

## Mink, 2001

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Pennsylvania's mink ranchers produced 74,900 pelts in 2001, compared with 68,100 pelts in 2000. Pennsylvania ranked 9th in the nation in 2001 mink pelt production.

The number of females bred to produce kits for 2002 is estimated to be 14,600, down 21 percent from the previous

year. Thirty-seven percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the gunmetal color class.

The U.S. average marketing price per pelt produced for the 2001 crop year was \$33.50, down slightly from the price of \$34.00 in 2000. Average prices for Pennsylvania are not available.

Pennsylvania: Mink Pelts Produced & Females Bred, By Color Class, 1999-2002

Color Class	Pelts Produced			Females Bred to Produce Kits		
	1999	2000	2001	2000	2001	2002
Standard	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ranch Wild	-	-	-	-	-	-
Demi-Buff <sup>1</sup>	2	2	2	2	2	2
Pastel	2	2	2	2	2	2
Pale Brown	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sapphire	13,200	10,600	16,800	4,000	3,100	2,300
Gun Metal	26,100	22,200	19,700	5,300	5,400	5,400
Mahogany	2	2	2	2	2	2
Pearl	2	2	2	2	2	2
Pink	2	2	2	2	2	2
Violet Type	2	2	2	2	2	2
White	2	2	2	2	2	2
Misc. & Unclassified	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,000</b>	<b>68,100</b>	<b>74,900</b>	<b>18,300</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>14,600</b>

<sup>1</sup> Demi-buff includes crossed of dark brown, violet, pastel, standard, pearl or others. <sup>2</sup> Included in total to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Pennsylvania: Mink Historical Perspective, 1980-2002<sup>1</sup>

Year	Ranches Producing Pelts	Females Bred	Pelts Produced
1980	47	44,500	156,600
1981	1	45,600	1
1982	46	44,400	156,000
1983	49	44,000	174,700
1984	48	44,000	158,600
1985	47	42,400	137,500
1986	41	39,100	140,700
1987	44	40,100	146,900
1988	43	42,000	162,700
1989	43	41,900	169,000
1990	24	27,100	95,400
1991	24	23,500	77,300
1992	21	20,200	73,200
1993	17	18,700	61,400
1994	17	19,800	68,800
1995	13	19,000	63,200
1996	13	19,200	65,700
1997	12	19,100	70,300
1998	11	18,300	67,500
1999	11	18,900	74,000
2000	10	18,300	68,100
2001	9	18,500	74,900
2002	-	14,600	-

<sup>1</sup> Survey was discontinued for the 1981 crop, reinstated for the 1982 crop.