



# Wisconsin Ag News – Mink



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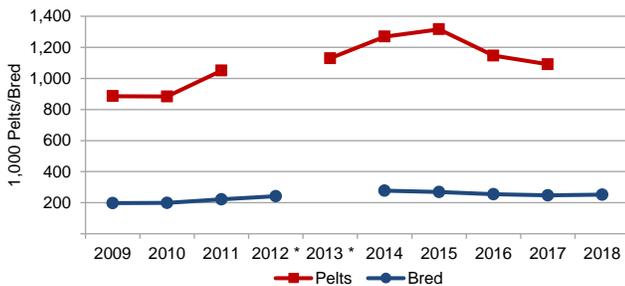
Wisconsin continues to be the leader in the U.S. for mink pelt production and females bred. The State's pelt production in 2017 totaled 1,091,180 pelts. Utah was the second largest producing state with 734,260 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2017 totaled 3,305,440 pelts, down 4 percent from 2016. Wisconsin's production was down 5 percent in 2017 and accounted for 33 percent of the nation's total pelt production.

The percentages of pelts produced in 2017 in Wisconsin by color class were: Black at 63 percent, White at 14 percent, Blue Iris at 8 percent, and Mahogany at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 11 percent.

Females bred in Wisconsin to produce kits in 2018 totaled 252,120, up 2 percent from last year. Utah came in second with 161,900 females bred. Nationally, females bred to produce kits in 2018 totaled 731,430, down 5 percent from 2017. Wisconsin accounted for 34 percent of the U.S. total females bred.

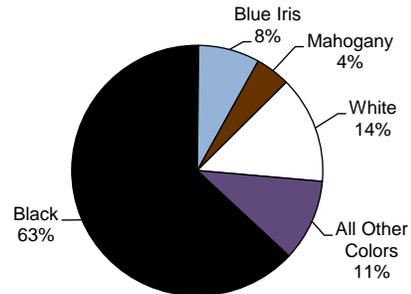
The value of U.S. pelts produced during 2017 was \$120 million, up slightly from the previous year. The average U.S. price per pelt for the 2017 crop year was \$ 36.30, up \$1.60 from \$34.70 in 2016.

**Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced  
Wisconsin: 2009-2018**



\*2012 Pelts and 2013 Bred not available due to government sequestration.

**Pelts Produced by Color Class  
Wisconsin: 2017**



## Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced – Wisconsin and United States: 2014-2018

Year	Females Bred		Pelts Produced <sup>1</sup>	
	WI	US	WI	US
2014 .....	276,990	851,530	1,268,760	3,741,150
2015 .....	268,690	848,700	1,316,610	3,682,960
2016 .....	254,490	767,110	1,147,310	3,454,410
2017 .....	246,620	770,400	1,091,180	3,305,440
2018 .....	252,120	731,430		

<sup>1</sup> 2018 Pelts Produced will be published in July 2019.