

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT - 1966-67

A total of 604 trapping licenses were sold for the 1966-67 fur trapping season, a decrease of about 5 percent from the 634 licenses sold in 1965-66.

	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1966-67</u>
Licensees Reported	341	286
Licensees Did Not Report	<u>293</u>	<u>318</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	634	604
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap	82	79
Licensees Who Reported Trapping Effort	259	207

Trapping effort was reported by 207 fur trappers in 1966-67, a drop of 20 percent from the 259 trappers who reported in 1965-66.

The 1966-67 fur catch of 48,098 pelts was lower by 26 percent than the catch of 64,885 skins reported in 1965-66.

Revenue received by trappers from the sale of furs in 1966-67 amounted to \$57,053 and represented a decrease of almost 46 percent from the cash proceeds of \$105,241 realized by trappers in 1965-66.

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 1966-67 fur catch was \$59,848, a decrease of 45 percent from the 1965-66 estimated value of \$109,369.

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

The 1966-67 catch of 44,160 muskrats, reported by trappers represented 92 percent of the total fur catch for the season. The 1966-67 muskrat catch was 25 percent lower than the catch of 59,178 reported in 1965-66. The \$38,817 received by trappers for muskrat pelts in 1966-67 was 48 percent lower than the \$75,143 realized by muskrat trappers in 1965-66.

The statewide average price paid for beaver was the only fur which posted an increase in price during 1966-67; this average price rose from \$8.06 in 1965-66 to \$8.92 in 1966-67.

The following tables are appended:

- Table I - Furbearers Taken and Average Prices Paid  
1965-66 and 1966-67 (Summary)
- Table II - Trapper Revenue From Fur Catch - 1965-66 and 1966-67 (Summary)
- Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken by Licensed Fur Trappers,  
By County, 1966-67
- Table IV - Average of Reported Fur Prices, By Species and County of  
Catch, 1966-67

TABLE I

NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID  
1965-66 and 1966-67

Species	1965-66				1966-67			
	Number Taken			Avg. Price	Number Taken			Avg. Price
	Sold	Unsold	Total		Sold	Unsold	Total	
Badger	9	9	18	\$1.94	8	5	13	\$ .93
Beaver	1,620	66	1,686	8.06	1,259	125	1,384	8.92
Bobcat	415	74	489	11.85	194	47	241	7.97
Coyote	204	50	254	4.84	52	76	128	2.79
Fox	209	38	247	1.94	116	52	168	1.47
Housecat	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	-
Mink	1,068	53	1,121	7.34	595	48	643	6.25
Muskrat	57,861	1,317	59,178	1.30	43,899	261	44,160	.88
Nutria	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Opossum	93	35	128	.48	74	27	101	.40
Raccoon	1,171	50	1,221	2.00	715	180	895	1.68
Ring-tailed Cat	102	14	116	1.53	57	3	60	1.07
Striped Skunk	198	117	315	1.03	133	106	239	.64
Spotted Skunk	82	15	97	1.68	52	10	62	.77
Weasel	6	1	7	.13	1	3	4	.50
Totals	63,038	1,847	64,885		47,155	943	48,098	

TABLE II

TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH  
1965-66 and 1966-67  
(From Trapper Submitted Reports)

Species	1965-66	1966-67
Badger	\$ 17.50	\$ 7.45
Beaver	13,049.82	11,226.77
Bobcat	4,919.10	1,546.85
Coyote	986.95	145.00
Fox	406.09	171.00
Housecat	-	-
Mink	7,835.76	3,719.36
Muskrat	75,143.17	38,816.85
Nutria	-	-
Opossum	44.56	29.45
Raccoon	2,339.49	1,204.40
Ring-tailed Cat	155.60	61.13
Striped Skunk	204.54	84.60
Spotted Skunk	138.11	39.84
Weasel	.80	.50
Totals	\$105,241.49	\$57,053.20

TABLE III

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS - 1966-67  
BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	CROSSM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
ALAMEDA								2	8					10
ALPINE		6				9			8					23
AMADOR				10										10
BUTTE		53	4		8	3	3,308	8	76	10	3	12		3,486
COLUSA		27	1	5	3	4	2,603		107	6	63	2		2,821
CONTRA COSTA		57					441		6					504
DEL NORTE		22	9		8	5	43		40	1				128
EL DORADO		39	2	7	1	20	20	3	6	9	11	1		97
FRESHO	1	38	2	1	2	29	2,831	4	15	2	2	1		2,926
GLENN		110		1	3	3	3,158	1	18	2	1		1	3,288
HUMBOLDT		6	23		6	2			24		1	2		54
IMPERIAL		37		2					2					41
KERN		12		12					6					18
LAKE		11	8	2	19	163	96		52		24	12		387
LASSEN		72	2	5	6	6	415		8		5			513
LOS ANGELES				2					2					4
MADERA							174	3	4		1			182
MENDOCINO									11			2		13
MERCED	3	32			1	66	2,981	6	39		6			3,134
MODOC	4	47	26	6	28	28	1,041		23	6	6	2		1,188
MONO		30	28	17	5	3			9		1			93
MONTEREY	1				8		15		1					25
NAVAJO					2	18	17		25		1			63
NEVADA		21	4	1			1	1	3		6	1		38
PLACER		18		2			77		2		1			100
PLUMAS	1	81	10	12	3	12	354		23	9	15	2		522
RIVERSIDE			7		2		25*		2		2	4		42
SACRAMENTO		127			6	16	3,517	2	31		12			3,711
SAN BERNARDINO	1	7	1	5	6						4		3	20
SAN DIEGO			8	5	1			4			5			25
SAN JOAQUIN		123	3	1	10	125	3,426	14	91		2			3,798
SANTA BARBARA														2
SANTA CLARA					3		18							24
SANTA CRUZ							226	4				2		232

