

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT

1969-70

A total of 664 trapping licenses were sold in the 1969-70 fur trapping season, an increase of 41.6 percent from the 469 licenses sold in 1968-69.

	<u>1968-69</u>	<u>1969-70</u>
Licensees Reporting	307	398
Licensees Not Reporting	<u>162</u>	<u>266</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	469	664
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap	86	112
Licensees Who Reported Trapping Effort	221	286

Trapping effort was reported by 286 trappers in 1969-70. This is an increase of 29.4 percent over the 221 trappers who reported trapping effort in 1968-69.

Revenue received by trappers from the sale of furs in 1969-70 amounted to \$75,835.48. This represents an increase of 18.5 percent above the \$63,986.35 reported for 1968-69. This represents an average income of \$265.00 per trapper. This is a decrease of 8.3 percent from \$289.00 per trapper in 1968-69.

Each year a portion of fur catch is unsold. For the purpose of this report these unsold pelts have monetary value, based on the average statewide price per pelt for each species. Therefore, the estimated value of 1969-70 fur catch was \$80,675.00, an increase of 20.6 percent over the 1968-69 estimated value of \$66,895.86.

Muskrats, as in the past, were first on the list both in number of pelts taken and revenue received for pelts. The 1969-70 catch of 51,525 muskrats reported by trappers represents 90.0 percent of the total fur catch of the season of 57,252 animals. The muskrat catch was up 14.0 percent from the catch of 45,215 reported for 1968-69. The \$49,576.13 received by trappers for muskrat pelts in 1969-70 was a 45.0 percent increase over the \$34,186.09 realized by trappers in 1968-69. Average price paid for muskrats was \$.97 per pelt, up 27.6 percent from the \$.76 paid per pelt in 1968-69.

Of the other major furbearers, the coyote showed an increase of 29.5 percent in average price per pelt of \$5.84 over the 1968-69 season price of \$4.51. Largest decrease was in the price of bobcat pelts which fell 24.0 percent from the average price of \$13.93 paid in 1968-69 to \$10.58 in 1969-70. Beaver pelts fell 23.6 percent from the average price of \$11.41 paid in 1968-69 to \$8.71 in 1969-70.

The following tables are appended:

Table I - Furbearers Taken and Average Prices Paid 1968-69 and 1969-70

Table II - Trapper Revenue From Fur Catch - 1968-69 and 1969-70

Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken by Licensed Fur Trappers,
By Species and County of Catch - 1969-70

Table IV - Average of Reported Fur Prices, By Species and County of
Catch - 1969-70

TABLE I

NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID
1968-69 and 1969-70

Species	1968-69			1969-70			Ave. Price
	Sold	Number Taken Unsold	Total	Sold	Number Taken Unsold	Total	
Badger	25	4	29	23	15	38	\$ 2.29
Beaver	1,421	121	1,542	1,178	123	1,301	8.71
Bobcat	356	25	381	472	116	588	10.58
Coyote	306	43	349	619	180	799	5.84
Fox	203	86	289	294	69	363	2.51
Mink	611	43	654	630	78	708	5.60
Muskrat	45,180	35	45,215	51,202	323	51,525	.97
Opossum	126	20	146	138	40	178	.49
Raccoon	926	96	1,022	1,072	102	1,174	2.54
Striped Skunk	65	147	212	230	237	467	.94
Spotted Skunk	19	21	40	75	36	111	.79
Weasel	1	1	2	0	0	0	-
Totals	49,239	642	49,881	55,933	1,319	57,252	

TABLE II
TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH
1968-69 and 1969-70
(From Trapper Submitted Reports)

<u>Species</u>	<u>1968-69</u>	<u>1969-70</u>
Badger	\$ 60.00	\$ 52.75
Beaver	16,218.97	10,262.65
Bobcat	4,960.56	4,994.88
Coyote	1,380.30	3,617.75
Fox	560.23	736.52
Mink	3,978.69	3,530.38
Muskrat	34,186.09	49,576.13
Opossum	57.95	67.17
Raccoon	2,501.33	2,721.35
Striped Skunk	62.53	216.90
Spotted Skunk	19.20	59.00
Weasel	<u>.50</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	\$63,986.35	\$75,835.48

