

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT
1974-75

A total of 1,172 trapping licenses were sold in the 1974-75 fur trapping season. This is an increase of 33% from the 878 licenses sold in 1973-74 and an increase of 72% from the 682 sold in the 1972-73 trapping season.

Legislation enacted in 1974 requires every person who now takes furbearing or nongame mammals for profit is required to procure a trapping license for which the fee is for an adult \$10, juvenile \$5 and nonresident \$25.

	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>
Licensees Who Reported Trapping Effort	395	411
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap or Were Unsuccessful	159	124
Licensees Not Reporting	324	637
Total Licenses Sold	878	1,172

Revenue received by trappers from the sale of furs in 1974-75, based on average prices paid, was \$282,104. This represents an increase of 24% above the \$227,403 reported for the 1973-74 season. The average income for successful trappers in 1974-75 was \$687. This is an increase of 19% from the \$575 per trapper in 1973-74.

Each year a portion of the fur catch is unsold. During the 1974-75 season and 1973-74 season 4% of the catch was unsold. For the purpose of this report unsold pelts have monetary value based on average prices paid per pelt. Therefore, the estimated value of the 1974-75 fur catch was \$301,400 an increase of 26% from the 1973-74 estimated value of \$239,000.

Muskrats were the most economically important pelt. The 1974-75 reported catch of 64,444 muskrats represents 87% of the total fur catch. The number of muskrats taken was 26% above the 51,072 reported for the 1973-74 trapping season. The average price paid for muskrat pelts was \$2.45, an increase of 8% for the price paid in 1973-74.

Other species of furbearer represented 13% of the total reported catch. The numbers of beaver, opossum, striped skunk, and weasel trapped during the 1974-75 season were down from the 1973-74 season 19%, 23%, 29%, and 43% respectively. An increase in the numbers of badger, coyote, and mink taken were up 70%, 19%, and 22% respectively.

No furbearers were reported taken in Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Orange, Marin, Kings, Calaveras and Amador counties.

TABLE 1

NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN, RANGE OF PRICES PAID, AVERAGE PRICES PAID, ^{1/} AND REVENUE RECEIVED, BY SPECIES
1973-74 and 1974-75

Species	1973-74						1974-75							
	Harvest			Fur Value			Harvest			Fur Value				
	Sold	Unsold	Total	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Revenue	Sold	Unsold	Total	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Revenue
Badger	40	11	51	\$ 15.00	\$2.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 320.00	50	37	87	\$ 20.00	\$1.00	\$10.00	\$ 500.00
Beaver	871	182	1,053	26.00	1.50	6.95	6,053.45	666	189	855	23.40	1.00	7.00	4,662.00
Bobcat	1,180	64	1,244	110.00	3.00	45.00	53,100.00	1,284	109	1,393	110.00	3.00	50.50	64,862.00
Coyote	1,772	171	1,943	36.00	3.00	14.00	24,808.00	2,009	287	2,296	36.00	1.00	12.65	25,414.00
Gray Fox	1,016	45	1,061	16.00	3.00	12.25	12,446.00	820	110	930	18.00	2.00	12.12	9,938.40
Mink	331	36	367	15.00	.15	5.25	1,737.75	344	98	442	15.00	.15	6.65	2,287.60
Muskrat	50,288	784	51,072	3.50	1.00	2.20	110,633.60	62,960	1,484	64,444	4.00	.60	2.45	154,252.00
Opossum	498	130	628	1.75	.20	1.35	672.30	356	125	481	2.00	.20	1.30	462.80
Raccoon	1,984	80	2,064	15.00	2.00	8.50	16,864.00	1,935	112	2,047	17.00	1.00	9.75	18,866.25
Striped Skunk	407	1,020	1,427	2.50	.25	1.50	610.50	385	623	1,008	3.00	.25	1.90	731.50
Spotted Skunk	63	49	112	3.50	.50	2.50	157.50	48	54	102	3.50	.50	2.60	124.80
Weasel	1	13	14	--	--	.50	.50	6	2	8	1.00	.25	.50	3.00
Total	58,451	2,585	61,036				\$227,403.60	70,863	3,230	74,093				\$282,104.55

^{1/} Fur values determined from average prices paid as reported by fur buyers.

