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## **Pelt Production Down 49 Percent**

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2020 totaled 1.41 million pelts, down 49 percent from 2019. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 403,540 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 386,880 pelts.

The number of pelts, by color class, as a percent of the total United States production in 2020 is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 19 percent, White at 6 percent, and Sapphire at 5 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 18 percent.

Value of pelts produced during the 2020 crop year was \$47.4 million, down 19 percent from \$58.4 million the prior year. The average price per pelt for the 2020 crop year was \$33.70, up \$12.40 from \$21.30 in 2019.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2021 totaled 323,560, down 10 percent from the previous year.

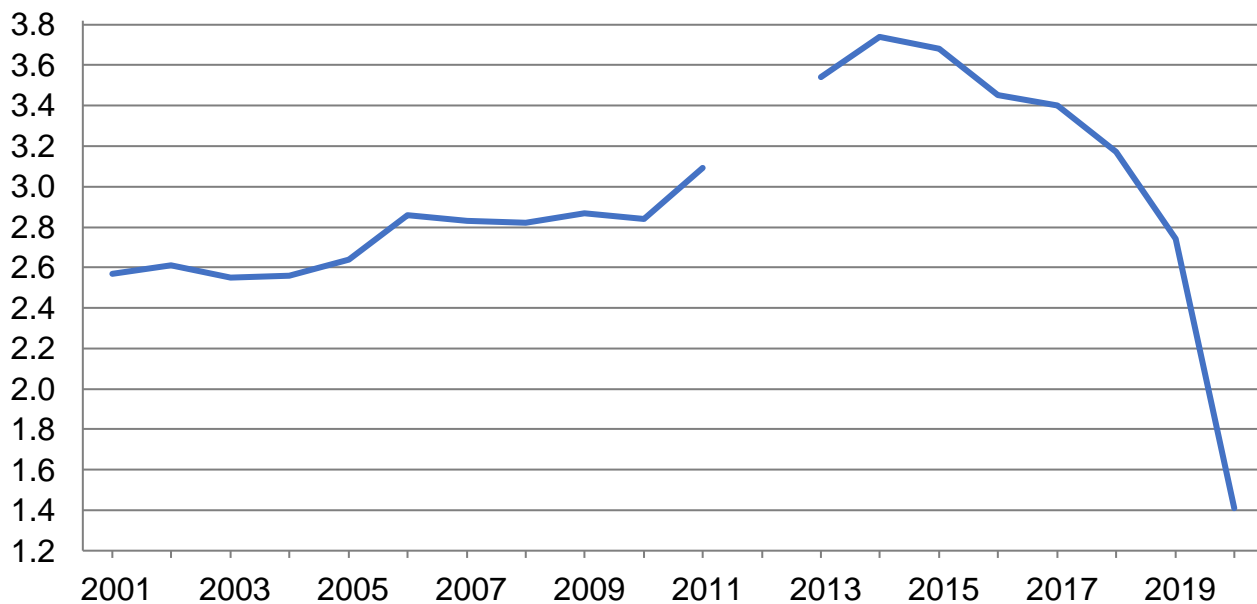
Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2021 by color class as is follows: Black at 54 percent, Mahogany at 17 percent, White at 8 percent, and Sapphire at 5 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 16 percent.

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## Pelts Produced – United States

