

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

2003-2004 Wild Pig Take Report

Summary:

The 2003/2004 wild pig hunting season extended from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 with no daily possession or seasonal bag limits. As reported from our License and Revenue Branch, a total of 39,143 pig tags were sold, which included 32,726 individual resident tags, 392 nonresident tags and 6,025 lifetime tags. Hunters voluntarily returned 6,014 (15.4%) of the wild pig license tags sold back to the department.

Of the 6,014 pigs reported taken 3,195 (53.1%) were harvested from our Central Coast region (Table 1). This region of the state has consistently reported the highest number of pigs taken and although the regional percentage has been steadily decreasing over the past 8 years, there was a slight rebound in the 2003/2004 season. This region has gone from an all time high of 72.4 to 53.1 % of the take, a decrease of 19.3 %! At the same time the San Joaquin Valley, Southern Sierra region has shown a 15.4 % 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% (5,441) of the take. Archery hunters, though few and far between, took 271 pigs which accounted for 4.5% of the harvest. All other hunting methods combined accounted for only 4.9% (302) of the take.

Of the total reported pigs taken (Table 3) a total of 2,980 (49.6%) were males and 2,916 (48.5%) were females. Similar to years past, most pigs (94.4%) were taken on private lands. The remaining 5.6% were taken on public lands like federal and state owned lands as well as military bases. This year 6.7% (402) of pig hunters used trailing hounds and 28% (1,663) hunted within their county of residence.

Table 1: Reported Wild Pig Take 1996-2004								
(reported from the Wild Pig License Tags)								
County	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04
Humboldt	26	43	30	20	9	37	57	56
Modoc	0	0	3	0	0	4	3	0
Shasta	22	53	55	84	62	84	80	63
Siskiyou	12	21	17	8	4	7	7	3
Tehama	268	380	493	398	450	495	312	343
Trinity	21	23	8	16	34	30	52	66
NCNCR Totals	349	520	606	526	559	657	511	531
% of Statewide Harvest	7.5	9.4	7.8	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.8
Amador	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Butte	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	2
Calaveras	3	6	2	1	11	2	2	6
Colusa	73	151	117	64	105	158	100	85
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Glenn	23	51	67	60	114	172	153	128
Nevada	4	17	9	7	15	13	37	35
Placer	6	2	3	0	10	2	6	13
Sacramento	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	13	25	60	29	26	19	26	8
Solano	26	30	49	40	49	35	11	9
Sutter	31	64	59	45	46	92	63	43
Yolo	3	4	19	11	14	34	28	40
Yuba	1	4	1	0	9	4	1	1
SVCSR Totals	184	355	388	259	403	532	430	373
% of Statewide Harvest	4.0	6.4	4.9	4.4	6.3	6.8	7.4	6.2
Alameda	48	68	97	45	34	30	23	16
Contra Costa	6	9	21	15	13	13	9	9
Lake	33	42	47	28	17	53	114	103
Mendocino	291	299	286	164	205	267	290	305
Monterey	935	1,194	2,063	1,621	1,893	1,944	1,203	1,371
Napa	75	66	65	24	16	8	5	5
San Benito	371	359	717	461	480	703	362	420
San Luis Obispo	529	522	544	541	513	523	348	424
San Mateo	0	1	6	4	24	12	3	0
Santa Clara	541	611	863	440	375	461	259	235
Santa Cruz	48	53	39	48	92	114	57	45
Sonoma	377	379	402	306	280	326	400	262
CCR Totals	3,254	3,603	5,150	3,697	3,942	4,454	3,073	3,195
% of Statewide Harvest	70.1	65.1	65.8	62.6	61.5	57.3	52.9	53.1
Fresno	161	270	241	208	190	276	183	189
Kern	89	143	319	487	570	863	987	951
Kings	3	5	3	27	30	15	16	26
Madera	30	30	21	36	74	68	48	52
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Mariposa	61	72	51	54	77	91	59	85
Merced	33	50	138	101	79	95	75	114

Stanislaus	143	183	303	103	122	106	68	31
Tulare	104	90	97	64	93	146	79	125
Tuolumne	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0
SJVSSR Totals	624	843	1,179	1,081	1,235	1,660	1,515	1,573
% of Statewide Harvest	13.4	15.2	15.1	18.3	19.2	21.4	26.1	26.2
Los Angeles	28	12	89	46	22	4	2	11
San Diego	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	189	185	337	247	231	430	247	301
Ventura	1	5	7	12	6	7	9	17
SCR Totals	219	202	433	305	259	441	258	329
% of Statewide Harvest	4.7	3.6	5.5	5.2	4.0	5.7	4.5	5.5
Riverside	7	7	19	17	5	6	9	5
San Bernardino	1	3	5	2	3	4	0	1
Unknown	5	5	43	20	20	16	4	7
ESIDR Totals	13	15	67	39	28	26	13	13
% of Statewide Harvest	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.3	.33	0.2	.2
Total	4,643	5,538	7,823	5,907	6,418	7,770	5,800	6,014

