

## REGISTERED FURBEARER HARVEST STATISTICS 2025-26

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### INTRODUCTION

Monitoring harvest is an important component of population management for some wildlife populations. For many species, harvest represents a large proportion of overall mortality. Obtaining harvest information can be useful for documenting changes in the distribution and abundance of animals, as well as monitoring the effects of changes in harvest seasons, harvest techniques, and habitat. The level of detail or accuracy necessary in harvest information varies across species, depending on factors such as population density, harvest pressure, habitat 'sensitivity' of the species, and reproductive potential.

In Minnesota, detailed harvest information is collected on 4 carnivores – fishers (*Pekania pennanti*), martens (*Martes americana*), bobcats (*Lynx rufus*), and river otters (*Lontra canadensis*). These species have lower reproductive potential, naturally occur at low to moderate densities, have comparatively restricted distributions, or may be more influenced by habitat change. Hence, detailed harvest information has been collected on these species for the past 48 years to help ensure sustainable harvests and populations.

### METHODS

Hunters and trappers are required to bring pelts from harvested fishers, martens, bobcats, and river otters into furbearer registration stations, usually within 48 hours of the close of the season. Upon registration, information is collected on the sex, date, method of take, and harvest location (township) for each animal, and the pelt is tagged to verify it has been registered.

### RESULTS

Starting with the 2024-25 season, fisher and bobcat harvest seasons were spatially expanded to include the entire state; they were previously limited to the North Furbearer Zone whose southern edge roughly corresponds to Interstate Highway 94 (Figure 1). The individual limit for these species remained the same (i.e., 5 bobcats, and 2 fisher-marten in combination), but no more than 1 fisher and 1 bobcat could be taken in the South Furbearer Zone. Otter harvest remained open statewide with the same individual limit (i.e., 4), but beginning with the 2024-25 season, harvest was extended through mid-May to coincide with the open beaver trapping season, a more than doubling of season length.

Bobcat harvest declined 10% (Table 1), with 29 (3%) taken in the South Zone (compared to 34 [3%] last year). Fisher harvest decreased 39% (Table 1), with 62 (16%) taken in the South Zone (compared to 59 [9%] last year). Marten harvest decreased 19% (Table 1). Otter harvest decreased 1%, with ~57% of the total harvest coming from the late-winter and spring season (compared to ~42% last year). Detailed harvest summaries are provided in the following tables and graphs. Data for years prior to those presented in this report are available (back to 1977) by contacting the Minnesota DNR.