TABLE III
NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS
BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH
1969-70

County of Catch	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk	Total
Alameda	-	25	-	-	10	-	11	-	13	-	-	59
Alpine	-	-	11	9	1	-	-	-	-	5	1	27
Butte	-	14	1	6	17	1	3,273	1	34	1	1	3,349
Calaveras	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Colusa	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	100
Contra Costa	-	40	-	-	3	15	1,122	-	42	-	-	1,222
El Dorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	20
Fresno	-	17	3	-	1	9	5,750	10	13	-	5	5,808
Glenn	-	35	-	-	16	1	2,924	10	52	16	-	3,054
Humboldt	1	7	34	2	21	10	-	-	78	7	11	171
Imperial	3	-	3	1	3	-	30	-	1	15	-	56
Inyo	-	53	26	64	1	2	-	-	15	-	-	161
Kern	-	5	5	4	11	-	18	2	3	4	7	59
Lake	-	14	12	-	24	116	338	-	44	2	2	552
Lassen	-	61	52	24	2	-	111	-	26	5	-	281
Los Angeles	-	-	3	11	5	-	-	-	6	34	15	74
Mendocino	-	-	-	-	1	6	1,732	-	4	-	-	1,743
Merced	6	3	19	4	3	84	3,833	18	46	12	-	4,028
Modoc	2	31	72	73	1	53	1,382	-	41	-	5	1,660
Mono	2	19	9	49	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	83
Monterey	-	-	1	-	8	-	31	3	4	4	1	52
Napa	-	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	17
Nevada	-	3	-	2	3	-	5	-	9	-	-	22
Placer	-	-	4	4	7	1	859	21	28	6	-	930
Plumas	2	131	14	93	1	7	141	-	7	8	1	405
Riverside	9	-	39	154	42	-	-	9	2	4	2	261
Sacramento	-	138	-	-	20	28	4,011	6	48	4	1	4,256
San Bernardino	3	-	18	83	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	107
San Diego	6	-	177	30	52	-	-	3	2	50	37	357
San Francisco	-	30	-	-	-	10	367	-	24	-	-	431
San Joaquin	-	88	2	3	9	51	3,260	60	67	157	-	3,697
San Luis Obispo	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	1	5
San Mateo	-	2	18	-	4	-	21	14	6	50	-	115
Santa Barbara	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	3
Santa Clara	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	1	1	7	1	17
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	208	-	-	-	-	208
Shasta	4	56	15	114	12	23	4,292	4	57	4	2	4,583
Sierra	-	55	7	24	2	20	1,491	2	92	10	-	1,703
Siskiyou	-	44	26	18	16	217	1,025	2	63	15	10	1,436
Solano	-	16	-	-	-	2	3,484	-	73	5	-	3,580
Stanislaus	-	200	8	1	2	41	4,789	4	90	3	-	5,138
Sutter	-	15	-	-	1	-	3,027	-	36	-	-	3,079
Tehama	-	3	1	4	8	-	31	2	29	10	-	88
Trinity	-	54	4	16	14	3	1,831	1	48	16	8	1,995
Tulare	-	24	-	-	20	-	-	-	21	-	-	65
Ventura	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	6
Yolo	-	9	-	-	1	8	1,528	1	14	8	-	1,569
Yuba	-	100	-	-	10	-	478	1	24	1	-	614
Total Animals Trapped	38	1,301	588	799	363	708	51,525	178	1,174	467	111	57,252
Percent of Total Catch	.07	2.27	1.03	1.40	.63	1.24	90.00	.31	2.05	.82	.91	
Pelts Sold	23	1,178	472	619	294	630	51,202	138	1,072	230	75	55,933
Pelts Not Sold	15	123	116	180	69	78	323	40	102	237	36	1,319
Total Pelts	38	1,301	588	799	363	708	51,525	178	1,174	467	111	57,252

No trapping was reported from the following counties:

