

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

2004-2005 Wild Pig Take Report

Summary:

The 2004/2005 wild pig hunting season extended from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 with no daily possession or seasonal bag limits. As reported from our License and Revenue Branch, a total of 46,593 pig tags were sold, which included 39,266 individual resident tags, 457 nonresident tags and 6,870 lifetime tags. Hunters voluntarily returned 4,106 (8.8%) of the wild pig license tags sold back to the department.

Of the 4,106 pigs reported taken 2,605 (63.4%) were harvested from our Central Coast region (Table 1). The Central Coast region of the state has consistently reported the highest number of pigs taken but in recent years this region has gone from a high of 72.4% of the take to a low of 53.1%. Although the regional take has plummeted, the statewide percentage rebounded by more than 10 percent over the 2004/2005 season and is currently at 63.4%. 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% (3,694) of the take. Archery hunters, though few and far between, took 219 pigs, which accounted for 5.3% of the harvest. All other hunting methods combined accounted for only 4.7% (193) of the take.

Of the total reported pigs taken (Table 3) a total of 2,192 (53.4%) were males and 1,863 (45.4%) were females. Similar to years past, most pigs (93.1%) were taken on private lands. The remaining 6.9% were taken on public lands like federal and state owned lands as well as military bases. This year 7.6% (313) of pig hunters used trailing hounds and 22% (905) hunted within their county of residence.

Table 1: Reported Wild Pig Take 1997-2005								
(Reported from the Wild Pig License Tags)								
County	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05
Humboldt	43	30	20	9	37	57	56	29
Modoc	0	3	0	0	4	3	0	0
Shasta	53	55	84	62	84	80	63	55
Siskiyou	21	17	8	4	7	7	3	8
Tehama	380	493	398	450	495	312	343	215
Trinity	23	8	16	34	30	52	66	65
NCNCR Totals	520	606	526	559	657	511	531	372
% of Statewide Harvest	9.4	7.8	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.8	9.1
Amador	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Butte	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	0
Calaveras	6	2	1	11	2	2	6	5
Colusa	151	117	64	105	158	100	85	66
El Dorado	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Glenn	51	67	60	114	172	153	128	53
Nevada	17	9	7	15	13	37	35	12
Placer	2	3	0	10	2	6	13	7
Sacramento	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	25	60	29	26	19	26	8	8
Solano	30	49	40	49	35	11	9	16
Sutter	64	59	45	46	92	63	43	17
Yolo	4	19	11	14	34	28	40	10
Yuba	4	1	0	9	4	1	1	0
SVCSR Totals	355	388	259	403	532	430	373	194
% of Statewide Harvest	6.4	4.9	4.4	6.3	6.8	7.4	6.2	4.7
Alameda	68	97	45	34	30	23	16	15
Contra Costa	9	21	15	13	13	9	9	5
Lake	42	47	28	17	53	114	103	175
Mendocino	299	286	164	205	267	290	305	213
Monterey	1,194	2,063	1,621	1,893	1,944	1,203	1,371	1,167
Napa	66	65	24	16	8	5	5	16
San Benito	359	717	461	480	703	362	420	283
San Luis Obispo	522	544	541	513	523	348	424	297
San Mateo	1	6	4	24	12	3	0	1
Santa Clara	611	863	440	375	461	259	235	199
Santa Cruz	53	39	48	92	114	57	45	20
Sonoma	379	402	306	280	326	400	262	214
CCR Totals	3,603	5,150	3,697	3,942	4,454	3,073	3,195	2,605
% of Statewide Harvest	65.1	65.8	62.6	61.5	57.3	52.9	53.1	63.4
Fresno	270	241	208	190	276	183	189	98
Kern	143	319	487	570	863	987	951	446
Kings	5	3	27	30	15	16	26	17
Madera	30	21	36	74	68	48	52	29

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Mariposa	72	51	54	77	91	59	85	47
Merced	50	138	101	79	95	75	114	32
Stanislaus	183	303	103	122	106	68	31	23
Tulare	90	97	64	93	146	79	125	62
Tuolumne	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	1
SJVSSR Totals	843	1,179	1,081	1,235	1,660	1,515	1,573	755
% of Statewide Harvest	15.2	15.1	18.3	19.2	21.4	26.1	26.2	18.4
Los Angeles	12	89	46	22	4	2	11	1
San Diego	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	185	337	247	231	430	247	301	162
Ventura	5	7	12	6	7	9	17	10
SCR Totals	202	433	305	259	441	258	329	173
% of Statewide Harvest	3.6	5.5	5.2	4.0	5.7	4.5	5.5	4.2
Riverside	7	19	17	5	6	9	5	1
San Bernardino	3	5	2	3	4	0	1	0
Unknown	5	43	20	20	16	4	7	6
ESIDR Totals	15	67	39	28	26	13	13	7
% of Statewide Harvest	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.33	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	5,538	7,823	5,907	6,418	7,770	5,800	6,014	4,106