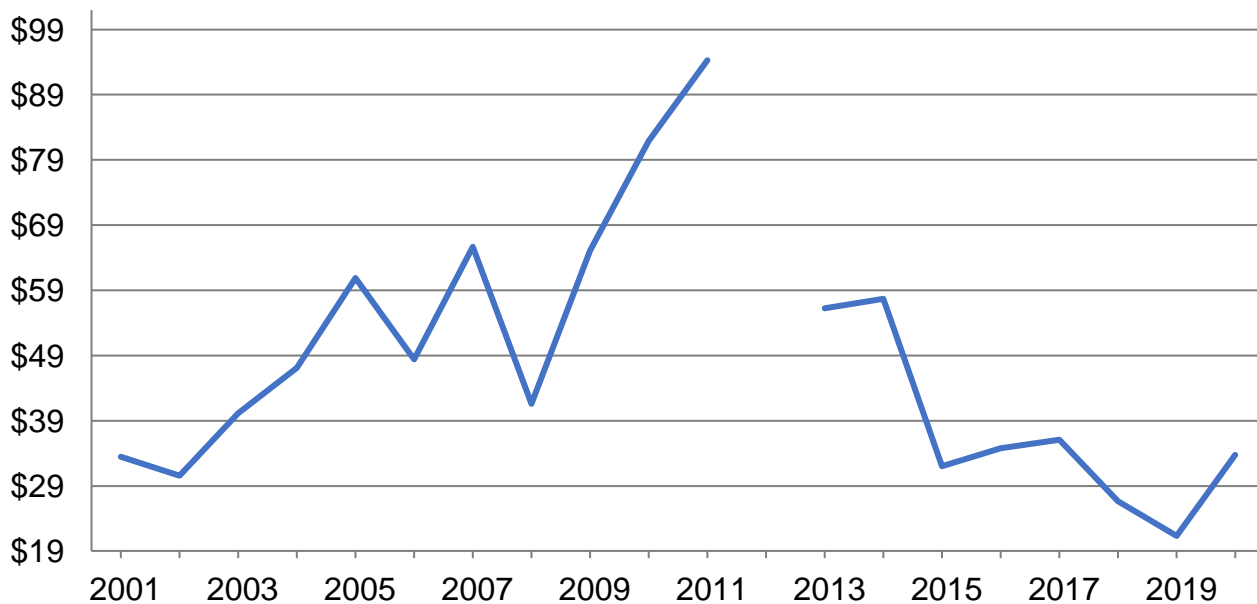
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## Average Price Per Pelt – United States

Dollars



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### Mink Pelts Produced and Females Bred by Color Class – United States: 2019-2021

Color class	Pelts produced		Females bred to produce kits	
	2019 (number)	2020 (number)	2020 (number)	2021 (number)
Black .....	1,442,600	730,900	184,780	175,800
Demi/Wild .....	90,440	61,930	15,310	12,220
Pastel .....	84,340	51,010	12,950	10,890
Sapphire .....	155,130	75,810	19,530	17,220
Blue Iris .....	118,540	39,690	10,420	7,290
Mahogany .....	468,680	267,850	71,090	56,010
Pearl .....	79,000	55,500	14,200	12,500
Lavender .....	25,790	9,240	2,360	1,200
Violet .....	56,790	19,520	4,800	3,340
White .....	209,030	84,550	20,840	25,460
Other .....	11,860	9,460	2,600	1,630
Total .....	2,742,200	1,405,460	358,880	323,560

### Mink Pelts Produced, Average Price, and Value – United States: 2001-2020

Year	Pelts produced (number)	Average price (dollars)	Value of mink pelts (dollars)
2001 .....	2,565,300	33.50	85,937,550
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 <sup>1</sup> .....	(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 .....	1,405,460	33.70	47,364,002

(NA) Not available.

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**Pelts Produced by Color Class – States and United States: 2019**

State	Black (number)	Demi/Wild (number)	Pastel (number)	Sapphire (number)	Blue Iris (number)	Mahogany (number)
Idaho .....	88,000	(D)	14,000	13,000	(D)	136,000
Illinois .....	25,000	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	36,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	36,000
Michigan .....	49,000	-	400	4,100	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	3,200	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	199,000	-	-	1,500	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	28,000	(D)	(D)	1,500	(D)	(D)
Utah .....	185,000	33,000	36,000	40,000	(D)	196,000
Washington .....	27,000	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	650,000	-	(D)	42,000	81,000	47,000
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	155,600	57,440	30,740	53,030	37,540	53,680
United States .....	1,442,600	90,440	84,340	155,130	118,540	468,680
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total <sup>2</sup> (number)
Idaho .....	-	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	267,740
Illinois .....	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	33,200
Iowa .....	-	-	-	(D)	-	81,450
Michigan .....	-	(D)	1,900	6,000	(D)	65,020
Minnesota .....	-	-	(D)	17,500	(D)	141,950
Oregon .....	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	219,920
Pennsylvania .....	-	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	46,270
Utah .....	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	556,710
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	27,000
Wisconsin .....	-	15,500	(D)	149,000	720	1,036,220
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	79,000	10,290	54,890	36,530	11,140	266,720
United States .....	79,000	25,790	56,790	209,030	11,860	2,742,200

