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## Pennsylvania Mink Pelt Production Up 6 Percent

HARRISBURG, PA, July 14, 2008 - - Pennsylvania mink pelt production in 2007 totaled 70,240 pelts, up 6 percent from 2006, 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 2008 totaled 16,450, down 13 percent from the previous year. Forty percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the black color class.

United States' mink pelt production 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.

Mink pelts produced during the 2007 crop year were valued at \$186 million dollars, 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. Leading States were Wisconsin with 71 farms, Utah with 65 farms and Idaho with 24.

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