

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT

1972-73

A total of 682 trapping licenses was sold in the 1972-73 fur trapping season, an increase of 26.5 percent from the 539 licenses sold in 1971-72.

	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>
Licensees Who Reported Trapping Effort	210	275
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap Or Were Unsuccessful	123	114
Licensees Not Reporting	<u>206</u>	<u>293</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	539	682

Success in trapping was reported by 275 trappers. This represents an increase in trapper success of 31.0 percent from 1971-72.

Revenue received by trappers from the sale of furs in 1972-73 amounted to \$145,755.38. This represents an increase of 55.1 percent above the \$94,000.60 reported for the 1971-72 season. The average income per trapper in 1972-73 was \$530.02. This is an increase of 18.4 percent from the \$447.62 per trapper in 1971-72.

Each year a portion of the 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 the 1972-73 fur catch was \$150,035.79, an increase of 54.6 percent from the 1971-72 estimated value of \$97,024.42.

Muskrats, as in the past, were first on the list in number of pelts taken and revenue received. The 1972-73 reported catch of 45,175 muskrats represents 87.6 percent of the total fur catch for the season of 51,563 animals. Muskrat catch was down 1.2 percent from the catch of 52,179 reported for 1971-72. Revenue for muskrat pelts in 1972-73 was up 29.3 percent from the \$67,460.87 received by trappers in 1971-72. Average price for muskrat pelts was \$1.93, up 47.3 percent from \$1.31 in 1971-72.

The percent of other furbearers increased from 7.4 percent of the total furtake in 1971-72 to 12.4 percent in 1972-73. This represented increased take of all species except badger. The most notable increases were increases of 160.3 and 109.2 percent in the take of fox and beaver respectively. Also, the average price per fur increased for all species. Once again the percent increase, 109.5 percent, was greatest for fox pelts. Other furs showing a marked increase in value were spotted skunk - 98.9 percent, mink - 77.6 percent, racoon - 70.4 percent, and bobcat - 55.8 percent.

The following tables are appended:

Table I - Number of Furbearers Taken and Average Prices Paid - 1971-72 and 1972-73

Table II - Trapper Revenue from Fur Catch - 1971-72 and 1972-73

Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken by Licensed Fur Trappers, By Species and County of Catch - 1972-73

Table IV - Average of Reported Fur Prices, By Species and County of Catch - 1972-73

TABLE I  
 NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID  
 1971-72 and 1972-73

Species	1971-72			1972-73				
	Sold	Number Taken Unsold	Total	Ave. Price	Sold	Number Taken Unsold	Total	Ave. Price
Badger	29	7	36	\$ 2.96	16	5	21	\$ 3.12
Beaver	697	120	817	9.79	1,664	45	1,709	10.44
Bobcat	511	77	588	18.83	642	44	686	29.33
Coyote	570	73	643	8.58	808	127	935	10.64
Fox	202	17	219	3.49	521	49	570	7.31
Mink	315	39	354	3.98	496	6	502	7.07
Muskrat	51,328	851	52,179	1.31	45,104	71	45,175	1.93
Opossum	103	72	175	.51	196	75	271	.55
Raccoon	992	60	1,052	2.91	1,178	52	1,230	4.96
Striped Skunk	190	69	259	1.06	260	151	411	1.38
Spotted Skunk	27	9	36	.95	33	17	50	1.89
Weasel	0	2	2	-	2	1	3	.38
Totals	54,964	1,396	56,360		50,920	643	51,563	

TABLE II

TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH  
 1971-72 and 1972-73  
 (From Trapper Submitted Reports)

<u>Species</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>
Badger	\$ 85.95	\$ 50.00
Beaver	6,825.42	17,367.49
Bobcat	9,620.05	18,828.77
Coyote	4,887.89	8,594.94
Fox	704.34	3,808.50
Mink	1,254.21	3,505.07
Muskrat	67,460.87	87,233.63
Opossum	52.82	106.85
Raccoon	2,882.23	5,839.23
Striped Skunk	201.12	357.71
Spotted Skunk	25.70	62.44
Weasel	0.00	.75
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Totals	\$94,000.60	\$145,755.38

