



Wisconsin Ag News – Mink



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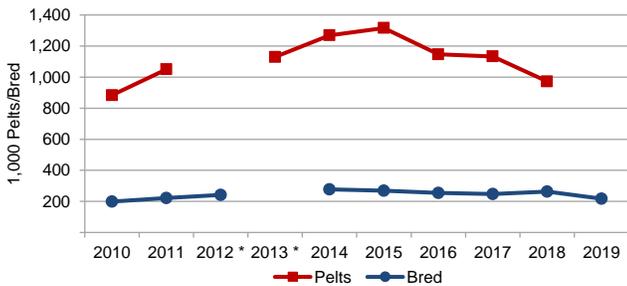
Wisconsin continues to be the leader in the U.S. for **mink pelt production** and females bred. The State's pelt production in 2018 totaled 971,600 pelts. Utah was the second largest producing state with 707,600 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2018 totaled 3,104,960 pelts, down 9 percent from 2017. Wisconsin's production was down 14 percent in 2018 and accounted for 31 percent of the nation's total pelt production.

The percentages of pelts produced in 2018 in Wisconsin by color class were: Black at 64 percent, White at 13 percent, Blue Iris at 7 percent, and Sapphire at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 12 percent.

Female mink bred in Wisconsin to produce kits in 2019 totaled 217,500, down 18 percent from last year. Utah came in second with 159,120 females bred. Nationally, females bred to produce kits in 2019 totaled 658,050, down 15 percent from 2018. Wisconsin accounted for 33 percent of the U.S. total females bred.

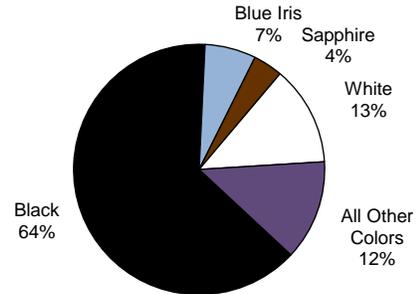
The **value of U.S. pelts produced** during the 2018 crop year was \$82.6 million, down 33 percent from \$123 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2018 crop year was \$26.60, down \$9.50 from \$36.10 in 2017

**Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced
Wisconsin: 2010-2019**



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

**Pelts Produced by Color Class
Wisconsin: 2018**



Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced – Wisconsin and United States: 2015-2019

Year	Females Bred		Pelts Produced ¹	
	WI	US	WI	US
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	1,133,180	3,400,080
2018	264,260	776,440	971,600	3,104,960
2019	217,500	658,050	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ 2019 Pelts Produced will be published in July 2020.