



GINSENG PROGRAM FACT SHEET

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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For the 2011 Kentucky ginseng harvest season, we have several changes to the Kentucky program. These changes are due to updated law and regulations to improve the sustainability of Kentucky's ginseng harvest.

Changes Made	Old	New
Harvest Date Start	August 15	September 1
Can sell <i>green</i> ginseng	September 1	September 1
Can sell <i>dry</i> ginseng	September 1	September 15
Dealer License Fee, Kentucky resident	\$0.00	\$75.00
Dealer License Fee, Kentucky non-resident	\$0.00	\$150.00
Certification fee for exporting ginseng out of Kentucky	\$0.00	\$2.00 per pound

Summary

- Ginseng harvest season is from September 1 - December 1, each calendar year
- Buying season for green ginseng starts September 1 each calendar year
- Buying season for dry ginseng is from September 15 – March 31 each calendar year
- Dealer licenses are valid annually from September 1 – August 31 and cost \$75.00 for Kentucky residents and \$150.00 for non-residents.
- Harvesters can declare their ginseng as wild, wild simulated, woodsgrown or cultivated.
- All fees and other incoming money to the ginseng program will go into a specific fund only for the ginseng program.
- The regulation outlines violations and penalties, which is available to download at <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/plantmktg/Ginseng.htm>.

Remember when harvesting ginseng, please be a good steward of ginseng.

- Get permission to harvest.
- Only harvest plants that have 3 prongs or are at least 5 years of age.
- Only dig plants with red berries
- Plant berries within fifty feet of where you dug the root with your finger in ¾ to 1 inch of soil.
- Leave some mature plants for the future.
- If young plants come up when digging a larger root, plant them back into the same spot.