Mink

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Pelt Production Down 19 Percent

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2024 totaled 771,200 million pelts, down 19 percent from 2023. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 438,710 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 95,230 pelts.

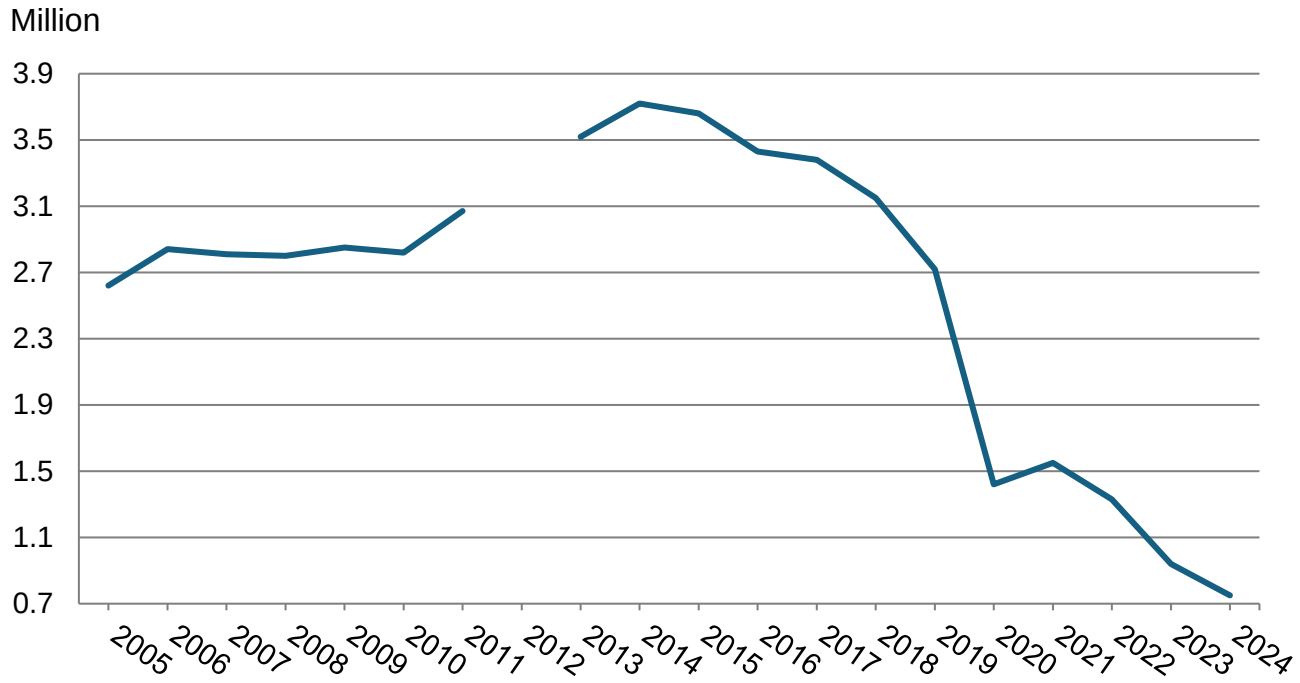
The number of pelts, by color class, as a percent of the total United States production in 2024 is as follows: Black at 64 percent, White at 19 percent, Mahogany at 8 percent, and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 3 percent.

Value of pelts produced during the 2024 crop year was $28.1 million, down 14 percent from $32.6 million the prior year. The average price per pelt for the 2024 crop year was $36.40, up $2.30 from $34.10 in 2023.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2025 totaled 196,800, down 7 percent from the previous year.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2025 by color class is as follows: Black at 60 percent, White at 19 percent, Mahogany at 8 percent, and Sapphire at 7 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 6 percent.