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TABLE III (CONTINUED)

COUNTRY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPE SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
SHASTA	8	42	7	2	12	3,377	24	2	1	3,472				
SIERRA	30	1	5	2	1	244	5	2	1	292				
SISKIYOU	93	36	7	9	92	1,437	34	9	13	1,733				
SOLANO	40			1	13	5,208	70	3	4	5,339				
STANISLAUS	88	7		2	21	4,099	39	28		4,341				
SUTTER	31		1	6		1,206	4	7		1,269				
TEHAMA	4					6	6			16				
TRINITY		11	7	12			7	6		46				
TULARE		7	2	9			6	3		28				
VENTURA		1	3	22			6	7		39				
YOLO	16			1	12	2,893	10			2,932				
YUBA	110	1		5		903	26			1,050				

TOTAL ANIMALS TRAPPED	13	1,384	241	128	168	643	44,160	101	895	60	239	62	4	48,098
% OF TOTAL CATCH	T	2.9	0.5	0.3	0.4	1.3	91.8	0.2	1.9	0.1	0.5	0.1	T	
PELTS SOLD	8	1,259	194	52	116	595	43,899	74	715	57	133	52	1	47,155
PELTS NOT SOLD	5	125	47	76	52	48	261	27	180	3	106	10	3	943
TOTAL	13	1,384	241	128	168	643	44,160	101	895	60	239	62	4	48,098

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

TABLE IV  
AVERAGE OF REPORTED FUR PRICES - 1966-67  
BY SPECIES IN COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
ALPINE		7.75				5.00			2.50				
BUTTE		9.61	3.17		1.34	2.50	.91	.44	1.33	1.25	.25	.50	
COLUSA		9.09			1.17		.93		1.62	1.00	.50	.75	
CONTRA COSTA		9.07					.89		1.50				
DEL NORTE		12.08	2.50		1.50	5.40	.76	.25	1.59	1.25	.50		
EL DORADO		11.30		1.00			.75	.25	1.25	1.11	.50		
FRESNO		6.39	2.75	1.50	1.40	4.24	.83	.25	1.50		.50	.50	
GLENN	1.00	11.89			1.33	5.83	.98	.35	1.75	1.50	.75		.50
HUMBOLDT		11.00	2.52		1.50	6.00			1.55		.50	.75	
IMPERIAL		7.84											
LAKE		8.70	3.58	2.75	.99	6.07	.85		1.81		.64	.77	
LASSEN		10.93	12.75	2.00		2.80	.81		1.20		1.00		
MADERA							.97	.50	2.50		1.00		
MENDOCINO									1.86			.75	
MERCED		7.04				6.20	.84		1.42		.50		
MODOC	.92	9.39	9.48	1.71	1.25	4.14	.93		1.56	.74	.50	1.00	
MONO		10.43	12.00	4.00	1.45	8.83			1.78		.50	2.00	
MONTEREY	1.00				1.50		.75		2.00				
MAPA					1.00	7.00	1.03		1.75		1.50		
NEVADA		12.83					.40		.75				
PLACER		11.80					1.02		1.38		1.25		
PLUMAS		8.12	5.39	2.75	1.50	8.60	.79		2.08	1.00	1.00		
RIVERSIDE	.20			2.55			.43*						
SACRAMENTO		7.14			1.50	7.80	.91		1.54		.54		
SAN BERNARDINO	1.00		3.00	1.60	.93								
SAN JOAQUIN		5.64	5.00	1.00	1.90	6.29	.94	.54	1.85		.50		
SANTA CLARA					3.00		.97						
SANTA CRUZ							.95	.50				.75	
SHASTA		9.63	9.96	2.86	1.50	7.08	.90		1.63				
SIERRA		11.51					.80						
SISKIYOU		11.46	9.11	4.00	1.08	7.14	.82		1.53	.75	.50	.89	
SOLANO		10.91				4.74	.90		1.93		.67	.75	
STANISLAUS		6.47	5.43		1.50	4.55	.88	.35	1.49		.75		
SUTTER		8.50			1.50		.50	.25	1.50	1.00			

\* SANDRATS

TABLE IV (CONTINUED)

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPUSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
TEHAMA		6.50	8.67		2.19		.95		1.67				
TRINITY			5.86	2.26	2.39				1.76	1.41			
TULARE	1.50				2.00	4.51	.81		2.00		.75		
YOLO		8.37			1.32		.70		2.75	1.00			
YUBA		9.06	2.00						1.87				
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	.93	8.92	7.97	2.79	1.47	6.25	.88	.40	1.68	1.07	.64	.77	.50