

California Department of Fish and Game
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LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT 1960-61

Data contained in this report was obtained from trapper submitted reports received after the conclusion of the 1960-61 trapping season. State law requires that trapping reports be submitted to the Department of Fish and Game prior to July 1 following the period for which the license is issued.

A total of 543 trapping licenses were sold for the 1960-61 trapping season. The 1960-61 sale of trapping licenses was less by 7 percent than the 583 licenses sold in 1959-60.

	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>
Licensees Reported	320	401
Licensees Not Reported	<u>263</u>	<u>142</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	583	543
Licensees Who Reported, but Did Not Trap	80	116

The 1960-61 reported catch was 53,897 pelts. This was an increase of 3 percent over the 52,400 pelts reported for the 1959-60 trapping season.

Revenue received in 1960-61 as reported by trappers amounted to \$56,610.62, a decline of about 9 percent from receipts of \$62,028.76 reported for the 1959-60 trapping season.

A portion of the pelts taken each year are unsold. These pelts have a monetary value for the purpose of this report. Therefore, the estimated value of the fur catch in 1960-61 was \$60,331 compared with \$65,954 in 1959-60, a decline of about 9 percent.

In the 1960-61 trapping season muskrats continued the trend of former years as leader of California fur-bearers in both the number of pelts taken and revenue received by trappers.

The 47,303 muskrat pelts taken in the 1960-61 trapping season represented an increase of about 2 percent over the 46,175 skins reported in 1959-60. Lowered prices paid for these furs in 1960-61 caused a decline in revenues received by trappers. In 1960-61 a total of \$28,707 was paid to trappers for muskrat pelts. This was 10 percent less than the \$31,929 paid in 1959-60.

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

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number Taken</u>			<u>Prices Reported</u>		<u>Price Change</u>
	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	
Beaver	1,703	2,002	+ 17.6	\$ 7.59	\$ 7.16	\$- .43
Bobcat	175	304	+ 73.7	4.24	4.68	+ .44
Coyote	55	130	+136.3	2.08	1.82	- .26
Grey Fox	145	187	+ 29.0	.70	.86	+ .16
Mink	1,486	1,462	- 1.6	8.69	6.36	-2.33
Muskrat	46,175	47,303	+ 2.4	.73	.65	- .08
Raccoon	1,370	1,342	- 2.0	1.56	1.41	- .15
Ring-tailed Cat	108	114	+ 5.5	1.61	1.55	- .06
River Otter	101	90	- 11.0	16.21	17.53	+1.32
Striped Skunk	928	617	- 33.5	.98	.80	- .18

Revenue Received For Fur Catch As Reported By Trappers

<u>Species</u>	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>
Badger	\$ 25.75	\$ 9.75
Beaver	12,109.12	13,826.42
Bobcat	674.75	1,194.20
Coyote	75.00	120.14
Grey Fox	61.10	106.80
Mink	12,709.98	8,855.74
Muskrat	31,928.76	28,707.40
Opossum	18.75	70.04
Raccoon	1,942.90	1,696.23
Ring-tailed Cat	162.75	156.50
River Otter	1,637.00	1,438.00
Spotted Skunk	57.40	56.55
Striped Skunk	621.90	369.85
Weasel	3.60	3.00
Total	\$62,028.76	\$56,610.62

