



# Wisconsin Ag News – Mink



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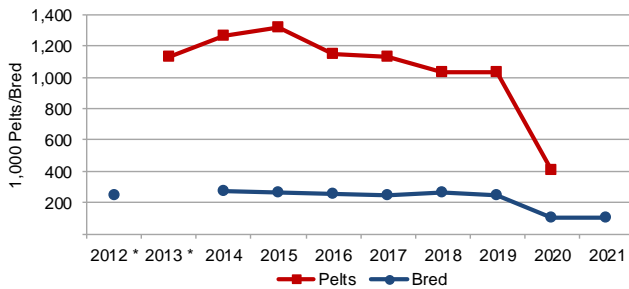
Wisconsin continues to be the leader in the U.S. for **mink pelt production** and females bred. The State’s pelt production in 2020 totaled 403,540 pelts. Utah was the second-largest producing state with 386,880 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2020 totaled 1,405,460 pelts, down 49% from 2019. Wisconsin’s production was down 61% in 2020 and accounted for 29% of the nation’s total pelt production.

The percentages of pelts produced in 2020 in Wisconsin by color class were: Black at 74%, White at 11%, Mahogany at 5%, and Sapphire at 2%. The remaining color classes accounted for 8%.

**Female mink bred** in Wisconsin to produce kits in 2021 totaled 103,940, up 4% from last year. Utah came in second with 83,430 females bred. Nationally, females bred to produce kits in 2021 totaled 323,560, down 10% from 2020. Wisconsin accounted for 32% of the total number of females bred in the U.S.

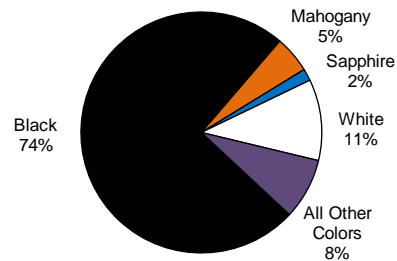
The **value of U.S. pelts produced** during the 2020 crop year was \$47.4 million, down 19% from \$58.4 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2020 crop year was \$33.70, up \$12.40 from \$21.30 in 2019

**Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced  
Wisconsin: 2012-2021**



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

**Pelts Produced by Color Class  
Wisconsin: 2020**



## Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced - Wisconsin and United States: 2017-2021

Year	Females bred		Pelts produced <sup>1</sup>	
	WI	US	WI	US
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	1,036,220	2,742,200
2020	100,090	358,880	403,540	1,405,460
2021	103,940	323,560	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> 2021 pelts produced will be published in July 2022

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