

# **FURBEARER**

2024-2025 HARVEST REPORT





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#### **Executive Summary**

Each year the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) surveys furbearer trappers, snarers, and hunters to quantify harvest, hunter success, and hunter effort. This information helps the Game and Fish manage furbearer populations and plan next year's hunting/trapping season. The harvest statistics presented in this report were estimated based on 742 responses to a voluntary harvest survey sent to 2,843 license holders and extrapolated to represent the 2,843 total license holders. An estimated total of 642 badgers, 1,664 beaver, 289 mink, 1,755 muskrat, 2,076 marten, and 32 weasel were harvested in Wyoming during the fall 2024 and spring 2025 furbearer season.

TABLE I

## **FURBEARER**

#### TEN-YEAR COMPARISON OF HUNTERS AND EFFORT STATEWIDE 2015-2024

METRIC	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
VALID LICENSEES	2257	2197	2281	2544	2754	2714	3069	2703	2582	2,843
RESPONSE RATE	37.7%	34.5%	28.6%	29.6%	31.0%	25.4%	16.6%	25.3%	25.3%	26.1%
DAYS AFIELD	12,517	11,824	20,817	17,937	23,180	34,146	38,958	25,732	24,132	26,999

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SPECIES	METRIC	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	TOTAL HARVEST	611	704	1,397	955	799	1,025	622	481	353	642
	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	440	456	521	464	495	538	451	329	243	338
<b>BADGER</b>	TRAP NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	461.1	195.1	425.9	276.6	148.3	280.6
	SNARE NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	1,695.7	652.6	86.3	271.5	0	0
	HUNT DAYS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	18	10.1	12.5	17.6	15.9	20
	TOTAL HARVEST	2,019	1,285	1,794	1,582	2037	3073	4348	2451	2,297	1,664
	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	363	231	279	277	336	430	494	408	326	260
<b>BEAVER</b>	TRAP NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	18.2	21.5	26.6	20.3	23.1	29.2
	SNARE NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	35.8	39	26.4	30.4	63.2	32.2
	HUNT DAYS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	8.7	3.4	14.1	6.9	7.8	5
	TOTAL HARVEST	235	309	419	241	417	500	750	351	149	289
	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	180	112	157	128	120	134	181	113	64	100
MINK	TRAP NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	52.1	50.7	103.6	71	32.8	95.5
	SNARE NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	71.7	0	0	8.1	0	0
	HUNT DAYS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	13.4	10.9	10.5	5.6	3	10.8
	TOTAL HARVEST	3,367	1,555	3,690	1,435	1,958	1,585	2,628	1,685	1,867	1,755
	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	347	164	262	188	170	166	227	168	133	156
MUSKRAT	TRAP NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	11.5	239.3	35.4	14.9	19.3	22.1
	SNARE NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HUNT DAYS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	12.8	1.1	11.3	10.4	3.6	2.1
	TOTAL HARVEST	966	950	1,493	1,344	956	959	1,305	1,414	937	2,076
	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	145	117	195	139	107	109	122	104	103	121
MARTEN	TRAP NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	62.8	45.2	37.5	33	37.8	33.5
	SNARE NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	0	0	0	0	1,292	0
	HUNT DAYS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL HARVEST	38	58	49	39	36	28	30	20	60	32
	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	40	48	48	50	44	52	27	28	38	57
<b>WEASEL</b>	TRAP NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	200.6	363.6	492.6	569.3	104.2	552.9
	SNARE NIGHTS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HUNT DAYS/HARVEST	_	_	_	_	1	0	0	31.5	0	1

Note:

'VALID LICENSEES' indicates the number of unique license holders
'DAYS AFIELD' indicates the total number of days spent in the field setting or checking traps/snares or hunting
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS' indicates the number of unique individuals that trapped, snared or hunted for each species

