

MINK SURVEY May 2007



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Please supply the number of pelts taken from the 2006 crop and females bred for 2007. This survey has the support and backing of the mink industry. Your data will be kept confidential and used to prepare State and National estimates to be published in the July 13th Mink Report.

Response to this survey is voluntary and not required by law, but your cooperation is very important in developing accurate estimates. Please return your report in the enclosed envelope. We need your report even though you may have no mink at this time. Thanks for your report.

Please make corrections to name, address and Zip Code, if necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS: Include pelts taken from the 2006 crop and females bred to produce kits in 2007. 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 that most nearly 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.

1. During 2006, did this operation **own** any mink?
 YES - Go to Question 2, below. **NO** - Do you plan to raise mink in the future?
 Yes - Go to Question 4.
 No - Go to Question 4.
 Don't Know - Go to Question 4

Pelts taken from 2006 crop for marketing (Number)	Females bred & to be bred to produce kits in 2007 (Number)
100	200

2. Total number

Of the total in Item 1, how many are in each of the following color phase classes?

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

101	201
102	202
103	203
104	204
105	205
106	206
107	207
108	208
109	209
110	210
111	211

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3. Do you also raise foxes? () YES () NO

300

4. Would you like to receive a free copy of the results of this survey in the mail?
 (The survey results will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>) YES =

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5. Please list on the back names and addresses of any person or firms in your area that started raising mink in 2005 or 2006. Include any former mink producers who have come back into production during that period

Reported by: _____ Phone (____) _____ Date: _____

Response		Respondent		Mode		Enum.	Eval.
1-Comp	9901	1-Op/Mgr	9902	1-Mail	9903	098	100
2-R		2-Sp		2-Tel			
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			
				19-Other			
S/E Name							

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Optional Use	
407	408

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