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

Pelt Production Down 28 Percent

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.

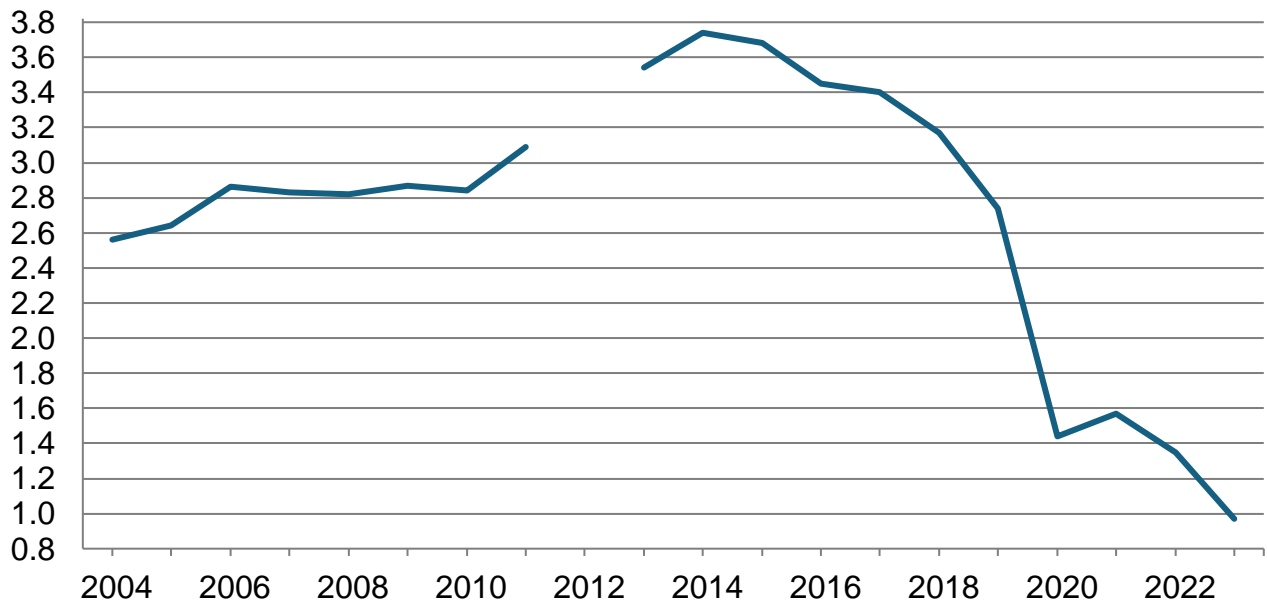
Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2024 by color class as is follows: Black at 58 percent, White at 21 percent, Mahogany at 9 percent, and Sapphire at 7 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 5 percent.

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Pelts Produced – United States

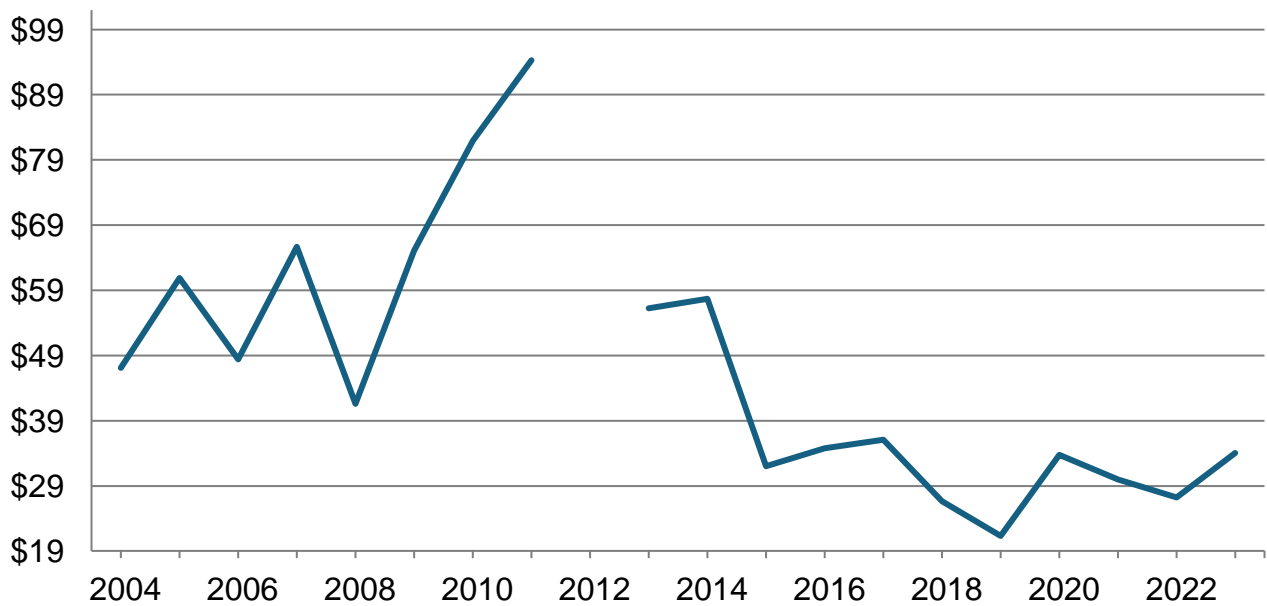
Million



Due to sequestration the Mink Report was suspended in 2012.

Average Price Per Pelt – United States

Dollars



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Mink Pelts Produced and Females Bred by Color Class – United States: 2022-2024

Color class	Pelts produced		Females bred to produce kits	
	2022 (number)	2023 (number)	2023 (number)	2024 (number)
Black	691,060	552,070	143,070	125,550
Demi/Wild	44,660	15,890	4,020	330
Pastel	35,670	24,460	6,260	4,960
Sapphire	98,740	59,340	15,170	14,310
Blue Iris	26,380	21,600	5,680	2,960
Mahogany	133,450	79,400	20,450	18,570
Pearl	46,650	4,500	1,130	210
Lavender	5,250	4,050	1,020	1,170
Violet	15,770	4,090	1,030	950
White	219,850	195,200	49,250	44,510
Other	28,610	12,910	3,240	2,950
Total	1,346,090	973,510	250,320	216,470

Mink Pelts Produced, Average Price, and Value – United States: 2004-2023

Year	Pelts produced (number)	Average price (dollars)	Value of mink pelts (dollars)
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	1,565,520	30.00	46,965,600
2022	1,346,090	27.20	36,613,648
2023	973,510	34.00	33,099,340

(NA) Not available.

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

Mink Pelts Produced and Females Bred by State - States and United States: 2022-2024

State	Pelts produced		Females bred to produce kits	
	2022 (number)	2023 (number)	2023 (number)	2024 (number)
Idaho	102,750	81,130	21,430	15,660
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Iowa	17,250	(D)	1,650	(D)
Michigan	98,550	(D)	11,930	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	9,770	2,500	2,600
Oregon	75,520	75,530	19,130	17,600
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	276,700	138,550	35,620	28,650
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	573,600	514,130	132,360	118,800
Other States ¹	201,720	154,400	25,700	33,160
United States	1,346,090	973,510	250,320	216,470

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

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

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 973,510 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	59	0	137	7	2
Females bred	5.8	10.6	20	0	59	6	3

Information Contacts

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