TABLE II **BADGER** 

## HARVEST ESTIMATES

BY MANAGEMENT AREA 2024-2025

			Т	RAP			S	NARE			Н				
AREA	RESIDENCY	TRAPPERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	SNARERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	DAYS/ HARVEST	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL HARVEST
	RESIDENT	20	5,455	8	681.9	4	7,034	0	0	20	191	12	15.9	39	20
1	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	20	5,455	8	681.9	4	7,034	0	0	20	191	12	15.9	39	20
	RESIDENT	12	8,675	8	1,084.40	0	0	0	0	27	488	8	61	35	16
2	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	12	8,675	8	1,084.40	0	0	0	0	27	488	8	61	35	16
	RESIDENT	51	71,082	125	568.7	4	7,034	0	0	35	356	12	29.7	78	137
3	NONRESIDENT	2	61	2	30.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	AREA TOTAL	53	71,143	127	560.2	4	7,034	0	0	35	356	12	29.7	80	139
	RESIDENT	59	28,560	117	244.1	8	1,571	0	0	39	805	35	23	90	152
4	NONRESIDENT	4	2,521	30	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	30
	AREA TOTAL	63	31,081	147	211.4	8	1,571	0	0	39	805	35	23	94	182
	RESIDENT	47	22,734	199	114.2	0	0	0	0	39	125	27	4.6	78	226
5	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	47	22,734	199	114.2	0	0	0	0	39	125	27	4.6	78	226
	RESIDENT	12	12,446	51	244	0	0	0	0	16	78	8	9.8	27	59
6	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-	AREA TOTAL	12	12,446	51	244	0	0	0	0	16	78	8	9.8	27	59
PECIES TOTA		201	151,534	540	280.6	16	15,639	0	0	168	2,043	102	20	338	642

Note:

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TABLE III

## **BEAVER**

# HARVEST ESTIMATES BY MANAGEMENT AREA 2024-2025

			Т	RAP			SI	NARE			Нί	JNT			
AREA	RESIDENCY	TRAPPER	S NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	SNARERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	DAYS/ HARVEST	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL HARVEST
	RESIDENT	70	5,099	285	17.9	16	4232	98	43.2	4	39	0	0	86	383
1	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	70	5,099	285	17.9	16	4232	98	43.2	4	39	0	0	86	383
	RESIDENT	39	2,583	180	14.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	180
2	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	39	2,583	180	14.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	180
	RESIDENT	27	4,740	90	52.7	4	547	8	68.4	8	23	0	0	35	98
3	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	27	4,740	90	52.7	4	547	8	68.4	8	23	0	0	35	98
	RESIDENT	27	3,697	375	9.9	4	39	8	4.9	4	78	23	3.4	27	406
4	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	27	3,697	375	9.9	4	39	8	4.9	4	78	23	3.4	27	406
	RESIDENT	47	6,041	277	21.8	4	328	43	7.6	27	227	51	4.5	66	371
5	NONRESIDENT	2	114	11	10.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11
	AREA TOTAL	49	6,155	288	21.4	4	328	43	7.6	27	227	51	4.5	68	382
	RESIDENT	27	19,440	211	92.1	4	31	4	7.8	0	0	0	0	27	215
6	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	27	19,440	211	92.1	4	31	4	7.8	0	0	0	0	27	215
SPECIES TOTA	AL -	221	41,714	1,429	29.2	27	5177	161	32.2	43	367	74	5	260	1,664

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TABLE IV MINK HARVEST ESTIMATES

BY MANAGEMENT AREA 2024-2025

			Т	RAP			S	NARE			Ηι			TOTAL	
AREA	RESIDENCY	TRAPPERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	SNARERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	DAYS/ HARVEST	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL HARVEST
	RESIDENT	23	2,407	66	36.5	0	0	0	0	4	27	0	0	23	66
1	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	23	2,407	66	36.5	0	0	0	0	4	27	0	0	23	66
	RESIDENT	12	1,712	27	63.4	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	0	16	27
2	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	12	1,712	27	63.4	0	0	0	0	4	12	0	0	16	27
	RESIDENT	16	12,215	20	610.8	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	1	20	24
3	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	16	12,215	20	610.8	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	1	20	24
	RESIDENT	4	938	70	13.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	70
4	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	4	938	70	13.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	70
	RESIDENT	27	7,374	94	78.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	94
5	NONRESIDENT	2	45	4	11.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
	AREA TOTAL	29	7,419	98	75.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	98
	RESIDENT	8	2,563	4	640.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4
6	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	8	2,563	4	640.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4
SPECIES TOTA	AL -	92	27,254	285	95.6	0	0	0	0	12	43	4	10.8	100	289

