

MINK SURVEY - May 2012

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Please make corrections to name, address and zip code, if necessary.

Your help is needed to prepare final production estimates for **Mink** by color class for **2012**. Information requested in this survey is used to prepare estimates of selected agricultural commodities. Under Title 7 of the U.S. Code and CIPSEA (Public Law 107-347), facts about your operation are kept **confidential** and used only for statistical purposes in combination with similar reports from other producers. Response is **voluntary**. A postage paid return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. A prompt reply will ensure that your report will be included in our summary.

INSTRUCTIONS: Include pelts taken from the 2011 crop and females bred to produce kits in 2012.

1. During **2011**, did this operation own or raise any mink?

2701 **Yes** – Go to Question 2.

No – Do you plan to own or raise mink in the future?

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2703 **Yes** – Go to Question 5

Don't Know – Go to Question 5

No – Go to Question 5

2. How many pelts were taken from the **2011** crop for marketing?

3. How many females were bred or will be bred to produce kits in **2012**?

4. While there are many other color class mutations and trade names, the following basic color classes have been adopted by the mink industry for this survey. Please read all the descriptions and report under the color class that best fits your pelts and females. Enter the number of females bred in the color class of the expected pelt color of the kits to be produced.

Of the total in Items 2 and 3, how many are in each of the following color classes?

- a. **Black** - (Standard, Pure Dark)
- b. **Demi/Wild** - (Dark Brown, Ranch Wild, Demi-buff)
- c. **Pastel** - (Dawn, Orchid)
- d. **Sapphire**
- e. **Blue Iris** - (Aleutian, Gunmetal)
- f. **Mahogany**
- g. **Pearl**
- h. **Lavender** - (Lavender-Hope)
- i. **Violet** - (Cameo, Winterblue, Glacial)
- j. **White**
- k. **Other** (Specify: _____).....

Pelts taken from 2011 crop for marketing	Females bred & to be bred to produce kits in 2012
(Number)	(Number)
101	201
102	202
103	203
104	204
105	205
106	206
107	207
108	208
109	209
110	210
111	211

5. Has this operation (name on label) been sold or turned over to someone else?

- Yes** – Identify the new operator(s) **No** – [Go to Question 6.]

Operation Name: _____		
Operator Name: _____		
Address: _____	Phone: _____	
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____

6. Please list the name and address of any person or farm in your area that started raising mink in **2011** or **2012**. Include any former mink producers who have come back into production during that period.

7. Do you make day-to-day decisions for another mink farm?

- Yes** List other operation(s) _____
- No**

8. **SURVEY RESULTS:** To receive the complete results of this survey on the release date, go to www.nass.usda.gov/results
 Would you rather have a brief summary mailed to you at a later date? **1** Yes **3** No

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Respondent Name: _____	9911 Phone: ()	9910 MM DD YY Date: _ _ _ _ _ _
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3-Inac		3-Acct/Bkpr		3-Face-to-Face											
4-Office Hold		4-Partner		4-CATI											
5-R – Est		9-Oth		5-Web											
6-Inac – Est				6-e-mail											
7-Off Hold – Est				7-Fax											
8-Known Zero				8-CAPI											
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