Pelts Produced – United States



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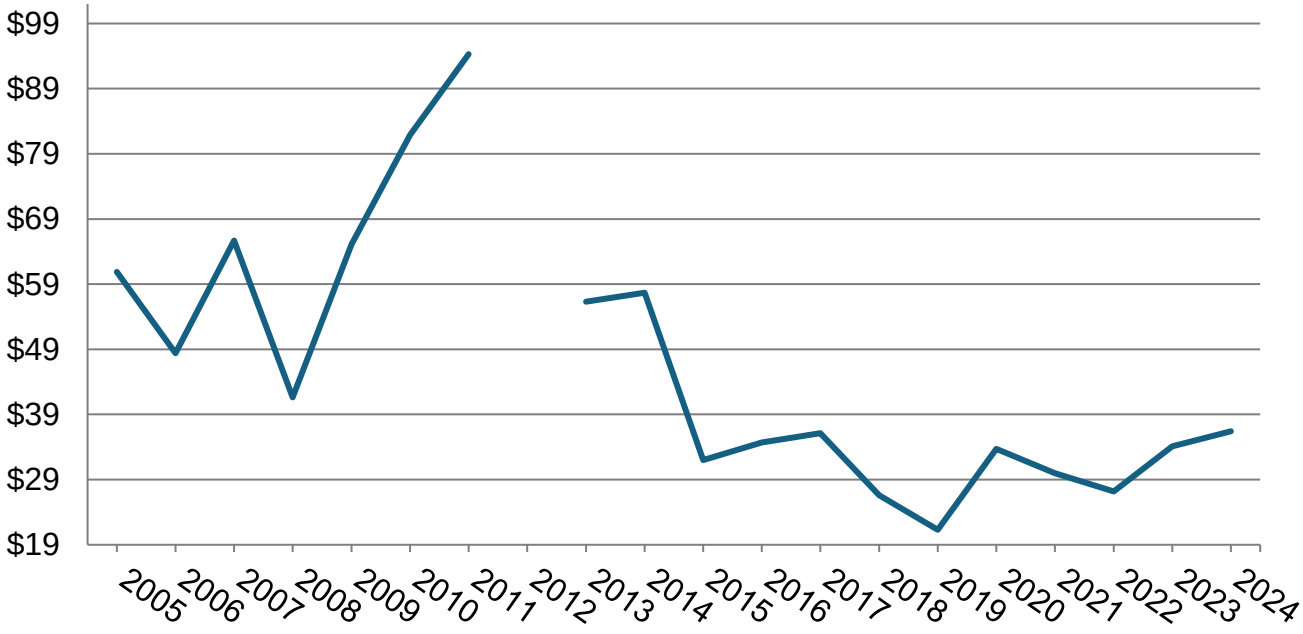
Average Price Per Pelt – United States



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Mink Pelts Produced and Females Bred by Color Class – United States: 2023-2025

Color class	Pelts produced		Females bred to produce kits	
	2023	2024	2024	2025
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Black	535,970	493,470	122,370	118,010
Demi/Wild	15,890	1,260	330	370
Pastel	24,460	13,110	4,960	5,520
Sapphire	59,340	42,650	13,810	14,000
Blue Iris	21,600	6,560	2,970	1,820
Mahogany	79,400	60,500	17,920	16,000
Pearl	4,500	1,000	210	230
Lavender	4,050	530	1,190	150
Violet	4,090	2,050	960	1,330
White	195,200	146,070	43,220	38,310
Other	12,910	4,000	2,950	1,060
Total	957,410	771,200	210,890	196,800

Mink Pelts Produced, Average Price, and Value – United States: 2005-2024

Year	Pelts produced	Average price	Value of mink pelts
	(number)	(dollars)	(dollars)
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	957,410	34.10	32,647,681
2024	771,200	36.40	28,071,680

(NA) Not available.
[1] Due to sequestration the *Mink* report was suspended.

Mink Pelts Produced and Females Bred by State - States and United States: 2023-2025

State	Pelts produced		Females bred to produce kits	
	2023	2024	2024	2025
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Idaho	81,130	54,800	15,660	15,420
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	9,770	9,040	2,610	2,600
Oregon	69,530	60,400	17,600	16,200
Utah	138,550	95,230	28,650	28,690
Washington	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	514,130	438,710	118,290	105,850
Other States [1]	144,300	113,020	28,080	28,040
United States	957,410	771,200	210,890	196,800

(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 771,200 pelts by more than 3.2 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 5.9 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	5.9	61	13	137	7	3
Females bred	5.8	10.7	20	1	59	6	4

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