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ANNUAL FUR CATCH OF THE UNITED STATES

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The annual fur catch in the United States 35 or 40 years ago was estimated to be worth about \$25,000,000. Today it is valued at \$125,000,000. In spite of this monetary showing, however, the fur resources are not being given proper attention nor fostered as they deserve. If one thing is more outstandingly evident than another in fur conservation, it is that if the supply of fur animals had been maintained, the present value of the native fur catch to the trappers would be far in excess of \$125,000,000.

Fur consumption in the United States is still on the increase. To meet the feverish demand trappers still take fur animals with the same extravagant disregard of maintaining or increasing a satisfactory breeding population as in the past. Because they have squandered their natural supply of furs the people of the United States now face the alternative of becoming more active in fur-animal conservation and restoration or becoming still further dependent on furs of foreign origin.

Most of the fur produced in this country is from wild animals. Only one-sixth of it is obtained from animals raised in captivity, and such furs comprise chiefly silver fox, mink, and their mutations. Returns from fur farming, therefore, are far outstripped by those resulting from land-management practices concerned with the production of wild fur animals. Proper handling of stream margins, ditchbanks, ponds, marshes, and swamps not only yields profit to the landowner and trapper, but contributes materially to an important American industry as well.

The general public has much to learn about our fur resources. We are only commencing to realize the task ahead of us. The future of the American fur business depends on our ability to maintain and increase our supply of wild fur animals. A natural resource that yields an annual income of more than \$100,000,000 to the trappers and \$500,000,000 to the retail fur trade should receive much more attention than it is now getting.

A large majority of those who trap fur animals are farmers and their sons who depend on this source of revenue to increase the farm income. The employment and the income that trapping furnishes these people should be sufficient justification to arouse public interest in measures to insure a permanent supply of furs. It is important that the public know how much of the natural wealth in furs is harvested each year, for it is only through the assembling of such data that the annual fur take can be so regulated as to insure the preservation of an adequate breeding stock.

The Fish and Wildlife Service thanks the State game and conservation commissions for their assistance in supplying data included in this report.

ALABAMA

Alabama does not require reports from trappers on the number and kinds of fur animals taken or from fur dealers on the number and kinds of furs handled, and therefore, could not furnish information on the fur catch. Trappers are required to purchase and attach metal tags to all furs before putting them on the market. Opossum, skunk, muskrat, and weasel required 2¢ tags, raccoon and mink required 15¢ tags, and fox and otter required \$1.00 tags. During the 1945-46 season, 3,277 fur catcher's licenses were sold for \$2.50 each; 43,344 tags at 2¢ each; 43,272 tags at 15¢ each; and 740 tags at \$1.00 each. During the 1946-47 season, 3,895 fur catcher's licenses were sold for \$2.50 each; 40,235 tags at 2¢ each; 37,374 tags at 15¢ each; and 861 tags at \$1.00 each.

ALASKA

(Not including the Pribilof Islands)

Species	1940 ^{1/}	1941 ^{1/}	1942 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}	1944 ^{1/}	1945 ^{1/}	1946 ^{1/}
Bear:							
Black & glacier	158	70	81	133	160	92	98
Polar	62	33	42	100	71	82	152
Beaver	14,630	20,606	12,071	15,146	8,516	9,553	18,929
Coyote	2,080	1,208	460	376	797	474	389
Fox ^{2/} :							
Red	9,031	12,574	12,537	4,916	6,916	7,605	4,754
Cross	1,501	1,484	1,468	1,240	1,831	1,614	1,096
Silver	632	466	428	262	406	644	2,335
White	4,622	6,515	2,154	4,800	4,552	3,652	1,364*
Blue	7,598	6,483	4,693	1,783	1,101	1,190	1,443*
Hare	270	60	110	195	700	337	578
Lynx	1,698	781	639	713	990	922	601
Marmot	1,196	154	40	201	20	...	829
Marten	9,626	707	240	8,182	13,352	453	2,670
Mink	43,702	31,782	53,060	33,705	61,038	31,339	64,837
Muskrat	453,300	511,805	267,356	212,352	142,530	152,542	137,656
Otter	2,804	2,188	2,821	1,547	2,772	1,721	3,364
Squirrel	720	1,760	980	1,122	1,850	4,582	1,120
Weasel	9,895	8,580	11,280	3,892	5,508	5,967	6,629
Wolf	444	599	464	351	418	290	286
Wolverine	326	232	161	92	87	108	157
Total	564,295	608,087	371,085	291,108	253,615	223,173	246,333

^{1/} Calendar year.

^{2/} Six black foxes shipped 1945, included in total.

* This does not include pelts shipped from Pribilof Islands.

Pribilof Islands

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
Fox:							
White	11	5	..	..	11	13	22
Blue	640	829	..	..	616	1,283	1,018
Seal ^{1/}	95,013	150	117,164	47,652	76,964	..	..
Total	95,664	984	117,164	47,652	77,591	1,296	1,030

^{1/} Calendar year.

