



Mushroom Grower Inquiry Survey Information Sheet



Overview:

Collecting information on the mushrooms (about Agaricus, Shiitake, Oyster, and other specialty mushrooms) grown during the past year: square feet planted, pounds harvested, crop value, crop use, and intentions for the future. The mushroom survey is conducted annually. The mushroom crop year runs from July 1 to June 30.

- Project Code: **194 - Mushroom Survey**
- Release of information: Late August at 3 pm

Purpose:

- The purpose of our mushroom survey is to provide accurate estimates on yield and value.
- Producers use the information when developing marketing plans for their operations.
- Enables the industry to forecast transportation and storage requirements and evaluate export potential.
- USDA agencies use the information to determine crop insurance and disaster aid payments along with other program benefits.

Things to Remember:

- Exclude truffles and foraged mushrooms
- In the Agaricus section, item 2a should be greater than or equal to item 2
- Expected yield for all mushroom categories is around 4.5 – 7.5 lbs per square foot
- 1 acre = 43,560 square feet
- Mushroom value is the worth *before* processing
- For Agaricus mushrooms, double check that items 4a + 4b + 4c = item 3 total pounds sold (parts must add to the total)
- In the Shiitake/Oyster/Other mushrooms sections, the weight recorded in item 6a plus item 6b should equal the total weight in item 5
- Please make good notes where needed. Note are always important, but even more so on these specialty crop surveys!