

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT - 1964-65

Data contained in this report was obtained from trapper submitted reports received after conclusion of the 1964-65 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 656 trapping licenses were sold for the 1964-65 trapping season, an increase of 6 percent over the 616 licenses sold for the 1963-64 season.

	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>
Licensees Reported	533	508
Licensees Did Not Report	<u>83</u>	<u>148</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	616	656
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap	147	155

The total fur catch of 66,321 pelts reported for 1964-65 was a decrease of 30 percent from the 94,542 pelts taken during the 1963-64 fur trapping season.

Revenue received for the 1964-65 season, as reported by fur trappers, was \$80,218.00, a decrease of about 35 percent from the \$123,484.00 received by fur trappers in 1963-64.

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 1964-65 fur catch was \$84,602.00, a decrease of 33 percent from the \$126,629.00 estimated value recorded in 1963-64.

Muskrats led all other furbearers in the number of pelts and the revenue received for the skins. The 60,976 (sold and unsold) muskrat skins taken in 1964-65 was 92 percent of the total fur catch. However, the muskrat catch was 31 percent below the 88,398 pelts reported in 1963-64.

Revenue received from the sale of muskrat skins declined from \$98,970.00 in 1963-64 to \$59,861.00 in 1964-65, a drop of about 40 percent.

It is felt that the disastrous floods in the winter of 1964-65 was a major factor in the decline of fur trapper success during 1964-65.

The following tables are appended:

Table I - Furbearers Taken and Average Prices Paid - 1963-64 and 1964-65
(Summary)

Table II - Trapper Revenue From Fur Catch - 1963-64 and 1964-65 (Summary)

Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken by Licensed Fur Trappers,
by County, 1964-65

Table IV - Average of Reported Fur Prices, by Species and County of Catch -
1964-65

TABLE I
NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID
1963-64 and 1964-65

Species	1963-64				1964-65			
	Number Taken			Avg. Price	Number Taken			Avg. Price
	Sold	Unsold	Total		Sold	Unsold	Total	
Badger	11	7	18	\$2.32	4	14	18	\$1.50
Beaver	1,559	92	1,651	8.10	1,632	47	1,679	7.31
Bobcat	188	173	361	3.35	143	78	221	4.15
Coyote	137	209	346	2.62	47	107	154	3.70
Fox	132	81	213	.93	99	123	222	1.06
Housecat	-	124	124	-	-	364	364	-
Mink	1,210	34	1,244	6.97	883	52	935	7.05
Muskrat	87,460	938	88,398	1.13	59,297	1,679	60,976	1.01
Nutria	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1.75
Opossum	105	47	152	.39	73	52	125	.38
Raccoon	1,229	195	1,424	1.51	762	329	1,091	1.34
Ring-tailed Cat	72	13	85	1.43	38	17	55	1.31
Striped Skunk	197	183	380	1.01	130	228	358	.92
Spotted Skunk	85	26	111	1.31	50	59	109	2.05
Weasel	11	24	35	.21	8	4	12	.31
Totals	92,396	2,146	94,542		63,168	3,153	66,321	

TABLE II
TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH
1963-64 and 1964-65
(From Trapper Submitted Reports)

Species	1963-64	1964-65
Badger	\$ 25.50	\$ 6.00
Beaver	12,627.45	11,928.28
Bobcat	630.20	592.81
Coyote	359.45	175.35
Fox	122.28	104.85
Housecat	-	-
Mink	8,432.68	6,225.35
Muskrat	98,970.79	59,860.86
Nutria	-	3.50
Opossum	41.20	27.93
Raccoon	1,858.79	1,018.64
Ring-tailed Cat	103.31	49.76
Striped Skunk	198.20	119.75
Spotted Skunk	111.55	102.25
Weasel	2.35	2.50
Totals	\$123,483.75	\$80,217.83

TABLE III

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS - 1964-65
BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	HOUSECAT	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
ALPINE	2															2
AMADOR	2										1					3
BUTTE	82	2	2	6	17	100	1	4,264		7	62	4	63			4,608
COLUSA	22	1			8	132		5,920		1	115		55	20		6,279
CONTRA COSTA	42				3		20	605		1	9		1	1	2	684
DEL NORTE	11															11
EL DORADO				2	1		3			1	5	10	1			23
FRESNO	3			5	4		8	1,714		10	10		1	6		1,761
GLENN	75	4	4	2		132	1	2,310		3	117	8	16			2,675
HUMBOLDT	15	53			24		5				115	8	8	23		251
IMPERIAL	3		3		4						1					11
INYO	114		5	10			3				1		8			141
KERN			5	1	9						1					141
LAKE			19	1	7		112				5		34	8		20
LASSEN			1		1		5	721		1	29		9			210
LOS ANGELES	51	1	1		1						15		2			804
MADERA			2	34	4			301	1	3	3		2		1	49
MARIPOSA	58		2	2						1	5	7				366
MENDOCINO					2		5				13			1		25
MERCED	70						132	6,596		18	21	1	4	5		34
MODOC	9	21		1			49	886			59			1	3	6,883
MONO	45	12			2		10	66			11			2		981
NAPA				3	9		9				30			2		167
NEVADA	42	14		7	4			416		1	24	4	19			50
PLACER	30	9		2			1	323			2		33			546
PLUMAS	155	3		13	1		1	402			11		2		2	369
RIVERSIDE	39	3		7	20			2,876*			6		6			591
SACRAMENTO	141			18	3		57	3,737		3	19		26	1	1	2,957
SAN BERNARDINO			5		13		202	4,298	1	18	62		4			3,989
SAN JOAQUIN	199				2						7			3	2	4,787
SAN MATEO					26					9			10			54
SANTA CLARA					1								3		1	5
SANTA CRUZ								67		2						69
SHASTA	62	10		9	8		15	4,210		2	39	3	1			4,379
SIERRA	30	2		1			1	370		1	9		4			418
SISKIYOU	22	26		13	4		171	7,763			45	1	2	20		8,069

