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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News gives preliminary estimates from Idaho's 2007 Mink Production Report. Total production and number of mink are reported for selected states and the U.S.*

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Sincerely,

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Director

## Idaho Mink Production up 8.1 Percent

Mink pelt production in Idaho in 2007 totaled 221,000 pelts, up 8.1 percent from 2006. 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 51,880, slight 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. 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.

**Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms, 2007**

States	Black	Demi/Wild	Pastel	Sapphire	Blue Iris	Mahogany
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Idaho	95,000				12,500	78,000
Illonis	47,000					
Iowia	80,000				8,500	
Michigan						
Minnsota	53,000	42,000			31,000	70,000
Montana 1/	9,000					
Ohio	43,000					21,000
Oregon	158,000			11,500	88,000	
Pennsalvia	27,000			9,500	12,000	
South Dakota						
Utah	260,000			7,000	10,500	220,000
Washington	62,000				15,000	
Wisconsin	590,000		10,500	38,000	91,000	98,000
Oth Sts 2/	37,200	103,030	54,750	37,080	8,420	78,380
<b>US</b>	<b>1,461,200</b>	<b>145,030</b>	<b>65,250</b>	<b>103,080</b>	<b>276,920</b>	<b>565,380</b>

1/ Montana previously published in 'Other States' category.

2/ 'Other States' include some pelts from the above listed States which were not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Published color classes may not add to the State total.

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**Mink: Pelts Produced by Color Class and Number of Farms, 2007 (continued)**

<b>State</b>	<b>Pearl</b>	<b>Lavender</b>	<b>Violet</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Misc. &amp; Unclassified</b>	<b>Total Pelts</b>	<b>Number of Farms</b>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Idaho						221,000	24
Illonis						59,060	7
Iowia						135,850	17
Michigan				10,000		52,580	9
Minnsota				17,000		218,500	23
Montana 2/						25,930	8
Ohio						73,500	9
Oregon						278,500	18
Pennsalvia					9,000	70,240	11
South Dakota						73,000	3
Utah				1,900		599,430	65
Washington						95,000	9
Wisconsin		1,600		50,000	4,400	914,100	71
Oth Sts 2/	59,540	8,850	21,580	25,580	1,590	11,210	9
<b>US</b>	<b>59,540</b>	<b>10,450</b>	<b>21,580</b>	<b>104,480</b>	<b>14,990</b>	<b>2,827,900</b>	<b>283</b>

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