TABLE III  
 NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS  
 BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH  
 1972-1973

County of Catch	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Fox	Mink	Muskkrat	Opossum	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk	Weasel	Totals
Alameda	1		6	24	5				5				11
Alpine			6	10	10								40
Amador			27	13	81	16	4,740	62	169	92	7		5,207
Butte		244		9				4	3	1			3
Calaveras		10		10		15	1,195	4	12	2			258
Colusa		77		4	18	18	1,765	1	46				1,828
Contra Costa				1					1				1,912
Del Norte				15	12		1		16	8			50
El Dorado		7	2	6	3	43	2,256	4	5	1	3		2,331
Fresno	1	74	11	63	3	3	2,664	8	57	10	7		2,897
Glenn		3	47	5	18				63				136
Humboldt		3	7	11	6		787		10	9			833
Imperial		30	7	1					1				39
Inyo			7	19	6				3				33
Kern			5										
* Kings													
Lake							154		25				25
Lassen	4	2		48	5	41	205		11				285
Los Angeles	2		15	12	15				6	1			42
Madera			7				125		1	1			127
* Marin													
Mariposa			4	5	3				2	3			17
Mendocino			9		14				16	3			43
Merced	1	55	126	7	4	96	2,925	24	87	24	1		3,328
Modoc	1	15	107	78	5	19	1,894		35	8	6		2,168
Mono		25	8	19	6	1			11				70
* Monterey													
* Napa													
Nevada		2			3				2	5			12
* Orange													
Placer		3							3				6
Plumas		105	11	33	2	8	102		48	24			333
Riverside			8	43	8				7	1			68
Sacramento		106			6	19	2,709	5	37	6			2,888
* San Benito													
San Bernardino	5		28	108	22				4	1			168
San Diego		19		82	3				4	3			112
* San Francisco										102			5,745
San Joaquin	1	1	1	6	29	111	4,895	61	98				
* San Luis Obispo													
* San Mateo													
* Santa Barbara													
* Santa Clara													
* Santa Cruz													
Shasta	1	95	58	192	28	21	3,268	11	119	15	9		3,819
Sierra	1	21	41	60	15		6		44	11	1		4,200
Siskiyou	1	50	57	64	14	53	3,740			21	10		4,010
Solano		20		2	2		2,939		40	8			3,010
Sonoma			2		3				21				26
Stanislaus	2	142	10	1	13	25	1,855	65	54	51			2,218
Sutter		42		4	4		3,911		40				3,998
Tehama		24	32	31	17		45	1	74				59
Trinity			6	29	1	1		19	2	2			72
Tulare			2	3	3		33		2	3			17
Tuolumne			4	5	3				2				
* Ventura		23	13	2	18	1	1,977	2	32				2,048
Yuba		90		21	21	11	994	1	10				1,137
Total Animals Trapped	21	1,709	686	935	570	502	45,175	271	1,230	411	50	3	51,563
Percent of Total Catch	.04	3.31	1.33	1.81	1.11	.97	87.60	.53	2.39	.80	.10	.01	

\* - Counties With No Trapping Reports

TABLE IV  
AVERAGE OF REPORTED FUR PRICES  
BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH  
1972 - 1973

