

August 12, 1953

LICENSED FUR TRAPPER REPORT  
(1952-53 Season, Nov. 16 - Feb. 28)

Data for this report is derived from the reports of licensed fur trappers. Each trapper is required by law to fill out and return to the Department at the end of each trapping season a record of activities including the following data: Number and species of animals caught; county where caught; price received for furs and company buying furs.

901 trapping licenses were sold for the 1952-53 season of which 893 were citizens and 8 aliens. This is a decline of 13% from the 1951-52 season when 1,036 were sold. Of the 901 licenses 785 (87%) submitted reports, 116 (13%) failed to report and 268 (30%) indicated they did not trap.

As in the previous season the buyers demand was for the short haired fur species such as muskrat, mink, beaver, river otter and marten. However a general decline in price was noted for these species. The long haired types such as coyotes, badgers, skunks, raccoons, etc. were of low value; the buyers in some cases refusing to accept them. Many trappers reported they did not bother to skin or sell the long haired species. Sample statewide average prices received for the main species are given as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>1951-52 Season</u>	<u>1952-53 Season</u>
Beaver	\$ 6.79	\$ 5.87
Coyote	1.96	1.66
Grey Fox	.34	.38
Mink	11.27	10.38
* Muskrat	1.08	1.00
Raccoon	.65	.68
Striped Skunk	.56	.84

\*Included in average are sandrats taken in the southern part of the State which usually bring about 1/2 the price of the northern muskrats.

The past season saw a slight rise in the price received for grey fox, raccoon and skunks but demand was light and the increase was not enough to make trapping them worthwhile.

The total reported catch including all species was 91,266 for 1952-53 and 80,382 for 1951-52 an increase of 13.5%. Muskrats were taken in larger numbers the past season which accounted for the rise. The Central Valley area showed a marked increase in the muskrat catch.

The estimated total value of the fur catch for the 1952-53 season was \$104,500.00.

Attached are two tables: One gives the number of animals trapped by county and the other the average price received for furs by county.

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY  
LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS 1952-53 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	No. OF TRAPPERS	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FEREL CAT	FOX GREY	FOX KIT	FOX RED	MARTEN	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SKUNK SPOTTED	SKUNK STRIPED	WEASEL	TOTAL
AMADOR	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	10
BUTTE	40	..	6	3	6	2	26	..	3	..	4	7301	1	88	20	1	2	19	..	7482
CALAVERAS	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	547	3	..	8	..	..	13	..	572
COLUSA	18	1	..	50	53	..	14	..	2	..	3	5502	..	81	..	..	2	34	..	5742
CONTRA COSTA	15	..	32	..	..	8	11	..	..	..	115	3093	16	23	..	5	2	1	3	3309
DEL NORTE	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	17	..	16	1	..	..	..	..	41
ELDORADO	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	5	..	..	7	..	..	..	3	3	25
FRESNO	10	1	10	9	24	..	16	26	..	..	32	22	15	13	14	..	11	37	1	231
GLENN	35	..	1	2	..	20	2	..	3	..	1	9197	..	53	1	..	3	11	..	9294
HUMBOLDT	9	..	..	14	..	11	..	..	..	1	24	20	..	21	4	8	6	..	..	109
IMPERIAL	9	..	10	..	3	35	9	7	..	..	..	2426	..	9	..	..	..	26	..	2525
INYO	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
KERN	3	..	..	2	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	1	1	7	..	..	..	4	..	34
KINGS	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
LAKE	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	20	..	..	2	11	..	41
LASSEN	29	..	..	5	4	..	27	..	..	..	11	4014	..	22	1	..	..	6	..	4090
LOS ANGELES	8	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	24	7	9	4	..	1	11	..	61
MADERA	2	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	27	1	5	13	..	9	32	..	91
MARIPOSA	1	..	..	9	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	16	..	2	..	..	56
MENDOCINO	17	..	..	6	..	..	17	..	..	..	56	2	..	29	2	..	2	29	..	143
MERCED	9	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	8	9	..	..	..	122	..	207
MODOC	18	..	..	1	4	15	..	..	..	..	13	2515	..	4	..	..	4	3	..	2559
MONO	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	68	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
MONTEREY	2	..	..	2	..	21	1	..	..	..	..	..	16	6	..	..	3	9	2	60
NEVADA	6	..	..	4	7	..	9	..	..	..	10	40	1	24	6	..	4	17	..	122
PLACER	11	..	..	16	6	..	10	..	..	4	7	418	4	36	10	..	4	9	3	527
PLUMAS	8	..	..	5	18	4	1	..	..	..	8	223	..	7	..	..	1	1	..	268
RIVERSIDE	7	..	114	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1744	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1862
SACRAMENTO	30	..	61	..	..	10	7	..	1	..	205	5809	5	61	..	4	3	45	..	6211
SAN BENITO	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	29
SAN BERNARDINO	3	..	36	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	107	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	148
SAN DIEGO	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	9
SAN JOAQUIN	25	..	123	..	..	10	1	..	..	..	307	6400	4	44	..	7	..	70	..	6966
SAN LUIS OBISPO	3	..	..	23	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	7	23	..	..	..	6	..	80
SANTA BARBARA	1	20	..	88	85	100	145	..	..	..	..	..	239	75	10	..	80	234	8	1084

