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Sacramento, California

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LICENSED FUR TRAPPER REPORT

(1954-55 Season, Nov. 16, 1954 to Feb. 28, 1955)
(Compiled by Game Management Branch, Sacramento)

Data for this report is compiled 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.

882 trapping licenses were sold for the 1954-55 season of which 878 were citizens and 4 aliens. This is a decrease of 7% from the 1953-54 season when 950 were sold. Of the 882 licensees, 795 (90%) submitted reports, 87 (10%) failed to report, and 258 (29%) indicated that they did not trap.

Trapping laws remained the same as the previous season, except that beaver trapping was allowed in Northeastern California on a permit basis as a depredation control measure.

The total reported catch, including all species, was 112,409 for 1954-55 and 107,435 for 1953-54, an increase of 5% despite the fact that there were fewer trappers in the field.

As has been the case in recent years, the buyer demand was for the short haired fur species such as muskrat, mink, beaver, and river otter. The long haired species such as coyotes, badgers, bobcats, raccoons, etc., continued low in value with trapping effort for these species negligible.

The total value of the 1954-55 fur season catch is estimated at \$114,600, an increase of 56% over the 1953-54 season. The main reason for the increase was the improvement in the price offered for muskrats, the major fur species in the catch.

The following table shows numbers of animals taken together with average price reported received for the main fur species:

Species	Number Taken		Prices Reported	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
Beaver	947	1,006	\$ 4.88	\$ 7.66
Coyote	217	276	1.15	1.23
Grey Fox	554	281	.48	.34
Mink	1,690	2,240	10.19	12.34
Muskrat	95,311	100,844	.69	1.02
Sandrat	5,274	4,163	.32	.42
Raccoon	1,688	1,448	.72	.74
River Otter	75	107	12.60	16.55
Striped Skunk	521	725	.63	.66
Ringtail	157	230	1.10	1.61

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY
LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS 1954-55 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	NO. OF TRAPPERS	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FERAL CAT	FOX GREY	FOX KIT	FOX RED	MINK	MUSKRAT	SANDRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SKUNK SPOTTED	SKUNK STRIPED	WEASEL	TOTAL
ALAMEDA	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	34	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-	44
BUTTE	27	-	54	4	3	73	39	-	-	2	4007	-	6	93	49	-	4	110	-	4444
CALAVERAS	3	-	-	-	-	7	2	-	-	1	671	-	2	2	4	-	-	17	-	706
COLUSA	27	19	1	-	-	44	8	-	1	6	13548	-	-	57	-	1	-	32	-	13717
CONTRA COSTA	15	-	8	1	-	14	9	-	-	100	1948	-	54	100	-	7	1	4	-	2246
DEL NORTE	6	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	14	54	-	-	35	-	18	1	2	-	127
EL DORADO	5	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	21	33	-	2	9	-	-	-	6	1	76
FRESNO	8	-	11	7	8	-	5	-	-	2	102	-	22	4	2	-	10	58	2	233
GLENN	37	-	25	4	-	-	3	-	-	5	13099	-	1	77	20	16	5	6	-	13261
HUMBOLDT	18	-	-	3	-	1	3	-	-	70	-	-	-	50	12	6	11	19	-	175
IMPERIAL	11	-	16	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2358	-	11	-	-	-	1	-	2390
INYO	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	24	355	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	382
LAKE	10	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	56	-	-	-	62	2	-	-	13	-	136
LASSEN	18	1	28	8	9	3	-	-	-	47	2137	-	1	9	-	-	-	16	6	2265
LOS ANGELES	5	-	-	-	2	2	18	-	-	-	-	-	5	13	3	-	-	1	-	44
MADERA	2	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	12	-	24
MARIPOSA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
MENDOCINO	27	-	-	7	-	11	9	-	-	154	-	-	-	139	15	10	17	48	5	415
MERCED	17	-	316	11	2	25	7	-	-	223	284	-	49	40	-	-	1	8	2	968
MODOC	25	-	33	21	11	25	-	-	-	58	4246	-	2	10	-	-	1	16	1	4424
MONO	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
NAPA	6	-	-	1	-	3	2	-	-	33	-	-	-	14	-	-	5	14	-	72
NEVADA	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	12	-	1	9	-	34
PLACER	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	2	215	-	-	-	17	-	8	-	-	247
PLUMAS	13	-	28	5	3	5	17	-	-	7	32	-	-	26	15	-	8	7	-	153
RIVERSIDE	5	1	25	3	5	2	-	19	-	-	-	1662	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	1725
SACRAMENTO	35	-	52	-	-	32	16	-	-	172	5014	-	12	33	1	4	2	55	1	5394
SAN BERNARDINO	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	143	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	143
SAN DIEGO	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	31	-	42
SAN JOAQUIN	35	-	156	6	-	32	7	-	-	561	9441	-	6	72	-	9	-	60	-	10350
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
SAN MATEO	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	1	-	11

