

The Ginseng Regulatory Program's goal is to protect ginseng, *Panax quinquefolius*, from becoming a threatened species. The program accomplishes this by: registering growers and dealers, certifying cultivated dry root and seed as originating in Wisconsin, inspecting and surveying gardens during the growing season, monitoring pests and diseases, and inspecting records of growers and dealers for accuracy.

Wisconsin's 247 growers reported selling 357,727 pounds of dry roots for export. The 31 dealers, 13 of which are Wisconsin dealers, exported 315,426 pounds of dry roots. Exports from Wisconsin primarily go to Hong Kong. Sales seasons may continue over a two-year period. Sales volumes in spring vary considerably between years.

GINSENG: Growers, Dealers, Dry Root Sales, and Exports, Wisconsin, 1982-2005

Year	WI growers 1/	Dealers		WI acres 2/	WI growers sales 3/	Dealers WI exports 3/
		U.S. 1/	WI 1/			
	Number			Dry root lbs.		
1982	–	23	–	–	418,102	293,004
1983	666	35	–	–	517,456	484,880
1984	714	54	–	–	831,444	707,473
1985	1,134	66	–	–	1,141,034	1,062,197
1986	1,318	66	–	–	1,511,102	1,245,369
1987	1,513	92	–	–	1,306,185	1,259,401
1988	1,586	106	–	–	1,549,049	1,592,311
1989	1,676	109	–	–	1,467,278	1,722,355
1990	1,300	69	–	–	1,149,239	1,288,107
1991	1,360	74	–	–	1,173,607	1,194,962
1992	1,167	67	32	–	1,677,038	1,553,239
1993	1,230	76	42	–	1,966,474	2,035,068
1994	1,264	99	57	–	2,082,504	1,611,822
1995	1,468	100	52	4,264	1,943,605	1,811,224
1996	1,336	83	51	4,494	2,229,901	2,229,332
1997	1,207	92	48	4,710	1,921,821	2,051,209
1998	1,266	96	50	4,967	1,651,104	1,924,049
1999	1,274	77	45	4,093	1,221,203	1,231,489
2000	818	51	25	3,054	858,583	821,286
2001	890	46	23	1,835	411,216	479,866
2002	840	23	19	2,135	420,656	522,425
2003	764	30	10	4/	349,860	345,208
2004	322	19	16	4/	476,556	507,222
2005	247	31	13	4/	357,727	315,426

1/Includes growers/dealers. 2/Total acreage of seedling, two, three, and four-year-old gardens. 3/Sales and exports of a specific harvest year may continue over a two-year period. The 2004 data is still incomplete. 4/Acres not available. Source: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Division of Agricultural Resource Management.