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LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT 1959-60

Data contained in this report was obtained from trapper submitted reports received after the conclusion of the 1959-60 trapping season. Annual trapping reports are required of trapper licensees by state law.

A total of 583 trapping licenses was issued for the 1959-60 trapping season. This number is lower by about 11 percent than the 657 licenses issued for trapping in 1958-59. Of the 583 trappers licensed in 1959-60, 320 submitted reports and 263 failed to report.

|                                             | <u>1958-59</u> | <u>1959-60</u> |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Licensees Reporting                         | 485            | 320            |
| Licensees Not Reporting                     | <u>172</u>     | <u>263</u>     |
| Total Trapping Licenses Sold                | 657            | 583            |
| Licensees Who Reported, but<br>Did Not Trap | 184            | 80             |

The reported catch for the 1959-60 trapping season was a total of 52,400 pelts, which was about 26 percent less than the 70,543 pelts reported for the 1958-59 season and continued the trapping decline which has been in evidence during recent years.

The actual cash revenue received by trappers for furs caught in 1959-60 amounted to a reported \$62,028.76, about 8 percent less than the \$67,348.97 collected in 1958-59.

Each year a sizeable number of skins are kept unsold by trappers, but still have a monetary value for the purposes of this report. Therefore, the estimated value of the fur catch in 1959-60 was about \$65,954.00 or about 7 percent less than the estimated value of \$71,202.00 reported for 1958-59.

It should be noted that though the fur catch in 1959-60 was 27 percent below the 1958-59 reported catch, the revenue from these furs declined only about 8 percent, due to the higher prices paid for most pelts in 1959-60.

Muskrats, with a total of 46,175 skins reported, continued the trend of former years as the leader in the number of pelts taken, and also in the value of the catch which was reported at \$31,929.00. Despite this leadership the 1959-60 muskrat catch was 28 percent less than the 64,106 reported for the 1958-59 season and the value of the catch decreased by 20 percent below the \$40,062.00 reported for 1958-59.

The following table shows the number of animals taken and the average prices received for the principal fur species:

| <u>Species</u>  | <u>Number Taken</u> |                | <u>%<br/>Change</u> | <u>Prices Reported</u> |                | <u>Price<br/>Change</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                 | <u>1958-59</u>      | <u>1959-60</u> |                     | <u>1958-59</u>         | <u>1959-60</u> |                         |
| Beaver          | 1,838               | 1,703          | - 7.3               | \$ 5.69                | \$ 7.59        | \$+1.10                 |
| Bobcat          | 222                 | 175            | -21.1               | 3.06                   | 4.24           | +1.18                   |
| Coyote          | 79                  | 55             | -30.0               | 1.22                   | 2.08           | + .86                   |
| Grey Fox        | 193                 | 145            | -24.9               | .26                    | .70            | + .44                   |
| Mink            | 1,634               | 1,486          | - 9.0               | 8.69                   | 8.69           | ---                     |
| Muskrat         | 64,106              | 46,175         | -28.0               | .66                    | .73            | + .07                   |
| Raccoon         | 1,295               | 1,370          | + 6.0               | 1.16                   | 1.56           | + .50                   |
| Ring-tailed Cat | 74                  | 108            | +45.9               | 1.40                   | 1.61           | + .21                   |
| River Otter     | 83                  | 101            | +21.7               | 12.52                  | 16.21          | +3.69                   |
| Striped Skunk   | 656                 | 928            | +41.5               | .83                    | .98            | + .15                   |

Revenue Received for Fur Catch as Reported By Trappers

| <u>Species</u>  | <u>1958-59</u> | <u>1959-60</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Badger          | \$ 1.00        | \$ 25.75       |
| Beaver          | 10,073.25      | 12,109.12      |
| Bobcat          | 433.90         | 674.75         |
| Coyote          | 19.50          | 75.00          |
| Grey Fox        | 33.30          | 61.10          |
| Mink            | 13,879.94      | 12,709.98      |
| Muskrat         | 40,062.02      | 31,928.76      |
| Opossum         | 16.40          | 18.75          |
| Raccoon         | 1,245.47       | 1,942.90       |
| Ring-tailed Cat | 86.60          | 162.75         |
| River Otter     | 1,026.64       | 1,637.00       |
| Spotted Skunk   | 64.05          | 57.40          |
| Striped Skunk   | 403.10         | 621.90         |
| Weasel          | 3.80           | 3.60           |
| Total           | \$67,348.97    | \$62,028.76    |

