



News Release

Michigan Mink Production

Mink pelt production in Michigan was 65.0 thousand pelts in 2019, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2020 totaled 1.3 thousand.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2019 totaled 2.70 million pelts, down 15 percent from 2018. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 1.02 million pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 557 thousand pelts.

The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total United States production in 2019 is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 17 percent, White at 8 percent and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 17 percent. Value of pelts produced during the 2019 crop year was \$59.2 million, down 30 percent from \$84.3 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2019 crop year was \$21.90, down \$4.70 from \$26.60 in 2018.

Nationally, female mink bred to produce kits in 2020 totaled 360 thousand, down 48 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2020 by color class is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 20 percent, White at 6 percent, and Sapphire at 5 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 17 percent.