



# News Release

## Michigan Mink Production

Mink pelt production in Michigan was 60,250 pelts in 2015, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2016 totaled 17,640.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2015 totaled 3.75 million pelts. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 1,316,610 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 933,880 pelts.

The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total U.S. 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 mink pelts produced during the 2015 crop year was \$117 million. The average price per pelt for the 2015 crop year was \$31.10.

Nationally, female mink bred to produce kits in 2016 totaled 769,060. 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.