

Food and Feed Safety Division

Wild Mushroom Harvester Registration

The data on this form will be used to process your application for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Wild Mushroom Harvester registration. It is illegal for unregistered wild mushroom harvesters to sell foraged mushrooms to food establishments in Minnesota. During the period your application is being processed, all information provided except your name and address will be private data accessible only to you, MDA staff with a valid work assignment, law enforcement, the state and legislative auditors, and to anyone who has your consent or is named in a valid court order. If your application is approved, the information provided on this application will be available to anyone who asks for it and will be displayed on our online wild mushroom forager database.

Items which have a * are required, your application cannot be processed without them.			
First Name*		Last Name*	
Food License/Registration Number (if any)			Phone*
Address*	City*	State*	Zip*

Which species are you registering for? Please select all that apply.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Trumpet (<i>Carterellus cornucopiodes</i> and <i>fallax</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion's Mane (<i>Hericium erinaceus</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Porcini (<i>Boletus edulis</i> complex)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hedgehog (<i>Hydnum repandum</i> complex)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chanterelles (<i>Cantharellus</i> species)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lobster (<i>Hypomyces lactifluorum</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Foot (<i>Craterellus tubaeformis</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> True Morel (<i>Morchella</i> species)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloud (<i>Entoloma arbortivum</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oyster (<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i> , <i>populinus</i> , and <i>pulmonarius</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Giant Puffball (<i>Calvatia gigantea</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sulphur Shelf (<i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i> and <i>cincinnatus</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Maitake (<i>Grifola frondosa</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Species (please specify):
<input type="checkbox"/> Bear's Tooth (<i>Hericium americanum</i>)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Coral Tooth (<i>Hericium coralloides</i>)	

Include a copy of the document(s) issued by an accredited college or university or a mycological society certifying that the mushroom harvester has successfully completed a wild mushroom identification course. This document must specify the species of wild mushrooms the harvester is qualified to identify per MN Food Code 4626.0156

If you plan on selling mushrooms that you forage, please contact the licensing liaison to determine if a license will be required. Call 651-201-6081 or email MDA.FoodLicensingLiaison@state.mn.us.

MAIL	EMAIL
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By signing this form I certify that all information provided is accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

MINNESOTA FOOD CODE

4626.0156 CERTIFIED WILD MUSHROOM HARVESTER.

- A. A certified wild mushroom harvester shall have successfully completed a wild mushroom identification training program provided by an accredited college or university or state mycological society. The training program must include a component of actual identification of physical specimens of mushroom species.
- B. A document must be issued by an accredited college or accredited university or mycological society certifying the mushroom harvester's successful completion of the wild mushroom identification course and specifying the species of wild mushroom the harvester is qualified to identify.
- C. The mushroom harvester shall submit the document identified in item B to the Department of Agriculture.
- D. A wild mushroom harvester's certification documents will be verified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture shall maintain these documents on file and maintain a registry of all wild mushroom harvesters.

4626.0155 WILD MUSHROOMS. 3-201.16

- A. All wild mushroom species served in a retail food establishment must be obtained from sources where each mushroom is individually inspected and found to be safe by a certified mushroom harvester, except as specified in item E.
- B. All wild mushroom species served in a retail food establishment must have a written buyer specification, except as specified in item E. The buyer shall retain the written buyer specification for 90 days from the date of sale or service. The written buyer specification must include all of the following information:
 - (1) identification of each mushroom species by the scientific and common or usual name;
 - (2) date of sale;
 - (3) quantity by weight, fresh or dried, of each species sold;
 - (4) a statement indicating that each mushroom was identified in its fresh state;
 - (5) the name, address, and telephone number of the mushroom harvester; and
 - (6) verification that the seller is listed on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's registry of wild mushroom harvesters.
- C. The mushroom harvester shall retain for 90 days all records of wild mushrooms sold to any retail food establishments. These records must include all of the following information:
 - (1) identification of the mushrooms by the scientific and common name;
 - (2) the country, state, and county location of harvest;
 - (3) the date of harvest;
 - (4) the names of the retail food establishments where wild mushrooms were sold;
 - (5) the dates of sale; and
 - (6) the quantities by weight, fresh or dried, of each species sold.
- D. Except as specified in item E, any retail food establishment serving wild mushrooms must inform consumers of the risk of consuming wild mushrooms by way of a disclosure using brochures, deli case or menu advisories, table tents, placards, or other written means. A disclosure must include the statement: "Wild mushrooms are not an inspected product and are harvested from a noninspected site."
- E. This part does not apply to:
 - (1) cultivated mushroom species that are grown, harvested, and processed in an operation that is licensed and inspected by a food regulatory agency; and
 - (2) wild mushrooms that are packaged and are the product of a processing plant that is licensed and inspected by a food regulatory agency.