



FARM AUDIT

Farm Name _____	Farm Owner(s) _____
_____, _____, _____	
Farm Address; _____	
_____	Phone: _____
Date of Inspection _____	Name of Inspector _____

Critical Care Requirements (140 Points)

Any questions answered with "no" are unacceptable and will result in the farmer NOT passing the audit. The Critical Care Requirements are not limited to the designated inspection area and may include any part of the farm observed by the auditor.

Text in BLUE is meant as guidance for the Assessor

<i>Care Criteria</i>	<i>Item Checked</i>	<i>Possible Points</i>	<i>Points Awarded (Y or N)</i>	<i>Comments</i>
SECTION 1 - MANAGEMENT				
1. Stock people/person are trained in proper animal handling and husbandry. (Book 1: 1.10, 1.11 ,4.1, 4.2; Forms 1-103, 104, 105, 110, 111.)		10		
<i>Written protocol and/or video and/or cage side training completed. Training declaration form signed. The producer describes the process of training.</i>				
SECTION 2 - ACCOMMODATION				
2. The farm has a functional and maintained perimeter barrier and/or enclosed barn design sheds (Book 1: 2.1.1.)		10		
<i>Producer should point out and describe the barrier/barn design on the site plan. The assessor can examine the barrier/barn when examining sheds. Many different fencing materials/construction techniques can be appropriate.</i>				
3. Shed or Barn provides animals with protection from differing weather conditions. (Book 1: 2.2)		10		
<i>Shed and/or barn have a solid roof and end walls with a door way. Systems available for opening or closing the side walls. (i.e. curtains and/or plastic that can be attached/detached when needed)</i>				



<p>4. Mink are housed in pens that meet the 2014 Standard Guidelines minimum size and density requirements for all pens constructed before January 1, 2019; or all mink are housed in pens that meet the 2019 updated Standard Guidelines for pens built after January 1, 2019. (Book 1; 2.3, 2.4, Form 1-101, 2-101)</p>		10		
<p><i>Assessor should examine the site plan and cage declaration form and compare cages to Standard Guidelines requirements. Date of construction will be on pen declaration form. Use cage worksheet for cage measuring directions and to record findings.</i></p>				
<p>5. Mink must always have access to a nest box and bedding, except for approximately 4 weeks immediately post weaning. (Book 1: 2.4.16)</p>		10		
<p><i>Examine nest boxes when examining cages, have producer show bedding storage, describe bedding usage. Individual mink may continually remove bedding from the nest box. In this case, the mink must be marked and designated for pelting.</i></p>				
<p>6. All whelping pens have false bottoms for the first 20 days after kit birth, or long enough to ensure kits cannot fall through wire. (2.3.2; Book 1)</p>		10		
<p><i>Producer can show auditor stored items</i></p>				
<p>SECTION 3 - FOOD AND WATER</p>				
<p>7. Mink will have access to quality feed on daily basis (Book 1: Section 3)</p>		10		
<p><i>Observe cages for presence of feed, discuss daily protocols with producer, evaluation of records.</i></p>				
<p>8. The farm has access to sanitary feed storage to ensure feed quality. (Book 1: 3.1-3.2)</p>		10		
<p><i>Producer can show the feed storage area (freezers/coolers/dry storage) and describe amount stored/needed per day of feeding.</i></p>				
<p>9. The feed supply is of quality and quantity to meet the physiological needs of the mink. (Book 1: 3.1-3.3)</p>		10		
<p><i>Producer describes the feed procurement, amounts stored and any testing.</i></p>				
<p>10. A supply of quality drinking water is available to meet the physiological needs of the mink at all times. (Book 1: 3.4, Book 2: Page 23)</p>		10		
<p><i>Check all inspection cages for water.</i></p>				



11. Water systems are checked daily to ensure they are functioning. (Book 1: 3.4.3, Form 3-111)		10		
<i>Producer describes procedure. Review written protocol and/or records</i>				
SECTION 4 - HEALTH				
12. The farm has direct contact with a veterinarian, a minimum of once a year and at times of major health concerns. (Book 1; 4.1.1-4.1.2, Form 1-106)		10		
<i>Review veterinarian information and contact sheet</i>				
13. Mink are observed daily for any signs of health or welfare concerns. (Book 1: 4.1-4.2, Forms A-101, 4-102, 4-103, 4-111)		10		# of animals w/ FC/BCS1/Unmarked injury ____ % ____
<i>1. Producer describes observation process. 2. Review any written records. 3. Direct Inspection: no more than a total of 2% of the inspected animals will display the combination of scores 2 or 3 for fur chewing; a body condition score of 1, and/or unmarked injury scores of 2 or 3.</i>				
14. Mink that are exhibiting signs of illness or injury are provided with medical care or are euthanized within 8 hours when treatment is identified to not be appropriate or successful. (Book 1: 4.4; Form A-101, Form 4-111)		10		
<i>Producer describes the medical care process, identification of affected mink and record system. Direct Inspection: Auditor examines all mink in sample plus hospital area.</i>				
TOTAL		140		