

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT - 1965-66

Data contained in this report was obtained from trapper submitted reports received after conclusion of the 1965-66 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. It is mandatory that the trapper submit this report in order to become eligible to purchase a trapping license the succeeding year.

A total of 634 trapping licenses were sold for the 1965-66 fur trapping season, a decrease of 4 percent from the 661 licenses sold in 1964-65.

	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>
Licensees Reported	508	341
Licensees Did Not Report	<u>153</u>	<u>293</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	661	634
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap	155	82
Licensees Who Reported Trapping Effort	353	259

Trapping effort was reported by 259 fur trappers in 1965-66, a drop of 20 percent from the 353 trappers who reported in 1964-65.

The 1965-66 fur catch of 64,885 pelts was lower by 2 percent than the catch of 66,321 skins reported in 1964-65.

Revenue received by trappers from the sale of furs in 1965-66 amounted to \$105,241.00 and represented an increase of 31 percent over the cash proceeds of \$80,218.00 realized by trappers in 1964-65. In most instances the average price paid for all pelts was higher in 1965-66 than in 1964-65.

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 1965-66 fur catch was \$109,369.00, an increase of 29 percent over the 1964-65 estimated value of \$84,602.00.

Muskrats, which have been the traditional leader in the California fur catch, again led both in the number of pelts taken and in revenue received for the furs.

The 1965-66 catch of 59,178 muskrats, reported by trappers, represented 91 percent of the total fur catch for the season. Though the 1965-66 muskrat catch was 3 percent less than the catch of 60,976 reported in 1964-65, the \$75,143.00 received for the 1965-66 catch exceeded by 26 percent the \$59,861.00 realized by muskrat trappers in 1964-65.

TABLE I
NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID
1964-65 and 1965-66

Species	1964-65				1965-66			
	Number Taken			Avg. Price	Number Taken			Avg. Price
	Sold	Unsold	Total		Sold	Unsold	Total	
Badger	4	14	18	\$1.50	9	9	18	\$1.94
Beaver	1,632	47	1,679	7.31	1,620	66	1,686	8.06
Bobcat	143	78	221	4.15	415	74	489	11.85
Coyote	47	107	154	3.70	204	50	254	4.84
Fox	99	123	222	1.06	209	38	247	1.94
Housecat	-	364	364	-	-	7	7	-
Mink	883	52	935	7.05	1,068	53	1,121	7.34
Muskrat	59,297	1,679	60,976	1.01	57,861	1,317	59,178	1.30
Nutria	2	-	2	1.75	-	1	1	-
Opossum	73	52	125	.38	93	35	128	.48
Raccoon	762	329	1,091	1.34	1,171	50	1,221	2.00
Ring-tailed Cat	38	17	55	1.31	102	14	116	1.53
Striped Skunk	130	228	358	.92	198	117	315	1.03
Spotted Skunk	50	59	109	2.05	82	15	97	1.68
Weasel	8	4	12	.31	6	1	7	.13
Totals	63,168	3,153	66,321		63,038	1,847	64,885	

TABLE II
TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH
1964-65 and 1965-66
(From Trapper Submitted Reports)

Species	1964-65	1965-66
Badger	\$ 6.00	\$ 17.50
Beaver	11,928.28	13,049.82
Bobcat	592.81	4,919.10
Coyote	175.35	986.95
Fox	104.85	406.09
Housecat	-	-
Mink	6,225.35	7,835.76
Muskrat	59,860.86	75,143.17
Nutria	3.50	-
Opossum	27.93	44.56
Raccoon	1,018.64	2,339.49
Ring-tailed Cat	49.76	155.60
Striped Skunk	119.75	204.54
Spotted Skunk	102.25	138.11
Weasel	2.50	.80
Totals	\$80,217.83	\$105,241.49

