

Mink, 2007

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Pennsylvania's mink ranchers produced 70,240 pelts in 2007, compared with 66,000 pelts in 2006. Pennsylvania ranked 10th in the nation in 2007 mink pelt production.

The number of females bred to produce kits for 2008 is estimated to be 16,450, down 13 percent from the previous year.

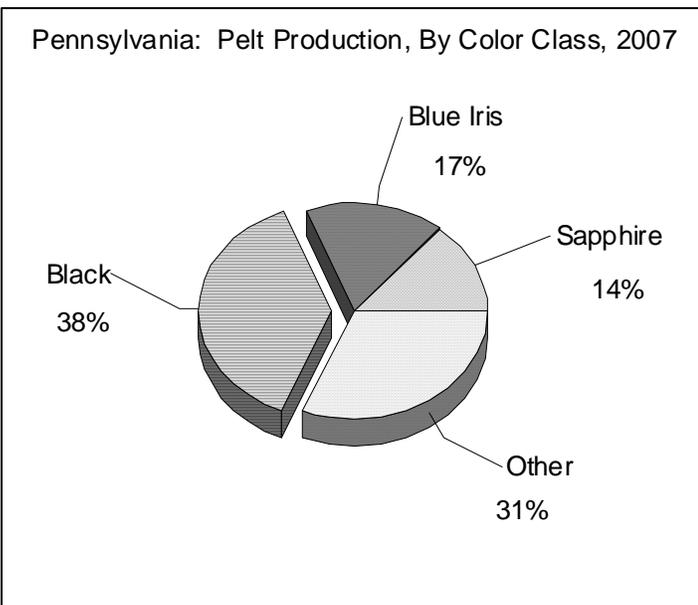
Forty percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the black color class.

The U.S. average marketing price per pelt produced for the 2007 crop year was \$65.70, up 36 percent from the price of \$48.40 in 2006. Average prices for Pennsylvania are not available.

Pennsylvania: Mink Pelts Produced & Females Bred, By Color Class, 2005-2008

Color Class	Pelts Produced			Females Bred to Produce Kits		
	2005	2006	2007	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Number</i>					
Black	22,700	25,000	27,000	4,800	7,000	6,500
Demi/Wild	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pastel	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sapphire	12,200	12,000	9,500	3,100	3,800	3,500
Blue Iris	13,400	14,000	12,000	3,700	4,000	3,300
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	-	2,000	9,000	-	-	-
Total	61,000	66,000	70,240	15,200	18,930	16,450

¹ Included in total to avoid disclosing individual operations.



Pennsylvania: Mink Historical Perspective, 1970-2008

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
2003	9	14,200	44,600
2004	9	14,900	55,900
2005	9	15,000	61,000
2006	10	15,200	66,000
2007	11	18,930	70,240
2008	-	16,450	-