

MINK SURVEY - May 2013

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

Your help is needed to prepare final production estimated for **Mink** by color for 2013. Information requested in this survey is used to prepare estimates of selected agricultural commodities. Under Title 7 of the U.S. Code 3 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.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Include pelts taken from the 2012 crop and females bred to produce kits in 2013.

1. During **2012**, 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 **2012** crop for marketing?

3. How many females were bred or will be bred to produce kits in **2013**?

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?	Pelts taken from 2012 crop for marketing	Females bred & to be bred to produce kits in 2013
	(Number)	(Number)
a. Black - (Standard, Pure Dark)	101	201
b. Demi/Wild - (Dark Brown, Ranch Wild, Demi-buff)	102	202
c. Pastel - (Dawn, Orchid)	103	203
d. Sapphire	104	204
e. Blue Iris - (Aleutian, Gunmetal)	105	205
f. Mahogany	106	206
g. Pearl	107	207
h. Lavender - (Lavender-Hope)	108	208
i. Violet - (Cameo, Winterblue, Glacial)	109	209
j. White	110	210
k. Other (Specify: _____). . .	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 **2012** or **2013**. 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

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	9910 MM DD YY
	Phone: () _____	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						
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