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## Wisconsin Ag News – Mink



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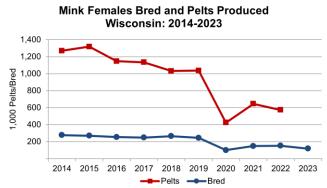
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Wisconsin ranked first in the U.S. for **mink pelt production** and females bred. The State's pelt production in 2022 totaled 571,750 pelts. Utah was the second-largest producing state with 266,700 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2022 totaled 1.33 million pelts, down 15 percent from 2021. Wisconsin's production was down 11 percent in 2022 and accounted for 43 percent of the nation's total pelt production.

The percentages of pelts produced in 2022 in Wisconsin by color class were: Black at 79 percent, White at 13 percent, and Sapphire at 1 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for the rest.



**Female mink bred** to produce kits in Wisconsin in 2023 totaled 117,760, down 22 percent from last year. Utah came in second with 48,330 females bred. Nationally, females bred to produce kits in 2023 totaled 245,160, down 31 percent from 2022. Wisconsin accounted for 48 percent of the total number of females bred in the U.S.

The **value of U.S. pelts produced** during the 2022 crop year was \$39.2 million, down 17 percent from \$47.0 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2022 crop year was \$29.40, \$0.60 lower than \$30.00 in 2021.

## Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced - Wisconsin and United States: 2019-2023

Year	Wisconsin		United States	
	Females bred	Pelts produced <sup>1</sup>	Females bred	Pelts produced <sup>1</sup>
2019 2020 2021 2022	244,000 100,090 147,300 150,670	1,036,220 423,140 645,460 571,750	695,650 358,880 382,190 356,650	2,742,200 1,441,760 1,565,520 1,332,740
2023	117,760		245,160	

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  2023 pelts produced will be published in July 2024  $\,$ 

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.