

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT - 1963-64

Data contained in this report was obtained from trapper submitted reports received after conclusion of the 1963-64 fur trapping season. State law stipulates that trapper reports shall 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 616 trapping licenses was sold for the 1963-64 trapping season, compared with 585 licenses issued for the 1962-63 season. This was a 5 percent increase over 1962-63 trapping license sales.

	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>
Licensees Reported	469	533
Licensees Did Not Report	<u>116</u>	<u>83</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	585	616
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap	150	147

The total fur catch of 94,542 pelts reported for 1963-64 was an increase of 32 percent over the 71,724 pelts taken during the 1962-63 fur trapping season.

Revenue received for the 1963-64 season, as reported by fur trappers, was \$123,484.00, an increase of about 43 percent over the \$86,187.00 received by fur trappers for the 1962-63 season.

Each year a portion of the fur catch is unsold. For the purpose of this report these unsold pelts have a monetary value; therefore, the estimated value of the 1963-64 fur catch was \$126,629.00, an increase of 40 percent over the \$90,740.00 estimated value recorded in 1962-63.

Muskrats again led all other furbearers in the number of pelts taken and in the revenue received for the skins. A total of 88,398 (sold and unsold) muskrat skins were taken in 1963-64; this was an increase of 34 percent over the take of 66,068 muskrats in 1962-63.

Revenue received by fur trappers for muskrat pelts in 1963-64 was \$98,970.00, representing an increase of 57 percent over the \$63,136.00 collected in the 1962-63 season.

The following tables are appended:

Table I - Furbearers Taken and Average Prices Paid - 1962-63 and 1963-64
(Summary)

Table II - Trapper Revenue From Fur Catch 1962-63 and 1963-64 (Summary)

Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken By Licensed Fur
Trappers, by County 1963-64

Table IV - Average of Reported Fur Prices, by Species and County of
Catch - 1963-64

TABLE I

NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID
1962-63 and 1963-64

Species	1962-63				1963-64			
	Number Taken			Avg. Price	Number Taken			Avg. Price
	Sold	Unsold	Total		Sold	Unsold	Total	
Badger	10	12	22	\$.95	11	7	18	\$2.32
Beaver	1,543	63	1,606	7.58	1,559	92	1,651	8.10
Bobcat	142	153	295	2.75	188	173	361	3.35
Coyote	81	320	401	2.41	137	209	346	2.62
Fox	141	134	275	.87	132	81	213	.93
Housecat	26	-	26	.49	-	124	124	-
Mink	1,007	79	1,086	7.92	1,210	34	1,244	6.97
Muskrat	64,547	1,521	66,068	.98	87,460	938	88,398	1.13
Nutria	1	3	4	.25	-	-	-	-
Opossum	142	32	174	.50	105	47	152	.39
Raccoon	1,134	113	1,247	1.99	1,229	195	1,424	1.51
Ring-Tailed Cat	66	20	86	1.61	72	13	85	1.43
Striped Skunk	172	174	346	.97	197	183	380	1.01
Spotted Skunk	46	25	71	.96	85	26	111	1.31
Weasel	14	3	17	.24	11	24	35	.21
Totals	69,072	2,652	71,724		92,396	2,146	94,542	

TABLE II

TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH
1962-63 and 1963-64
(From Trapper Submitted Reports)

Species	1962-63	1963-64
Badger	\$ 9.50	\$ 25.50
Beaver	11,696.36	12,627.45
Bobcat	390.71	630.20
Coyote	195.40	359.45
Fox	122.48	122.28
Housecat	12.75	-
Mink	7,975.56	8,432.68
Muskrat	63,136.22	98,970.79
Nutria	.25	-
Opossum	70.85	41.20
Raccoon	2,255.51	1,858.79
Ring-Tailed Cat	106.40	103.31
Striped Skunk	167.67	198.20
Spotted Skunk	44.27	111.55
Weasel	3.35	2.35
Totals	\$86,187.28	\$123,483.75

TABLE III
 NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS - 1963-64
 BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	HOUSE CAT	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
ALPINE			4				6	22		3					35
AMADOR	4														4
BUTTE	105	6	5	8	6	123	1	7,864	22	92	8	89	4		8,326
COLUSA	60				4		57	1,884		42		2			10,478
CONTRA COSTA	25							15		4					2,053
DEL NORTE	9		1	1			2	22		4					44
EL DORADO	27		3		3		6	6,306	23	18	1	6	1		89
FRESNO	33		26	11	11		6	4,530	10	59	8	22	6	1	6,395
GLENN	43		43	2	31		30	15		153	13	6	18		4,716
HUMBOLDT			3	7	9		4								354
IMPERIAL	1		4	6	3							2		1	20
INYO	34		1	2	3										51
KERN			1	2	3										6
LAKE			29	1	8		178	439		43		34	9		302
LASSEN	17						34								490
LOS ANGELES														1	1
MADERA	15							234				2		1	251
MENDOCINO			6	7	2		17	1		31	4	19	12	21	60
MERCED	65		34	29	2		128	7,326	34	93	1	1	2		7,715
MODOC	33		5	3	2		23	1,394		14		1	2		1,531
MONO	15		3	3	2		16	15		35			1		93
MONTEREY	2		3	1	1			22	2	1					31
NAPA	5		5	5	23		15	45		56		32	3		184
NEVADA	47		6				4	404	1	24	4	7	3		500
PLACER	10		1		3		1	197		5					217
PLUMAS	272		10	3	1		13	692		22		1	4		917
RIVERSIDE	98		5	2	1			266*		5					372
SACRAMENTO	82		2	7	3		87	7,449	5	31	2	17			7,680
SAN BERNARDINO			1	7	8					2		3			17
SAN DIEGO			1												16
SAN JOAQUIN	126			1	1		221	6,520	17	95		6		4	6,990
SANTA CLARA				3	3			42	1						46
SANTA CRUZ				2	2			380	1	2			2	1	388
SHASTA	58		81	181	10		17	5,644		48	6	27	1	1	6,275
SIERRA	25		3	1	1			391		8		2	4		434

