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Pennsylvania Mink Pelt Production Up 7 Percent

HARRISBURG, PA, July 16, 2007 - - Pennsylvania mink pelt production in 2006 totaled 65,000 pelts, up 7 percent from 2005, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average prices for mink pelts produced in Pennsylvania are not available.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2007 totaled 16,000, up 5 percent from the previous year. Thirty-four percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the black color class.

United States' mink pelt production in 2006 totaled 2.86 million pelts, up 8 percent from 2005. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing state, produced 885,100 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing state, produced 622,840 pelts.

Mink pelts produced during the 2006 crop year were valued at \$136 million dollars, down 15 percent from \$161 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2006 crop year was \$47.50, down from \$60.90 in 2005.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2007 totaled 684,640, up 5 percent from the previous year. There were 271 mink farms producing pelts in 2006, down 1 percent from a year ago. Leading States were Wisconsin with 68 farms, Utah with 66 farms and Idaho with 27.

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