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## MINK PRODUCTION - 2014

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

In 2014, mink pelt production in Utah totaled 958,760 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the State total is as follows: Mahogany at 44 percent and Black at 33 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 23 percent.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2015 totaled 211,810. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2015 by color class is as follows: Mahogany at 36 percent and Black at 38 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 26 percent.

### MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

In 2014, mink pelt production in Montana totaled 25,730 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the State total is as follows: Mahogany at 37 percent and Black at 35 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 28 percent.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2015 totaled 3,990. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2015 by color class is as follows: Mahogany at 38 percent and Black at 24 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 38 percent.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2014 totaled 3.76 million pelts, up 6 percent from 2013. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 1,268,760 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 958,760 pelts.

The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total United States production in 2014 is as follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 24 percent, and Blue Iris at 8 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 18 percent.

Value of pelts produced during the 2014 crop year was \$217 million, up 9 percent from \$200 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2014 crop year was \$57.70, up \$1.40 from \$56.30 in 2013.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2015 totaled 853,140, up slightly from the previous year.

Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2015 by color class is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 21 percent, and Blue Iris at 8 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 19 percent.

For a full copy of the *Mink* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For state specific questions please contact:

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