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY  
LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS 1959-60 TRAPPING SEASON

| COUNTY<br>OF CATCH | BADGER | BEAVER | BOBCAT | COYOTE | GREY FOX | MINK | MUSKRAT | OPOSSUM | RACCOON | RING-TAILED<br>CAT | RIVER OTTER | SPOTTED<br>SKUNK | STRIPED<br>SKUNK | WEASEL | TOTAL |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------|-------|
| ALPINE             | ---    | 9      | 12     | 5      | 9        | ---  | 3,168   | 6       | 312     | 42                 | 6           | ---              | 75               | ---    | 9     |
| BUTTE              | ---    | 38     | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---  | 2,421   | ---     | 18      | ---                | ---         | ---              | 3                | ---    | 3,673 |
| COLUSA             | ---    | 126    | ---    | ---    | 1        | 70   | 2,025   | 6       | 96      | ---                | 2           | ---              | ---              | ---    | 2,445 |
| CONTRA COSTA       | ---    | 14     | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---  | 27      | ---     | 3       | ---                | 10          | ---              | ---              | ---    | 2,326 |
| DEL NORTE          | ---    | 1      | 1      | 1      | 5        | 6    | 7       | 10      | 9       | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    | 54    |
| ELDORADO           | ---    | 41     | 1      | ---    | 7        | 36   | 1,802   | ---     | 18      | ---                | ---         | ---              | 98               | ---    | 138   |
| FRESNO             | ---    | 138    | 2      | ---    | 15       | 7    | 4,032   | 3       | 119     | 5                  | 1           | 4                | 44               | 1      | 1,954 |
| GLENN              | ---    | 35     | 46     | ---    | 4        | 9    | ---     | ---     | 53      | 5                  | 18          | 6                | 40               | ---    | 4,368 |
| HUMBOLDT           | 2      | ---    | 5      | 1      | 2        | 103  | ---     | ---     | 26      | 3                  | ---         | 10               | 11               | 1      | 194   |
| LAKE               | 1      | ---    | 4      | 1      | ---      | 17   | 848     | ---     | 9       | ---                | ---         | 4                | 8                | ---    | 153   |
| LASSEN             | ---    | 48     | 4      | 1      | ---      | ---  | 70      | ---     | 5       | ---                | ---         | ---              | 17               | ---    | 944   |
| MADERA             | 6      | 7      | 2      | 1      | ---      | ---  | ---     | ---     | ---     | ---                | ---         | 11               | 139              | ---    | 241   |
| MARIN              | ---    | ---    | 2      | ---    | ---      | ---  | ---     | ---     | 7       | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    | 2     |
| MARIPOSA           | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---  | ---     | ---     | 39      | ---                | ---         | ---              | 19               | ---    | 26    |
| MENDOCINO          | ---    | ---    | 6      | ---    | 3        | 34   | ---     | ---     | 68      | 9                  | 5           | 4                | 8                | 1      | 109   |
| MERCED             | 1      | 51     | ---    | ---    | 2        | 232  | 3,436   | 50      | 16      | 1                  | 3           | 12               | 80               | 4      | 3,940 |
| MODOC              | 3      | 39     | 32     | 10     | ---      | 7    | 560     | ---     | 9       | ---                | ---         | 10               | ---              | ---    | 3,677 |
| MONO               | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---      | 1    | 9       | ---     | ---     | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    | 19    |
| MONTEREY           | 1      | ---    | 3      | ---    | 6        | 10   | ---     | ---     | 1       | ---                | ---         | ---              | 2                | ---    | 23    |
| NAPA               | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | 6        | 1    | 1       | ---     | 22      | ---                | ---         | ---              | 13               | ---    | 45    |
| NEVADA             | ---    | 35     | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---  | 58      | 1       | 1       | 1                  | ---         | 2                | 9                | 1      | 106   |
| PLACER             | ---    | 31     | ---    | ---    | 17       | 4    | 263     | 3       | 21      | 3                  | ---         | 1                | 14               | ---    | 348   |
| PLUMAS             | ---    | 315    | 4      | 5      | 5        | 21   | 47      | ---     | 18      | 7                  | 1           | ---              | 11               | ---    | 434   |
| RIVERSIDE          | ---    | 17     | 1      | ---    | 4        | ---  | 695*    | ---     | 1       | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    | 718   |
| SACRAMENTO         | ---    | 52     | 2      | ---    | ---      | 75   | 3,285   | 8       | 35      | ---                | 5           | 1                | 5                | ---    | 3,468 |
| SAN BENITO         | ---    | 185    | ---    | ---    | 10       | ---  | 21      | 6       | ---     | ---                | 11          | ---              | 21               | 2      | 21    |
| SAN JOAQUIN        | ---    | ---    | 1      | ---    | ---      | 490  | 5,820   | ---     | 105     | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    | 6,651 |
| SANTA CLARA        | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---  | 21      | ---     | ---     | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    | 21    |
| SANTA CLARA        | 1      | 33     | 36     | 18     | 8        | 6    | 4,384   | ---     | 24      | 6                  | 4           | 5                | 20               | ---    | 4,595 |
| SHASTA             | ---    | 66     | ---    | ---    | 11       | ---  | 16      | ---     | 22      | 4                  | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    | 118   |
| SIERRA             | ---    | 77     | 6      | 5      | ---      | 91   | 5,344   | ---     | 77      | 1                  | 4           | 10               | 20               | 1      | 5,636 |
| SISKIYOU           | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---      | 3    | 3,155   | ---     | 38      | ---                | 15          | 6                | 108              | ---    | 3,332 |
| SOLANO             | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | 2        | 67   | 2       | ---     | ---     | ---                | 3           | 1                | ---              | ---    | 75    |
| SONOMA             | ---    | 143    | ---    | ---    | ---      | 173  | 1,960   | 24      | 78      | 1                  | 11          | 2                | 35               | ---    | 2,432 |
| STANISLAUS         | 5      | 43     | ---    | ---    | ---      | 10   | 1,205   | 2       | 10      | ---                | 1           | ---              | ---              | ---    | 1,276 |
| SUTTER             | ---    | 47     | ---    | ---    | ---      | 3    | 17      | ---     | 78      | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    | 153   |
| TEHAMA             | ---    | 13     | 2      | 1      | 4        | 9    | ---     | ---     | 24      | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    | 147   |
| TRINITY            | ---    | ---    | 4      | 6      | 20       | ---  | 4       | ---     | ---     | 20                 | 1           | 4                | 34               | 2      | ---   |