TABLE III

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS - 1965-66
BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	HOUSECAT	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	OPPOSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
BUTTE	1	56	2	3	22	1	3,050			9	76	42				3,262
CALAVERAS												1				1
COLUSA		52	3		6	3	4,865				66	1				4,828
CONTRA COSTA		95	1		4	114	2,495				82				1	2,792
DEL NORTE		26					13				5					44
EL DORADO		6	15	4	15	1	1,642			6	9	1				1
FRESNO		85	4	8	7	4	3,450			7	35	9		2		1,703
GLENN		55	21		6	2	13				51	6		13		3,620
HUMBOLDT		40	15	75	2	5					2					177
INYO	1		2	5												140
KERN			33	5	20	267	6				54	3		11		7
LAKE	1	1	20	3	4	7	633				1			4		433
LASSEN	1		1	6						1						668
LOS ANGELES		41	6	1	15	3	209		1	1	4	10		2		22
MADERA			1											15		256
MARIPOSA			1		7											43
MENDOCINO			1			3										49
MERCED	2	46	57	5	13	66	4,402			20	98			1	3	4,640
MODOC	4	7	76	19		36	778				5			5		898
MONO		95				8	5				10			3		239
NAPA						22	1				9			6		38
NEVADA		20	3	1	4		2			3	19	3		4		60
PLACER		36	4	2	5		174				6					222
PLUMAS		130	5			4	58				9	10		1		227
RIVERSIDE				1			105 *									106
SACRAMENTO		158			7	7	4,498			5	71				1	4,927
SAN BERNARDINO	3		32	26	6						1			3		73
SAN JOAQUIN		131	21	6	40	185	6,046			10	130	1			1	6,584
SANTA BARBARA			20	5	2					9	1			6		54
SANTA CLARA							200									200
SANTA CRUZ		38	2	21	3	1	475			5	3	3		2	1	492
SHASTA		107	60			18	3,910				49					4,104
SIERRA		31	15	10		15	1,731			3	51			3		1,935
SISKIYOU			56	27		167	6,044				87			11	15	6,438

* SANDRATS

TABLE III (CONTINUED)

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	HOUSECAT	MINK	MUSKRAT	NUTRIA	OPSSLM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
SOLANO		21		1	3		19	2,950			70		27	11		3,102
SONOMA	4						4						2			10
STANISLAUS		207	1		15		41	4,074		31	58		6	2		4,435
SUTTER		77			5		1	1,930			38	1	4			2,056
TEHAMA		18	2		5			28		16	41	10	2			122
TRINITY		1	4	2	7		10				4	12				40
TULARE			4	8	22						11	3				49
VENTURA	1				1											1
YOLO		8					2	3,161			8		3	1		3,183
YUBA		98	3	5	1		1	2,341		3	38		19			2,509
COUNTY UNKNOWN							6	89								95
TOTAL ANIMALS																
TRAPPED	18	1,686	489	254	247	7	1,121	59,178	1	128	1,221	116	315	97	7	64,885
% OF TOTAL CATCH	T	2.5	0.8	0.4	0.4	T	1.7	91.2	T	0.2	1.9	0.2	0.5	0.2	T	
PELTS SOLD	9	1,620	415	204	269	-	1,068	57,861	-	93	1,171	102	198	82	6	63,038
PELTS NOT SOLD	9	68	74	50	38	7	53	1,317	1	35	50	14	117	15	1	1,847
TOTAL	18	1,686	489	254	247	7	1,121	59,178	1	128	1,221	116	315	97	7	64,885

NO TRAPPING WAS REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: ALAMEDA, ALPINE, AMADOR, IMPERIAL, KINGS, MARIN, MONTEREY, ORANGE, SAN BENITO, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SAN MATEO, AND TUOLUMNE

