

571—78.3(456A) Ginseng permits. Ginseng growers' permits, wild ginseng harvesters' permits and ginseng dealers' permits shall be issued upon filing of an application provided by the department and accompanied by the appropriate permit fee.

78.3(1) *Free grower permit.* Growers of cultivated ginseng are required to obtain a permit, for which there is no charge, from the department. This permit shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance. Applications for permit renewal must be filed with the department within 60 days of expiration.

78.3(2) *Wild ginseng harvester's permit.*

a. Every harvester of wild ginseng must have in possession a valid permit to harvest wild ginseng for the current harvest season when harvesting, possessing or transporting wild ginseng. No person, while harvesting, shall carry or have in possession any wild ginseng harvester's permit issued to another person.

b. Wild ginseng harvesters' permits shall be issued upon filing of an application accompanied by a \$10 permit fee with the department of natural resources. The application period shall be from May 15 through October 31 of each year.

c. The wild ginseng harvester's permit shall be valid from September 1 through March 15 of the following year, both dates inclusive.

d. Harvesters with valid Iowa ginseng harvesters' permits may sell wild ginseng from September 1 through March 15 of the following year.

e. The wild ginseng harvester's permit shall include the applicant's signature, address, and other facts as may be required by the department.

f. Harvesters with valid Iowa ginseng harvesters' permits may retain no more than four ounces of dry wild ginseng for personal consumption for one year beyond the expiration date of the permit.

78.3(3) *Ginseng dealer's permit and registration.*

a. All persons who buy and sell wild or cultivated ginseng in Iowa shall have a valid dealer's ginseng permit in their own name, except for paid employees or family members of a licensed dealer who are working at that dealer's primary place of business as indicated on the dealer's permit. The dealer's permit is used to register the dealer with the department.

b. Ginseng dealers' permits shall be issued upon filing of an application accompanied by a \$100 permit fee with the department.

c. The ginseng dealer's permit shall be valid from September 1 until August 31 of the following year.

d. The ginseng dealer's permit application must be filed with the department at least 15 days prior to the beginning of the legal harvest season in Iowa.