

MINK SURVEY May 2006



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Please supply the number of pelts taken from the 2005 crop and females bred for 2006. 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 14th 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 2005 crop and females bred to produce kits in 2006. 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.

REPORT MINK PELTS AND BRED FEMALES WHICH YOU OWN

CLASS	Pelts taken from 2005 crop for marketing (Number)	Females bred & to be bred to produce kits in 2006 (Number)
1. Total number	100	200
Of the total in Item 1, how many are in each of the following color phase classes?		
a. Black - (Formerly Standard, Pure Dark)	101	201
b. Demi/Wild - (Dark Brown, formerly Ranch Wild or Demi-buff)	102	202
c. Pastel - (Dawn, Orchid)	103	203
d. Sapphire	104	204
e. Blue Iris - (Aleutian, Formerly Gunmetal)	105	205
f. Mahogany	106	206
g. Pearl	107	207
h. Lavender - (Formerly Lavender - Hope)	108	208
i. Violet - (Cameo, Winterblue, Glacial, Formerly Violet type)	109	209
j. White	110	210
k. Other (Specify _____)	111	211
2. Do you also raise foxes? () YES () NO		300
3. 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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4. Please list on the back names and addresses of any person or firms in your area that started raising mink in 2004 or 2005. Include any former mink producers who have come back into production during that period

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

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