



REGIONAL NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
MOUNTAIN REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE
P.O. BOX 150969 · Lakewood, CO 80215-9966



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 18, 2022

Contact: Bill Meyer
(800) 392-3202

MINK PRODUCTION – 2021

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021, mink pelt production in Utah totaled 319,690 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the State total is as follows: Black at 33 percent and Mahogany at 23 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 45 percent.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2022 totaled 73,230. Percent of the state total of females bred to produce kits in 2022 by color class is as follows: Black at 33 percent and Mahogany at 19 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 48 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2021 totaled 1.44 million pelts, up slightly from 2020. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 579,460 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 319,690 pelts.

The number of pelts, by color class, as a percent of the total United States production in 2021 is as follows: Black at 59 percent, Mahogany at 13 percent, White at 9 percent, and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 13 percent.

Value of pelts produced during the 2021 crop year was \$59.9 million, up 23 percent from \$48.6 million the prior year. The average price per pelt for the 2021 crop year was \$41.50, up \$7.80 from \$33.70 in 2020.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2022 totaled 341,890, down 11 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2022 by color class as is follows: Black at 56 percent, Mahogany and White both at 11 percent, and Sapphire at 7 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 15 percent.

For a full copy of the *Mink* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact:

Montana – Eric Sommer 1-800-835-2612
Utah – John Hilton 1-800-747-8522