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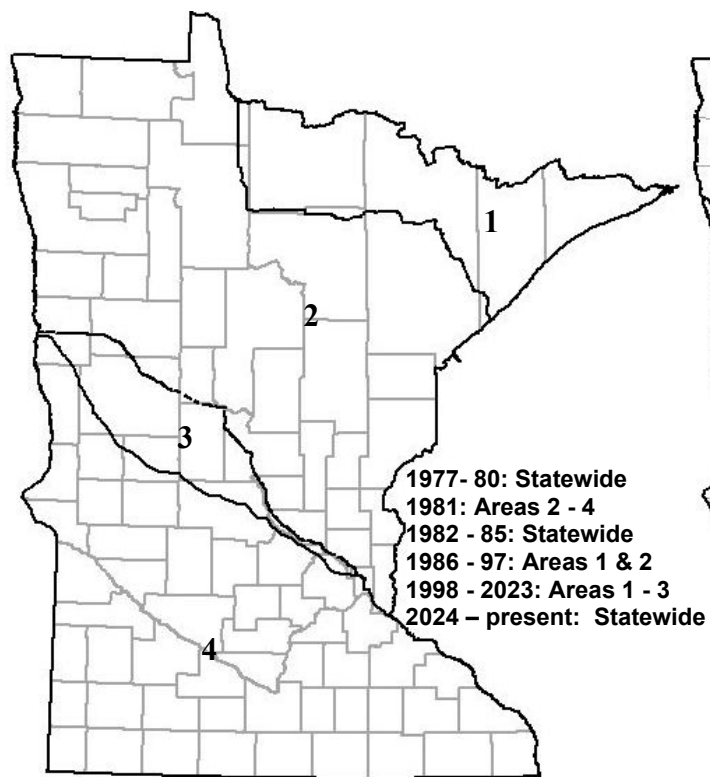
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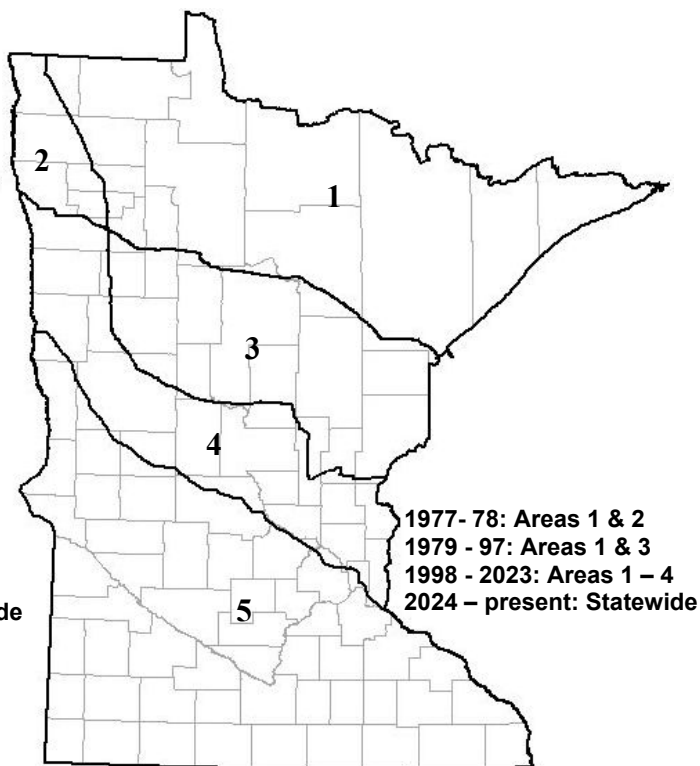