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED -- 1959-60

| COUNTY<br>OF CATCH | BADGER | BEAVER | BOBCAT | COYOTE | GREY FOX | MINK  | MUSKRAT | OPOSSUM | RACCOON | RING-TAILED<br>CAT | RIVER OTTER | SPOTTED<br>SKUNK | STRIPED<br>SKUNK | WEASEL | TOTAL  |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------|--------|
| TULARE             | --     | --     | 3      | --     | 4        | --    | --      | 2       | --      | --                 | --          | --               | --               | --     | 9      |
| YOLO               | --     | 3      | --     | --     | --       | --    | 1,255   | --      | 3       | --                 | --          | --               | --               | --     | 1,261  |
| YUBA               | --     | 26     | --     | --     | --       | --    | 200     | --      | 5       | --                 | --          | --               | --               | --     | 231    |
| COUNTY UNKNOWN     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --       | 1     | 27      | --      | --      | --                 | --          | --               | --               | --     | 28     |
| ANIMALS TRAPPED    | 20     | 1,703  | 175    | 55     | 145      | 1,486 | 46,175  | 121     | 1,370   | 108                | 101         | 93               | 835              | 13     | 52,400 |
| % OF TOTAL CATCH   | --     | 3.3    | --     | --     | --       | 2.6   | 88.1    | --      | 2.6     | --                 | --          | --               | 1.6              | --     | --     |
| PELTS SOLD         | 18     | 1,594  | 159    | 36     | 87       | 1,463 | 43,968  | 52      | 1,242   | 101                | 101         | 65               | 634              | 12     |        |
| PELTS NOT SOLD     | 2      | 109    | 16     | 19     | 58       | 23    | 2,207   | 69      | 128     | 7                  | --          | 28               | 201              | 1      |        |
|                    | 20     | 1,703  | 175    | 55     | 145      | 1,486 | 46,175  | 121     | 1,370   | 108                | 101         | 93               | 835              | 13     |        |

