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Overview

This bill modifies fur farmer and Eurasian wild pig statutes. These statutes are administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

Under current law and this bill, fur farmers are those who breed, raise, produce, and market fox, mink, fitch, chinchillas, karakul, marten, nutria, or certain fishers, or products derived from these animals.

Under current law and this bill, an MDA permit is generally required to import, possess, transport, or release a Eurasian wild pig or a Eurasian-domestic hybrid pig and the animals must be marked in a permanent fashion to identify ownership. According to the [United States Department of Agriculture](#), Eurasian wild boars were originally imported into the United States in the 1900s for sport hunting purposes, and today's feral pigs are a combination of escaped domestic pigs, Eurasian wild boars, and hybrids of the two.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Registration. Makes fur-farmer registration mandatory and modifies the annual registration fee assessed by MDA.
2	Permits. Prohibits MDA from issuing permits to those who intend to possess Eurasian wild pigs for commercial purposes.
3	Report on feral pigs and mink. Requires the Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with other named state agencies, to submit a report to the legislature by February 15, 2024, that

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	includes specified elements including recommendations for managing feral pigs and mink to prevent negative impacts on the environment and human health.
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