

MINK AND HONEY

MINK: Females bred and pelts produced, Illinois, 2003-2012

Year	Females bred 1/	Pelts produced		
		Black	Other	Total pelts
		<u>Thousands</u>		
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
2012	N/A			

1/ To produce kits the following year.

N/A 2012 – No data available due to Federal government sequestration..

HONEY: Illinois honey production in 2012, from producers with 5 or more colonies, totaled 427,000 pounds, up 22 percent from the previous year. Prices for Illinois honey averaged \$3.40 per pound, down 50 cents from the previous year. The total value of honey production was 1.5 million dollars, up 6 percent from 2011. 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, 2003-2012

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>
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	3.90	1,365
2012	7	61	427	3.40	1,452