ARIZONA

Species	1939 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}	1944 ^{1/}
Badger	21	35	9	80
Beaver . . . . .	..	..	..	368
Bobcat	114	149	32	178
Coyote	314	500	145	326
Fox:				
Gray . . . . .	..	..	210	247
Kit or swift . . .	..	..	16	17
All species . . .	464	600	..	..
Muskrat	216	315	1,053	189
Raccoon	47	40	44	19
Ringtail cat . . .	215	196	24	14
Skunk:				
Common large . .	107	137	54	184
Spotted	79	12	..	7
Wolf	2	11	180	12
Miscellaneous . . .	..	27	98	132
Total	1,579	2,022	1,865	1,773

^{1/} Calendar year.

The trapper's license was abolished in Arizona for several years. At present, however, separate hunting and trapping licenses are issued, and reports of the annual catch are required. The above figures represent the catch reported, but according to the State they should be multiplied by ten to give the approximate total catch. The above total does not include animals caught by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

ARKANSAS

Species	1941 ^{1/}	1942 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}	1944 ^{1/}	1945 ^{1/}	1946 ^{1/}
Bobcat	43	573	299	194	92	96
Fox:						
Gray	2,089	15,270	15,585	11,811	4,282	5,342
Red	96	274	1,112	777	563	504
Mink	22,509	24,429	18,417	14,469	13,976	33,174
Muskrat	2,568	3,072	3,998	3,552	2,683	4,618
Opossum	313,224	430,980	341,571	169,808	122,593	161,140
Raccoon	55,236	66,429	51,398	48,011	42,205	75,295
Skunk:						
Common large.	51,371	54,706	38,596	19,983	11,281	17,039
Spotted	1,605	1,444	1,830	1,062	801	945
Weasel	302	432	515	259	220	215
Wolf	17	34	11	17	14	6
Miscellaneous	715	65	8	..	2	..
Total	449,775	597,708	473,340	269,943	198,712	298,374

^{1/} Fiscal Year

The State law requires fur buyers to report at the end of each season the number and kind of furs purchased and the prices paid for them.

CALIFORNIA

Species	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Badger	106	135	84	57	74
Bobcat	1,923	2,898	2,063	1,730	1,072
Cat:					
House	148	167	145	120	305
Ringtail	683	693	719	1,213	710
Coyote	2,766	4,186	3,590	2,310	2,341
Fisher	4	1	1	..	..
Fox:					
Gray	2,499 ^{1/}	3,555 ^{1/}	3,117	2,657	1,585
Red or cross	4	8	6	9	14
Swift	20	78	59	132	74
Marten	136	165	198	338	395
Mink	778	2,105	2,325	3,151	2,996
Muskrat	65,524	57,331	56,425	49,800	32,771
Opossum	598	794	433	498	361
Otter (river)	33	58	55	79	122
Raccoon	4,473	7,106	6,567	6,756	5,042
Skunk:					
Spotted	459	637	524	627	635
Striped	6,365	10,457	7,176	4,518	2,650
Weasel	74	48	65	167	236
Total	86,593	90,421	83,552	74,162	51,381

^{1/} Includes red, cross, and silver foxes.

COLORADO

Species	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Badger	568	918	394	402	163
Bobcat	983	1,146	1,019	833	348
Civet cat	340	661	393	507	200
Coyote	9,229	10,368	6,968	5,831	1,259
Fox	267	356	324	253	87
Marten . . . . .	..	..	125	..	873
Mink	1,217	1,010	614	618	439
Muskrat	128,420	175,355	114,860	277,842	71,452
Raccoon . . . . .	..	..	83	157	113
Ringtail cat	7	7	19	29	19
Skunk	7,523	13,897	6,179	5,517	2,471
Weasel	2,028	1,485	623	950	688
Total	150,582	205,203	131,601	292,938	78,112

CONNECTICUT

Species	1937	1938	1941	1942	1943	1944	1/
Bobcat	63	12	38	49	26	21	
Fox, all species	3,958	3,390	3,647	3,669	4,121	3,803	
Mink	634	341	625	424	664	548	
Muskrat	12,223	13,820	24,383	13,205	13,747	10,369	
Otter . . . . .	..	10	67	104	26	30	
Raccoon	2,692	2,134	2,118	2,365	2,458	2,566	
Skunk, common large	5,082	3,369	6,006	4,058	3,240	2,525	
Squirrel, gray	31,310	35,026	29,325	42,879	25,671	32,615	
Weasel	497	463	625	363	386	292	

1/ Calendar year.

The State Board of Fisheries and Games advises that the above figures represent only those furs reported which is estimated to be between 40% and 50% of the actual catch. Figures for 1939 were not tabulated, 1945 and later years have not yet been compiled.

DELAWARE

Species	1941	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Muskrat	63,552	68,181	40,178	42,150	42,100	42,000
Opossum	1,177	..	..	..	..	..
Otter . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raccoon	1,538	1,936	1,015	965	900	925
Total	66,267	70,117	41,193	43,115	43,000	42,925

These figures are reported on licenses but many fail to report, so above is not accurate.