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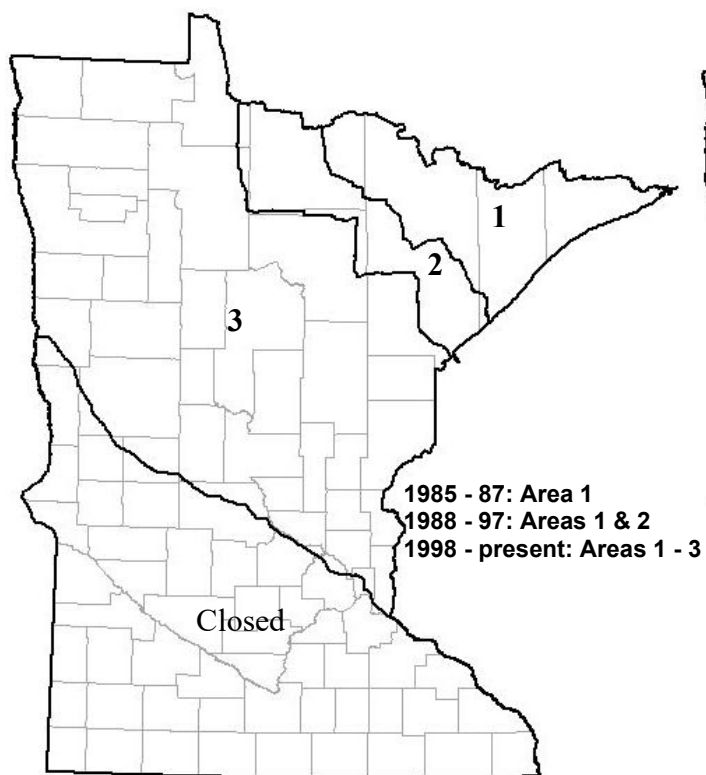
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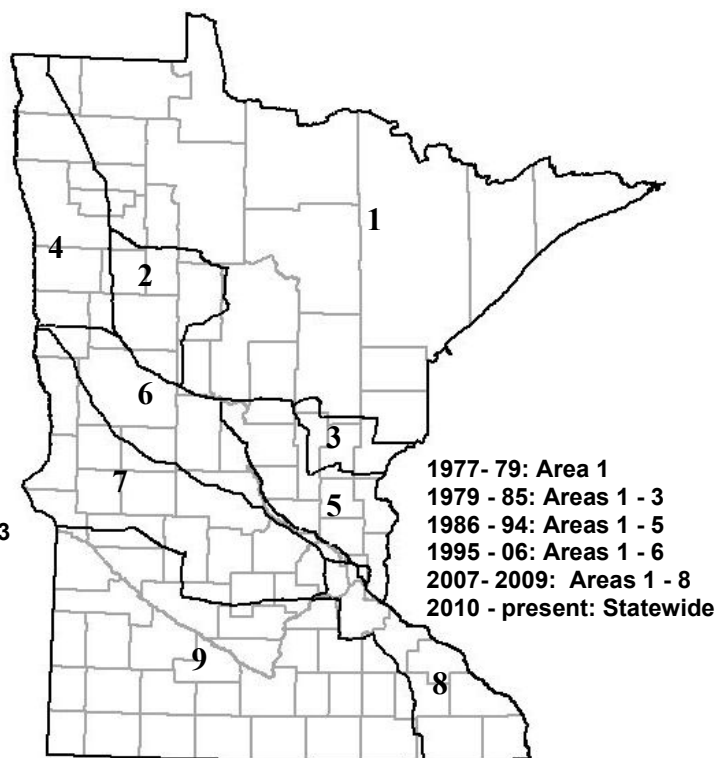
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Fisher