Table 2: Method of Take per County of Kill**(Reported from 04/05 Wild Pig License Tags)**

County	Rifle	Pistol	Archery	Muzzle	Shotgun	Crossbow	Unknown
Alameda	11	1	3	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	64	1	0	0	0	0	1
Contra Costa	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Fresno	80	2	14	0	1	0	1
Glenn	51	1	0	0	1	0	0
Humboldt	20	1	7	0	0	0	1
Kern	407	7	24	3	1	0	4
Kings	13	0	3	0	1	0	0
Lake	163	3	8	0	1	0	0
Los Angeles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madera	28	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mariposa	38	0	6	2	1	0	0
Mendocino	184	4	25	0	0	0	0
Merced	27	1	2	0	2	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	1,078	10	24	6	43	1	5
Napa	15	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Placer	6	0	1	0	0	0	0
Riverside	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	254	9	15	2	0	0	0
San Bernardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	287	1	4	0	3	0	2
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	148	2	6	1	4	0	1
Santa Clara	184	0	14	0	1	0	0
Santa Cruz	17	0	3	0	0	0	0
Shasta	50	3	0	0	2	0	0
Siskiyou	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
Solano	4	0	0	0	12	0	0
Sonoma	164	9	35	0	4	0	2
Stanislaus	22	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sutter	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	197	3	8	4	2	0	1
Trinity	47	6	11	1	0	0	0
Tulare	58	2	1	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ventura	6	1	2	0	1	0	0
Yolo	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3,694	68	219	21	81	1	19
% of Harvest	90.0 %	1.7 %	5.3 %	0.5 %	1.9 %	0.02 %	0.5 %

**Table 3: Method of Take per County of Kill
(Reported from 04/05 Wild Pig License Tags)**

County	Hunt in County	Dogs Used	Private Land	Public Land	Land Unknown	Males Taken	Female Taken	Unknown Taken
Alameda	13	4	15	0	0	7	5	3
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	5	0	4	1	0	2	3	0
Colusa	6	5	60	6	0	38	28	0
Contra Costa	5	0	5	0	0	4	1	0
Fresno	43	3	88	9	1	61	36	1
Glenn	12	4	53	0	0	29	21	3
Humboldt	14	3	27	1	1	15	12	2
Kern	106	13	437	9	0	220	223	3
Kings	0	2	15	2	0	12	5	0
Lake	20	2	173	1	1	91	82	2
Los Angeles	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Madera	11	4	26	3	0	16	13	0
Mariposa	5	17	46	1	0	26	20	1
Mendocino	31	18	211	2	0	114	97	2
Merced	20	0	25	7	0	19	13	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	78	59	1,075	88	4	598	559	10
Napa	10	2	16	0	0	9	6	1
Nevada	1	1	12	0	0	6	5	1
Placer	5	0	6	0	1	5	2	0
Riverside	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	33	36	267	15	1	171	105	7
San Bernardino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	2	0	7	0	1	4	4	0
San Luis Obispo	63	4	252	43	2	170	124	3
San Mateo	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Santa Barbara	53	13	119	41	2	81	80	1
Santa Clara	105	3	197	1	1	111	84	4
Santa Cruz	6	1	19	1	0	8	12	0
Shasta	28	2	54	1	0	33	21	1
Siskiyou	7	0	7	1	0	4	4	0
Solano	4	2	5	11	0	10	6	0
Sonoma	113	29	200	12	2	133	78	3
Stanislaus	13	0	23	0	0	13	10	0
Sutter	6	1	17	0	0	7	10	0
Tehama	36	30	212	2	1	97	116	2
Trinity	2	49	65	0	0	37	28	0
Tulare	33	4	60	1	1	28	33	1
Tuolumne	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Ventura	9	0	9	1	0	4	6	0
Yolo	5	0	10	0	0	5	5	0
Yuba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	2	5	0	1	3	3	0
Total	905	313	3,824	262	20	2,192	1,863	51
% of Harvest	22.0 %	7.6 %	93.1 %	6.4 %	0.5 %	53.4 %	45.4 %	1.2 %