FLORIDA

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Opossum	2,807	2,753	3,048	487	4,310	848	1004
Otter	544	506	816	609	271	192	379
Raccoon	40,798	34,919	46,304	40,984	20,692	13,222	12,858
Skunk	1,306	1,240	1,307	1,807	1,042	213	374
Total	45,455	39,418	51,475	43,887	26,315	14,475	14,615

GEORGIA

Species	1937	1938	1945-46
Bear	1	1	100
Bobcat	16	36	574
Fox:			
Red	137	103	784
Gray	569	427	9,664
Mink	2,381	1,786	6,560
Muskrat	1,130	848	29,748
Opossum	4,792	3,594	40,008
Otter	202	152	(1/)
Raccoon	15,648	11,736	26,243
Ringtail cat	5	2	..
Skunk:			
Common large ..	984	752	2,701
Spotted	23	17	...
Weasel	56	42	522
Miscellaneous . . . . .	..	4	533
Total	25,944	19,500	117,437

1/ No open season.

Georgia does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. The above information, however, was furnished by the State Department of Natural Resources and the State Game and Fish Commission.

IDAHO

Species	1941	1942	1944	1945	1946
Badger . . . . .	..	..	1,000	..	..
Bear . . . . .	..	..	120	17	22
Beaver ^{1/}	4,838	2,589	7,000	8,000	6,000
Bobcat . . . . .	..	..	1,190 ^{2/}	700	800
Canada lynx . . . . .	..	..	..	8	11
Coyote . . . . .	..	..	15,850	6,000	8,293
Fox:					
Gray . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
Red	1)	6)	..	..	24
Cross . . . . .	..)	..)	..	..	..
Marten . . . . .	..	40	..	..	..
Mink	5	54	3,650	..	4,157
Mountain lion . . . . .	..	..	35	74	189
Muskrat	89	225	146,000	..	119,940
Otter	1	1	..	..	21
Raccoon . . . . .	..	8	110	..	204
Skunk, common large . . . . .	..	..	1,120	..	..
Weasel . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
Total	4,934	2,923	176,075	14,799	139,661

^{1/} In 1943, 6,645 beavers were taken.

^{2/} Includes lynx.

ILLINOIS

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1941	1942
Fox, red & gray	1,944	3,926	10,292	13,760	7,145	6,232	16,636
Mink	12,312	21,593	33,239	48,581	42,254	18,880	19,362
Muskrat	213,840	323,895	413,823	729,777	664,831	307,179	249,100
Opossum	22,680	25,519	97,755	132,585	171,590	61,897	94,774
Raccoon	4,212	6,281	26,734	30,732	34,577	20,245	27,130
Skunk, common lge.	11,016	30,426	47,338	45,263	36,681	21,103	22,580
Total	266,004	411,640	629,181	996,998	957,078	435,536	426,582

No reports on the Annual Fur Catch for Illinois are available since 1942.

INDIANA

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Badger	82	61	172	222	103
Fox, red & gray	6,788	24,620	34,542	10,140	9,748
Mink	10,825	15,169	24,088	13,714	12,745
Muskrat	195,406	297,789	540,562	292,077	285,289
Opossum	77,907	238,517	249,505	61,005	57,119
Raccoon	22,938	78,026	113,652	29,257	42,400
Skunk, common large	20,777	33,511	37,879	11,882	11,645
Weasel	2,232	5,407	10,447	168	..
Wolf	1	..	..	..	..
Total	336,956	693,100	1,010,847	418,465	419,049

The State law requires only licensed fur buyers to report annually on the furs purchased.

ICWA

Species	1941-1942	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Badger	586	257	538	254	314	553
Beaver . . . . .	..	..	235	247	623	494
Fox:						
Red	6,137	6,560	8,695	9,559	11,554	12,259
Gray	1,967	1,823	2,516	2,226	2,350	2,223
Mink	33,650	23,297	52,760	46,825	48,145	60,397
Muskrat	262,007	262,562	722,360	452,275	418,417	387,614
Opossum	33,839	29,691	35,579	27,293	22,501	26,960
Raccoon	22,512	20,128	38,303	36,558	41,084	61,880
Skunk:						
Common large	68,840	32,437	53,199	35,489	30,755	32,458
Spotted	60,944	38,508	60,238	41,005	44,827	40,661
Weasel	4,440	2,982	3,966	2,830	3,607	4,334
Wolf	202	209	926	381	388	915
Total	495,124	418,454	979,315	655,042	624,565	630,748

The State law requires fur buyers to report the total number of furs purchased. Individual trappers need not report their annual catch except where furs are sold outside the State.

KANSAS

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Badger	1,050	538	1,152	938	653	589
Beaver	368	292	350	246	218	275
Bobcat . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coyote	18,392	16,758	22,953	23,987	26,853	19,263
Fox (all species)	1,387	1,574	1,792	1,252	971	738
Mink	1,529	1,239	1,618	1,381	852	590
Muskrat	121,671	116,758	121,256	116,297	119,387	103,209
Opossum	148,322	133,652	147,852	118,314	98,645	74,000
Raccoon	9,744	11,215	16,774	15,666	16,899	13,224
Skunk:						
Common large . .	153,216	149,888	151,758	(175,515	(171,807	(158,742
Spotted	48,874	45,322	48,337	(((
Weasel . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wolf	983	1,153	1,558	..	..	..
Total	505,536	478,389	515,400	453,596	436,285	372,560

Kansas does not require trappers to make annual report of furs taken. The figures were obtained from reports made by fur dealers.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky has no available information on the number of fur animals taken annually, as the State law does not require trappers to make an annual report.