Marten



Otter

Figure 1. Open trapping areas in Minnesota for fisher, marten, bobcat, and river otter, 1977 - present.

Table 1. Registered furbearer seasons and harvests, 1996-97 through 2025-26.

| Bobcat  |                                |            |       |         | Fisher                          |      |                    |         | Marten      |      |                    |         | Otter               |      |                    |         |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------|-------|---------|---------------------------------|------|--------------------|---------|-------------|------|--------------------|---------|---------------------|------|--------------------|---------|
| Year    | Season                         | Days       | Limit | Harvest | Season                          | Days | Limit <sup>a</sup> | Harvest | Season      | Days | Limit <sup>a</sup> | Harvest | Season <sup>b</sup> | Days | Limit <sup>c</sup> | Harvest |
| 1996-97 | 11/30 -1/5                     | 37         | 5     | 223     | 11/30-12/15                     | 16   | 2                  | 1773    | 11/30-12/15 | 16   | 2                  | 1625    | 10/26-1/5           | 71   | 4                  | 2219    |
| 1997-98 | 11/29-1/4                      | 37         | 5     | 359     | 11/29-12/14                     | 16   | 2                  | 2761    | 11/29-12/14 | 16   | 2                  | 2261    | 10/25-1/4           | 71   | 4                  | 2145    |
| 1998-99 | 11/28-12/13                    | 16         | 5     | 103     | 11/28-12/13                     | 16   | 2                  | 2695    | 11/28-12/13 | 16   | 2                  | 2299    | 10/24-1/3           | 71   | 4                  | 1946    |
| 1999-00 | 12/4-1/9                       | 37         | 5     | 206     | 12/4-12/19                      | 16   | 2                  | 1725    | 12/4-12/19  | 16   | 4                  | 2423    | 10/23-1/9           | 78   | 4                  | 1635    |
| 2000-01 | 12/2-1/7                       | 37         | 5     | 231     | 12/2-12/17                      | 16   | 4                  | 1674    | 12/2-12/17  | 16   | 4                  | 1629    | 10/28-1/7           | 71   | 4                  | 1578    |
| 2001-02 | 11/24-1/6                      | 44         | 5     | 250     | 11/24-12/9                      | 16   | 4                  | 2119    | 11/24-12/9  | 16   | 4                  | 1928    | 10/27-1/6           | 71   | 4                  | 2301    |
| 2002-03 | 11/30-1/5                      | 37         | 5     | 544     | 11/30-12/15                     | 16   | 5                  | 2660    | 11/30-12/15 | 16   | 5                  | 2839    | 10/26-1/5           | 71   | 4                  | 2145    |
| 2003-04 | 11/29-1/4                      | 37         | 5     | 483     | 11/29-12/14                     | 16   | 5                  | 2521    | 11/29-12/14 | 16   | 5                  | 3214    | 10/25-1/4           | 71   | 4                  | 2766    |
| 2004-05 | 11/27-1/9                      | 44         | 5     | 631     | 11/27-12/12                     | 16   | 5                  | 2552    | 11/27-12/12 | 16   | 5                  | 3241    | 10/23-1/9           | 78   | 4                  | 3450    |
| 2005-06 | 11/26-1/8                      | 44         | 5     | 590     | 11/26-12/11                     | 16   | 5                  | 2388    | 11/26-12/11 | 16   | 5                  | 2653    | 10/29-1/8           | 71   | 4                  | 2846    |
| 2006-07 | 11/25-1/7                      | 44         | 5     | 890     | 11/25-12/10                     | 16   | 5                  | 3251    | 11/25-12/10 | 16   | 5                  | 3788    | 10/28-1/7           | 71   | 4                  | 2720    |
| 2007-08 | 11/24-1/6                      | 44         | 5     | 702     | 11/24-12/2                      | 9    | 5                  | 1682    | 11/24-12/2  | 9    | 5                  | 2221    | 10/27-1/6           | 71   | 2/4                | 1861    |
| 2008-09 | 11/29-1/4                      | 37         | 5     | 853     | 11/29-12/7                      | 9    | 5                  | 1712    | 11/29-12/7  | 9    | 5                  | 1823    | 10/25-1/4           | 71   | 2/4                | 1938    |