Table 2: Method of Take per County of Kill**(Reported from 03/04 Wild Pig License Tags)**

County	Rifle	Pistol	Archery	Muzzle	Shotgun	Crossbow	Unknown
Alameda	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Butte	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	82	0	1	0	1	0	1
Contra Costa	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fresno	157	4	23	0	4	0	1
Glenn	113	4	5	0	5	0	1
Humboldt	50	1	3	0	2	0	0
Kern	863	16	58	2	3	0	9
Kings	25	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lake	98	2	3	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	10	0	1	0	0	0	0
Madera	47	2	0	0	3	0	0
Mariposa	74	6	2	3	0	0	0
Mendocino	282	9	9	1	0	0	4
Merced	111	0	1	0	2	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	1,261	18	29	4	46	0	13
Napa	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	31	1	0	0	3	0	0
Placer	11	0	2	0	0	0	0
Riverside	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	367	26	23	0	3	0	1
San Bernardino	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	7	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Luis Obispo	407	6	3	1	4	0	3
San Mateo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	263	7	11	4	14	0	2
Santa Clara	210	3	16	0	5	0	1
Santa Cruz	40	2	0	0	0	0	3
Shasta	60	0	1	1	1	0	0
Siskiyou	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	7	0	0	0	2	0	0
Sonoma	210	7	42	0	2	1	0
Stanislaus	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	309	11	18	1	4	0	0
Trinity	49	6	11	0	0	0	0
Tulare	117	2	4	0	2	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	14	0	3	0	0	0	0
Yolo	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Unknown	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,441	134	271	17	111	1	39
% of Harvest	90.5	2.2	4.5	0.3	1.8	0.02	0.65

**Table 3: Method of Take per County of Kill
(Reported from 03/04 Wild Pig License Tags)**

County	Hunt in County	Dogs Used	Private Land	Public Land	Land Unknown	Males Taken	Female Taken	Unknown Taken
Alameda	6	0	16	0	0	5	11	0
Amador	3	0	3	0	0	1	2	0
Butte	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
Calaveras	4	0	5	1	0	3	3	0
Colusa	8	6	80	5	0	40	45	0
Contra Costa	7	0	9	0	0	4	5	0
Fresno	105	9	177	11	1	96	90	3
Glenn	33	8	124	3	1	62	64	2
Humboldt	24	12	54	0	2	23	33	0
Kern	208	28	937	14	0	483	449	19
Kings	1	1	25	1	0	15	11	0
Lake	22	0	93	9	1	53	47	3
Los Angeles	6	0	11	0	0	4	7	0
Madera	26	3	51	1	0	33	18	1
Mariposa	15	9	83	1	1	39	43	3
Mendocino	64	22	303	1	1	145	157	3
Merced	70	2	110	4	0	53	56	5
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	151	74	1,263	108	0	639	700	32
Napa	0	0	3	2	0	3	2	0
Nevada	21	5	32	1	2	10	23	2
Placer	10	0	13	0	0	4	9	0
Riverside	0	0	5	0	0	1	4	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	48	61	412	5	3	216	200	4
San Bernardino	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
San Joaquin	5	0	8	0	0	5	3	0
San Luis Obispo	110	11	383	37	4	222	191	11
San Mateo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	128	36	241	59	1	153	143	5
Santa Clara	134	0	233	0	2	106	126	3
Santa Cruz	28	0	31	14	0	21	23	1
Shasta	26	1	57	6	0	38	24	1
Siskiyou	3	0	3	0	0	1	1	1
Solano	4	1	8	1	0	4	5	0
Sonoma	125	31	251	9	2	145	114	3
Stanislaus	21	0	31	0	0	10	20	1
Sutter	26	5	43	0	0	16	25	2
Tehama	93	31	329	11	3	196	141	6
Trinity	0	42	62	4	0	33	31	2
Tulare	93	3	123	2	0	65	59	1
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ventura	11	0	17	0	0	9	8	0
Yolo	21	1	39	0	1	20	19	0
Yuba	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Unknown	1	0	5	1	1	2	3	2
Total	1,663	402	5,677	311	26	2,980	2,916	118
% of Harvest	27.7	6.7	94.4	5.2	0.4	49.6	48.5	1.9