LOUISIANA

Species	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Fox	3,727	8,534	5,124	3,823	2,645
Mink	128,311	144,582	132,821	168,598	153,027
Muskrat	4,253,397	4,743,790	5,963,156	8,337,411	8,029,764
Nutria . . . . .	..	436	902	8,784	18,015
Opossum	78,738	91,033	66,000	90,433	77,264
Otter	1,399	2,404	1,912	2,367	2,832
Raccoon	164,695	208,010	176,911	244,502	186,750
Skunk	17,349	28,037	11,155	12,224	4,830
Cat	231	918	628	1,430	383
Miscellaneous . .	48	1,146	86	37	53
Total	4,647,895	5,228,890	6,358,695	8,869,609	8,475,563

The State law requires fur dealers to submit three monthly reports during the trapping season on the number of fur animals purchased and to pay a severance tax on each pelt shipped out of the State.

Trappers are permitted to ship their own take out of the State and pay tax on same.

All fur shipments must be tagged with tags that are furnished by the Fur and Refuge Division of the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries.

MAINE

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Bear	180	58	19	912	57	91
Beaver	3,049	2,583	5,683	2,192	4,656	2,921
Bobcat	177	133	105	184	1,044	181
Fox, red	7,841	4,502	6,144	6,491	7,812	3,571
Mink	3,952	1,726	1,600	2,580	1,159	3,226
Muskrat	27,389	17,552	13,532	20,079	12,020	28,594
Otter	169	129	89	120	121	199
Raccoon	1,971	715	1,579	1,387	3,474	2,830
Skunk, common lge	4,629	2,571	1,968	2,694	13,548	1,875
Weasel	1,919	691	958	978	1,479	1,141
Total	51,276	30,661	31,544	37,617	45,370	44,629

The State law requires trappers to report the annual catch and fur buyers the numbers of furs purchased.

MARYLAND

Maryland does not require either trappers or fur dealers to make annual reports on the number of furs taken or sold. An estimate made by the State Game Warden for the fiscal year 1938 indicates that about 2,000,000 muskrats; 1,500,000 in 1940; 1,500,000 in 1941; 800,000 in 1943; 800,000 in 1944; and 900,000 in 1945.

Reports from Commercial trappers, fur buyers and Departmental field staff, indicate a major drop in the muskrat populations compared to the 1945 figure. Early reports based on houses observed, led us to believe there would be a considerable increase in population. However, the number of muskrat actually trapped in Maryland during the open season, January 1st to March 15th, showed a reduction of at least 35 per cent. We estimated that about 550,000 muskrat furs were taken during the past trapping season.

No information available as to the number of other fur bearing animals taken by Maryland trappers during this period.

MASSACHUSETTS

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Bobcat	307	266	86	108	39	45
Canada lynx	33	28	2	..	..	..
Fox:						
Red	5,599	5,061	5,078	3,505	4,896	4,751
Gray	917	853	951	670	637	790
Mink	1,089	1,404	1,414	562	1,099	1,356
Muskrat	52,139	41,874	42,392	22,981	23,114	31,659
Otter	118	128	103	78	80	88
Raccoon	2,706	2,064	2,184	1,273	1,547	1,880
Skunk, common						
large	11,252	7,901	9,395	4,733	6,034	5,642
Weasel	866	626	476	304	396	464
Total	75,026	60,205	62,081	34,214	37,842	46,675

Department of conservation advises that the system of receiving and recording information makes them two years behind in their statistics, therefore, no further information was available at time "Annual Fur Cartch" was prepared.

MICHIGAN

Species	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Badger	681	573	11,840	2,169	1,781	1,234
Beaver	2,251	6,464	2,703	15,296	9,859	Closed *
Bobcat	529	375	2,538	2,802	2,910	2,363
Coyote	1,376	1,501	1,905	3,736	3,422	3,953
Mink	37,220	24,662	37,861	52,489	53,400	42,979
Muskrat	719,585	343,834	995,443	663,322	548,841	582,427
Opossum	13,940	56,113	51,993	59,271	34,903	50,646
Otter . . . . .	..	154	160	349	322	Closed*
Raccoon	45,516	35,631	71,859	70,120	88,700	87,007
Red fox	5,212	10,812	22,450	33,640	52,017	39,652
Skunk	39,459	37,421	31,722	27,673	25,278	22,642
Weasel	29,717	11,282	34,343	24,925	48,501	32,089
Wolf	54	79	166	80	61	45
Total	895,540	528,901	1,254,983	955,872	869,995	865,037

The State law required reports from trappers on their annual catch and from fur dealers on furs purchased.

*Spring '47 Season Closed

MINNESOTA

Species	1941*	1942*	1943*	1944*	1945*	1946-47*
Badger	(1/)	(1/)	1,211	1,969	2,511	2,870
Beaver	7,668	4,259	10,385	1,302	9,477 ^{3/}	8,235 ^{5/}
Bobcat	604	231	450	1,880	3,085	2,010
Canada lynx	138	55	33	20	56	57
Coyote	940	660	653	2,336	1,961	8,777
Fox:						
Gray	2,746	1,619	2,590	6,269	5,467	9,383
Red, cross, silver	9,014	5,903	11,178	17,542	17,751	29,023
Mink	53,657	34,615	50,375	79,220	95,782	10,850
Muskrats	867,608	1,449,760	1,957,217	22,393 ^{2/}	1,211,106	1,432,612
Opossum . . . . .	..	..	59	117	278	808
Otter . . . . .	..	..	..	..	46	..
Raccoon	8,088	5,237	8,063	10,396	20,140 ^{4/}	32,293
Skunk:						
Common large	136,768	60,968	81,674	86,530	82,860	111,806
Spotted.	8,226	6,566	10,267	18,185	15,107	19,446
Squirrel	9,369	9,880	..	3,959	7,667 ^{4/}	29,959
Weasel	100,475	87,878	50,303	47,680	85,125	147,488
Wolf	164	163	128	349	413	978
Total	1,205,465	1,667,794	2,184,586	300,147	1,558,832	1,946,595

1/ No open season.

