

Mushroom Grower Inquiry - July

Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms



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Survey Information

- Project Code: **194 - Mushroom Survey**
- Census of all mushroom growers in the selected states
- Questionnaires:
 - Mailed out mid June
 - Web reporting available
- Release of information
 - *Mushrooms*
 - Late August at 3 pm Eastern Time



Screening

- Report for the acres operated or managed.
 - INCLUDE space owned by you as well as leased from others.
- Did you grow any mushroom varieties anytime during the year July 1, of previous year to June 30, of current year?
 - If NO: has operation been sold, rented, turned over?
 - Get new operator information if so

Agaricus Mushrooms

- Total growing area used for harvesting Agaricus from July 1, previous year – June 30, current year?
 - Includes White Button, Cremini, and Portabello
 - How much total square footage was filled annually?
 - Growers can use the same space more than once during a year. Ex: operator had 1,000 sq ft total and filled 3 times. They would report 3,000 sq ft under this question.
- Total pounds of Agaricus mushrooms grown from July 1, previous year – June 30, current year?

Agaricus Mushrooms

- Agaricus sales: Report pounds sold and value in whole dollar amounts
 - Fresh market, packed by operator's firm
 - Sold to brokers or other packers
 - Fresh Market
 - Processing
 - Sold directly to Canners or Freezers
- Note: for firms processing their own mushrooms, value reported is before processing.

Agaricus Mushrooms

- Of the total agaricus sold, how many pounds were brown mushrooms? (Include Cremini and Portabello)
 - What was the value of these brown mushrooms?
- Of the total agaricus sold, how many pounds grown as certified organic?
 - How many actually sold as certified organic?
- How many square feet to be grown July 1, current year – June 30, next year?
 - For fresh market
 - For Processing

Shiitake, Oyster, and Other Specialty Mushrooms

- Separate sections, but questions are the same:
- Growing methods: Number of Logs and Area (Square feet)
 - Outdoor natural wood logs
 - Under-cover or indoor natural wood logs
 - Additional sq. ft. used for growing mushrooms
 - Excluding natural wood logs
- Total quantity (pounds)
 - Harvested but not sold
 - Harvested and sold
- Total value of mushrooms sold
 - If the firm processes its own mushrooms then record value before processing
- Amount grown and sold as certified organic

Change in Operator

- Skips to this section if they answered no to the screening question at the beginning
- Make note of why they did not grow mushrooms this year
 - Collect as much information about the new operator as possible.

Things to Watch Out For

- Sum of parts must equal the whole, if applicable
- Some firms process their own mushrooms
 - Mushroom value is their worth **before** processing
- Ensure any reported as organic are actually **certified** organic.
- Units other than those requested. Make a note if something other than square feet, pounds, whole dollars, etc.

Conclusion

- Notes: The more you can tell us, the better the data will be.
- Questions, comments, concerns? Don't hesitate to contact your supervisor or RFO!

