

MINK AND HONEY

MINK: Illinois ranks ninth nationally in mink pelt production. Production of mink pelts in Illinois increased 10 percent in 2009 to 71,100 pelts. Females bred to produce kits in 2010 totaled 18,400, down 6 percent from the number of females bred to produce kits in 2009.

MINK: Females bred and pelts produced, Illinois, 2000-2009

Year	Females bred 1/	Pelts produced		
		Black	Other	Total pelts
		<u>Thousand</u>		
2000	12.9	37.0	8.6	45.6
2001	13.8	41.1	10.5	51.6
2002	14.3	41.9	11.6	53.5
2003	14.8	41.8	10.5	52.3
2004	16.0	46.9	12.8	59.7
2005	17.0	49.8	11.9	61.7
2006	17.9	52.0	13.6	65.6
2007	18.0	47.0	12.1	59.1
2008	19.5	51.0	13.7	64.7
2009	18.4	56.0	15.1	71.1

1/ To produce kits the following year.

HONEY: Illinois honey production in 2009 from producers with 5 or more colonies totaled 272,000 pounds, down 39 percent from 2008. Prices for 2009 Illinois honey averaged \$2.26 per pound, down 33 cents from the 2008 price. The total value of honey production was \$615,000, down 47 percent from 2008. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives.

HONEY: Number of colonies of bees, production and value, Illinois, 2000-2009

Year	Number of colonies	Yield per colony	Production	Average price per pound	Value of production
	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Thousand pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>
2000	8	61	488	1.17	571
2001	6	76	456	1.58	720
2002	9	80	720	1.47	1,058
2003	7	60	420	1.83	769
2004	7	55	385	1.86	716
2005	8	85	680	1.84	1,251
2006	10	66	660	2.14	1,412
2007	9	63	567	2.49	1,412
2008	8	56	448	2.59	1,160
2009	8	34	272	2.26	615