| 2009-10 | 11/28-1/3                      | 37         | 5     | 884     | 11/28-12/6                      | 9    | 5                  | 1259    | 11/28-12/6  | 9    | 5                  | 2073    | 10/24-1/3           | 71   | 2/4                | 1544    |
| 2010-11 | 11/27-1/9                      | 44         | 5     | 1012    | 11/27-12/5                      | 9    | 2                  | 903     | 11/27-12/5  | 9    | 5                  | 1842    | 10/23-1/9           | 78   | 4                  | 1814    |
| 2011-12 | 11/26-1/8                      | 44         | 5     | 1711    | 11/26-12/4                      | 9    | 2                  | 1473    | 11/26-12/4  | 9    | 5                  | 2525    | 10/22-1/8           | 78   | 4                  | 2294    |
| 2012-13 | 11/24-1/6                      | 44         | 5     | 1875    | 11/24-11/29                     | 6    | 2                  | 1293    | 11/24-11/29 | 6    | 5                  | 1472    | 10/27-1/6           | 71   | 4                  | 3171    |
| 2013-14 | 11/30-1/5                      | 37         | 5     | 1038    | 11/30-12/5                      | 6    | 2                  | 1146    | 11/30-12/5  | 6    | 2                  | 1014    | 10/26-1/5           | 71   | 4                  | 2824    |
| 2014-15 | 11/29-1/4                      | 37         | 5     | 1384    | 11/29-12/4                      | 6    | 2                  | 943     | 11/29-12/4  | 6    | 2                  | 1059    | 10/25-1/4           | 71   | 4                  | 2154    |
| 2015-16 | 11/28-1/3                      | 37         | 5     | 766     | 11/28-12/3                      | 6    | 2                  | 756     | 11/28-12/3  | 6    | 2                  | 877     | 10/24-1/3           | 71   | 4                  | 1955    |
| 2016-17 | 11/26-1/8                      | 44         | 5     | 485     | 11/26-12/1                      | 6    | 2                  | 399     | 11/26-12/1  | 6    | 2                  | 551     | 10/29-1/8           | 78   | 4                  | 1195    |
| 2017-18 | 11/25-1/7                      | 44         | 5     | 731     | 11/25-11/30                     | 6    | 2                  | 477     | 11/25-11/30 | 6    | 2                  | 979     | 10/28-1/7           | 78   | 4                  | 1295    |
| 2018-19 | 11/24-1/6                      | 44         | 5     | 1015    | 11/24-11/29                     | 6    | 2                  | 510     | 11/24-11/29 | 6    | 2                  | 665     | 10/27-1/6           | 78   | 4                  | 1351    |
| 2019-20 | 12/21-1/26                     | 37         | 5     | 695     | 12/21-12/29                     | 9    | 2                  | 463     | 12/21-12/29 | 9    | 2                  | 585     | 10/26-1/26          | 99   | 4                  | 1050    |
| 2020-21 | 12/19-1/24                     | 37         | 5     | 1325    | 12/19-12/27                     | 9    | 2                  | 712     | 12/19-12/27 | 9    | 2                  | 765     | 10/24-1/24          | 99   | 4                  | 1304    |
| 2021-22 | 12/18-1/23                     | 37         | 5     | 724     | 12/18-12-26                     | 9    | 2                  | 577     | 12/18-12/26 | 9    | 2                  | 434     | 10/23-1/23          | 99   | 4                  | 1155    |
| 2022-23 | 12/17-1/22                     | 37         | 5     | 489     | 12/17-12/25                     | 9    | 2                  | 200     | 12/17-12/25 | 9    | 2                  | 211     | 10/29-1/22          | 92   | 4                  | 855     |
| 2023-24 | 12/9-1/14                      | 37         | 5     | 1009    | 12/9-12/17                      | 9    | 2                  | 543     | 12/9-12/17  | 9    | 2                  | 698     | 10/28-1/14          | 85   | 4                  | 1716    |
| 2024-25 | 12/14-1/19 (N)<br>1/4-1/19 (S) | 37 /<br>16 | 5     | 979     | 12/14-12/22 (N)<br>1/4-1/19 (S) | 9    | 2                  | 648     | 12/14-12/22 | 9    | 2                  | 652     | 10/26-5/15          | 202  | 4                  | 2497    |
| 2025-26 | 12/13-1/18 (N)<br>1/3-1/18 (S) | 37 /<br>16 | 5     | 884     | 12/13-12/21 (N)<br>1/3-1/18 (S) | 9    | 2                  | 398     | 12/13-12/21 | 9    | 2                  | 531     | 10/25-5/15          | 201  | 4                  | 2466    |

