



## Nutria Eradication Program Update

### Field Update

Since March 2018, the nutria eradication efforts in California have:

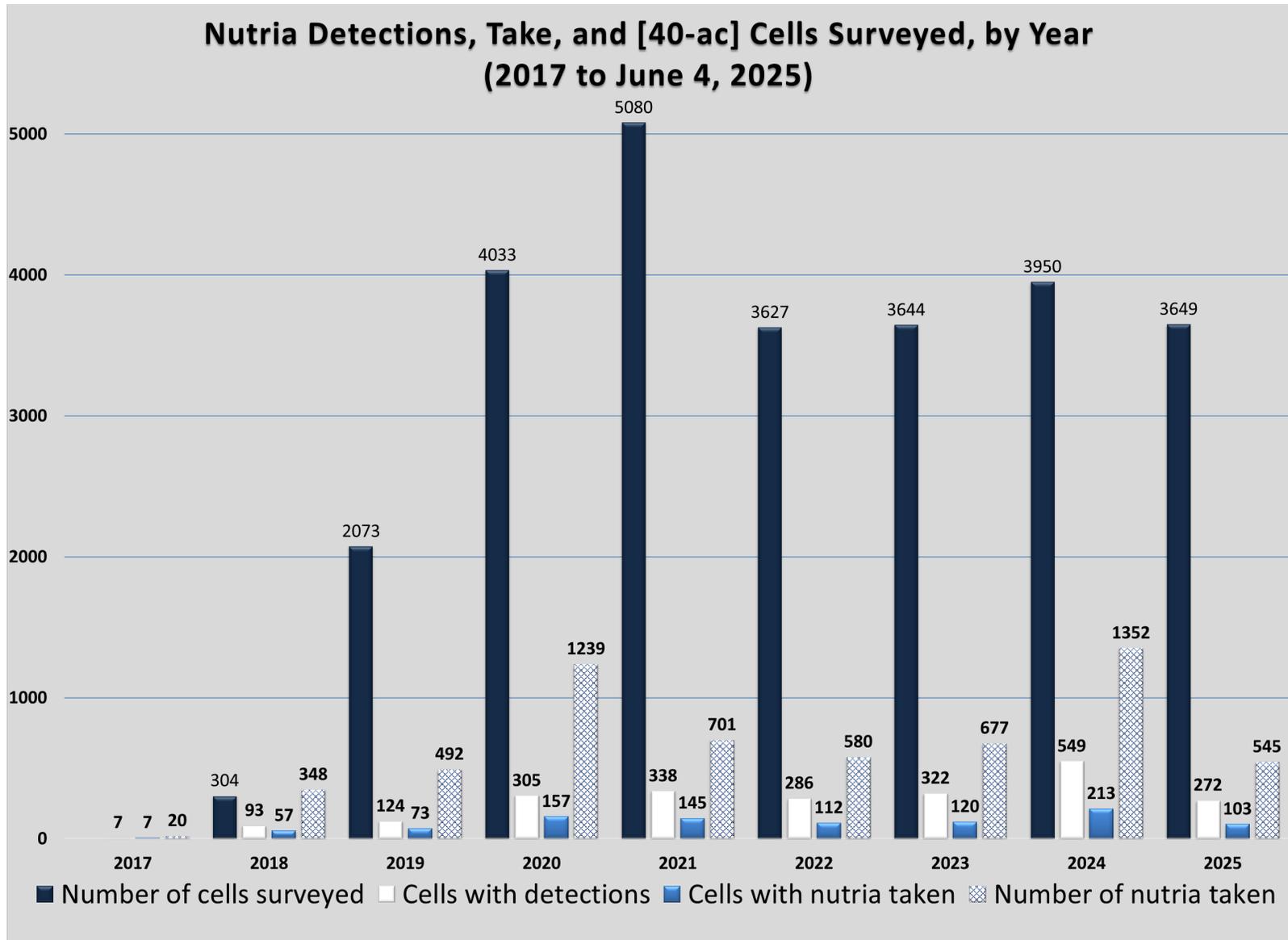
- Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 1.9 M acres
- Executed entry permits with over 4,900 landowners for over 12,000 parcels in 20 counties
- Set up 13,323 camera stations (1,295 currently active) and conducted 108,893 camera checks
- Detected nutria in 1,364 sites (40-acre cells)
- Deployed 17,215 trap sets (520 currently active) for a total of 187,299 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 5,954 nutria (since Mar 2017)
  - Merced- 2,871
  - Fresno- 1,168
  - Stanislaus- 999
  - Solano- 593
  - San Joaquin- 110
  - Madera- 109
  - Sacramento- 57
  - Mariposa- 26
  - Contra Costa- 20
  - Kings- 1
  - See Figure 2 for distribution of take by county, by year. See [www.wildlife.ca.gov/nutria](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/nutria) for an interactive map showing locations and densities of nutria taken over time

Of 5,954 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1.16 sex ratio (M:F)
- 7,286 fetal nutria have been removed from the population
- Litter size ranged from 1-13, with an average of 6.0
  - 21% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
  - 63% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
  - 68% of adult (>14 months of age) females have been pregnant
  - Average litter size for adult females (> 14 mos.) in California is 6.5

**Table 1.** The total number of cells with nutria taken, total number of nutria taken, and average number of nutria taken per cell, by year from March 2017 to June 4, 2025.

