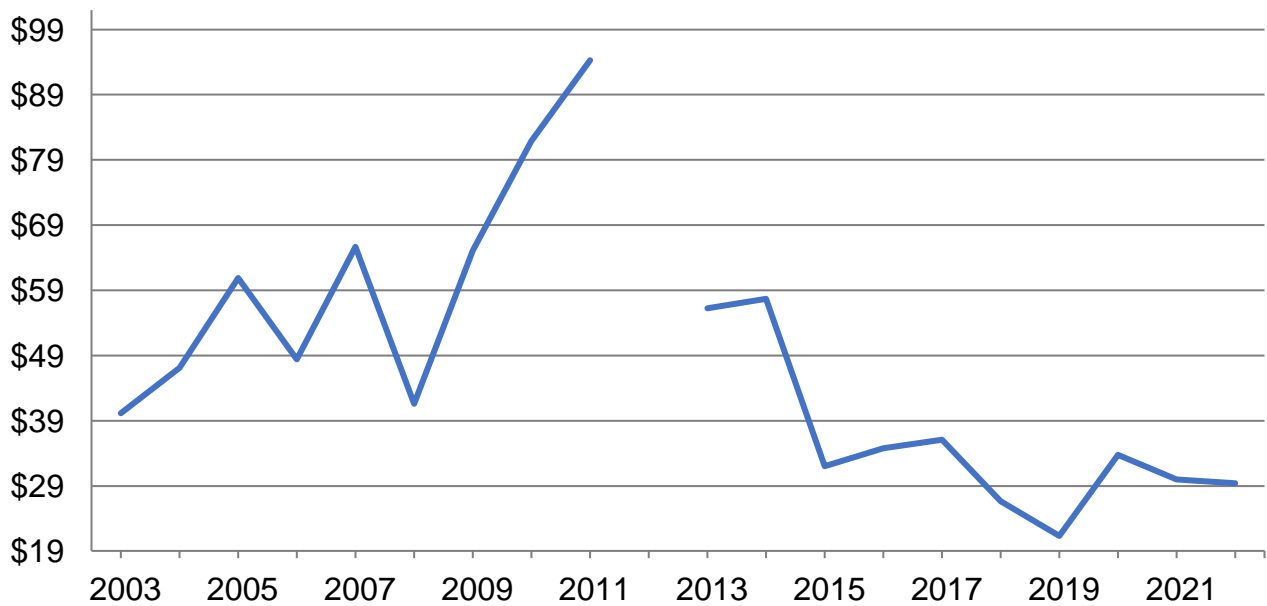
Million



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## Average Price Per Pelt – United States

Dollars



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### Mink Pelts Produced and Females Bred by Color Class – United States: 2021-2023

Color class	Pelts produced		Females bred to produce kits	
	2021 (number)	2022 (number)	2022 (number)	2023 (number)
Black .....	933,840	755,060	204,480	150,740
Demi/Wild .....	52,130	44,660	12,490	4,930
Pastel .....	39,090	35,560	9,510	6,310
Sapphire .....	84,620	76,440	20,600	11,350
Blue Iris .....	25,450	24,880	6,420	2,490
Mahogany .....	187,140	157,250	41,080	28,080
Pearl .....	55,050	46,650	12,040	6,130
Lavender .....	4,220	4,950	1,250	1,170
Violet .....	19,780	13,730	3,600	1,170
White .....	157,500	165,850	43,160	30,650
Other .....	6,700	7,710	2,020	2,140
Total .....	1,565,520	1,332,740	356,650	245,160

### Mink Pelts Produced, Average Price, and Value – United States: 2003-2022

Year	Pelts produced (number)	Average price (dollars)	Value of mink pelts (dollars)
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 .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2013 <sup>1</sup> .....	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 .....	1,565,520	30.00	46,965,600
2022 .....	1,332,740	29.40	39,182,556

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Due to sequestration the *Mink* report was suspended.