TABLE 2

 NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS BY SPECIES AND COUNTY
 1974-75 TRAPPING SEASON

County of Catch	Badger	Beaver	Hobcat	Coyote	Gray Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk	Weasel	Total
Alameda	-	-	-	5	10	-	209	10	9	-	-	-	243
Alpine	1	-	6	20	2	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	35
Amador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte	-	64	12	35	44	2	6,289	33	200	117	3	-	6,799
Calaveras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa	-	1	64	36	49	-	5,457	6	72	2	-	-	5,687
Contra Costa	-	18	-	3	7	6	262	-	22	-	-	-	318
Del Norte	-	34	5	4	14	-	4	-	18	-	2	-	81
El Dorado	-	3	21	11	25	-	18	8	16	11	1	-	114
Fresno	2	5	53	83	17	16	2,374	8	28	60	2	1	2,648
Glenn	-	20	19	-	43	-	4,214	9	121	-	3	-	4,429
Humboldt	1	11	72	8	22	1	3	-	76	19	1	-	214
Imperial	3	12	13	28	4	7	358	-	15	-	-	-	440
Inyo	4	22	72	96	3	-	-	-	16	1	4	-	213
Kern	3	-	25	23	30	-	-	6	7	9	1	-	104
Kings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake	-	4	53	47	64	53	322	-	85	10	-	-	638
Lassen	13	24	76	239	-	-	1,844	-	24	29	4	-	2,253
Los Angeles	-	-	8	11	15	-	-	2	10	3	-	-	49
Madera	-	2	10	12	2	13	755	6	1	6	-	1	808
Marin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mariposa	-	-	13	6	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	24
Mendocino	-	-	21	10	19	-	-	12	32	8	-	-	102
Merced	2	15	-	23	15	54	5,475	80	88	72	10	1	5,835
Modoc	21	36	101	126	-	21	1,525	-	33	32	4	-	1,899
Mono	6	3	43	148	9	4	88	-	11	-	-	-	312
Monterey	-	-	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Napa	2	-	35	13	29	-	-	-	22	47	-	-	148
Nevada	-	12	1	8	1	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	27
Orange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Placer	-	2	16	20	25	27	522	4	35	20	3	-	674
Plumas	1	80	11	79	1	23	120	-	13	22	-	-	350
Riverside	2	-	63	252	24	-	362	1	5	7	3	-	719
Sacramento	-	56	1	8	8	41	4,270	37	111	1	1	1	4,535
San Benito	1	-	14	18	3	-	-	4	5	16	1	-	62
S. Bernardino	7	-	34	202	20	-	-	19	7	31	-	-	320
San Diego	6	-	250	228	97	-	-	-	27	12	9	2	631
San Francisco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Joaquin	1	92	1	5	34	72	3,514	98	103	63	1	-	3,984
San Luis Obispo	-	-	11	2	16	-	-	7	1	23	1	-	61
San Mateo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Barbara	1	-	3	14	4	-	-	18	6	47	3	-	96
Santa Clara	-	-	20	22	22	-	-	4	11	38	-	-	117
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shasta	2	56	45	132	40	7	5,970	30	144	52	7	-	6,485
Sierra	4	34	3	21	-	-	201	-	6	-	-	-	269
Siskiyou	1	18	72	75	16	69	3,364	-	61	-	13	-	3,689
Solano	-	44	7	6	21	2	4,078	7	144	125	10	-	4,444
Sonoma	-	-	21	-	10	-	1	-	95	10	-	-	137
Stanislaus	-	25	3	2	25	11	2,742	23	63	43	-	2	2,939
Sutter	-	30	-	80	5	1	2,763	5	30	12	2	-	2,928
Tehama	3	12	44	31	65	-	114	30	109	33	13	-	454
Trinity	-	2	14	16	28	5	-	-	19	-	-	-	84
Tulare	-	-	6	-	5	-	5	-	9	1	-	-	26
Tuolumne	-	-	10	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Ventura	-	-	11	17	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Yolo	-	1	1	1	4	2	4,667	-	72	-	-	-	4,748
Yuba	-	117	6	57	20	5	2,552	14	62	19	-	-	2,852
Total Animals Trapped	87	855	1,393	2,296	930	442	64,444	481	2,047	1,008	102	8	74,093
Percent of Total Catch	0.1	1.15	1.88	3.12	1.25	0.61	87	0.56	2.82	1.36	0.14	0.01	