

MINK SURVEY - May 2015

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1. During **2014**, did this operation own or raise any mink?

2701- **Yes** – Go to Question 5 **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 **2014** crop for marketing?

3. How many females were bred or will be bred to produce kits in **2015**?

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. **Palomino**
- l. **Other** (Specify: _____).

Pelts taken from 2014 crop for marketing	Females bred & to be bred to produce kits in 2015
(Number)	(Number)
101	201
102	202
103	203
104	204
105	205
106	206
107	207
108	208
109	209
110	210
112	212
111	211

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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 **2014** or **2015**. 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 <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

Would you rather have a brief summary mailed to you at a later date? Yes = 1 No = 3 099

Respondent Name: _____	9911 Phone: () _____	9910 MM DD YYYY Date: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
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This completes the survey. Thank you for your help.

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