2/ Trapping allowed by permit only.

3/ Includes 1,666 taken under permit.

4/ Does not include hunting take.

* Calendar Year

5/ Includes 1495 taken under permit.

MISSISSIPPI

Species	1937	1938	1939	1942-43	1943-44	1946-47
Beavers . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	74
Bobcat	75	81	92	1,274	..	33
Fox:						
Gray . . . . .	..	..	..	..	1,120	2,011
Red . . . . .	..	..	..	..	682	479
Mink	9,935	8,046	8,652	38,240	38,783	27,684
Muskrat	7,375	9,123	6,680	6,818	52,122	56,844
Opossum	39,795	32,546	22,008	47,023	93,556	32,916
Raccoon	16,045	12,717	11,284	38,240	46,327	34,362
Skunk:						
Common large. . .	8,700	6,567	3,196	5,538	20,624	2,960
Spotted	240	99	124	..	10,320	484
Weasel	195	321	192	..	1,172	258
Total	82,360	69,500	52,228	135,859	265,980	158,105

The State law does not require trappers to submit an annual report of their catch. Mississippi does, however, distribute cards to the trappers through the wardens when the licenses are issued. No data was made available by the State between 1939 and 1942.

MISSOURI

Species	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1945-46	1946-47
Fox:					
Red	10,479	10,191	14,674	10,743	13,027
Gray	4,691	6,686	11,648	7,903	7,636
Mink	7,888	6,926	10,436	14,144	22,661
Muskrat	85,468	109,969	182,846	212,269	217,658
Opossum	331,386	359,605	319,827	268,956	336,544
Raccoon	13,517	14,547	27,598	53,347	77,605
Skunk:					
Common large. . .	97,759	70,760	60,236	43,015	43,225
Spotted	30,446	22,339	19,120	13,078	13,057
Weasel	1,308	1,210	1,464	997	1,185
Total	582,942	602,233	647,849	624,452	732,598

1/ 1943-44 is tentative.

Until 6 years ago Missouri did not require either trappers or fur traders to submit annual reports on furs; but the State law now requires reports of fur traders, and the above data was obtained from such reports.

MONTANA

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1944	1945	1946-47
Beaver <u>1/</u>	6,748	12,752	17,717	11,161	11,855	16,468	10,583
Coyote	8,571	7,814	..	..	..	..	5,835*
Fox, red	2,575	3,858	2,950	1,830	400	956	578
Marten . . . . .	..	..	2,379	..	..	178	1,554
Mink	2,936	8,814	8,544	4,413	7,698	11,413	9,621
Muskrat	35,308	195,290	117,839	70,039	75,739	82,057	76,429
Otter . . . . .	..	..	..	..	23	43	58
Raccoon . . . . .	..	..	..	329	679	1,284	839
Total	56,138	228,528	149,429	87,772	96,394	112,399	105,497

1/ Beaver 7,175 in 1943. Figures not available for other fur bearers.

The State law does not require trappers to report on furs taken, except those of beavers. These figures were obtained from shipping permits, which are required when furs are shipped out of the State.

* Number of coyotes on which Bounty was claimed from Livestock Commission.

NEBRASKA

Species	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Badger	1,352	2,800	1,516	1,112	1,288
Beaver . . . . .	..	2,768	3,000	5,804	5,730
Bobcat	104	100	133	48	14
Coyote	9,464	16,360	13,897	16,390	16,560
Mink	5,850	11,820	9,232	13,110	13,626
Muskrat	113,500	262,100	317,110	291,195	190,400*
Opossum	8,664	19,180	12,135	12,102	16,864
Raccoon	4,060	8,680	8,975	10,210	16,415
Red Fox	300	500	267	1,239	278
Skunk:					
Striped	49,140	82,080	40,678	30,620	26,600
Spotted	20,460	35,260	20,066	12,858	7,690
Weasel	2,424	4,200	1,371	1,036	1,094
Total	215,318	445,848	428,382	395,724	296,158

Note: Each two-year heading indicates a winter trapping season of 3-4 months. Date for the 1946-47 season computed from 1076 report cards returned by 23.2% of those buying permits.

