

MINK AND HONEY

MINK: Illinois ranks eleventh nationally in mink pelt production. Production of mink pelts in Illinois decreased ten percent in 2007 to 59,060 pelts. Females bred to produce kits in 2008 totaled 17,960, up slightly from the number of females bred to produce kits in 2007.

MINK: Ranches, females bred and pelts produced, Illinois, 1998-2007

Year	Ranches producing pelts	Females bred 1/	Pelts produced		
			Standard	Other	Total pelts
			<u>Thousand</u>		
1998	10	12.8	43.2	6.4	49.6
1999	8	12.8	42.7	6.6	49.3
2000	7	12.9	37.0	8.6	45.6
2001	7	13.8	41.1	10.5	51.6
2002	7	14.3	41.9	11.6	53.5
2003	7	14.8	41.8	10.5	52.3
2004	7	16.0	46.9	12.8	59.7
2005	7	17.0	49.8	11.9	61.7
2006	7	17.9	52.0	13.5	65.5
2007	7	18.0	47.0	12.1	59.1

1/ To produce kits the following year.

HONEY: Illinois honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 567,000 pounds, down 14 percent from 2006. Prices for 2007 Illinois honey averaged \$2.40 per pound, up 52 cents from the 2006 price. The total value of honey production was \$1,361,000, up ten percent from 2006. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives.

HONEY: Number of colonies of bees, production and value, Illinois, 1998-2007

Year	Number of colonies	Yield per colony	Production	Average price per pound	Value of production
	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Thousand pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>
1998	9	71	639	1.19	760
1999	9	66	594	1.15	683
2000	8	61	488	1.17	571
2001	6	76	456	1.58	720
2002	9	80	720	1.47	1,058
2003	7	60	420	1.73	727
2004	7	55	385	1.86	716
2005	8	85	680	1.86	1,265
2006	10	66	660	1.88	1,241
2007	9	63	567	2.40	1,361