
The number of females bred to produce kits for 1999 is estimated to be 18,900, up 3 percent from 1998.

Thirty-two percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the gunmetal color class.

The U.S. average marketing price per pelt produced for the 1998 crop year was $24.80, down 25 percent from the price of $33.10 in 1997. Average prices for Pennsylvania are not available.

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<th>Color Class</th>
<th>Pelts Produced</th>
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1 This color class includes demi-buff, dark brown, violet, pastel, standard and pearl crosses and others.
2 Included in total to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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1 Survey was discontinued for the 1981 crop, reinstated for the 1982 crop.