

Mink, 2005

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Pennsylvania's mink ranchers produced 61,000 pelts in 2005, compared with 55,900 pelts in 2004. Pennsylvania ranked 11th in the nation in 2005 mink pelt production.

The number of females bred to produce kits for 2006 is estimated to be 15,200, up 1 percent from the previous year.

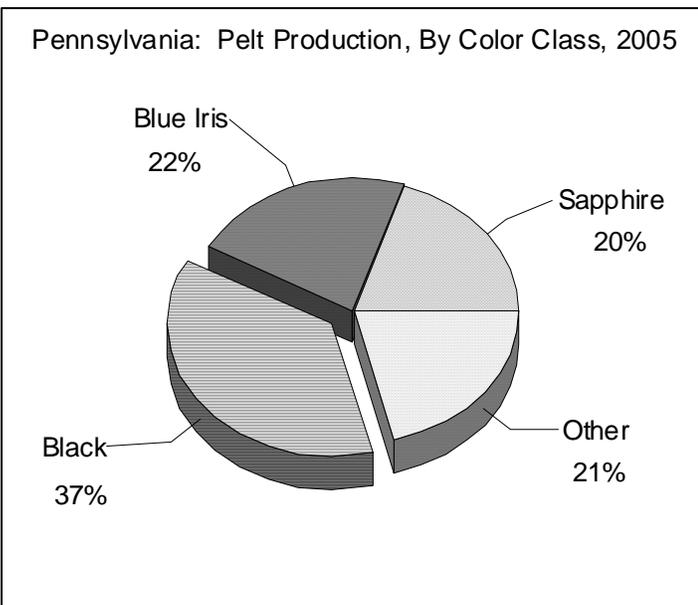
Thirty-two percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the Black color class.

The U.S. average marketing price per pelt produced for the 2005 crop year was \$60.90, up 29 percent from the price of \$47.10 in 2004. Average prices for Pennsylvania are not available.

Pennsylvania: Mink Pelts Produced & Females Bred, By Color Class, 2003-2006

Color Class	Pelts Produced			Females Bred to Produce Kits		
	2003	2004	2005	2004	2005	2006
	<i>Number</i>					
Black	6,400	18,200	22,700	5,200	4,900	4,800
Demi/Wild	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pastel	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sapphire	10,500	11,700	12,200	3,200	3,400	3,100
Blue Iris	17,700	13,000	13,400	2,900	3,300	3,700
Mahogany	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pearl	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lavender	1	1	1	1	1	1
Violet	1	1	1	1	1	1
White	1	1	1	1	1	1
Misc. & Unclassified	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	44,600	55,900	61,000	14,900	15,000	15,200

¹ Included in total to avoid disclosing individual operations.



Pennsylvania: Mink Historical Perspective, 1970-2006

Year	Ranches Producing Pelts	Females Bred	Pelts Produced
	<i>Number</i>		
1970	106	58,000	159,000
1975	54	38,600	121,000
1980	47	44,500	156,600
1985	47	42,400	137,500
1990	24	27,100	95,400
1995	13	19,000	63,200
2000	10	18,300	68,100
2001	9	18,500	74,900
2002	8	14,600	53,600
2003	9	14,200	44,600
2004	9	14,900	55,900
2005	9	15,000	61,000
2006	-	15,200	-