

# Mink, 2010

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Pennsylvania's mink ranchers produced 64,520 pelts in 2010, compared with 57,300 pelts in 2009. Pennsylvania ranked 10th in the nation in mink pelt production.

The number of females bred to produce kits for 2011 is estimated to be 16,520, up 4 percent from the previous year.

Forty-two percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the black color class.

The U.S. average marketing price per pelt produced for the 2010 crop year was \$81.90, up 26 percent from the price of \$65.10 in 2009. Average prices for Pennsylvania are not available.

## Pennsylvania: Mink Pelts Produced & Females Bred, By Color Class, 2008-2011

Color Class	Pelts Produced			Females Bred to Produce Kits		
	2008 (number)	2009 (number)	2010 (number)	2009 (number)	2010 (number)	2011 (number)
Black	29,000	28,000	27,000	6,000	6,500	7,000
Demi/Wild	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pastel	1	1	6,000	1	1	2,000
Sapphire	10,500	5,500	4,900	2,800	2,600	2,000
Blue Iris	11,500	11,000	12,500	2,900	3,700	3,900
Mahogany	500	1	1	1	1	1
Pearl	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lavender	1	1	1	1	1	1
Violet	1	1	1	1	1	1
White	1	1	1	1	1	1
Misc. & Unclassified	2,400	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,900</b>	<b>57,300</b>	<b>64,520</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>16,520</b>

<sup>1</sup> Included in total to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## Pennsylvania: Mink Historical Perspective, 1970-2011

Year	Ranches Producing Pelts (number)	Females Bred (number)	Pelts Produced (number)
1970	106	58,000	159,000
1975	51	39,500	125,000
1980	47	44,500	156,600
1985	47	42,400	137,500
1990	24	27,100	95,400
1995	13	19,000	63,200
2000	10	18,300	68,100
2005	9	15,000	61,000
2006	10	15,200	65,000
2007	11	18,930	70,300
2008	11	16,500	63,900
2009	1	15,300	57,300
2010	1	15,900	64,520
2011	1	16,520	-

<sup>1</sup> State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture.