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY
LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS 1960-61 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	RIVER OTTER	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
ALAMEDA	1	86	51	9	2	8	4	13	9	41	2	3	56	1	4
ALPINE	1	30	7	11	9	1	2,558	13	125	41	2	3	56	1	166
BUTTE	1	40	1	1	3	26	2,476	10	39	1	11	1	3	1	2,855
COLUSA	1	9	2	1	1	2	370	10	15	1	1	1	3	1	2,520
CONTRA COSTA	1	2	2	1	1	4	12	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	466
DEL NORTE	1	92	1	1	10	8	1,107	28	21	3	4	16	112	1	37
ELDORADO	1	24	51	1	5	26	3,806	8	84	12	4	22	18	1	11
FRESNO	1	8	1	1	42	26	1,107	1	201	12	10	22	26	1	1,401
GLENN	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3,949
HUMBOLDT	1	4	1	1	1	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	399
IMPERIAL	1	42	9	25	1	142	1	1	34	1	4	1	23	1	1
INYO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	5	1	7
LAKE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	69
LASSEN	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	254
LOS ANGELES	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	3	3	16	70	1	11
MARIPOSA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	84	3	1	2	76	1	6
MENDOCINO	1	181	11	4	13	19	3,501	54	9	1	1	16	189	1	189
MERCED	1	16	26	4	9	262	674	1	9	1	1	2	76	2	4,178
MODOC	1	70	48	8	1	14	1	1	9	1	1	4	1	1	744
MONO	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	143
MONTEREY	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	7
NAPA	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	21	1	1	1	1	1	30
NEVADA	1	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	37
PLACER	1	3	2	2	2	10	256	1	3	1	1	3	7	1	282
PLUMAS	1	365	15	5	9	14	100	1	21	8	1	1	5	1	540
RIVERSIDE	1	54	6	1	1	1	655*	1	1	1	1	1	18	1	735
SACRAMENTO	1	112	1	1	4	98	5,466	12	76	1	5	1	22	1	5,798
SAN BENITO	1	1	1	1	1	1	139	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	142
SAN BERNARDINO	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
SAN JOAQUIN	1	192	1	1	6	507	5,357	32	108	1	13	1	54	1	6,272
SANTA CLARA	1	1	1	1	1	1	138	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	138
SANTA CRUZ	1	1	1	1	1	1	302	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	302
SHASTA	1	116	51	41	16	9	3,234	2	59	12	7	19	34	1	3,601
SIERRA	1	36	7	6	6	10	28	1	15	2	4	8	2	1	110
SISKIYOU	1	37	5	7	1	122	9,884	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	10,110

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED - 1960-61

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	RIVER OTTER	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
SOLANO	1	5	1	1	1	71	1,459	1	26	1	19	1	42	1	1,623
SONOMA	2	262	1	1	1	1	2,004	52	9	6	4	1	24	1	16
STANISLAUS	1	1	1	1	1	1	927	1	45	1	1	1	1	1	2,598
SUTTER	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	132	7	1	9	13	1	927
TEHAMA	1	78	1	1	6	21	1	1	15	13	2	5	1	1	268
TRINITY	1	2	1	1	19	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	84
TULARE	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	1	2
VENTURA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	9
YOLO	1	17	1	1	1	1	1,126	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1,146
YUBA	1	90	1	1	3	1	1,543	2	53	1	1	1	1	1	1,893
COUNTY UNKNOWN	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
ANIMALS TRAPPED	12	2,002	304	130	187	1,462	47,303	217	1,342	114	90	112	617	5	53,897
% OF TOTAL CATCH	T	4	T	T	T	3	89	T	3	T	T	T	1	T	
PELTS SOLD	7	1,932	255	66	124	1,392	44,484	161	1,206	101	82	70	462	3	
PELTS NOT SOLD	5	70	49	64	63	70	2,819	56	136	13	8	42	155	2	
TOTAL	12	2,002	304	130	187	1,462	47,303	217	1,342	114	90	112	617	5	

NO TRAPPING WAS REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING THIRTEEN COUNTIES - AMADOR, CALAVERAS, KERN, KINGS, MADERA, MARIN, ORANGE, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SAN MATEO, SANTA BARBARA AND TUOLUMNE.

