

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT

1971-72

A total of 539 trapping licenses was sold in the 1971-72 fur trapping season, a decrease of 14.6 percent from the 631 licenses sold in 1970-71.

	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>
Licensees Who Reported Trapping Effort	226	210
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap Or Were Unsuccessful	131	123
Licensees Not Reporting	<u>274</u>	<u>206</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	631	539

Success in trapping effort was reported by 210 trappers. This represents a decrease in trapper success of 7.1 percent from 1970-71.

Revenue received by trappers from the sale of furs in 1971-72 amounted to \$94,000.60. This represents an increase of 68.1 percent above the \$55,932.87 reported for the 1970-71 season. The average income per trapper in 1971-72 was \$447.62. This is an increase of 80.9 percent from \$247.49 per trapper in 1970-71.

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 1971-72 fur catch was \$97,990.01, an increase of 69.7 percent from the 1970-71 estimated value of \$57,732.72.

Muskrats, as in the past, were first on the list in number of pelts taken and revenue received. The 1971-72 reported catch of 52,179 muskrats represents 92.6 percent of the total fur catch for the season of 56,344 animals. Muskrat catch was up 11.6 percent from the catch of 46,742 reported for 1970-71. Revenue for muskrat pelts in 1971-72 was up 47.0 percent from the \$45,878.50 received by trappers in 1970-71. Average price for muskrat pelts was \$1.31, up 33.3 percent from \$.99 in 1970-71.

Of the other furbearers, which represent 7.4 percent of the total fur catch, bobcat, coyote and beaver show the greatest increase in average pelt value. Value of bobcat pelts (\$18.80) increased 73.1 percent over the \$10.86 paid in 1970-71. Coyote pelts increased 57.9 percent in value from \$5.42 in 1970-71 to \$8.56 in 1971-72. Value of beaver pelts (\$9.79) increased 99.8 percent over the \$4.90 paid in 1970-71. All pelts showed an increase in value from 1970-71 to 1971-72.

The following tables are appended:

Table I - Furbearers Taken and Average Prices Paid-1970-71 and 1971-72

Table II - Trapper Revenue From Fur Catch - 1970-71 and 1971-72

Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken by Licensed Fur Trappers, By Species and County of Catch - 1971-72

Table IV - Average of Reported Fur Prices, By Species and County of Catch - 1971-72

TABLE I
 NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID
 1970-71 and 1971-72

Species	1970-71			1971-72			Ave. Price
	Sold	Number Taken Unsold	Total	Sold	Number Taken Unsold	Total	
Badger	7	1	8	30	7	37	\$ 2.87
Beaver	419	120	539	697	120	817	9.79
Bobcat	295	24	319	511	77	588	18.80
Coyote	404	63	467	570	73	643	8.56
Fox	264	50	314	202	17	219	3.49
Mink	261	22	283	315	39	354	3.98
Muskrat	46,516	226	46,742	51,328	851	52,179	1.31
Opossum	98	13	111	103	72	175	.51
Raccoon	661	58	719	992	60	1,052	2.91
Striped Skunk	100	107	207	190	69	259	1.06
Spotted Skunk	18	7	25	27	9	36	.95
Weasel	1	1	2	0	2	2	-
Totals	49,044	692	49,736	54,948	1,396	56,344	

TABLE II

TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH
 1970-71 and 1971-72
 (From Trapper Submitted Reports)

<u>Species</u>	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>
Badger	\$ 7.25	\$ 85.95
Beaver	2,051.25	6,825.42
Bobcat	3,204.50	9,620.05
Coyote	2,190.54	4,887.89
Fox	679.14	704.34
Mink	726.59	1,254.21
Muskrat	45,878.50	67,460.87
Opossum	40.85	52.82
Raccoon	1,058.80	2,882.23
Striped Skunk	79.70	201.12
Spotted Skunk	15.25	25.70
Weasel	.50	0.00
Totals	\$55,932.87	\$94,000.60

TABLE III
 NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS
 BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH
 1971-72