**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 .....	19,000	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	(D)	-	-	3,600	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	126,000	-	-	(D)	(D)	-
Pennsylvania .....	7,500	-	1,600	(D)	(D)	90
Utah .....	107,000	(D)	32,000	(D)	(D)	75,000
Washington .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	530,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	107,340	51,130	1,990	76,320	25,450	51,050
United States .....	933,840	52,130	39,090	84,620	25,450	187,140
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total <sup>2</sup> (number)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	109,600
Illinois .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	-	-	-	(D)	-	34,200
Michigan .....	-	(D)	(D)	50,000	-	94,280
Minnesota .....	-	-	(D)	16,500	(D)	38,920
Oregon .....	-	-	(D)	-	(D)	128,450
Pennsylvania .....	-	1,200	(D)	-	-	11,250
Utah .....	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	325,690
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Wisconsin .....	-	1,900	(D)	67,000	(D)	645,460
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	55,050	1,120	19,780	24,000	6,700	177,670
United States .....	55,050	4,220	19,780	157,500	6,700	1,565,520

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<sup>1</sup> Includes data for states not published in this table.

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

**Pelts Produced by Color Class – States and United States: 2022**

State	Black (number)	Demi/Wild (number)	Pastel (number)	Sapphire (number)	Blue Iris (number)	Mahogany (number)
Idaho .....	36,000	450	2,800	5,000	-	54,000
Illinois .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa .....	4,300	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	74,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	(D)	-	2,600	(D)	(D)	-
Utah .....	88,000	(D)	28,000	35,000	(D)	60,000
Washington .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	450,000	-	(D)	4,200	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	102,760	44,210	2,160	32,240	24,880	43,250
United States .....	755,060	44,660	35,560	76,440	24,880	157,250
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total <sup>2</sup> (number)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	102,250
Illinois .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	-	-	-	(D)	-	17,250
Michigan .....	-	(D)	(D)	57,000	2,100	97,550
Minnesota .....	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	-	-	(D)	-	(D)	75,520
Pennsylvania .....	-	1,900	(D)	-	-	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	266,700
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Wisconsin .....	-	1,200	(D)	74,000	(D)	571,750
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	46,650	1,850	13,730	34,850	5,610	201,720
United States .....	46,650	4,950	13,730	165,850	7,710	1,332,740

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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 .....	9,500	(D)	750	1,400	-	14,500
Illinois .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa .....	1,100	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	(D)	-	-	1,400	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	25,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	(D)	-	690	(D)	(D)	-
Utah .....	23,000	(D)	7,500	(D)	(D)	15,500
Washington .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	119,000	-	(D)	1,100	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	26,880	12,490	570	16,700	6,420	11,080
United States .....	204,480	12,490	9,510	20,600	6,420	41,080
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total <sup>2</sup> (number)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	27,450
Illinois .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	-	-	-	(D)	-	4,440
Michigan .....	-	(D)	300	15,000	550	26,150
Minnesota .....	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	-	-	(D)	-	(D)	25,690
Pennsylvania .....	-	510	(D)	-	-	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	69,460
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Wisconsin .....	-	290	(D)	19,500	(D)	150,670
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	12,040	450	3,300	8,660	1,470	52,790
United States .....	12,040	1,250	3,600	43,160	2,020	356,650

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**Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits by Color Class – States and United States: 2023**

State	Black (number)	DemiWild (number)	Pastel (number)	Sapphire (number)	Blue Iris (number)	Mahogany (number)
Idaho .....	7,500	(D)	(D)	1,400	-	12,000
Illinois .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa .....	950	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Michigan .....	1,800	-	-	(D)	-	170
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	-	-	-	(D)
Oregon .....	21,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	(D)	-	670	(D)	(D)	-
Utah .....	16,500	(D)	(D)	7,000	(D)	8,500
Washington .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	91,000	(D)	(D)	1,100	(D)	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	11,990	4,930	5,640	1,850	2,490	7,410
United States .....	150,740	4,930	6,310	11,350	2,490	28,080
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total <sup>2</sup> (number)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	22,280
Illinois .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	-	-	-	(D)	-	3,330
Michigan .....	-	-	-	(D)	(D)	11,600
Minnesota .....	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,740
Oregon .....	-	-	(D)	-	(D)	21,290
Pennsylvania .....	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)
Utah .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	1,400	48,330
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Wisconsin .....	-	570	(D)	18,500	-	117,760
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	6,130	600	1,170	12,150	740	17,830
United States .....	6,130	1,170	1,170	30,650	2,140	245,160

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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 3.2 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 1.33 million pelts by more than 3.2 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 5.8 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 .....	3.2	5.8	58	0	137	6	2
Females bred .....	5.7	10.5	19	0	59	5	3

## Information Contacts

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