

Growers Survey

1. Which of the following describes your involvement with ginseng or other medicinal plants (ex. goldenseal, black cohosh, bloodroot, etc.) in Ohio?

- A. Collector for commercial sale
- B. Planter
- C. Dealer
- D. Collector for personal use

2. Which of the following best describes how you have planted ginseng in Ohio

- A. In small un-crowded forest plantings
 - B. In dense forest plantings
 - C. In tilled beds in the forest
 - D. Under artificial shade
- Other: _____

3. How many years have you actively been planting ginseng? Other species (goldenseal, black cohosh, bloodroot, etc.)?

4. Have you harvested and sold ginseng or other species from your own plantings? If yes, please indicate which species.

5. Where have you planted ginseng (Check all that apply)?

- A. Forestlands that I own
 - B. Forestlands that someone else owns
 - C. Public forest and park lands
 - D. Wherever there is a good location
- Other: _____

6. Do you disagree with any of the following restrictions regarding ginseng and plant collection in Ohio?

Collection season dates (September 1 – December 31)

Why? _____

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Plant stage requirement (Plants must have 3 prongs)

Why? _____

Berries must be ripe when the root is harvested

Why? _____

Berries must be planted in the immediate vicinity of the collection site

Why? _____

Permit/permission requirements to harvest on National Forests and private lands

Why? _____

Banning harvesting from State owned lands

Why? _____

7. Recently some states have using or exploring “grower/producer certification.” Certification is designed to document ginseng producers, to help ensure market access for producers in case of further regulatory changes, restrictions, or bans on the harvest and sale of "wild" ginseng, and improving legal recourse/protections for producers whose crops have been poached.

Do you support the use of “grower/producer certification” as a way to address these issues?

- A. I am unfamiliar with the issue
- B. Yes
- C. Undecided, I would like to learn more
- D. No

If no, please suggest improvements or alternatives

8. Would you be willing to participate in group activities and discussions that would help develop a producer certification program in Ohio?

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9. Which of the following contributed to your interest in ginseng and other medicinal forest botanicals?

Circle all that apply.

- A. To provide a source of income
- B. Forest farming (as a crop)
- C. Interest in the plant species
- D. Native plant conservation
- Other: _____

10. Do you own forestland in Ohio?

- A. Yes, I own _____ acres
- B. No

12. How much of the following have you planted, and what was the source of the planting stock?

Ginseng Seeds: _____ lbs., Source: _____

Ginseng Transplants: # _____, Source: _____

Goldenseal Rootlets _____ lbs., Source: _____

Other Species and amounts?

13. Have you ever had problems with the theft of ginseng or other medicinal plants from your property?

- A. Yes
- B. No

If no, do you know anyone who has

If yes, was the incident reported to the Division of Wildlife, or Police? If so, what was the agency response?

14. What is the origin of the seeds you have planted? Circle all that apply.

- A. Commercial seed distributor
- B. From mature plants on your property
- C. Plants transplanted from wild populations

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