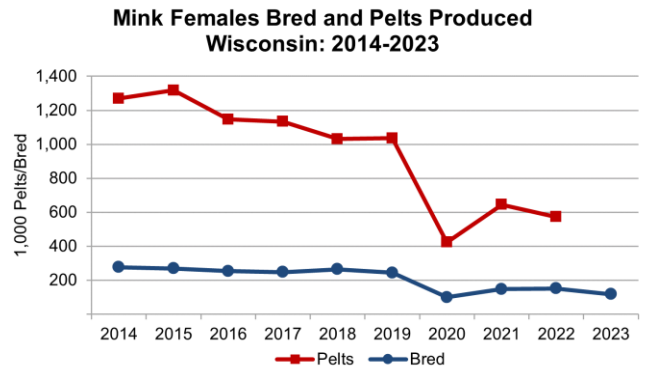




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Wisconsin ranked first in the U.S. for **mink pelt production** and females bred. The State's pelt production in 2022 totaled 571,750 pelts. Utah was the second-largest producing state with 266,700 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2022 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 ¹	Females bred	Pelts produced ¹
2019	244,000	1,036,220	695,650	2,742,200
2020	100,090	423,140	358,880	1,441,760
2021	147,300	645,460	382,190	1,565,520
2022	150,670	571,750	356,650	1,332,740
2023	117,760		245,160	

¹ 2023 pelts produced will be published in July 2024