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MINK PRODUCTION – 2022

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

In 2022, mink pelt production in Utah totaled 266,700 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the State total is as follows: Black at 33 percent, Mahogany at 22 percent, Sapphire at 13 percent, and Pastel at 10 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 22 percent.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2023 totaled 48,330. Percent of the state total of females bred to produce kits in 2023 by color class is as follows: Black at 34 percent, Mahogany at 18 percent, and Sapphire at 14 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 34 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2022 totaled 1.33 million pelts, down 15 percent from 2021. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 571,750 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 266,700 pelts.

The number of pelts, by color class, as a percent of the total United States production in 2022 is as follows: Black at 57 percent, Mahogany and White each at 12 percent, and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 13 percent.

The value of pelts produced during the 2022 crop year was \$39.2 million, down 17 percent from \$47.0 million the prior year. The average price per pelt for the 2022 crop year was \$29.40, down 0.60 from \$30.00 in 2021.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2023 totaled 245,160, down 31 percent from the previous year. The percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2023 by color class is as follows: Black at 61 percent, White at 13 percent, Mahogany at 11 percent, and Sapphire at 5 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 10 percent.

For a full copy of the *Mink* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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