

MINK AND HONEY

MINK: Illinois ranks eleventh nationally in mink pelt production. Production of mink pelts in Illinois increased 37 percent in 2011 to 75,810 pelts. Females bred to produce kits in 2012 totaled 23,190, up 13 percent from the previous year.

MINK: Females bred and pelts produced, Illinois, 2002-2011

Year	Females bred 1/	Pelts produced		
		Black	Other	Total pelts
		<u>Thousands</u>		
2002	14.3	41.9	11.6	53.5
2003	14.8	41.8	10.5	52.3
2004	16.0	46.9	12.8	59.7
2005	17.0	49.8	11.9	61.7
2006	17.9	52.0	13.6	65.6
2007	18.0	47.0	12.1	59.1
2008	19.5	51.0	13.7	64.7
2009	18.4	56.0	15.1	71.1
2010	20.5	42.0	13.3	55.3
2011	23.2	58.0	17.8	75.8

1/ To produce kits the following year.

HONEY: Illinois honey production in 2011, from producers with 5 or more colonies, totaled 350,000 pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Prices for Illinois honey averaged \$3.98 per pound, up 93 cents from the previous year. The total value of honey production was 1.4 million dollars, up 24 percent from 2010. 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, 2002-2011

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>
2002	9	80	720	1.47	1,058
2003	7	60	420	1.83	769
2004	7	55	385	1.86	716
2005	8	85	680	1.84	1,251
2006	10	66	660	2.14	1,412
2007	9	63	567	2.49	1,412
2008	8	56	448	2.59	1,160
2009	8	34	272	2.55	694
2010	9	41	369	3.05	1,125
2011	7	50	350	3.98	1,393