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED - 1953

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SANTA CLARA	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
SHASTA	37	..	..	16	30	..	19	..	7	..	22	7873	..	74	15	2	1	5	..	8064
SIERRA	2	..	..	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	22
SISKIYOU	59	1	..	43	71	11	14	..	..	10	149	10194	..	133	9	1	84	..	..	10720
SOLANO	14	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	80	6496	..	88	..	12	10	12	..	6709
SONOMA	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	33
STANISLAUS	7	..	212	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	4	289	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	526
SUTTER	24	..	22	..	..	12	15	..	..	..	2	3546	67	112	..	..	2	92	..	3870
TEHAMA	9	..	6	5	8	11	15	..	1	..	..	676	..	20	5	..	1	3	..	751
TRINITY	20	..	..	9	8	..	40	..	5	..	32	..	..	40	17	2	4	19	..	176
TULARE	1	..	..	3	2	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	11	..	34
TUOLUMNE	2	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	9
YOLO	21	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	3931	..	19	..	..	4	9	..	3971
YUBA	13	2	4	1	6	586	43	..	..	..	4	525	363	417	5	..	25	298	..	2279
No. of ANIMALS		25	690	336	353	858	517	33	22	38	1193	83053	770	1665	163	42	272	1215	21	91266
% OF TOTAL CATCH		.03	0.76	0.37	0.39	0.94	0.57	0.04	0.02	0.04	1.30	91.00	0.84	1.82	0.18	0.05	0.30	1.33	0.02	91266

NUMBER OF LICENSES SOLD

901

NUMBER OF TRAPPERS REPORTING

785

NUMBER OF TRAPPERS NOT TRAPPING

268

NO TRAPPING REPORTS RECEIVED FROM ALAMEDA, ALPINE, MARIN, MARIPOSA, ORANGE, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN MATEO, SANTA CRUZ AND VENTURA COUNTIES

