

State of California
The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
Wildlife Programs Branch

2002-2003 Wild Pig Take Report

Summary:

The 2002/2003 wild pig hunting season extended from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 with no daily possession or seasonal bag limits. As reported from our License and Revenue Branch, a total of 34,494 pig tags were sold, which included 33,663 (books of five) resident tags and 831 nonresident tags. As of the 2004 license year the Department will no longer be selling books of five pig tags, instead all tags will now be sold individually. Hunters voluntarily returned 5,794 (16.8%) of the wild pig license tags sold back to the department.

Of the 5,794 pigs reported taken 3,067 (53.0%) were harvested from our Central Coast region (Table 1). This region of the state has consistently reported the highest number of pigs taken but the statewide percentage has been steadily decreasing over the past 8 years, going from an all time high of 72.4 to 53.0 %, a decrease of 19.4 %! At the same time the San Joaquin Valley, Southern Sierra region has shown a 15.3 % increase in their reported take. All other regions have remained fairly constant during that time.

The success rates for particular hunting methods are as follows (Table 2): hunters using rifles accounted for the largest proportion of the harvest again this year with 90% (5,212) of the take. Archery hunters, though few and far between, took 305 pigs which accounted for 5.3% of the harvest, although the number of archery hunters is down their percentages are up, meaning that fewer hunters are taking a larger percentage of the take. All other hunting methods combined accounted for only 4.7% (277) of the take.

Of the total reported pigs taken (Table 3) a total of 2,910 (50.3%) were males and 2,782 (48%) were females. Similar to years past, most pigs (94.7%) were taken on private lands. The remaining 5.2% were taken on public lands like federal and state owned lands as well as military bases. This year 7.9% (459) of pig hunters used trailing hounds and 28% (1,622) hunted within their county of residence.

Table 1: Reported Wild Pig Take 1995-2003
(reported from the Wild Pig License Tags)

County	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03
Humboldt	33	26	43	30	20	9	37	57
Modoc	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	3
Shasta	33	22	53	55	84	62	84	80
Siskiyou	12	12	21	17	8	4	7	7
Tehama	265	268	380	493	398	450	495	312
Trinity	14	21	23	8	16	34	30	52
NCNCR Totals	357	349	520	606	526	559	657	511
% of Statewide Harvest	6.8	7.5	9.4	7.8	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.8
Amador	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Butte	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	2
Calaveras	2	3	6	2	1	11	2	2
Colusa	76	73	151	117	64	105	158	100
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Glenn	26	23	51	67	60	114	172	153
Nevada	7	4	17	9	7	15	13	37
Placer	2	6	2	3	0	10	2	6
Sacramento	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	21	13	25	60	29	26	19	26
Solano	36	26	30	49	40	49	35	11
Sutter	17	31	64	59	45	46	92	63
Yolo	4	3	4	19	11	14	34	28
Yuba	1	1	4	1	0	9	4	1
SVCSR Totals	193	184	355	388	259	403	532	430
% of Statewide Harvest	3.7	4.0	6.4	4.9	4.4	6.3	6.8	7.4
Alameda	48	48	68	97	45	34	30	23
Contra Costa	8	6	9	21	15	13	13	9
Lake	43	33	42	47	28	17	53	114
Mendocino	339	291	299	286	164	205	267	288
Monterey	1,011	935	1,194	2,063	1,621	1,893	1,944	1,202
Napa	80	75	66	65	24	16	8	5
San Benito	394	371	359	717	461	480	703	361
San Luis Obispo	600	529	522	544	541	513	523	348
San Mateo	1	0	1	6	4	24	12	3
Santa Clara	751	541	611	863	440	375	461	259
Santa Cruz	61	48	53	39	48	92	114	57
Sonoma	458	377	379	402	306	280	326	398
CCR Totals	3,794	3,254	3,603	5,150	3,697	3,942	4,454	3,067
% of Statewide Harvest	72.4	70.1	65.1	65.8	62.6	61.5	57.3	52.9
Fresno	160	161	270	241	208	190	276	183
Kern	44	89	143	319	487	570	863	987
Kings	6	3	5	3	27	30	15	16
Madera	33	30	30	21	36	74	68	48

