

Mink Survey Information Sheet

Overview:

The purpose of the survey is to determine the number of pelts produced for the previous season and the number of females bred for the current season by commercial class.

Mink have short legs, webbed toes and a long skinny body that enable it to be an excellent swimmer. Adult males typically weight between 1 and 3 pounds and are anywhere from 19 to 28 inches in length. The adult female is smaller and typically weigh 1 to 2 pounds and are anywhere from 18 to 23 inches in length. Females have kits (babies) in litters typically averaging 4-6 kits per litter once per year in the April/May time frame.

Looking at:

- Raise or own any mink or have intentions to raise or own mink in the future.
- Pelts produced by color class for previous year
- Females Bred to Produce Kits by color class current year

Things to Watch Out For:

- High/low number of pelts compared to previous year
- High/low number of females bred compared to previous year
- High/low of previous year pelts compared current year females bred
- Large changes in pelts and females bred by color class
- Sum of pelts and females by color class do not equal total

Color Class & Trade Names

- Black – Standard, Pure Dark
- Demi/Wild – Dark Brown, Ranch Wild, Demi-buff
- Pastel – Dawn, Orchid
- Sapphire
- Blue Iris – Aleutian, Gunmetal
- Mahogany
- Pearl
- Lavender – Lavender-Hope
- Violet – Cameo, Winterblue, Glacial
- White
- Palomino
- Other