

COMMERCIAL TAKING OF TURTLES

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6256.0500 TAKING TURTLES.

[For text of subps 1 to 8, see permanent rules.]

**Subp. 9. Size limits.** A turtle seller, turtle seller's apprentice, or recreational turtle licensee or a person harvesting turtles under an angling license is restricted to taking and possessing sizes of turtles as specified in items A and ~~B~~ to C. The turtle size is determined by measuring the top shell length (carapace, not including the curvature) from above the neck to above the tail.

A. Spiny softshells (*A. spinifera*) must be greater than 12 inches in shell length.

B. Snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) must be greater than 12 inches in shell length.

C. Western painted turtles (*Chrysemys picta*) must be 5-1/2 inches or smaller in shell length, except persons acting under Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.605, subdivision 2c, clause (4), may take and possess western painted turtles of any length greater than four inches.

[For text of subp 10, see permanent rules.]