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Idaho Mink Production up 8.1 Percent

Mink pelt production in Idaho in 2007 totaled 221,000 pelts, up 8.1 percent from 2006, according to the, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total Idaho production in 2007 is as follows: Black at 43.0 percent, Mahogany at 35.3 percent, and Blue Iris at 5.7 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 16.0 percent. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2008 totaled 51,770, slightly up from the previous year.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2007 totaled 2.83 million pelts, down 1 percent from 2006. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 914,100 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 599,430 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total U.S. production in 2007 is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 20 percent, Blue Iris at 10 percent, Demi/Wild at 5 percent, White at 4 percent, and Sapphire at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 5 percent. Mink pelts produced during the 2007 crop year, sold in 2008, were valued at \$186 million, up 34 percent from \$139 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2007 crop year was \$65.70, up \$17.30 from \$48.40 in 2006. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2008 totaled 691,170, down 1 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2008 by color class: Black at 54 percent, Mahogany at 20 percent, Blue Iris at 9 percent, Sapphire at 4 percent, Demi/Wild at 4 percent, and White at 3 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 6 percent. There were 283 mink farms producing pelts in 2007, up 1 percent from a year ago. The three leading States were Wisconsin with 71 farms, Utah with 65 farms, and Idaho with 24 farms.

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