

????????????????????????????

At this time, it appears that the Strawberry Mutation is dominant to wild-type. That is, when you breed it to any other corn snake, half the progeny should be Strawberries. How can you tell which half? Good question. According to Charles Pritzel's Morph Guide (<https://cornguide.com/>) it is possible to distinguish between the two alleles at the Hypomelanistic A aka: Hypo A locus - *both Hypo A and Strawberry* - by microscopic inspection of the minute black speckling patterns on some scales. This is essential (in my opinion) because Strawberry Mutants can look identical to some Hypomelanistic Mutants.

Eye Color: Black pupil & *body ground colored* iris (some can be so hypomelanistic, their pupils can be gray to dark red).

SURPLUS section of this web site). We do not provide pictures of individual hatchling snakes for sale, nor do we recommend that you ever choose a new pet based on an image of its neonatal form. Corns change so dramatically from hatchling to adult, they will NEVER have the same colors or contrasts throughout maturity. While most of the snakes we produce will mature to resemble the featured adult image(s) on our web site, unlike manufactured products that are respectively clones of each other, the nature of polygenic variation results in each animal being similar but not identical to others of its morph. The snake we select for you may not mature to be identical to the pictured examples, but will be chosen based on our experience of observing which neonates will mature to properly represent their respective morph. We take this responsibility very seriously, and therefore publish the guarantee that we will exchange your SMR snake if it does not mature to be like our advertised examples.