- Represents zero.

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

<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: 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 .....	(D)	(D)	-	(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 .....	300,000	-	(D)	6,500	(D)	20,000
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	87,900	29,930	8,910	62,810	39,690	31,850
United States .....	730,900	61,930	51,010	75,810	39,690	267,850
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total <sup>2</sup> (number)
Idaho .....	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	170,000
Illinois .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	-	-	-	(D)	-	61,000
Michigan .....	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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)	44,000	(D)	403,540
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	55,500	6,240	19,520	25,050	8,560	185,530
United States .....	55,500	9,240	19,520	84,550	9,460	1,405,460

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**Female Mink Bred to Produce Kits by Color Class – States and United States: 2020**

State	Black (number)	Demi/Wild (number)	Pastel (number)	Sapphire (number)	Blue Iris (number)	Mahogany (number)
Idaho .....	16,000	(D)	(D)	1,700	(D)	23,000
Illinois .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	9,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	7,000
Michigan .....	340	-	-	(D)	(D)	-
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	31,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Utah .....	34,000	8,000	10,000	(D)	(D)	29,000
Washington .....	4,200	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	74,000	-	(D)	1,800	(D)	4,500
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	16,240	7,310	2,950	16,030	10,420	7,590
United States .....	184,780	15,310	12,950	19,530	10,420	71,090
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total <sup>2</sup> (number)
Idaho .....	-	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	44,170
Illinois .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	-	-	-	(D)	-	18,050
Michigan .....	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,270
Minnesota .....	(D)	-	(D)	3,600	(D)	10,180
Oregon .....	-	-	(D)	-	-	31,950
Pennsylvania .....	-	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	4,690
Utah .....	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	104,750
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	4,200
Wisconsin .....	-	(D)	(D)	11,000	(D)	100,090
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	14,200	2,360	4,800	6,240	2,600	39,530
United States .....	14,200	2,360	4,800	20,840	2,600	358,880

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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)	1,200	1,400	(D)	20,000
Illinois .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	7,000	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Michigan .....	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	-
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Oregon .....	30,000	-	-	(D)	(D)	-
Pennsylvania .....	2,700	-	480	(D)	(D)	-
Utah .....	31,000	6,000	8,500	(D)	(D)	19,500
Washington .....	(D)	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	76,000	-	(D)	1,500	5,000	(D)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	19,100	6,220	710	14,320	2,290	16,510
United States .....	175,800	12,220	10,890	17,220	7,290	56,010
State	Pearl (number)	Lavender (number)	Violet (number)	White (number)	Other (number)	Total <sup>2</sup> (number)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	33,400
Illinois .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Iowa .....	-	-	-	(D)	-	16,340
Michigan .....	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)
Minnesota .....	-	-	(D)	3,700	(D)	9,890
Oregon .....	-	-	(D)	-	-	30,480
Pennsylvania .....	-	60	(D)	-	-	3,910
Utah .....	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	83,430
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	(D)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	16,500	(D)	103,940
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	12,500	1,140	3,340	5,260	1,630	42,170
United States .....	12,500	1,200	3,340	25,460	1,630	323,560

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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 1.8 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 1.41 million pelts by more than 1.8 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.4 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 .....	1.8	3.4	45	0	137	6	2
Females bred .....	2.8	5.1	12	0	45	4	3

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