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AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES FOR EACH SPECIES
IN COUNTY OF CATCH, 1960-61 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPUSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	RIVER OTTER	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL
ALAMEDA	---	---	---	---	---	---	\$.25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ALPINE	---	7.72	7.09	---	50	7.84	---	---	1.50	---	---	---	---	---
BUTTE	---	9.61	1.25	1.00	1.00	---	.63	50	1.38	1.61	17.50	2.00	1.00	---
COLUSA	---	---	---	---	---	7.08	.66	---	1.57	---	---	---	---	---
CONTRA COSTA	---	5.49	---	---	---	---	.77	---	1.43	---	20.45	---	1.00	---
DEL NORTE	---	10.00	---	---	.95	5.63	.75	.41	2.00	---	---	.68	.76	---
FRESNO	1.00	6.24	2.00	---	1.00	---	.64	.40	1.43	---	20.00	---	.94	---
GLENN	---	9.83	---	---	1.00	8.35	.64	---	1.41	---	11.81	.80	.92	---
HUMBOLDT	---	4.63	1.25	---	---	4.66	---	---	1.34	1.52	---	---	---	---
INYO	---	6.00	---	---	---	7.66	---	---	---	---	15.75	---	---	---
LAKE	---	---	---	---	---	---	.75	---	1.77	---	---	1.00	---	---
LASSEN	1.50	9.04	7.00	2.74	.75	---	---	---	1.36	---	---	1.02	---	---
MARIPOSA	---	---	2.00	---	.94	8.26	---	---	1.13	---	---	---	---	---
MENDOCINO	---	---	1.18	---	---	---	---	---	1.26	1.75	11.00	.75	.95	---
MERCED	1.25	4.99	2.50	.50	1.00	5.96	.72	.45	1.49	---	---	.75	.85	1.00
MODOC	---	9.30	5.21	---	---	8.57	.62	---	1.65	---	---	.50	---	---
MONO	---	7.88	7.19	---	.50	7.68	---	---	1.50	---	---	---	---	---
NEPA	---	---	---	---	---	1.00	.80	---	1.50	---	---	---	---	---
NEVADA	---	5.88	6.00	---	---	---	---	---	1.50	2.00	---	1.00	1.00	---
PLACER	---	8.00	---	1.30	---	7.50	.75	---	2.00	---	---	---	---	---
PLUMAS	3.00	8.59	1.75	.50	1.08	5.15	.68	---	1.01	1.43	---	---	---	---
RIVERSIDE	---	7.72	2.83	---	.15	---	.36*	---	1.50	---	---	---	.26	---
SACRAMENTO	---	6.42	2.50	---	.75	6.31	.67	---	1.27	.25	20.75	---	.75	---
SAN BENITO	---	---	---	---	---	---	.78	.44	1.50	---	19.83	---	.83	---
SAN JOAQUIN	---	5.54	1.00	---	.92	5.32	.65	---	1.36	---	---	---	---	---
SANTA CLARA	---	---	---	---	---	---	.78	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
SANTA CRUZ	---	---	---	---	---	---	.78	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
SHASTA	---	7.37	5.05	1.93	.65	5.11	.73	.50	1.45	1.38	20.00	---	.75	1.00
SIERRA	---	7.20	3.86	.59	.50	7.55	.74	---	1.50	1.25	---	---	---	---
SISKIYOU	---	8.33	1.33	1.50	---	9.07	.59	---	1.34	---	12.62	1.00	---	---
SOLANO	---	6.80	---	---	---	6.27	.60	---	1.27	---	17.11	1.00	---	---
SONOMA	---	---	---	---	.50	9.00	---	---	2.14	---	16.25	.50	.81	---
STANISLAUS	1.00	5.82	---	---	.91	6.60	.70	.42	1.24	1.50	---	---	---	---
SUTTER	---	---	---	---	---	---	.62	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
TEHAMA	---	10.46	---	---	.80	7.71	.74	---	1.57	1.82	23.00	1.03	1.00	---
TRINITY	---	5.50	4.00	1.25	.66	---	---	---	1.14	1.34	21.50	.75	---	---
YCOLO	---	7.91	---	---	---	---	.51	---	1.00	---	20.00	---	1.00	---
YUBA	---	8.69	1.50	---	1.00	---	.65	---	1.37	---	---	---	---	---
COUNTY UNKNOWN	---	10.00	8.50	---	---	---	.50	.44	1.41	1.55	17.53	.81	.80	1.00
STATEWIDE AVG.	1.39	7.16	4.68	1.82	.86	6.36	.65	---	---	---	---	---	---	* SANDRATS