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INSTRUCTIONS: Include pelts taken from the 2023 crop and females bred to produce kits in 2024.

1. During 2023, did this operation own or raise any mink?

- ²⁷⁰¹ 1 Yes - Go to Question 3
 3 No - Continue

2. Do you plan to own or raise mink in the future?

- ²⁷⁰³ 1 Yes - Go to Question 5
 3 No - Go to Question 5
 2 Don't Know - Go to Question 5

3. 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.

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: _____).....
- m. **Total (Sum of 3a - 3l)**.....

Pelts taken from 2023 crop for marketing	Females bred & to be bred to produce kits in 2024
(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
090	200

(Continue on back)

Total Value of Sales for pelts sold	O R	Average Price per pelt sold
215	O R	216
\$	O R	\$

4. For the 2023 crop sold, what was the Total Value of Sales for the pelts OR Average Price per pelt?

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: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____

6. Please list the name and address of any person or farm in your area that started raising mink in 2023 or 2024. 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. CONTACT INFORMATION

Operator Email: 9929	9917 Check to receive results by email <input type="checkbox"/>	Operator Phone: 9918 () _____	check if cell phone <input type="checkbox"/>
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Operation Email: (if different from above) 9937	9920 Check to receive results by email <input type="checkbox"/>	Operation Phone: (if different from above) 9936 () _____	check if cell phone <input type="checkbox"/>
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Respondent Name: 9912	Respondent Phone (if different from above) 9911 () _____	check if cell phone <input type="checkbox"/>	9910 MM DD YY Date: _ _ _ _ _ _
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This completes the survey. The results will be available on the release date at: nass.usda.gov/results

Thank you for your help.

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Response		Respondent		Mode		Enum.	Eval.	Change	Office Use for POID	
1-Comp	9901	1-Op/Mgr	9902	1-PASI (Mail)	9903	9998	9900	9985	9989	
2-R		2-Spouse		2-PATI (Tel)					_____	
3-Inac		3-Acct/Bkpr		3-PAPI (Face-to-Face)					_____	
4-Office Hold		4-Partner		6-Email					_____	
5-R – Est		9-Other		7-Fax					_____	
6-Inac – Est				19-Other					_____	
7-Off Hold – Est									_____	
						R. Unit	Optional Use			
						9921	9907	9908	9906	9916
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