Year	Total (unique) cells with nutria taken	Total # nutria taken	Average # nutria taken per cell
2017	7	20	2.9
2018	57	348	6.1
2019	73	492	6.7
2020	157	1,239	7.9
2021	145	701	4.8
2022	112	580	5.2
2023	120	677	5.6
2024	213	1,352	6.3
2025	103	545	5.3
<b>Total Across Years</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>5,954</b>	<b>8.6</b>



**Figure 1.** The total number of 40-acre cells (sites) surveyed, number of cells with nutria detections, number of cells with nutria taken, and total number of nutria taken, by year from March 2017 to June 4, 2025.

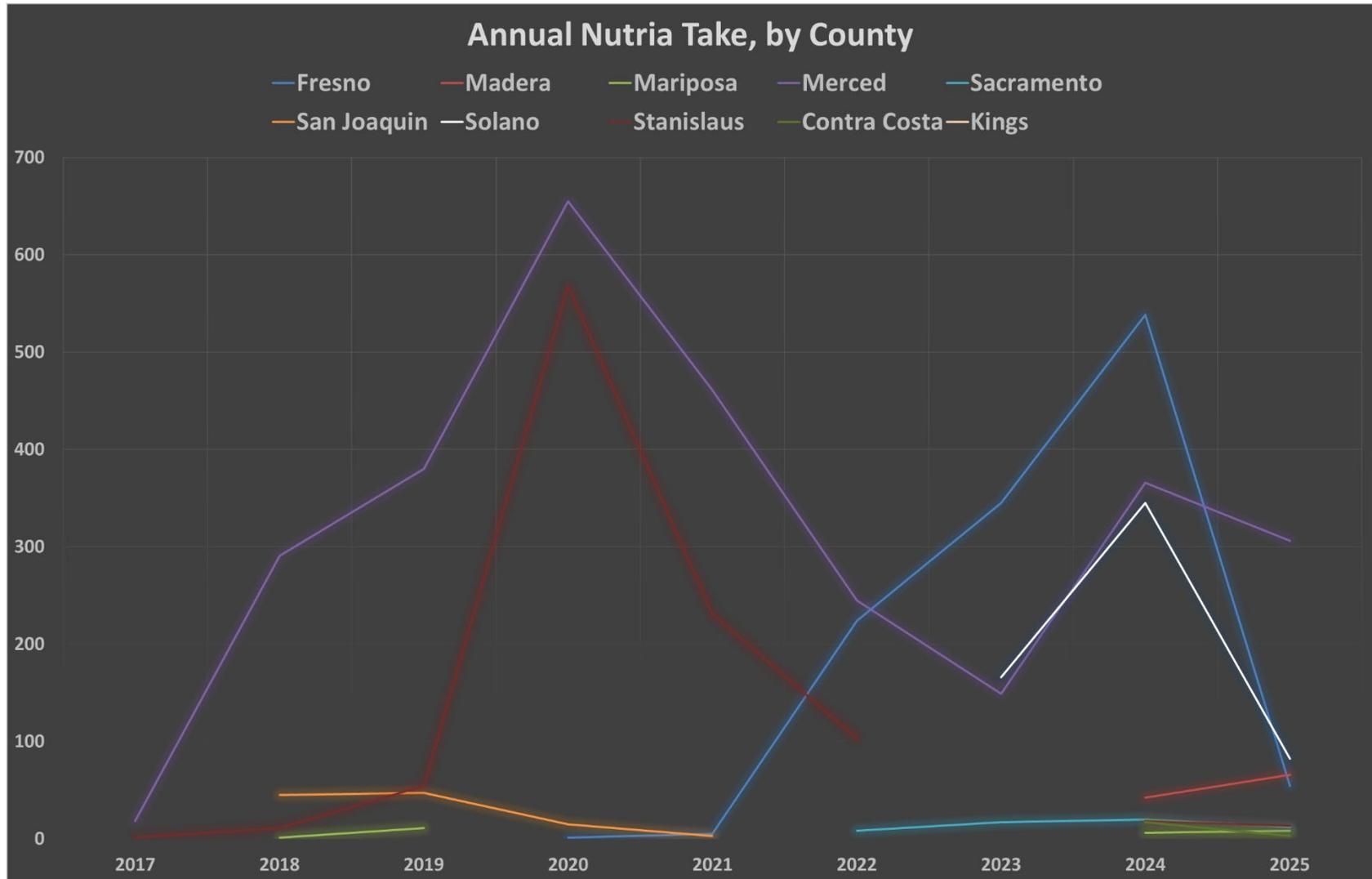


Figure 2. The distribution of nutria taken by county, by year, in California from 2017 through June 4, 2025.