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## MINK PRODUCTION - 2015

### MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

In 2015, mink pelt production in Montana totaled 14,900 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the State total is as follows: Black at 25 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 75 percent.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2016 totaled 3,780.

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

In 2015, mink pelt production in Utah totaled 933,880 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the State total is as follows: Mahogany at 42 percent and Black at 33 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 25 percent.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2016 totaled 196,190. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2016 by color class is as follows: Mahogany at 38 percent and Black at 38 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 24 percent.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2015 totaled 3.75 million pelts, up slightly from 2014. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 1.32 million pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 933,880 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total United States production in 2015 is as follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 24 percent, and Blue Iris at 7 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 19 percent.

Value of pelts produced during the 2015 crop year was \$117 million, down 46 percent from \$216 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2015 crop year was \$31.10, down \$26.60 from \$57.70 in 2014.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2016 totaled 769,060, down 9 percent from the previous year.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2016 by color class is as follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 22 percent, and Blue Iris at 7 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 21 percent.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2015 by color class is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 21 percent, and Blue Iris at 8 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 19 percent.

For a full copy of the *Mink* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For state specific questions please contact:

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