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED - 1954-55

COUNTY OF CATCH	NO. OF TRAPPERS	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FERAL CAT	FOX GREY	FOX KIT	FOX RED	MINK	MUSKRAT	SANDRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SKUNK SPOTTED	SKUNK STRIPED	WEASEL	TOTAL
SHASTA	31	-	-	8	24	17	10	-	-	27	9450	-	-	27	14	1	4	14	1	9597
SIERRA	5	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	1	34	-	-	9	-	-	3	-	-	54
SISKIYOU	63	4	41	94	187	31	10	-	-	223	24386	-	-	203	4	2	29	17	10	25241
SOLANO	19	-	8	-	-	9	1	-	-	122	3741	-	-	122	-	19	1	16	-	4046
SONOMA	9	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	-	24	-	-	-	41	-	-	6	2	-	85
STANISLAUS	16	-	141	1	-	1	1	-	-	101	808	-	7	8	1	-	1	8	2	1080
SUTTER	12	-	11	-	-	1	4	-	-	1	2099	-	-	13	-	-	-	17	-	2147
TEHAMA	12	-	6	13	6	22	39	-	2	7	808	-	-	57	23	10	-	26	-	1019
TRINITY	25	-	-	11	6	1	23	-	-	141	-	-	-	38	34	3	9	16	-	282
TULARE	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
VENTURA	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	4	-	23
YOLO	18	6	35	-	1	46	20	-	-	22	3758	-	-	22	-	1	2	24	-	3937
YUBA	11	-	10	2	2	14	4	-	-	-	498	-	10	35	1	-	-	22	-	598
NO. OF ANIMALS		31	1006	223	276	433	281	19	3	2240	100844	4163	207	1448	230	107	142	725	31	112409
% TOTAL CATCH		0.03	0.89	0.20	0.25	0.39	0.25	0.02	TRACE	2.00	89.70	3.70	0.18	1.29	0.20	0.10	0.13	0.64	0.03	100.00

NO TRAPPING REPORTED FROM: ALPINE, AMADOR, KERN, KINGS, MARIN, MONTEREY, ORANGE, SAN BENITO, SAN FRANCISCO, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA CLARA, SANTA CRUZ, AND TUOLUMNE COUNTIES.

