2016–2017 New Mexico Hunter Harvest Report Program Summary of Results – Furbearers

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A total of 1,892 trapper (furbearer) licenses were sold during the 2016–2017 season; 1,536 (81%) of those license holders responded to the mandatory harvest reporting. Harvest records were accessed October 27, 2017; a total of 4,879 individual protected furbearers were harvested. No mandatory reporting requirement exists for unprotected furbearers; therefore, those species are not included in this report.

Total Number of Each Species Harvested.

Species	Total
American beaver	82
Muskrat	43
Nutria	0
Red fox	188
Swift fox	18
Kit fox	149
Grey fox	2,192
Ringtail	57
Ermine	0
Long-tailed weasel	1
American badger	203
Bobcat*	1,978 (1,736)
Raccoon	210

The number of bobcats harvested based on CITES tags is indicated in RED. The number of bobcats from the hunter harvest reporting system is in BLACK. Discrepancy in the reported bobcat harvest compared to the CITES-tagged bobcat harvest is the result of the following: trappers from reservation lands that CITES-tag their bobcat pelts but are not required to purchase state licenses; poor recollection of the number of individuals harvested during the season by individual hunters; and non-reporters who do not intend to trap during the subsequent year.

Table 2. Protected furbearers harvested in New Mexico counties during 2016–2017.

<u>County</u>	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat	Ermine	Grey Fox	<u>Kit</u> Fox	Red Fox	Swift Fox	Muskrat	Raccoon	Ringtail	Long-tailed Weasel
Bernalillo	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Catron	0	0	59	0	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chaves	6	0	217	0	96	88	0	2	0	11	0	0
Cibola	8	0	64	0	123	2	0	0	3	0	5	0
Colfax	6	0	36	0	94	0	40	6	0	1	0	0
Curry	6	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
De Baca	11	0	52	0	16	0	3	0	0	7	1	0
Dona Ana	14	0	47	0	43	6	0	0	0	11	0	0
Eddy	11	0	177	0	83	3	0	0	0	37	11	0
Grant	9	0	75	0	238	1	1	0	0	1	11	0
Guadalupe	0	0	7	0	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harding	3	0	13	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hidalgo	0	0	24	0	13	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Lea	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	5	2	90	0	129	4	0	0	0	37	7	0
Los Alamos	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luna	20	0	22	0	27	5	0	0	0	2	2	0
McKinley	10	0	62	0	94	9	6	0	0	0	0	0
Mora	0	0	31	0	41	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Otero	3	0	51	0	10	0	0	0	0	6	6	0
Quay	10	0	42	0	142	0	0	0	0	5	2	0
Rio Arriba	6	12	76	0	82	0	23	0	1	11	1	1
Roosevelt	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Juan	9	52	103	0	120	0	109	0	22	21	6	0
San Miguel	2	5	47	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sandoval	6	0	59	0	47	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Fe	1	2	8	0	21	0	0	0	2	4	0	0
Sierra	31	0	143	0	270	15	0	8	0	0	1	0
Socorro	8	0	57	0	158	7	0	0	0	3	1	0
Taos	0	0	32	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Torrance	4	0	52	0	49	6	0	0	0	4	2	0
Union	12	9	79	0	70	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
Valencia	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	15	25	0	0
Total	203	82	1736	0	2192	149	188	18	43	210	57	1