



**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management  
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Ginseng Management Program

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**APPLICATION FOR  
GINSENG COLLECTING PERMIT**

**FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

Date Application Recd.	_____
Fee Paid	\$2.00
Check No.	_____
Money Order No.	_____
Permit Number	_____
Date Mailed	_____

In accordance with the provisions of Agriculture Article, Section 9-602A, Annotated Code of Maryland, - "A PERSON WHO COLLECTS AND HARVESTS GINSENG FOR SALE SHALL HOLD A VALID ANNUAL COLLECTION PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT, "hereby apply for a GINSENG COLLECTING PERMIT.

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ONLY AFTER JULY 1<sup>st</sup>. PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY. SEND SIGNED APPLICATION WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$2.00 (PAYABLE TO MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) to:**

**GINSENG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
P.O. Box 17304  
Baltimore, MD 21297-1304**

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number/  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that Ginseng roots may only be collected from September 1<sup>st</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>: Roots from plants with fewer than 3 five-leaflet leaves (prongs) or with immature seeds (green berries) may not be collected; **plants must be a minimum of 5 years of age**; and all seeds from collected plants shall be immediately planted in the vicinity of the collected plants at a depth of 1 ¼ inches. As of the 2013 collecting season, ginseng harvest on state lands managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is no longer permitted. Permission is required to collect on private property. Trespass laws apply.

I agree to keep the following records and to give them to the Maryland Department of Agriculture on request:

- a. The total amount (in pounds and ounces) of Ginseng harvested.
- b. The name and address of the dealer who bought my Ginseng.
- c. The county or counties where my Ginseng was collected.

***I understand that Ginseng may be sold only to a dealer licensed by this Department and that it must be certified before shipment from Maryland.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# 2021 Ginseng Collecting Survey

Please check or answer the items below that apply to you. (Please fill out even if you did not collect ginseng.)

**This information is extremely important. Data collected may help to preserve the American Ginseng Management Program in Maryland**

I collected ginseng during 2020 Ginseng season: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes:

From what county/counties did you collect ginseng: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of ginseng dug (dry weight): \_\_\_\_\_ lbs., \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Amount of ginseng for personal use (list weight): \_\_\_\_\_ lbs., \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Amount of ginseng sold (list weight): \_\_\_\_\_ lbs., \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

I sold my ginseng to (name and address):

I plan to collecting ginseng during 2021: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

## Program Feedback Questions

1. Have you noticed a **decrease**, **increase**, or **no change** in mature wild ginseng populations in the areas where you've harvested plants during the past season(s)? If so, please indicate the reasons that you attribute this to.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In your opinion, is the amount of wild ginseng annually harvested in Maryland **detrimental** to the overall population of plants in the state?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Do you think that the current 3 prong, 5 year minimum requirements are adequate for wild ginseng plants legally harvested in Maryland? If not, what minimum size/age requirements do you suggest to maintain a healthy plant population statewide?