NUMBER OF LICENSES SOLD 882
 NUMBER OF TRAPPERS REPORTING 795
 NUMBER OF TRAPPERS NOT TRAPPING 258

AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES FOR EACH SPECIES
IN COUNTY OF CATCH, 1954-55 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FERAL CAT	FOX GREY	FOX KIT	FOX RED	PLINK	MUSKRAT	SANDRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SKUNK SPOTTED	SKUNK STRIPED	WEASEL
ALAMEDA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1.40	-	-	\$.58	-	-	-	\$.91	-
BUTTE	-	\$ 9.68	\$1.56	\$.88	-	\$.38	-	-	\$15.50	.96	-	\$.13	.65	\$1.61	-	\$.30	.69	-
CALAVERAS	-	-	-	-	-	.10	-	-	-	1.11	-	.10	-	1.00	-	-	.50	-
COLUSA	-	7.00	-	-	\$.18	.34	-	\$.25	13.44	1.01	-	-	1.30	-	\$10.60	-	-	-
CONTRA COSTA	-	6.69	2.50	-	-	.75	-	-	9.13	1.02	-	.15	.82	-	16.65	-	-	-
DEL NORTE	-	-	.25	-	-	-	-	-	18.71	.85	-	-	.66	-	21.44	-	1.25	-
EL DORADO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.01	.87	-	-	.26	-	-	-	-	\$.05
FRESNO	-	4.67	1.05	-	-	-	-	-	13.25	.91	-	.15	1.14	1.60	-	.50	.66	.50
GLENN	-	10.16	-	-	-	.39	-	-	14.20	.99	-	.25	.74	1.94	18.84	-	.60	-
HUMBOLDT	-	-	-	-	.05	-	-	-	16.03	-	-	-	1.22	1.57	15.77	.41	.54	-
IMPERIAL	-	10.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$.43	-	.58	-	-	-	-	-
INYO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.79	.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAKE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.35	-	-	-	.89	-	-	-	.78	-
LASSEN	-	10.67	2.33	1.00	-	-	-	-	10.24	.96	-	-	.87	-	-	-	-	.83
MADERA	-	-	1.00	-	-	.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	.88	-	-	.50	.74	-
MENDOCINO	-	-	1.25	-	-	.25	-	-	14.38	-	-	-	.63	1.96	14.17	.50	.75	-
MERCED	-	6.79	.50	-	-	-	-	-	13.06	1.10	-	.21	.59	-	-	-	.53	.25
MODOC	-	6.88	2.25	-	-	-	-	-	9.18	.98	-	-	.54	-	-	-	.53	.25
MONO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NAPA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.36	-	-	-	.88	-	-	-	.60	-
NEVADA	-	-	-	-	-	.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.06	1.13	-	.05	.37	-
PLACER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.00	1.10	-	-	-	1.16	-	.50	-	-
PLUMAS	-	16.07	-	-	-	.15	-	-	14.83	.81	-	-	.64	-	-	-	-	-
RIVERSIDE	\$.25	8.00	-	-	-	-	\$.58	-	-	-	.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SACRAMENTO	-	9.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.82	1.02	-	.20	.62	1.85	12.15	-	.38	-
SAN BERNARDINO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAN JOAQUIN	-	7.41	-	-	-	.10	-	-	10.29	.92	-	-	.81	-	13.04	-	-	-
SHASTA	-	-	2.33	1.33	-	-	-	-	12.41	1.06	-	-	.74	1.29	10.00	.23	.63	-
SIERRA	-	-	.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	.91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SISKIYOU	-	10.46	1.47	1.48	-	.44	-	-	15.32	1.08	-	-	.66	2.00	18.50	-	-	.37
SCLANO	-	5.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.24	1.04	-	-	.67	-	14.00	-	.50	-
SONOMA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.36	-	-	-	1.03	-	-	-	-	-
STANISLAUS	-	6.59	-	-	-	.40	-	-	15.19	1.06	-	.13	.78	-	-	-	-	.18

AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES - 1954-55

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FERAL CAT	FOX GREY	FOX KIT	FOX RED	MINK	MUSKRAT	SANDRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SKUNK SPOTTED	SKUNK STRIPED	WEASEL
SUTTER	-	\$ 9.12	-	-	\$.05	\$.85	-	-	-	\$1.07	-	-	\$.83	-	-	-	\$.57	-
TEHAMA	-	7.23	-	-	-	.34	-	-	\$11.50	.98	-	-	.64	\$2.17	\$18.50	-	.67	-
TRINITY	-	-	\$1.30	\$.25	-	.34	-	-	16.51	-	-	-	.71	1.45	17.50	\$.50	-	-
YOLO	-	8.58	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.59	.98	-	-	.48	-	-	-	-	-
YUBA	-	6.70	.50	-	-	.25	-	-	-	1.08	-	-	.43	-	-	-	-	-
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	\$.25	\$ 7.66	\$1.48	\$1.23	\$.16	\$.34	\$.58	\$.25	\$12.34	\$1.02	\$.42	\$.16	\$.74	\$1.61	\$16.55	\$.45	\$.66	\$.48

NO FUR REPORTED SOLD FROM: ALPINE, AMADOR, KERN, KINGS, LOS ANGELES, MARIN, MARIPOSA, MONTEREY, ORANGE, SAN BENITO, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, SAN MATEO, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA CLARA, SANTA CRUZ, TULARE, TUOLUMNE, AND VENTURA COUNTIES.

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FERAL CAT	FOX GREY	FOX KIT	FOX RED	MINK	MUSKRAT	SANDRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SKUNK SPOTTED	SKUNK STRIPED	WEASEL
ALPINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AMADOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KERN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KINGS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LOS ANGELES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARIPOSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MONTEREY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ORANGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAN BENITO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAN DIEGO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAN FRANCISCO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAN LUIS OBISPO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAN MATEO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SANTA BARBARA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SANTA CLARA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SANTA CRUZ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TULARE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TUOLUMNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VENTURA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

IN COUNTY OF CATCH * 1954-55 * AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES - 1954-55