Amador	Mariposa
Del Norte	Orange
Kings	San Benito
Madera	Sonoma
Marin	Tuolumne

TABLE IV
REPORTED FUR PRICES
BY SPECIES IN COUNTY OF CATCH
1969-70

County of Catch	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk
Alameda	\$ -	\$ 6.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3.75	\$ -	\$.72	\$ -	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ -
Alpine	-	-	15.70	5.33	4.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte	-	8.00	4.00	4.87	2.42	-	.92	.50	2.31	-	1.00
Calaveras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.20	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa	-	4.97	-	-	4.50	2.69	1.03	-	2.03	-	-
El Dorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	-
Fresno	-	5.03	20.00	-	2.00	4.08	.85	.33	.69	-	1.00
Glenn	-	4.75	-	-	3.39	5.00	1.17	.36	1.57	1.00	-
Humboldt	5.00	6.42	7.38	1.50	2.18	2.75	-	-	2.19	.75	.91
Imperial	1.50	-	4.66	2.50	1.17	-	.40	-	3.00	1.00	-
Inyo	-	10.56	15.00	5.10	3.00	3.00	-	-	4.00	-	-
Kern	-	10.00	10.00	13.75	10.00	-	.75	.62	.50	.75	.50
Lake	-	3.64	5.00	-	3.21	4.65	.91	-	2.32	1.20	1.35
Lassen	-	11.91	15.44	6.95	4.00	-	1.15	-	3.46	.50	-
Los Angeles	-	-	3.00	7.50	3.00	-	-	-	11.00	-	.62
Mendocino	-	-	-	-	.75	5.17	.85	-	2.37	-	-
Merced	2.63	1.00	4.45	5.37	2.08	5.27	.94	.32	2.55	.72	-
Modoc	1.75	7.06	13.74	7.60	.75	3.58	.90	-	2.71	-	-
Mono	2.75	10.50	20.00	8.43	-	-	.75	-	5.00	-	-
Monterey	-	-	3.00	-	3.03	-	1.09	.33	2.06	.50	1.00
Napa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	4.25	-	-	2.83	-	-	-	2.85	-	-
Placer	-	-	-	6.00	2.21	10.00	.96	.50	2.90	1.25	-
Plumas	5.00	9.10	15.10	6.65	3.00	5.00	.80	-	2.57	1.50	-
Riverside	1.00	-	7.99	2.15	2.50	-	-	-	1.25	.57	.65
Sacramento	-	9.90	-	-	2.49	4.49	.95	.47	2.48	.87	1.00
San Bernardino	-	-	12.00	6.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego	-	-	7.91	6.38	-	-	-	.45	2.83	.85	.65
San Francisco	-	9.67	-	-	-	4.90	1.01	-	2.15	-	-
San Joaquin	-	6.76	-	10.30	2.45	4.31	.95	.59	-	1.00	-
San Luis Obispo	-	-	-	2.50	-	-	-	.40	-	.50	1.10
San Mateo	-	8.50	6.21	2.00	2.00	-	.95	.41	1.67	-	-
Santa Barbara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.11	-	-	-	-
Shasta	2.50	13.50	12.83	7.85	3.40	3.04	.98	.75	2.80	1.00	1.25
Sierra	-	8.36	7.91	6.61	2.51	5.21	.92	.45	2.34	.85	-
Siskiyou	-	11.39	11.08	6.27	3.03	7.66	1.01	-	3.63	.94	.89
Solano	-	7.57	-	-	-	2.00	1.08	-	2.71	1.00	-
Stanislaus	-	6.31	14.80	4.00	2.50	4.52	.96	.25	3.60	1.00	-
Sutter	-	10.87	-	-	5.00	-	.91	-	2.71	-	-
Tehama	-	2.67	-	2.75	1.83	-	.67	.15	1.49	-	-
Trinity	-	11.00	6.75	.60	2.36	5.83	1.10	-	1.77	.92	.87
Tulare	-	10.55	-	-	4.00	-	-	-	2.98	-	-
Ventura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yolo	-	5.06	-	-	6.00	5.50	1.11	-	2.48	-	-
Yuba	-	12.00	-	-	-	-	.88	-	.50	.25	-
Statewide Average	\$2.29	\$8.71	\$10.58	\$5.84	\$2.51	\$5.60	\$.97	\$.49	\$2.54	\$.94	\$.79