

As of June 30, 2023

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

01.01 Alligator Farmer/Dealer General Provisions

- A. Shipping tickets, invoices, or bills of lading shall be maintained for all alligators purchased or sold to verify they have been obtained from a legal source and not from the wild stock of the state, and complete written records of all changes in alligator stock shall be maintained for a minimum of 5 years from the date of each transaction to verify sources of supply and disposition of alligator stock.
- B. Facilities and records shall be subject to random inspection by Game Wardens of the Commission.
- C. Upon request or inspection by the Commission, an alligator farmer/dealer shall disclose ownership of all alligators and provide documentation of inventory of initial and subsequent numbers of all alligator eggs and alligators. Documentation shall demonstrate the inventory is commensurate with production and survival levels for captive populations in compliance with biological standards adopted by the Commission or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- D. Each alligator farmer/dealer shall report annually to the Wildlife Management Division by January 31 on a form supplied by the Commission all activities that have occurred during the previous calendar year (January 1 - December 31), including, but not limited to: the number of live alligators (separated by sizes); the number of eggs collected and hatched; information on the purchase and sale of alligators, hides and parts; and the numbers of alligator deaths. Failure to accurately complete this form may result in the non-renewal or revocation of the Alligator Farmer/Dealer Permit.
- E. The advertisement or representation of caimans or crocodiles as alligators is prohibited.
- F. No alligator farmer/dealer or his or her employees shall receive or transfer any alligator, eggs or hides except in compliance with Commission regulations.
- G. Permits to establish and operate alligator farms are not transferable.