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Mariposa	53	61	72	51	54	77	91	59
Merced	41	33	50	138	101	79	95	75
Stanislaus	154	143	183	303	103	122	106	68
Tulare	71	104	90	97	64	93	146	79
Tuolumne	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	0
SJVSSR Totals	564	624	843	1,179	1,081	1,235	1,660	1,515
% of Statewide Harvest	10.8	13.4	15.2	15.1	18.3	19.2	21.4	26.1
Los Angeles	54	28	12	89	46	22	4	2
San Diego	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	254	189	185	337	247	231	430	247
Ventura	7	1	5	7	12	6	7	9
SCR Totals	315	219	202	433	305	259	441	258
% of Statewide Harvest	6.0	4.7	3.6	5.5	5.2	4.0	5.7	4.5
Riverside	9	7	7	19	17	5	6	9
San Bernardino	1	1	3	5	2	3	4	0
Unknown	6	5	5	43	20	20	16	4
ESIDR Totals	16	13	15	67	39	28	26	13
% of Statewide Harvest	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.3	.33	0.2
Total	5,239	4,643	5,538	7,823	5,907	6,418	7,770	5,794

**Table 2: Method of Take per County of Kill
(Reported from 02/03 Wild Pig License Tags)**

County	Rifle	Pistol	Archery	Muzzle	Shotgun	Crossbow	Unknown
Alameda	21	2	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	91	7	0	0	2	0	0
Contra Costa	7	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fresno	142	2	32	1	6	0	0
Glenn	144	3	1	0	5	0	0
Humboldt	53	0	4	0	0	0	0
Kern	852	9	100	4	9	1	12
Kings	15	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lake	101	5	2	1	5	0	0
Los Angeles	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madera	41	4	2	0	1	0	0
Mariposa	52	2	2	0	2	0	1
Mendocino	271	3	12	0	2	0	0
Merced	65	0	7	0	3	0	0
Modoc	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Monterey	1,125	17	29	2	20	0	9
Napa	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	31	2	1	0	3	0	0
Placer	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	8	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	325	21	13	0	1	0	1
San Bernardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	327	8	2	2	6	0	3
San Mateo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	223	3	12	1	8	0	0
Santa Clara	239	5	11	0	2	0	2
Santa Cruz	54	2	0	0	1	0	0
Shasta	76	3	0	0	1	0	0
Siskiyou	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	7	0	0	0	4	0	0
Sonoma	327	10	40	0	18	0	3
Stanislaus	64	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sutter	61	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tehama	281	7	17	1	2	0	3
Trinity	37	4	10	1	0	0	0
Tulare	74	1	2	0	2	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	5,212	124	305	13	104	1	35
% of Harvest	89.9	2.1	5.3	0.2	1.8	0.01	0.6

Table 3: Method of Take per County of Kill**(Reported from 02/03 Wild Pig License Tags)**

County	Hunt in County	Dogs Used	Private Land	Public Land	Land Unknown	Males Taken	Female Taken	Unknown Taken
Alameda	15	4	22	0	1	14	9	0
Amador	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Butte	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Calaveras	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Colusa	12	13	83	16	1	48	51	1
Contra Costa	5	0	9	0	0	6	3	0
Fresno	102	0	176	7	0	82	99	2
Glenn	68	0	144	9	0	68	81	4
Humboldt	26	9	55	2	0	21	34	2
Kern	160	1	980	7	0	468	493	26
Kings	1	2	15	1	0	6	10	0
Lake	21	0	95	19	0	52	61	1
Los Angeles	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0
Madera	14	3	48	0	0	30	17	1
Mariposa	21	14	59	0	0	37	22	0
Mendocino	84	28	285	3	0	136	148	4
Merced	38	1	57	18	0	44	27	4
Modoc	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	0
Monterey	131	118	1,142	60	0	611	576	15
Napa	3	0	5	0	0	4	1	0
Nevada	17	10	34	3	0	13	24	0
Placer	5	0	6	0	0	5	1	0
Riverside	2	0	9	0	0	4	4	1
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	40	56	353	8	0	209	145	7
San Bernardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	9	0	26	0	0	14	12	0
San Luis Obispo	68	6	307	41	0	183	156	9
San Mateo	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	0
Santa Barbara	86	61	187	59	1	131	114	2
Santa Clara	144	3	258	1	0	129	125	5
Santa Cruz	33	1	57	0	0	24	31	2
Shasta	40	9	79	1	0	44	31	5
Siskiyou	6	0	6	1	0	5	2	0
Solano	3	1	8	3	0	7	4	0
Sonoma	218	56	367	30	1	177	216	5
Stanislaus	30	0	67	1	0	28	40	0
Sutter	43	8	63	0	0	35	28	0
Tehama	90	14	303	9	0	172	134	6
Trinity	0	36	52	0	0	24	28	0
Tulare	59	3	77	2	0	44	35	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	9	0	9	0	0	6	3	0
Yolo	14	2	28	0	0	16	12	0
Yuba	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Unknown	0	0	2	2	0	3	1	0
Total	1,622	459	5,486	304	4	2,910	2,782	102
% of Harvest	28.0	7.9	94.7	5.2	0.06	50.3	48.0	1.7