NEVADA

Nevada has no available information on the number of fur animals taken annually.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Species	1941 ^{1/}	1942 ^{1/}	1943 ^{1/}	1944	1945-46	1946-47
Bear ^{3/}	4	78	49	3	166	149
Beaver	1,023	..	887	907	529	..
Bobcat	63	207	142	110	118	..
Canada lynx	2	..	..	1	2	..
Fisher	1	..	2	1	2	..
Fox, all species.	4,093	3,408	4,668	4,006 ^{2/}	4,649	..
Mink	2,136	1,335	1,188	1,128	1,652	..
Muskrat	12,750	9,104	9,004	9,404	15,484	..
Raccoon	2,069	1,129	1,903	947	1,458	..
Otter	65	40	28	45	40	..
Skunk, common lge.	1,741	1,423	1,126	1,118	768	..
Weasel	225	162	67	148	208	..
Total	24,172	16,886	19,064	17,818	24,915	149

1/ Bear kill is not complete as hunters are not required to report on the number taken. There is a \$5.00 bounty, and it is assumed that about 40% of the kill is reported.

2/ Silver fox, 6; red fox, 4,000.

3/ During the 1946-47 season 149 bear were taken.

NEW JERSEY

Species	1939 ^{1/}	1940 ^{1/}	1941 ^{1/}	1942 ^{1/}	1944 ^{1/}	1945 ^{1/}
Fox:						
Red and gray ^{2/}	1,385	1,857	1,150	1,082	2,235	2,666
Mink	1,052	825	527	441	245	317
Muskrat	167,535	194,628	155,590	218,974	176,112	157,604
Otter	7	20	2	..	17	15
Skunk, common lge.	12,444	12,883	7,454	7,077	2,925	4,012
Squirrel	139,093	181,476	140,134	121,490	285,596	205,842
Weasel	5,899	4,398	3,023	3,937	1,261	2,484
Total	327,415	396,087	307,880	352,001	468,391	372,940

1/ Calendar year.

2/ In 1943, 1,402 red and gray foxes were taken; in 1944, 1,669 were taken.

NEW MEXICO

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946-47
Badger	817	829	1,000	946	700	660	600
Beaver	1,100	1,160	803	847	1,430	991	733
Bobcat	3,403	5,151	7,292	3,989	4,000	5,276	4,500
Coyote	9,982	21,978	30,178	28,036	27,000	20,000	15,850
Fox:							
Gray	1,313	3,274	3,300	3,598	6,000	5,225	4,260
Swift	261	289	400	455	460	475	425
Mink	32	79	30	28	35	52	55
Mt. lion . . . . .	..	87	90	80	75	82	90
Mustkrat	11,841	25,077	20,000	18,702	20,500	20,890	18,000
Opossum	1	..	10	22	10	..	..
Raccoon	122	302	400	460	500	500	518
Ringtail cat	383	1,006	1,000	752	1,500	1,500	1,250
Skunk:							
Common large	6,244	11,357	10,000	7,820	8,000	9,230	10,000
Spotted	111	254	200	193	200	350	360
Weasel . . . . .	..	18	15	13	15	55	45
Miscellaneous	20	1	100	110	25	25	42
Total	35,630	70,862	74,818	66,051	69,450	65,311	56,728

NEW YORK

Species	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1944
Bear	63	77	81	84	71	83
Beaver	2,639	(1/)	(1/)	3,055	4,075	3,138
Bobcat	36	163	220	210	72	257
Fox:						
Red	19,452	25,852	27,865	23,515	16,903	27,056
Gray	5,250	6,975	8,996	6,012	6,055	5,542
Mink	6,022	9,712	10,492	10,314	8,713	8,483
Muskrat	176,712	264,276	335,657	369,188	279,934	195,527
Opossum	3,792	6,116	4,750	3,916	3,327	3,190
Raccoon	25,345	27,459	27,751	22,647	7,389	16,445
Skunk:						
Common, large	33,952	41,170	46,681	43,547	28,682	14,157
Squirrel	266,143	261,715 ^{2/}	315,847 ^{2/}	200,329	217,478	141,283
Total	539,406	643,515	778,340	682,817	572,699	415,161

^{1/} Closed season.

^{2/} This figure includes fox, gray, and black squirrels.

^{3/} In 1943, 2,152 beavers were taken; 1945, 3,275 beavers; and 1946, 5,567 beavers.

New York advises that figures on the annual fur catch for the above years should perhaps be increased 50 per cent because of the large number of licensees who did not report.

NORTH CAROLINA

Species	1940	1941	1942	1944	1945	1946-47
Bobcat	100	250	153	169	100	120
Fox:						
Gray	6,500	19,000	12,591	24,514	20,000	25,600
Red . . . . .	..	500	336	169	300	330
Mink . . . . .	..	32,000	10,323	40,053	35,000	32,450
Muskrat	72,000	147,000	92,772	110,864	135,000	137,000
Opossum	56,000	99,000	76,173	41,129	50,000	40,650
Raccoon	58,000	110,000	73,506	33,800	20,000	35,000
Skunk:						
Common large.	3,500	12,000 ^{1/}	8,388	7,267	9,000	7,680
Weasel	2,000	8,000	3,117	1,701	1,000	1,200
Total	198,200	427,750	277,359	259,666	270,400	280,030

^{1/} This figure also includes spotted skunks.

North Carolina does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from fur dealers and should be considered only as estimates of the total fur catch.