TABLE III (CONTINUED)

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COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	HOUSE CAT	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
SISKIYOU	160		23	17	10	1	197	6,567		64	3	64	25	1	7,132
SOLANO	49				3		7	3,880		128		1			4,068
SONOMA	4														4
STANISLAUS	1	114	6	4	6		125	5,339	17	127		18	8	4	5,769
SUTTER	10				3			4,992		9		1			5,015
TEHAMA	39							59	13	61	5	10			187
TRINITY	4		1	4	21		50		1	67	27	5	7		187
TULARE			2	2	4					1					9
VENTURA	6		45	37	13										101
YOLO	14						3	4,172		26		3			4,218
YUBA	43		3		2			520	2	38	3		1		612
COUNTY UNKNOWN	1				2		2	200	3	1					209
TOTAL ANIMALS TRAPPED	18	1,651	361	346	213	124	1,244	88,398	152	1,424	85	380	111	35	94,542
% OF TOTAL CATCH	T	1.7	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	1.3	93.6	0.2	1.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	T	
PELTS SOLD	11	1,559	188	137	132	-	1,210	67,460	105	1,229	72	197	85	11	92,396
PELTS NOT SOLD	7	92	173	209	81	124	34	938	47	195	13	183	26	24	2,146
TOTAL	18	1,651	361	346	213	124	1,244	88,398	152	1,424	85	380	111	35	94,542

NO TRAPPING WAS REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: ALAMEDA, CALAVERAS, KINGS, MARIN, MARIPOSA, ORANGE, SAN BENITO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SAN MATEO, SANTA BARBARA AND TUOLUMNE.

*SANDRATS

TABLE IV
AVERAGE OF REPORTED FUR PRICES - 1963-64
BY SPECIES IN COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
ALPINE		\$5.50	\$5.00			\$7.00	\$1.20		\$2.00				
AMADOR		9.59	3.13	\$1.50	\$1.00		1.12	\$.42	1.40	\$1.56	\$.69	\$1.00	
BUTTE		7.82				4.00	1.02		1.75				
COLUSA		4.21				2.96	1.34		1.52		1.00		
CONTRA COSTA		13.25					1.20		2.00				
DEL NORTE		6.89				8.50	1.13		1.30				
EL DORADO		5.90				7.50	1.14	.41	1.68		.96	1.00	\$.15
FRESNO		10.48	2.83	.25	.63		1.12	.42	1.57	2.00	1.00	2.00	
GLENN		11.25	1.17	1.50	.69	7.80	1.20		1.52	1.72		1.13	
HUMBOLDT			1.50		1.00								
IMPERIAL													
INYO		4.83				6.00			1.65		1.00	1.47	
LAKE		9.97	1.57	1.25	.92	8.76	1.29						
LASSEN		4.09				8.78	1.32				1.00		
MADERA							1.50		1.54	2.00			
MENDOCINO		6.00			1.00	6.88	1.17	.43	1.56		.63	2.00	.21
MERCED		8.07	4.80	4.00		6.41	1.15		1.69			1.50	
MODOC		8.53	3.00	3.00	1.00	5.77	1.17		2.00			2.50	
MOMO						9.05	1.14		.75				
MONTEREY					.74	10.23	1.22		1.62		.92	1.33	
NAVAJO		7.28	2.50				1.00		1.65	2.19	1.00	1.00	
NEVADA		8.42				7.50	1.24		1.50				
PLACER		9.11	4.15	3.67		6.31	1.06		1.45		1.00	1.00	
PLUMAS		8.08	2.60				.44*						
RIVERSIDE		7.56			.58	5.97	1.07		1.69		1.27		
SACRAMENTO													
SAN DIEGO		6.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	5.26	1.23	.37	1.42				.25
SAN JOAQUIN					.25		1.14						
SANTA CLARA					.25		1.12	.20	.58			1.75	.05
SANTA CRUZ		9.98	4.48	3.18	.70	9.28	1.16		1.44	1.00	.81	1.00	.35
SHASTA	\$2.50	7.70	2.50		.50		1.00		1.50		1.00	1.00	
SIERRA		10.22	4.01	2.04	.75	6.40	1.24		1.67	1.33	1.14	1.23	
SISKIYOU		8.73				6.60	1.14		1.49				
SOLANO					.50	6.25	1.11	.30	1.46		.60	1.50	
SONOMA	1.25						1.11		1.54		1.00		
STANISLAUS		5.58					1.16		1.32		1.00		
SUTTER		6.94							1.04	.98	.67	1.21	
TEHAMA		7.76			.83	8.49		.50					
TRINITY		5.75											

TABLE IV (CONTINUED)

COUNTRY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
VENTURA	\$3.00	\$7.69	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.83	\$7.63	\$1.12		\$.90		\$.50		
YOLO		9.53	1.08		1.00	1.18	1.18	\$.50	2.00	\$1.08		\$1.25	
YUBA		2.00				12.00	1.02						
COUNTY UNKNOWN		8.10	3.35	2.62	.93	6.97	1.13	.39	1.51	1.43	1.01	1.31	
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	2.32												\$.21

* SANDRATS