

1501:31-40-01

Ginseng harvest season, reseeding, collection records.

- (A) No person shall dig, harvest, cut, root up, gather, or otherwise collect wild ginseng from its natural habitat except during the season of September first through December thirty-first of each year without written authorization from the chief of the division of wildlife.
- (B) No person shall harvest wild ginseng plants which have not reached maturity and which have unripened berries, or which have less than three-leaf stems (prongs).
- (C) No person harvesting wild ginseng shall fail to immediately replant the seeds at the place where the plants were collected, provided such seeds are present.
- (D) No person shall harvest wild or cultivated ginseng from private or public property without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or his agent.
- (E) Any person collecting ginseng is required to keep accurate records showing the number of pounds and ounces of ginseng, both green and/or dry weight, collected in each Ohio county by date of collection.
- (F) No person collecting wild ginseng shall fail to provide the information required by paragraph (E) of this rule and rule 1501:31-40-02 of the Administrative Code to buyers or dealers with whom the collector does business or, upon demand, to any law enforcement officer having jurisdiction.
- (G) All collectors or sellers under whose direction the root was collected shall sign a statement certifying that the ginseng roots being sold by him or her, have been collected or cultivated in Ohio by him or her or at his or her direction in accordance and in compliance with all state and federal laws governing such collection or cultivation.
- (H) No person shall buy, or otherwise acquire, sell, transport, or possess green wild ginseng collected from property other than their own from April first through August thirty-first of each year without written authorization from the chief of the division of wildlife. Wild ginseng collected from one's own property from April first through August thirty-first of each year must be for personal use only and must not be entered into commerce, or sold, transported, or given to another person.