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TABLE III (CONTINUED)

COUNTRY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	HOUSECAT	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
SOLANO	13				1		11	2,686			52		20	9		2,792
STANISLAUS	174		2		5		55	4,493		14	49		1			4,793
SUTTER	31				2		1	1,403		8	18	2				1,465
TEHAMA	40		11	12	16			59		10	32	3	15			198
TRINITY							16					3				19
TULARE			5	2	9					1	6	1	2	3		29
VENTURA				3					10				1			14
YOLO	28		1		5		6	3,263			15		7	3		3,348
YUBA	27							807			40					874
COUNTY UNKNOWN	22						35	400			19			1		477
TOTAL ANIMALS TRAPPED																
	18	1,679	221	154	222	364	935	60,976	2	125	1,091	55	358	109	12	66,321
% OF TOTAL CATCH	T	2.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.4	92.0	T	0.2	1.7	0.1	0.5	0.2	T	
PELTS SOLD																
	4	1,632	143	47	99	-	863	59,297	2	73	762	38	130	50	8	63,168
PELTS NOT SOLD	14	47	78	107	123	364	52	1,679	-	52	329	17	228	59	4	3,153
TOTAL	18	1,679	221	154	222	364	935	60,976	2	125	1,091	55	358	109	12	66,321

NO TRAPPING WAS REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: ALAMEDA, CALAVERAS, KINGS, MARIN, MONTEREY, ORANGE, SAN BENITO, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SANTA BARBARA, SONOMA AND STANISLAUS.

TABLE IV
AVERAGE OF REPORTED FUR PRICES - 1964-65
BY SPECIES IN COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	POSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
AMADOR		\$7.50		\$2.50	\$1.15	\$6.00	\$1.99		\$1.31	\$1.31	\$1.19	\$1.92		
BUTTE		7.29					1.05		.25	1.21		1.00	\$2.50	\$1.25
COLUSA		7.49			.50	3.89	1.06			.67				
CONTRA COSTA		14.20												
DEL NORTE		7.75												
EL DORADO						9.67				2.13	2.00			
FRESNO		3.97				4.16	.96		.47	1.20			2.00	
GLENN		9.66			1.00	2.25	1.06		.43	1.25	1.47			
HUMBOLDT		4.87	\$1.99		1.06	7.05				1.31	1.16	1.17	1.75	
INYO		7.00	5.00	1.25		6.67						.97	2.63	
LAKE			1.79	2.00	1.04	10.41			.25	1.47		1.00		
LASSEN		12.27	5.00		1.00	5.50	1.18			1.35				
LOS ANGELES			2.50	8.00										
MADERA		5.91					1.03	\$1.00	.25	1.20				
MARIPOSA			2.63	1.50						1.04	1.12		2.50	
MENDOCINO					1.00	5.50				2.59	1.00		.75	
MERCED		6.10				5.89	.96		.49	1.45		.81	2.50	.25
MODOC		4.44	7.10	4.00		5.84	1.03			1.31				
MONO		9.60	7.00		1.50	5.70	1.00			1.21			1.00	
NAPA					1.22	.89				.91		.81		
NEVADA		7.30	8.00	5.00	1.00		1.25			1.62	1.00	1.00		
PLACER		5.00				7.00	.92			1.20				
PLUMAS		7.59	7.50		1.50	6.00	.90			1.45		1.00		
RIVERSIDE		6.81	3.00	1.50	.50		.42*			1.00		.30		
SACRAMENTO		7.37			1.00	4.76	1.01			1.08		1.00		.25
SAN BERNARDINO	.50		5.00	4.00	1.91									
SAN JOAQUIN		5.27			1.00	5.48	1.03	2.50	.27	1.37			2.50	.50
SANTA CRUZ							.79		.45					
SHASTA		6.97	1.30	4.25	1.00	7.89	1.08		.50					
SIERRA		11.50	2.00	2.50		6.00	.95		.25	1.52	1.29			
SISKIYOU	1.25	9.89	4.84	4.29	.94	9.32	1.15			1.40		1.00		
SOLANO		11.81			1.00	19.09	1.13			1.31	1.38		2.08	
STANISLAUS		7.51	2.63		.75	5.59	1.05		.39	1.49		.89	3.00	
SUTTER		8.02				16.00	1.04		.25	.94		1.00		
TEHAMA		5.22	5.00	4.14	1.00		.96		.25	1.35	1.50	1.00		
TRINITY						9.09					1.50			
YOLO		3.67			1.00	6.00	.98			1.13		.50	.67	
YUBA		7.58					.91			1.41				
COUNTY UNKNOWN		7.00				6.70	1.03			1.16			2.50	
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	1.50	7.31	4.15	3.70	1.06	7.05	1.01	1.75	.38	1.34	1.31	.92	2.05	.31

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