

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT - 1962-63

Data contained in this report was obtained from trapper submitted reports received after conclusion of the 1962-63 fur trapping season. State law stipulates that trapper reports be submitted to the Department of Fish and Game prior to July 1 following the period for which the trapping license was issued.

A total of 585 trapping licenses was sold for the 1962-63 trapping season, compared with 525 licenses issued for the 1961-62 season, an 11 percent increase in trapping license sales over the 1961-62 season.

	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>
Licensees Reported	404	469
Licensees Did Not Report	<u>121</u>	<u>116</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	525	585
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap	128	150

The reported 1962-63 fur catch of 71,724 pelts represented an increase of 30 percent over the 55,161 skins reported taken during the 1961-62 fur trapping season.

Total revenue received by fur trappers for the 1962-63 season was \$86,187.00 compared with \$52,935.00 collected in 1961-62. This was an increase of \$33,252.00 or about 63 percent higher than 1961-62 receipts.

Each year a portion of the fur catch is unsold. For the purpose of this report these furs have a monetary value; therefore, the estimated value of the 1962-63 fur catch was \$90,740.00, an increase of 63 percent over the \$55,668.00 estimated value recorded in the 1961-62 trapping season.

Muskrats again led all other furbearers in the number of pelts taken and in revenue received for the skins. Total muskrat skins (sold and unsold) amounted to 66,068 in 1962-63 compared with 49,449 pelts in 1961-62, an increase of about 34 percent over 1961-62 season figures.

Revenue received by fur trappers for muskrat pelts was \$63,136.00 in 1962-63, an increase of about 100 percent over the \$31,566.00 paid to fur trappers for muskrat hides in 1961-62.

The following tables are appended:

Table I - Furbearers Taken and Average Prices Paid 1961-62 and 1962-63 (Summary)

Table II - Trapper Revenue From Fur Catch 1961-62 and 1962-63 (Summary)

Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken by Licensed Fur Trappers, by County - 1962-63

Table IV - Average of Reported Prices for Each Species, by County of Catch - 1962-63

TABLE I

NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED, BY SPECIES
1961-62 and 1962-63

Species	1961-62			Avg. Price	1962-63			Avg. Price
	Number Taken				Number Taken			
	Sold	Unsold	Total		Sold	Unsold	Total	
Badger	7	1	8	.89	10	12	22	.95
Beaver	1,310	56	1,366	7.17	1,543	63	1,606	7.58
Bobcat	128	77	205	3.27	142	153	295	2.75
Coyote	33	180	213	2.40	81	320	401	2.41
Grey Fox	100	113	213	.77	141	134	275	.87
Housecat	-	-	-	-	26	-	26	.49
Mink	1,277	21	1,298	6.81	1,007	79	1,086	7.92
Muskrat	47,943	1,506	49,449	.66	64,547	1,521	66,068	.98
Nutria	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	.25
Opossum	112	33	145	.52	142	32	174	.50
Raccoon	1,552	177	1,729	1.49	1,134	113	1,247	1.99
Ring-Tailed Cat	59	15	74	1.19	66	20	86	1.61
Spotted Skunk	55	30	85	.79	46	25	71	.96
Striped Skunk	240	115	355	.84	172	174	346	.97
Weasel	9	12	21	.29	14	3	17	.24
Totals	52,825	2,336	55,161		69,072	2,652	71,724	

TABLE II

TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH
1961-62 and 1962-63
(From Trapper Submitted Reports)

Species	1961-62	1962-63
Badger	6.25	9.50
Beaver	9,394.16	11,696.36
Bobcat	418.41	390.71
Coyote	79.25	195.40
Grey Fox	76.94	122.48
Housecat	-	12.75
Mink	8,697.87	7,975.56
Muskrat	31,566.21	63,136.22
Nutria	-	.25
Opossum	57.95	70.85
Raccoon	2,319.39	2,255.51
Ring-Tailed Cat	70.40	106.40
Spotted Skunk	43.50	44.27
Striped Skunk	201.97	167.67
Weasel	2.65	3.35
Totals	52,934.95	86,187.28

TABLE III
 NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS - 1962-63

BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	HOUSE CAT	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
ALPINE	13															13
BUTTE	67		1	5	4		1	3,341		3	60	7	2	13		3,504
COLUSA	13				2	25	3	4,987		3	60			9		5,077
CONTRA COSTA	15				1		20	1,035			33		2	1		1,132
DEL NORTE	6						2	163			1		2	1		175
EL DORADO	1			4	1		7	6			3					22
FRESNO	33	13		4	4		24	3,658		22	10		4	11	2	3,782
GLENN	1	95	19	1	9		3	4,397		7	70	8	1	11		4,622
HUMBOLDT					22		14		3		198	7	12	34		330
IMPERIAL				3	5											8
INYO	30	10	10	131			5				2					178
LAKE				3	18		75				41	3	8	36		196
LASSEN				2			4	434			6			7		491
LOS ANGELES				2	2					2	1			2	1	10
MARIN											1					1
MENDOCINO					3		27					4	2	1		132
MERCED	47			1			105	4,807		18	51		2	14	5	5,050
MODOC	56	20		2			40	1,084			17	1	5	2		1,232
MONO	1	2	5	4	2		17	150			24		3	5		213
NAPA					14		3	32			47		10	18	4	128
NEVADA	20	18		9	10					3	15	3	1	12		377
PLACER	1	26	6	2	3		1	372		3	2	2	1	3		416
PLUMAS	199	2			8		40	387	1	3	18			7		660
RIVERSIDE	1	131	3	3	8			88			2			1		237
SACRAMENTO	109				7		150	6,706		5	39			13	1	7,030
SAN BERNARDINO					9						1	1		1		24
SAN DIEGO					58		206	4,941		4	14		1	8		156
SAN JOAQUIN										2	70		2	1	1	5,354
SANTA CLARA	130				2											3
SANTA CRUZ					6					14	2		3	4	1	277
SHASTA	69	52	8	1	19		11	5,744		10	47	20	1	26		6,123
SIERRA	7	1		3	1			308		2	7			10		339
SISKIYOU					11		134	11,310			69		5	10		11,734
SOLANO	122	44		29			9	1,360			14					1,387
SONOMA	4										7			3		17
STANISLAUS	169		1		23		108	3,870		68	55			58	2	4,354
UTTER	44				2		10	2,537		3	31	5		11		2,648

