



# Wisconsin Ag News – Mink



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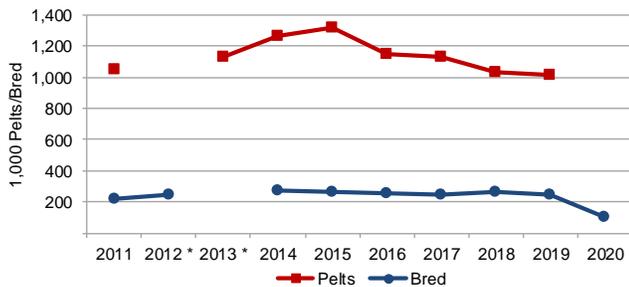
Wisconsin continues to be the leader in the U.S. for **mink pelt production** and females bred. The State’s pelt production in 2019 totaled 1,016,220 pelts. Utah was the second largest producing state with 556,710 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2019 totaled 2,704,200 pelts, down 15% from 2018. Wisconsin’s production was down 1% in 2019 and accounted for 38% of the nation’s total pelt production.

The percentages of pelts produced in 2019 in Wisconsin by color class were: Black at 62%, White at 15%, Blue Iris at 8%, and Sapphire at 4%. The remaining color classes accounted for 11%.

**Female mink bred** in Wisconsin to produce kits in 2020 totaled 107,670, down 56% from last year. Utah came in second with 103,500 females bred. Nationally, females bred to produce kits in 2020 totaled 359,850, down 48% from 2019. Wisconsin accounted for 30% of the U.S. total females bred.

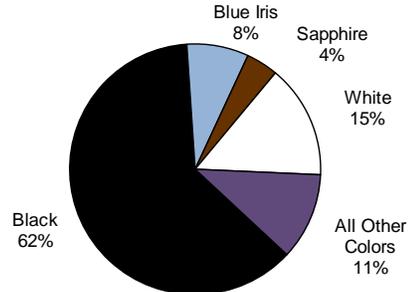
The **value of U.S. pelts produced** during the 2019 crop year was \$59.2 million, down 30% from \$84.3 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2019 crop year was \$21.90, down \$4.70 from \$26.60 in 2018.

**Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced  
Wisconsin: 2011-2020**



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

**Pelts Produced by Color Class  
Wisconsin: 2019**



## Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced - Wisconsin and United States: 2016-2020

Year	Females bred		Pelts produced <sup>1</sup>	
	WI	US	WI	US
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	1,030,600	3,169,560
2019	244,000	695,650	1,016,220	2,704,200
2020	107,670	359,850	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> 2020 pelts produced will be published in July 2021