NORTH DAKOTA

Species	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Badger	1,773	2,275	1,032	1,682	1,562
Beaver	1,137	1,571	1,588	2,029	1,885
Bobcat (lynx).	43	127	42	96	52
Coyote	2,359	4,214	4,108	6,301	2,768
Fox, all species	7,935	20,382	7,657	16,084	8,351
Jackrabbit . . .	150,487	171,420	48,956	69,329	75,310
Mink	2,982	7,638	7,626	13,278	14,698
Muskrat	36,391	178,518	215,797	324,809	161,811
Raccoon	847	1,717	989	1,541	2,051
Skunk	62,900	110,135	65,222	70,613	54,829
Weasel	44,790	28,882	9,575	5,722	6,982
Total	311,644	526,879	362,592	511,484	330,299

OHIO

Species	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
Fox:					
Red	10,215	6,284	9,689	17,434	18,716
Gray	8,164	1,342	7,929	11,704	7,141
Mink	14,293	4,029	11,195	17,822	13,570
Muskrat	783,877	231,159	700,753	585,468	735,377
Opossum	193,993	50,830	119,485	91,080	58,419
Raccoon	52,791	18,928	31,835	56,917	93,600
Skunk	81,482	10,530	43,965	43,408	23,453
Weasel	12,832	3,182	6,861	8,193	6,810
Total	1,157,647	326,284	931,712	832,026	957,086

Ohio does not require trappers to report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from reports of licensed Ohio fur dealers. They do not include the furs shipped outside of Ohio which were not handled by licensed Ohio dealers.

OKLAHOMA

Species	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1945-46	1946-47
Badger	208	108	509	129	83
Bobcat	83	76	142	70	66
Coyote	1,468	1,806	2,340	1,911	538
Fox, gray	1,141	898	1,475	849	977
Mink	2,003	1,846	3,775	6,136	9,772
Muskrat	6,638	7,810	9,279	13,853	16,200
Opossum	220,912	222,903	182,310	185,001	178,665
Raccoon	3,350	3,350	4,843	6,791	9,131
Skunk:					
Common large	71,443	54,148	87,013	52,333	48,183
Spotted	7,836	4,958	6,234	4,571	5,978
Weasel . . . . .	..	..	..	..	8
Wolf	435	243	288	85	69
Miscellaneous:					
Red fox . . . . .	..	..	86	108	33
Total	315,393	298,146	278,297	271,837	268,803

OREGON

Species	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Badger	143	137	133	46	61
Bear	2	15	13	42	33
Bobcat	348	1,022	810	1,113	810
Coyote	2,487	4,287	2,757	1,983	1,760
Fox	49	262	246	495	424
Marten	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	983	1,107
Mink	1,925	5,306	5,166	6,685	5,127
Mountain lion . .	2	8	15	36	21
Muskrat	40,914	48,951	43,748	65,387	69,945
Nutria	19	33	..	32	22
Opossum . . . . .	..	2	11	3	34
Otter	69	120	100	216	183
Raccoon	1,025	2,859	2,563	4,612	3,483
Skunk:					
Common large . .	936	1,607	1,531	1,863	1,052
Spotted	125	375	447	838	984
Weasel	129	159	197	398	410
Total	448,173	65,143	57,737	84,732	85,456

1/ No open season

PENNSYLVANIA

Species	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
Beaver	1,143	2,414	1,281	1,663	2,694
Bobcat	18	3	30	13	25
Fox:					
Red	6,871	6,604	11,850	9,460	26,480
Gray	6,647	8,032	10,354	10,230	19,144
Mink	7,449	6,326	10,785	7,415	11,298
Muskrat	511,775	486,368	610,968	306,437	610,834
Opossum	67,257	65,445	110,850	49,572	40,992
Otter	14	..	21	33	23
Raccoon	35,959	30,140	46,692	38,122	46,951
Skunk, common lge.	228,037	148,075	163,584	103,207	104,088
Weasel	18,120	26,274	25,527	5,487	12,230
Total	883,290	779,681	991,942	531,639	874,759

Pennsylvania requires both trappers and fur dealers to report on the annual take and handling of furs.

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island does not require trappers and fur dealers to submit annual reports on furs, and therefore is not able to furnish figures.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Species	1941	1942	1943	1945	1945-46	1946-47
Fox:						
Red	42	65	48	31	30	47
Gray	2,103	2,809	3,021	1,908	1,203	1,310
Mink	6,308	7,442	7,896	6,264	4,210	5,428
Muskrat	6,851	8,630	9,862	3,561	1,588	4,632
Opossum	14,212	16,443	19,766	11,575	7,370	8,475
Otter	68	97	108	62	54	74
Raccoon	15,524	20,425	21,988	18,211	15,713	15,363
Skunk:						
Common lge . . . . .	..	228	287	150	139	143
Spotted	217	..	..	..	..	..
Total	45,325	56,139	62,976	41,762	30,307	35,472

The State law does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from permits for shipment of furs out of the State.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken. It is estimated, however, that 1,000 beavers were trapped in each of the fiscal years 1937, 1938, and 1939, and 2,500 in 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946.

TENNESSEE

Species	1941-42	1942-43 ^{1/}	1943-44 ^{1/}	1944-45	1945-46
Fox:					
Red	1,334	899	474	--	1,590
Gray	41,210	1,377	927	6,484	3,655
Mink	952	373	524	1,566	2,379
Muskrat	14,259	5,375	5,822	18,581	23,650
Opossum	126,076	32,203	22,983	60,062	65,508
Raccoon	4,395	1,610	1,194	5,093	5,494
Skunk	16,401	15,695	12,645	34,722	33,003
Weasel	604	144	113	1,839	361
Total	205,231	57,676	44,682	128,297	135,640

^{1/} Tennessee does not feel that the returns for these years are complete even though the wholesale fur-dealers report sharp decline in fur takes since the 1942 season.