TABLE III (CONTINUED)

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	HOUSE CAT	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	OPPOSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	SPECTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
TEHAMA	51	1	1	2	1	8	260									388
TRINITY	14	19	8	20	38											154
VENTURA	1	2	7	3												13
YOLO	23	1	2	8		2,445										2,494
YUBA	37					912										988
COUNTY UNKNOWN	27					21	209									260

TOTAL (ANIMALS TRAPPED)	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL
22	1,606	295	401	275	26	1,086	66,068	4	174	1,247	86	71	346	17	71,724		
10	1,543	142	81	141	26	1,007	64,547	1	142	1,134	66	46	172	14	69,073		
12	63	153	320	184	79	1,521		3	32	113	20	25	174	3	2,651		
22	1,606	295	401	275	26	1,086	66,068	4	174	1,247	86	71	346	17	71,724		

NO TRAPPING WAS REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING 16 COUNTIES: ALAMEDA, AMADOR, CALAVERAS, KERN, KINGS, MADERA, MARIPOSA, MONTEREY, ORANGE, SAN BENITO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SAN MATEO, SANTA BARBARA, TULARE AND TUOLUMNE.

TABLE IV
AVERAGE OF REPORTED FUR PRICES - 1962-63
BY SPECIES IN COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	HOUSE CAT	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL
ALPINE		\$8.92													
BUTTE		9.91	\$2.75		.87		\$9.10				\$2.10		\$1.25	\$1.00	
COLUSA		11.10			.85		8.60	1.02		.48	1.83			1.00	
CONTRA COSTA		5.59			1.00		6.75	1.13			1.94				
DEL NORTE		18.74					4.90	1.16			2.65				
EL DORADO		6.00		\$1.25	1.00		8.57	.75			1.67				
FRESNO		4.61	5.00		1.00		7.13	.89		.47	2.56			1.07	.20
GLENN	\$1.00	7.87	2.23		1.43		8.77	.94		.47	2.21	2.00	1.00	1.08	
HUMBOLDT	.75	7.21	1.41	3.00	1.00		10.42				1.83	1.38	.89	1.03	
IMPERIAL				1.00	.65										
INYO		5.08													
LAKE			1.40	1.25	1.00		3.00								
LASSEN		9.45	4.00	1.00			10.76				2.56	1.75	1.25	1.00	
MENDOCINO	.88						9.77	1.03			1.83			1.00	
MERCED		4.68		.75	1.00		7.01	.97		.46	1.91	1.88	.75	1.00	
MCDCCC	1.08	11.89	4.91	4.00			7.72	1.03			2.28		.90	1.00	.21
MCNO			1.10	1.00			12.00	1.00			2.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	
NAPA							8.50	.85			3.00		.75	.50	.36
NEVADA		7.15	1.58	2.17				.90			1.69		1.50	.83	
PLACER		7.42	2.44		.79		6.00	.86			1.79	1.67	.25	.87	
PLUMAS		9.51	2.00		1.00		6.15	.90	.25		2.50	1.25	.50	.17	
RIVERSIDE	1.00	7.38	2.67	3.50	.50		6.70	.44*			1.90			.20	
SACRAMENTO		4.04			.53			.95		.25	2.17				
SAN DIEGO				1.00	.85		7.04				2.13				
SAN JOAQUIN		5.52			.85			1.04		.35	2.00				
SANTA CRUZ			.50	.75	.50			.98		.44	1.91		.72	1.00	.15
SHASTA		7.06	4.00	2.90	.75		8.00	.98		.33	2.00		.72	.87	.15
SIERRA		8.50	2.75		.75			1.01			1.90	1.15	1.25		
SISKIYOU		11.21	3.46	2.92			9.18	1.03			2.00				
SOLANO		4.13					8.22	1.12			2.13		1.00	1.25	
SONOMA								.85			2.50				
STANISLAUS		4.67	1.00		.92		7.53			.57	1.57				
SUTTER		8.65			.88		6.82	.90		.50	2.09			1.02	.15
TEHAMA		6.67	2.76	2.55	.50	.25	18.00	.99		.36	1.76	2.00			
TRINITY		7.59	2.51	2.55	.86		8.92			.48	1.66	1.50		.97	
YOLO		5.92	1.50	1.50	.75			.69			1.76	1.50	.75	.97	
YUBA		10.16						1.00			2.04				
COUNTY UNKNOWN		7.59					11.70	.96			1.48	1.00	1.00	.97	
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	.95	7.58	2.75	2.51	.87	.49	7.92	.98	.25	.50	1.99	1.61	.96	.97	.24

*SANDRATS