NO TRAPPING REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING EIGHTEEN COUNTIES -- ALAMEDA, AMADOR, CALAVERAS, IMPERIAL, INYO, KERN, KINGS, LOS ANGELES, ORANGE, SAN BERNARDINO, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SAN MATEO, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA CRUZ, TUOLUMNE AND VENTURA.

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AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES FOR EACH SPECIES  
IN COUNTY OF CATCH. 1959-60 TRAPPING SEASON

| COUNTY<br>OF CATCH | BADGER | BEAVER  | BOBCAT | COYOTE | GREY FOX | MINK   | MUSKRAT | OPPOSSUM | RACCOON | RING-TAILED<br>CAT | RIVER OTTER | SPOTTED<br>SKUNK | STRIPED<br>SKUNK | WEASEL |
|--------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|----------|--------|---------|----------|---------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| ALPINE             | ---    | \$ 6.50 | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---    | ---     | ---      | ---     | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| AMADOR             | ---    | 10.40   | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---    | ---     | ---      | ---     | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| BUTTE              | ---    | ---     | \$3.08 | \$1.25 | \$ .56   | ---    | \$ .71  | \$ .30   | \$1.59  | \$1.73             | \$14.16     | \$1.00           | ---              | ---    |
| COLUSA             | ---    | 5.00    | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---    | .77     | ---      | 1.90    | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| CONTRA COSTA       | ---    | 6.02    | ---    | ---    | 1.00     | \$6.29 | .73     | ---      | 1.41    | ---                | 16.00       | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| DEL NORTE          | ---    | 16.13   | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---    | .80     | ---      | 2.50    | ---                | 28.00       | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| ELDORADO           | ---    | 15.00   | 3.00   | 2.00   | .80      | 7.83   | 1.00    | .50      | 2.00    | ---                | ---         | 1.22             | ---              | ---    |
| FRESNO             | ---    | 5.07    | ---    | ---    | ---      | 6.85   | .73     | ---      | 1.63    | ---                | ---         | .92              | ---              | ---    |
| GLENN              | ---    | 2.13    | 1.50   | ---    | .75      | 12.84  | .80     | .30      | 1.80    | 1.50               | 15.00       | 1.05             | ---              | ---    |
| HUMBOLDT           | \$1.88 | 9.71    | 1.41   | ---    | .84      | 11.00  | ---     | ---      | 1.59    | 1.50               | 16.11       | .81              | .86              | .25    |
| LAKE               | .75    | ---     | 1.60   | 5.90   | 1.00     | 10.66  | ---     | ---      | 1.75    | 1.83               | ---         | .88              | 1.00             | ---    |
| LASSEN             | ---    | 10.57   | 6.50   | 2.50   | ---      | 10.37  | .74     | ---      | 1.60    | ---                | ---         | ---              | 1.13             | ---    |
| MADERA             | 1.08   | 3.47    | 2.00   | 1.00   | ---      | ---    | .85     | ---      | 1.15    | ---                | ---         | .82              | .97              | ---    |
| MARIPOSA           | ---    | ---     | 5.00   | ---    | ---      | ---    | ---     | ---      | 1.43    | ---                | ---         | ---              | 1.00             | ---    |
| MENDOCINO          | ---    | ---     | 1.67   | ---    | .80      | 11.00  | ---     | ---      | 1.67    | 1.88               | 14.60       | .88              | 1.00             | .50    |
| MERCED             | .75    | 4.59    | ---    | ---    | 1.00     | 7.60   | .77     | .25      | 1.40    | 1.50               | 18.00       | .86              | 1.00             | .25    |
| MODOC              | 2.00   | 8.23    | 7.63   | 3.06   | ---      | 10.45  | .55     | ---      | 1.83    | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| MONO               | ---    | ---     | ---    | ---    | ---      | 7.00   | .56     | ---      | 1.00    | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| NAPA               | ---    | ---     | ---    | ---    | .33      | 12.70  | 1.00    | ---      | .91     | ---                | ---         | 1.00             | .79              | ---    |