TABLE IV
AVERAGE OF REPORTED FUR PRICES -- 1965-66
BY SPECIES IN COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	POSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
BUTTE	.50	7.01	4.35	3.00	1.34	4.00	1.30	.48	1.96	1.31	--	--	--
CALAVERAS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	--	--	--
COLUSA	--	8.13	4.67	--	3.02	5.83	1.33	--	2.08	1.50	1.00	--	--
CONTRA COSTA	--	7.87	3.00	--	1.88	7.72	1.33	--	1.80	--	--	--	.25
DEL NORTE	--	17.23	--	--	--	--	1.55	--	3.50	--	--	--	--
EL DORADO	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FRESNO	--	10.50	2.40	1.88	1.33	5.43	1.06	.39	1.33	1.00	.87	--	--
GLENN	--	11.31	--	--	2.35	--	1.37	.44	2.73	2.00	1.00	2.00	--
HUMBOLDT	--	12.85	3.75	--	2.30	5.50	1.55	--	2.02	2.17	.72	1.17	--
INYO	1.00	5.81	8.00	5.00	3.00	8.27	1.20	--	2.00	--	--	--	--
LAKE	--	--	3.33	1.75	1.72	8.24	1.20	--	2.39	2.00	1.00	1.48	--
LASSEN	4.00	--	18.00	5.25	--	10.00	1.47	--	--	--	--	--	--
LOS ANGELES	--	--	--	5.00	--	--	--	--	5.00	--	--	2.43	--
MADERA	--	5.05	--	5.00	--	--	1.38	.25	2.88	--	--	--	--
MARIPOSA	--	--	5.16	--	2.00	--	--	--	3.00	1.50	--	1.50	--
MENDOCINO	--	--	8.00	--	1.56	7.00	--	--	1.03	--	.52	1.79	--
MERCED	1.75	8.34	--	--	--	4.52	1.21	.38	1.99	--	.81	.75	.05
MODOC	--	8.50	13.99	4.50	--	5.90	1.34	--	2.24	--	1.00	2.00	--
MONO	--	9.32	18.80	6.00	2.58	6.67	1.38	--	2.00	--	1.00	2.50	--
NAPA	--	--	--	--	--	8.61	1.50	--	2.39	--	--	--	--
NEVADA	--	10.58	11.00	7.50	2.00	--	.78	--	1.54	1.42	--	.25	--
PLACER	--	10.25	11.00	--	--	--	1.04	--	1.71	--	--	--	--
PLUMAS	--	8.21	13.67	3.75	--	3.38	.99	--	2.25	--	--	--	--
RIVERSIDE	--	--	--	--	--	--	.51*	--	--	--	--	--	--
SACRAMENTO	--	7.04	--	--	1.71	6.63	1.25	--	1.33	--	1.20	--	.25
SAN BERNARDINO	1.67	--	11.07	4.36	2.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.43	--
SAN JOAQUIN	--	5.82	7.47	2.00	2.09	6.18	1.39	.47	2.32	--	1.00	--	--
SANTA CLARA	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
SANTA CRUZ	--	--	--	--	--	12.00	1.37	.47	2.77	--	.90	--	.15
SHASTA	--	8.05	10.35	5.21	2.33	4.88	1.37	--	1.90	1.00	--	1.75	--
SIERRA	--	12.00	5.00	2.50	--	10.00	1.30	.35	1.50	--	.85	--	--
SISKIYOU	--	11.27	14.00	6.17	--	9.25	1.35	--	2.01	--	.50	1.46	--
SOLANO	--	8.25	--	--	2.07	5.81	1.42	--	2.20	--	.98	1.75	--
STANISLAUS	--	3.96	4.00	--	1.38	5.87	1.27	.52	1.91	--	1.20	2.60	--
SUTTER	--	7.28	--	--	1.40	7.50	1.25	--	1.62	1.50	.63	--	--
TEHAMA	--	10.92	4.50	--	1.70	--	1.34	.55	1.65	1.90	.75	--	--

* SANDRATS

TABLE IV (CONTINUED)

COUNTRY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
TRINITY	--	3.00	3.88	2.00	1.63	6.79	--	--	1.89	1.45	--	--	--
TULARE	3.50	--	15.00	4.74	2.50	--	--	--	3.00	1.50	--	--	--
YOLO	--	3.67	--	--	--	4.75	1.17	--	2.57	--	1.50	1.50	--
YUBA	--	8.60	2.50	--	--	7.50	1.19	--	2.01	--	1.19	--	--
COUNTY UNKNOWN	--	--	--	--	--	5.85	1.39	--	--	--	--	--	--
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	1.94	8.06	11.85	4.84	1.94	7.34	1.30	.48	2.00	1.53	1.03	1.68	.13