

**MICHIGAN GINSENG ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 184 of 1994**

**290.753 Definitions.**

Sec. 3.

As used in this act:

- (a) "Buy" means to purchase, trade, or barter, or to offer to purchase, trade, or barter.
- (b) "Collect" means the harvest of wild ginseng.
- (c) "Collector" means a person who collects wild ginseng.
- (d) "Cultivated ginseng" means ginseng growing or grown in managed beds under artificial or natural shade and cultivated according to recognized ginseng horticultural practices. Cultivated ginseng includes woodsgrown ginseng.
- (e) "Dealer" means a person who buys, collects, or otherwise acquires ginseng roots in this state for resale or trade.
- (f) "Dealer license" means a license issued by the director authorizing a dealer to buy, collect, or otherwise acquire ginseng roots for resale or export from this state.
- (g) "Department" means the department of agriculture.
- (h) "Director" means the director of the department of agriculture or an authorized representative of the director.
- (i) "Dry weight" means the weight in pounds and ounces of harvested or collected ginseng root that is dried and is no longer viable.
- (j) "Ginseng" means *Panaxquinquefolius* L., also known as *Panaxquinquefolium* L., commonly known as American ginseng, either wild or cultivated, and includes plants and plant parts.
- (k) "Ginseng certificate" means a document issued by the department or other official agency authorized by the director that verifies the origin, quantity by weight, type, and condition of ginseng offered for inspection.
- (l) "Green weight" means the weight in pounds and ounces of freshly harvested or collected ginseng root that is not dried and is still viable.
- (m) "Grower" means a person who grows cultivated ginseng.
- (n) "Grower license" means a license issued by the director authorizing a grower to sell cultivated ginseng that the grower has produced.
- (o) "Harvest" means to cut, pick, dig, root up, or gather ginseng.
- (p) "Natural habitat" means the environment where a species exists as a natural population.
- (q) "Person" means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.
- (r) "Purchaser" means a person who buys or otherwise acquires ginseng from a grower, collector, or other purchaser for resale or trade.
- (s) "Sell" means to sell, trade, or barter, or to offer to sell, trade, or barter.
- (t) "Wild ginseng" means ginseng growing or grown in an uncultivated state or harvested from its natural habitat. Wild ginseng includes ginseng that was introduced to or propagated in its natural habitat by sowing ginseng seed or transplanting ginseng plants from other areas and performing no other standard ginseng horticultural practices.
- (u) "Woodsgrown ginseng" means ginseng growing or grown in managed beds under natural shade.

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