| NEVADA             | ---    | 6.94    | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---    | ---     | .20      | .50     | ---                | ---         | ---              | .80              | .25    |
| PLACER             | ---    | 10.00   | ---    | ---    | .72      | 3.50   | .59     | .33      | 1.20    | 1.08               | ---         | 1.00             | .73              | ---    |
| PLUMAS             | ---    | 10.22   | 8.00   | 2.50   | 1.40     | 12.03  | .70     | ---      | 1.43    | 1.43               | 15.00       | ---              | .75              | ---    |
| RIVERSIDE          | ---    | 6.35    | 6.00   | ---    | ---      | ---    | .35*    | ---      | 1.50    | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| SACRAMENTO         | ---    | 5.58    | 6.00   | ---    | .50      | 7.13   | .70     | ---      | 1.35    | ---                | 15.90       | .80              | ---              | ---    |
| SAN BENITO         | ---    | ---     | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---    | .85     | ---      | ---     | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| SAN JOAQUIN        | ---    | 6.84    | 6.00   | ---    | .50      | 7.84   | .72     | .50      | 1.52    | ---                | 13.59       | ---              | ---              | .20    |
| SANTA CLARA        | ---    | ---     | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---    | .85     | ---      | ---     | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| SHASTA             | 1.00   | 9.85    | 5.40   | 1.90   | ---      | 9.05   | .74     | ---      | 1.47    | 2.00               | 13.00       | .90              | 1.00             | ---    |
| SIERRA             | ---    | 7.40    | ---    | ---    | .55      | ---    | .80     | ---      | 1.46    | 2.00               | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| SISKIYOU           | ---    | 8.08    | 5.00   | ---    | ---      | 10.77  | .68     | ---      | 1.46    | 1.75               | 19.00       | ---              | 1.00             | .75    |
| SOLANO             | ---    | 6.67    | ---    | ---    | ---      | 8.66   | .80     | ---      | 1.67    | ---                | 16.93       | .92              | .67              | ---    |
| SONOMA             | ---    | ---     | ---    | ---    | ---      | 8.70   | 1.13    | ---      | ---     | ---                | 4.00        | 1.25             | ---              | ---    |
| STANISLAUS         | 1.80   | 5.68    | ---    | ---    | ---      | 10.39  | .80     | .34      | 1.78    | 2.00               | 12.73       | 1.00             | 1.00             | ---    |
| SUTTER             | ---    | 10.20   | ---    | ---    | ---      | 12.27  | .59     | .20      | 1.23    | ---                | 15.00       | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| TEHAMA             | ---    | 6.94    | ---    | ---    | 2.58     | 12.33  | .53     | ---      | 1.65    | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| TRINITY            | ---    | 7.63    | 5.00   | 1.00   | .48      | 12.19  | .60     | ---      | 1.41    | 1.15               | 15.00       | .50              | .50              | .25    |
| YOLO               | ---    | 4.67    | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---    | .69     | ---      | 1.33    | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| YUBA               | ---    | 10.00   | ---    | ---    | ---      | ---    | .70     | ---      | 1.25    | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| COUNTY UNKNOWN     | ---    | ---     | ---    | ---    | ---      | 5.00   | .67     | ---      | ---     | ---                | ---         | ---              | ---              | ---    |
| STATEWIDE AVG.     | 1.43   | 7.59    | 4.24   | 2.08   | .70      | 8.69   | .73     | .36      | 1.56    | 1.61               | 16.21       | .88              | .98              | .30    |

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