TEXAS

Species	1940	1941 ^{1/}	1944	1945	1946 ^{1/}	1947 ^{1/}
Badger	1,059	1,019	266	167	846	368
Beaver	72	127	85	77	137	135
Fox:						
Red						
Gray	(40,278)	44,692	23,378	7,940	56,244	21,829
Kit or swift . . . . .	..	..	..	6	9	2
Mink	5,269	17,317	2,848	1,172	35,592	32,624
Mountain lion	15	..	..	..	..	..
Muskrat	184,798	107,908	59,432	30,400	417,339	583,236
Opossum	128,341	393,146	52,312	22,960	330,066	210,679
Raccoon	39,286	80,218	26,586	9,078	164,327	108,298
Ringtail cat	73,163	83,707	55,114	13,823	122,829	38,145
Skunk:						
Common lge.	93,204	140,943	26,668	8,510	121,573	57,657
Spotted . . . . .	..	9,963	2,179	1,272	13,785	5,055
Texas lynx . . . . .	..	3,607	1,293	136	1,508	152
Weasel	10	44	..	21	1	-
Wolf	6,123	6,626	1,628	455	42	39
Miscellaneous	1,249	..	111	274	409	17
Total	572,867	889,317	192,468	96,291	1,264,707	1,058,236

^{1/} The 1941 figures represent about 50% of the dealers; about 80% in 1946. Texas records are not representative due to incomplete fur dealers returns (only 10% reporting some years). Reports are not required of trappers, and the law requiring fur dealers to report has not proven practicable of enforcement, under Texas conditions. Figures shown are for the dealers reporting, no attempt being made to estimate numbers for the dealers not reporting.

UTAH

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
Beaver	800	1,200	1,297	1,216	2,685	2,850	881

Utah does not require trappers to make reports of furs taken, except those of beavers, for which there is no open season. Beavers are taken only when they are doing damage.

VERMONT

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Fox, red	7,528	9,513	8,502	14,057	8,748	10,480
Mink	2,562	4,517	2,759	2,861	3,730	2,862
Muskrat	32,144	48,897	42,056	58,610	46,931	41,955
Raccoon	5,906	6,976	4,580	8,001	4,369	5,970
Skunk, common lge	13,210	20,767	12,720	10,560	5,347	5,004
Weasel	822	1,049	311	613	395	611
Total	62,172	91,719	70,928	94,702	69,520	66,882

Vermont does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken. Fur dealers, however, must report on the furs purchased.

VIRGINIA

Species	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Bear	6	1	2	1	30 ^{1/}
Bobcat	209	123	134	189	157
Fox:					
Red	1,006	1,079	1,083	2,581	1,789
Gray	9,816	8,795	8,126	18,701	9,146
Silver & cross.	28	12	94	143	20
Mink	5,143	3,721	2,673	5,846	4,203
Muskrat	124,347	100,416	124,586	242,739	133,820
Opossum	68,808	72,030	55,153	130,501	58,745
Otter	58	..	210	1,279	555
Raccoon	12,000	10,517	10,215	23,374	14,326
Skunk, common lge.	59,421	65,279	55,936	99,705	56,881
Squirrel	405	1,488	179	73	13
Weasel	2,870	2,114	1,691	3,224	1,828
Miscellaneous. . .	248	117	370	433	245
Total	284,365	265,692	260,452	529,089	281,758

1/ Includes only the bear hides reported as purchased by fur dealers. The bear kill will average approximately 50 or better which do not clear through commercial fur channels.

Virginia does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken, but fur buyers must report on furs purchased.

WISCONSIN

Species	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
Badger	1,625	679	1,227	1,604	1,684
Beaver	3,910	4,564	7,720	(1/)	15,280
Bear	(1/)	647	684	489	598
Bobcat & lynx	283	191	765	384	1,048
Coyote & wolf	924	835	1,125	1,936	4,134
Fox, red & gray <u>2/</u>	10,756	10,622	21,498	36,487	23,428
Mink	34,606	26,155	43,898	43,970	44,732
Muskrat	819,639	658,255	951,895	441,011	41,544*
Opossum	8,168	7,372	7,598	7,859	6,945
Otter	203	117	135	171	291
Raccoon <u>4/</u> -A-	15,935	17,965	26,192	20,641	15,740
Skunk	69,392	36,506	48,768	58,268	52,542
Squirrel -A-	668,382	762,100	582,372	695,695	668,269
Weasel	24,443	6,985	21,154	10,669	38,836
Total	1,658,266	1,533,043	1,721,831	1,319,184	915,071

1/ No open season. * General closed season. Harvest taken only on
2/ Bountied since March 1945. licensed muskrat farms and permit areas.
4/ Based on tag sales after and including 1944-45 season.
 -A- 23,946 raccoon and 1,014,020 squirrel taken 1946-47.

WYOMING

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Beaver	15,115	10,946	7,738	7,164	7,145	8,510	10,761

Wyoming does not require trappers to make reports of furs taken with the exception of beavers.

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