County of Catch	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk	Wessel
Alameda	\$ 3.00	-	-	\$ 13.00	\$ 6.67	-	-	-	\$ 4.83	-	-	-
Alpine	-	-	\$ 39.00	5.00	10.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amador	-	-	32.00	7.38	8.59	4.53	1.97	1.00	5.37	1.00	1.89	-
Butte	-	10.51	-	-	-	-	-	.55	4.96	1.38	-	-
Calaveras	-	7.90	-	-	11.72	2.09	2.09	.55	6.42	-	-	-
Colusa	-	14.85	-	7.00	7.07	1.74	1.74	-	3.76	-	-	-
Contra Costa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Del Norte	-	-	-	7.50	6.00	2.25	2.25	7.00	7.00	-	-	-
El Dorado	-	5.00	5.00	7.50	4.98	4.98	1.88	.69	4.00	1.50	1.67	-
Fresno	-	12.93	25.18	-	8.47	6.17	1.89	.75	6.03	1.50	2.50	-
Glenn	-	8.00	14.96	6.80	5.03	-	-	-	5.21	-	-	-
Humboldt	-	8.00	4.50	-	-	-	-	-	4.33	1.25	-	-
Imperial	-	13.00	55.00	15.00	10.00	-	-	-	8.00	-	-	-
Inyo	-	-	29.75	11.69	-	-	-	-	3.50	-	-	-
Kern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake	-	15.00	45.75	14.66	9.00	8.51	1.98	-	4.58	-	-	-
Lassen	5.00	-	22.57	2.00	6.07	1.94	1.94	-	4.73	-	-	-
Los Angeles	2.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madera	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.25	-	1.67	-
Marin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mariposa	-	-	30.00	10.00	10.00	-	-	-	6.00	-	-	-
Merced	-	6.90	35.00	-	7.57	-	-	-	4.33	1.15	1.50	-
Mendocino	1.00	-	16.98	5.93	9.50	6.63	1.86	.51	4.94	1.50	1.67	-
Merced	-	7.63	38.37	10.98	10.00	7.38	2.00	-	4.68	-	-	-
Modoc	-	14.32	42.75	15.26	9.17	4.00	-	-	7.05	-	-	-
Monterey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hono	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Napa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	-	-	3.50	.50	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.67	-	-	-
Placer	14.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.75	-	-	-
Plumas	11.40	-	-	13.13	7.75	6.69	1.42	-	5.50	-	-	-
Riverside	29.00	-	10.00	5.08	-	-	-	.75	3.92	1.42	-	-
Sacramento	-	9.79	-	-	-	9.17	1.95	-	-	-	-	-
San Benito	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino	3.38	-	25.93	8.46	6.06	-	-	-	1.25	1.25	.25	-
San Diego	-	-	16.11	6.63	8.17	-	-	-	.83	-	-	-
San Francisco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	-	8.91	-	6.67	6.52	6.82	1.90	.12	4.43	1.25	-	-
San Joaquin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Luis Obispo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Mateo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Barbara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Clara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stanislaus	5.00	13.16	42.50	14.32	8.50	3.29	2.11	.60	5.04	-	1.89	.38
Sierra	2.50	10.00	46.27	11.36	6.84	-	1.50	-	4.33	1.47	1.89	-
Siskiyou	1.00	13.52	27.07	12.81	7.82	8.43	2.12	-	6.14	1.00	1.75	-
Solano	-	9.32	-	-	6.00	-	2.21	-	6.14	1.50	2.00	-
Sonoma	-	-	20.00	-	6.50	-	-	-	3.93	1.50	-	-
Sonoma	-	7.40	17.90	5.00	5.94	5.10	1.91	.78	5.74	1.82	-	-
Stanislaus	1.00	10.84	-	-	9.00	-	1.89	.50	5.23	2.00	1.25	-
Sutter	-	9.08	22.66	8.05	7.18	-	1.53	1.00	4.28	-	-	-
Tehama	-	-	25.00	8.50	6.77	2.50	-	-	6.00	-	-	-
Trinity	-	-	20.00	10.00	6.25	-	1.92	.81	4.25	1.70	-	-
Tulare	-	-	30.00	10.00	10.00	-	-	-	6.00	-	-	-
Tuolumne	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	-	-	6.00	-	-	-
Ventura	-	-	25.00	9.00	5.33	10.00	1.60	.75	2.00	-	-	-
Yolo	-	9.33	-	-	7.34	6.00	2.02	.55	4.50	1.47	-	-
Yuba	-	13.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Statewide Average	\$3.12	\$10.44	\$29.33	\$10.64	\$7.31	\$7.07	\$1.93	\$ .55	\$4.95	\$1.38	\$1.89	\$ .30