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AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES FOR EACH SPECIES  
IN COUNTY OF CATCH, 1952-53 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FERAL CAT	FOX GREY	FOX KIT	FOX RED	MARTEN	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SKUNK SPOTTED	SKUNK STRIPED	WEASEL
AMADOR	..	..	..	..	..	1.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	.75	..	..	..	..	..
BUTTE	..	9.50	1.29	.41	..	.50	..	..	..	11.87	1.03	..	.76	1.56	15.00	..	.79	..
CALAVERAS	..	..	..	..	..	.60	..	..	..	..	1.15	.33	..	1.25	..	..	.75	..
COLUSA	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9.00	1.00	..	.67	..	..	.50	.36	..
CONTRA COSTA	..	9.35	..	..	..	.75	..	..	..	9.62	1.08	..	.47	..	9.40	..	.75	.37
DEL NORTE	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.00	..	1.36	..	.25	..	..	..	..	..
EL DORADO	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.50	..	..	..	..	.25
FRESNO	..	5.40	1.00	1.25	..	.47	..	..	..	8.14	..	.21	.66	..	..	.34	.70	.20
GLENN	..	..	..	..	..	1.25	..	..	..	10.00	1.05	..	1.00	1.50	..	..	1.00	..
HUMBOLDT	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.69	..	..	.83	1.00	16.13	..	..	..
IMPERIAL	..	5.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
INYO	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.00	14.50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
KERN	..	..	..	..	..	.25	..	..	..	..	..	..	.75	..	..	..	..	..
LAKE	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.50	..	..	.86	..	..	..	.62	..
LASSEN	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.18	1.05	..	..	1.75	..	..	..	..
MADERA	..	..	1.50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.10	..	.93	1.45	..	.38	.96	..
MARIPOSA	..	..	1.00	..	..	.25	..	..	..	..	..	..	.75	1.06	..	.25	..	..
MENDOCINO	..	..	1.00	..	..	.53	..	..	..	11.37	1.65	..	1.29	1.75	..	.60	.97	..
MERCED	..	4.35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	.80	..
MODOC	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.62	1.02	..	.50	..	..	..	1.00	..
MONO	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35.00	4.00	1.00	..	..	..	..	.25	..	..
NEVADA	..	..	.30	.70	..	..	..	..	..	12.00	1.00	..	.70	1.25	..	..	..	..
PLACER	..	..	.35	.50	..	.34	..	..	9.00	10.95	1.06	..	.50	2.00	..	..	.42	.50
PLUMAS	..	..	2.50	3.61	..	..	..	..	..	12.06	1.16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
RIVERSIDE	..	6.15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SACRAMENTO	..	5.52	..	..	.10	.43	..	..	..	9.46	1.06	.05	.72	..	12.10	..	.96	..
SAN BENITO	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.24	..	..	..	..	..
SAN BERNARDINO	..	9.96	2.00	1.33	..	..	..	..	..	..	.42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SAN DIEGO	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.53	..
SAN JOAQUIN	..	5.35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.40	.97	..	.59	..	12.71	..	.99	..
SAN LUIS OBISPO	..	..	..	..	..	.10	..	..	..	..	..	.10	.25	..	..	..	..	..
SHASTA	..	..	2.50	.34	..	.33	..	..	..	11.59	1.02	..	.83	1.33	10.00	..	.70	..
SIERRA	..	..	1.50	1.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	.75	..	..	.75	..	..	..	..
SISKIYOU	..	..	2.83	4.33	..	.60	..	..	..	14.58	1.07	..	.50	1.75	14.00	.17	..	..



AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES - 1953

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FERAL CAT	FOX GREY	FOX KIT	FOX RED	MARTEN	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SKUNK SPOTTED	SKUNK STRIPED	WEASEL
SOLANO	..	4.20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.99	1.01	..	.61	..	11.62	.10	.87	..
SONOMA	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12.96	..	..	.50	..	..	..	..	..
STANISLAUS	..	5.67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.50	1.18	..	1.50	..	..	..	..	..
SUTTER	..	3.81	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12.50	1.03	..	..	..	..	.40	.98	..
TEHAMA	..	8.75	.94	.38	..	.47	..	..	..	..	1.05	..	1.17	1.52	..	.50	1.08	..
TRINITY	..	..	..	.30	..	.13	..	..	..	10.79	..	..	.55	2.20	11.00	.20	..	..
TUOLUMNE	..	..	.75	..	..	.10	..	..	..	..	..	..	.50	..	..	..	.15	..
YOLO	..	3.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.33	.96	..	1.66	..	..	..	..	..
YUBA	..	3.83	..	..	..	.10	..	..	..	11.25	.92	..	.40	..	..	..	.83	..
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	\$ ..	\$ 5.87	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.66	\$ .10	\$ .38	..	..	\$ 14.16	\$ 10.38	\$ 1.00	\$ .18	\$ .68	\$ 1.28	\$ 12.48	\$ .30	\$ .84	\$ .34

NO FUR REPORTED SOLD FROM: ALAMEDA, ALPINE, KINGS, LOS ANGELES, MARIN, MONTEREY, NAPA, ORANGE, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN MATEO, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA CLARA, SANTA CRUZ, TULARE AND VENTURA COUNTIES.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF TOTAL CATCH -- \$104,500.00

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