County of Catch	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk	Weasel	Total
Alameda	-	2	-	-	1	6	21	-	-	-	-	-	30
Alpine	-	-	5	7	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	16
*Amador	-	53	-	11	31	-	4,314	10	123	27	-	-	4,569
*Calaveras	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,628	-	12	-	-	-	1,640
Colusa	-	81	-	5	6	28	2,728	1	64	2	-	-	2,915
Contra Costa	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Del Norte	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3
El Dorado	2	3	-	-	2	33	3,462	21	4	1	-	-	3,528
Fresno	17	25	6	-	5	-	879	1	107	-	-	-	1,040
Humboldt	-	1	12	5	15	-	-	8	17	-	-	-	58
Imperial	-	-	3	7	-	-	814	-	3	4	-	-	831
Inyo	-	27	5	7	-	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	46
Kern	1	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kings	1	-	1	-	-	-	20	1	-	-	-	-	23
Lake	-	-	1	2	1	11	141	-	15	-	-	-	170
Lassen	1	2	57	34	-	6	120	-	6	3	-	-	226
Los Angeles	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	19
*Madera	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Marin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Mariposa	-	-	-	-	1	2	570	-	18	-	-	-	591
Mendocino	1	19	89	3	11	70	3,091	9	69	-	-	-	3,362
Merced	6	2	134	48	1	9	1,663	-	6	3	5	2	1,879
Modoc	-	14	7	12	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	37
Mono	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
Monterey	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Napa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3
*Orange	-	8	-	-	4	6	301	11	9	8	-	-	347
Placer	-	87	12	33	-	1	72	-	6	2	-	-	213
Plumas	1	-	40	148	23	-	469	13	6	25	1	-	732
Riverside	-	76	-	-	1	7	2,584	2	25	1	-	-	2,696
Sacramento	-	-	32	61	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112
*San Benito	-	-	22	26	2	-	4	1	4	4	1	-	64
San Bernardino	-	106	1	-	29	57	4,492	77	104	100	4	-	4,970
San Diego	-	-	4	27	2	4	3,241	-	26	30	3	-	3,337
*San Francisco	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	8
San Joaquin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*San Luis Obispo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Mateo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Barbara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Santa Clara	3	53	95	105	15	30	4,011	2	111	17	11	-	4,453
Santa Cruz	-	45	-	5	2	6	375	1	24	2	-	-	460
Shasta	-	57	56	57	3	40	1,811	-	33	11	2	-	2,070
Sierra	-	24	-	-	1	8	3,229	-	96	8	2	-	3,368
Siskiyou	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	45
Solano	-	9	1	1	4	10	1,730	15	15	-	4	-	1,789
Sonoma	-	39	-	7	11	6	4,499	1	57	2	1	-	4,623
Stanislaus	-	10	-	6	3	-	462	-	25	6	2	-	514
Statislaus	-	-	1	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Sutter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama	-	-	1	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Tulare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Tuolumne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Ventura	-	4	-	-	2	-	2,639	-	6	-	-	-	2,651
Yolo	-	53	-	7	9	8	2,771	1	42	2	-	-	2,893
Yuba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Animals Trapped	37	800	588	643	219	354	52,179	175	1,052	259	36	2	56,344
Percent of Total Catch	.07	1.42	1.04	1.14	.39	.63	92.61	.31	1.87	.46	.06	.00	

* = Counties With No Trapping Reports

TABLE IV
 REPORTED FUR PRICES
 BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH
 1971-72

County of Catch	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk	Weasel
Alameda	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$3.00	\$ -	\$ 1.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Alpine	-	-	17.60	6.27	2.50	-	-	-	2.83	-	-	-
Amador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte	-	9.76	-	6.27	5.07	-	1.19	.53	2.81	-	-	-
Calaveras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.22	-	2.27	-	-	-
Contra Costa	-	7.54	-	6.19	3.06	3.90	1.40	.52	3.03	1.06	-	-
Del Norte	-	10.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00	-	-	-
El Dorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fresno	-	5.00	-	-	3.00	2.94	1.20	.49	1.75	1.00	-	-
Glenn	3.38	2.52	18.17	-	3.10	-	1.23	.25	2.77	-	-	-
Humboldt	-	-	8.58	4.91	3.62	-	-	.51	3.24	-	-	-
Imperial	-	-	14.00	4.00	-	-	.63	-	2.25	1.13	-	-
Inyo	-	12.67	24.00	7.75	-	6.40	-	-	5.00	-	-	-
Kern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake	-	-	-	-	-	5.95	1.03	-	2.90	-	-	-
Lassen	1.83	10.00	23.64	7.97	-	2.75	1.34	-	3.96	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.50	-	-	-
Madera	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mariposa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino	-	-	-	-	3.00	7.00	1.55	-	3.07	-	-	-
Merced	3.00	4.53	14.58	5.76	3.24	3.35	1.21	.50	2.97	-	-	-
Modoc	1.87	10.00	21.02	6.79	3.00	2.73	1.52	-	1.77	-	-	-
Mono	-	8.79	20.00	7.48	3.00	-	-	-	2.83	-	-	-
Monterey	3.50	-	-	-	-	-	1.25	-	4.00	-	-	-
Napa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Placer	-	8.19	-	-	2.00	-	1.26	.55	3.13	-	-	-
Plumas	-	10.52	18.17	5.68	-	6.00	1.17	-	3.90	1.06	-	-
Riverside	2.96	-	14.61	6.19	3.12	-	.65	.52	-	1.06	-	-
Sacramento	-	9.73	-	-	3.12	4.57	1.24	.50	2.35	-	-	-
San Benito	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino	-	-	20.00	7.59	4.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Joaquin	-	8.30	6.00	-	3.14	3.46	1.35	.54	2.80	1.00	.81	-
San Luis Obispo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Mateo	-	-	25.00	10.00	3.00	7.00	1.69	-	3.32	1.25	1.50	-
Santa Barbara	-	-	-	-	2.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Clara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shasta	2.61	9.14	20.57	7.93	3.29	4.37	1.25	.25	2.79	1.06	.93	-
Sierra	-	12.55	-	6.19	3.13	3.80	1.30	.52	2.83	1.06	-	-
Siskiyou	-	12.74	19.57	23.58	3.00	5.13	1.45	-	3.44	1.00	.75	-
Solano	-	8.88	-	-	4.00	6.29	1.49	-	3.23	-	1.00	-
Sonoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stanislaus	-	7.29	9.00	-	2.31	4.80	1.40	.54	3.60	-	.81	-
Sutter	-	11.54	-	6.71	2.95	3.80	1.04	.52	2.71	1.06	.95	-
Tehama	-	3.33	-	8.33	3.50	-	1.23	-	2.44	-	-	-
Trinity	-	-	7.00	-	2.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuolumne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yolo	-	7.66	-	-	3.12	-	1.11	-	2.32	-	-	-
Yuba	-	11.39	-	6.45	3.04	4.20	1.42	.52	2.96	1.06	-	-
Statewide Average	\$2.87	\$9.79	\$18.80	\$8.56	\$3.49	\$3.98	\$1.31	\$.51	\$2.91	\$1.06	\$.95	\$0.00