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### TABLE V **MUSKRAT** HARVEST ESTIMATES BY MANAGEMENT AREA 2024-2025

			Т	RAP			S	NARE			Н				
AREA	RESIDENCY	TRAPPERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	SNARERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	DAYS/ HARVEST	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL HARVEST
	RESIDENT	35	4,900	832	5.9	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	1	39	836
1	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	35	4,900	832	5.9	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	1	39	836
	RESIDENT	20	6,588	254	25.9	0	0	0	0	12	90	27	3.3	31	281
2	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	20	6,588	254	25.9	0	0	0	0	12	90	27	3.3	31	281
	RESIDENT	16	12,829	231	55.5	0	0	0	0	4	31	12	2.6	20	243
3	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	16	12,829	231	55.5	0	0	0	0	4	31	12	2.6	20	243
	RESIDENT	20	5,857	172	34.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	172
4	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	20	5,857	172	34.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	172
	RESIDENT	23	5,854	94	62.3	0	0	0	0	8	23	8	2.9	31	102
5	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	23	5,854	94	62.3	0	0	0	0	8	23	8	2.9	31	102
	RESIDENT	16	1,090	98	11.1	0	0	0	0	4	8	23	0.3	20	121
6	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	16	1,090	98	11.1	0	0	0	0	4	8	23	0.3	20	121
ECIES TOTA	AL -	125	37,118	1,681	22.1	0	0	0	0	31	156	74	2.1	156	1,755

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## TABLE VI **MARTEN**

# HARVEST ESTIMATES BY MANAGEMENT AREA 2024-2025

			Т	RAP			S	NARE			Нί				
AREA	RESIDENCY	TRAPPERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	SNARERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	DAYS/ HARVEST	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL HARVEST
	RESIDENT	51	32,570	1,133	28.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	1,133
1	NONRESIDENT	4	509	17	29.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	17
	AREA TOTAL	55	33,079	1,150	28.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	1,150
	RESIDENT	8	1,352	51	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	51
2	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	8	1,352	51	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	51
	RESIDENT	12	3,017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
3	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	12	3,017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
	RESIDENT	20	16,021	469	34.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	469
4	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	20	16,021	469	34.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	469
	RESIDENT	12	4,361	78	55.9	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	16	78
5	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	12	4,361	78	55.9	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	16	78
	RESIDENT	16	11,731	328	35.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	328
6	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	16	11,731	328	35.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	328
SPECIES TOTA	AL -	117	69,561	2,076	33.5	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	121	2,076

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## TABLE VII **WEASEL** HARVEST ESTIMATES BY MANAGEMENT AREA 2043-2025

			T	RAP			SI	NARE			Нί	JNT			
AREA	RESIDENCY	TRAPPERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	SNARERS	NIGHTS <sup>1</sup>	HARVEST	NIGHTS/ HARVEST	HUNTERS	DAYS	HARVEST	DAYS/ HARVEST	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL HARVEST
	RESIDENT	12	1,751	8	218.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	8
1	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	12	1,751	8	218.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	8
	RESIDENT	8	5,607	4	1,401.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4
2	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	8	5,607	4	1,401.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4
	RESIDENT	12	6,494	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
3	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	12	6,494	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
	RESIDENT	8	215	8	26.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
4	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	8	215	8	26.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
	RESIDENT	8	1,192	8	149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
5	NONRESIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AREA TOTAL	8	1,192	8	149	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
	RESIDENT	4	137	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	1	8	4
6	NONRESIDENT	2	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	AREA TOTAL	6	222	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	1	10	4
SPECIES TOTA	AL -	53	15,481	28	552.9	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	1	57	32

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### TABLE VIII

# LICENSE DATA SUMMARY STATEWIDE

2024-2025

RESIDENCY	VALID LICENSEES <sup>1</sup>	NUMBER SURVEYED	RESPONDED	RESPONSE RATE
RESIDENT	2,790	2,790	714	25.6%
NONRESIDENT	53	53	28	52.8%
TOTAL	2,843	2,843	742	26.1%

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;VALID LICENSEES' indicates the number of unique license holders.