<sup>a</sup> Starting in 1997, the limit on fisher/marten became a combined limit. In years after, the combined limit for a given year is the higher of the 2 reported above (if different).

<sup>b</sup> In some years, otter season opens 1 week earlier in a north zone than the south zone. Otter season dates in this table reflect the start of the north zone.

<sup>c</sup> From 2007-2009, otter limits differed between a southeast zone (limit=2; Area 8, Fig. 1) and the remainder of the open area (limit=4).

<sup>d</sup> No more than 1 bobcat and 1 fisher per hunter/trapper could be taken from the South Furbearer Zone.

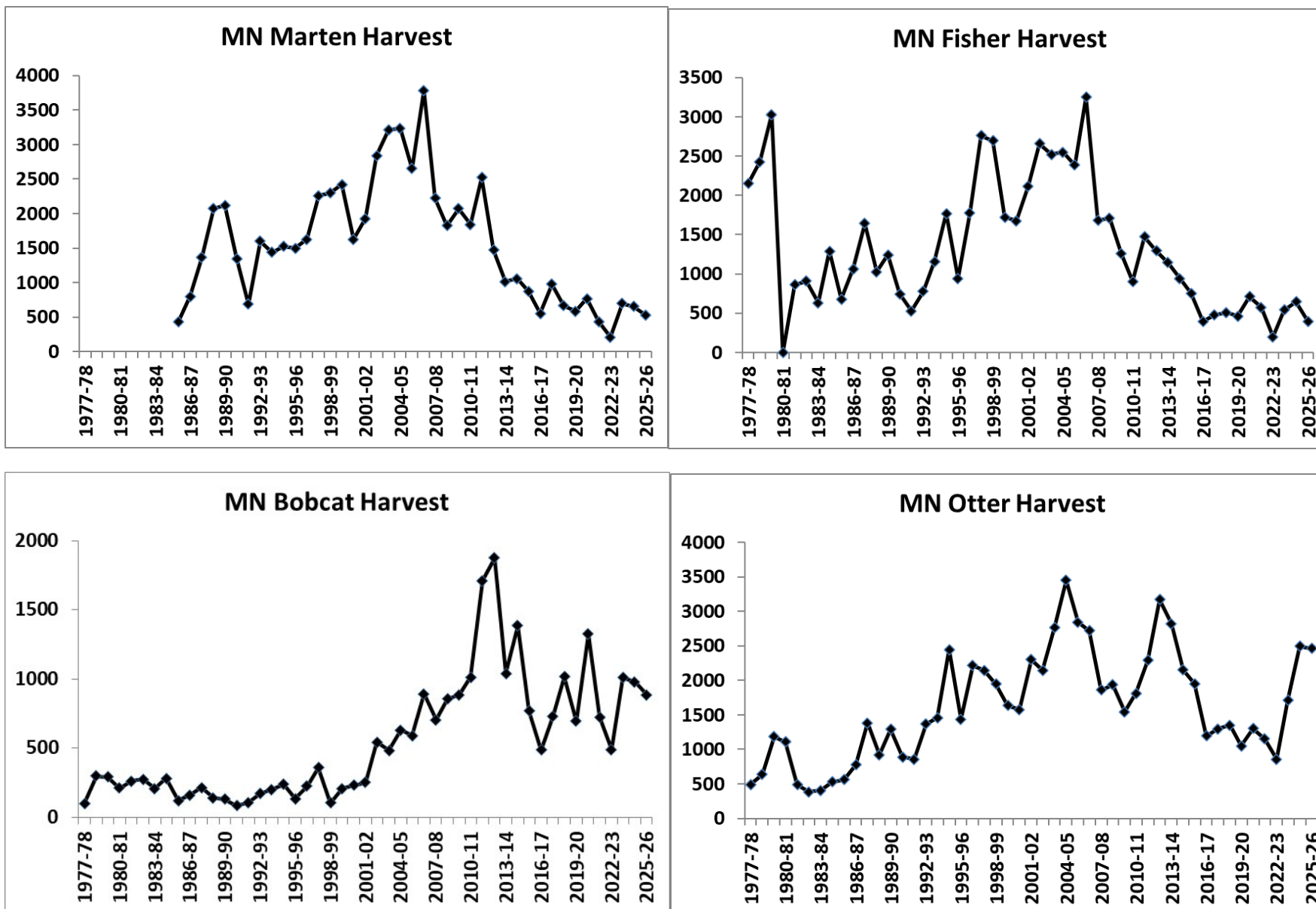


Figure 2. Harvest of registered furbearers in Minnesota, 1977-present.



Table 2. Bobcat harvest by county and sex, 2025-26.

| County            | Sex*   |      |         | Total | Harvest/<br>100 Mile <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------|--------|------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|
|                   | Female | Male | Unknown |       |                                   |
| Aitkin            | 46     | 39   |         | 85    | 4.26                              |
| Anoka             | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Becker            | 7      | 12   |         | 19    | 1.31                              |
| Beltrami          | 25     | 16   |         | 41    | 1.34                              |
| Benton            | 1      | 1    |         | 2     | 0.48                              |
| Blue Earth        | 0      | 1    |         | 1     | 0.13                              |
| Carlton           | 25     | 19   |         | 44    | 5.03                              |
| Cass              | 29     | 25   |         | 54    | 2.24                              |
| Chisago           | 2      | 1    |         | 3     | 0.68                              |
| Clay              | 0      | 1    |         | 1     | 0.09                              |
| Clearwater        | 5      | 10   |         | 15    | 1.46                              |
| Cook              | 6      | 4    |         | 10    | 0.62                              |
| Crow Wing         | 18     | 5    |         | 23    | 1.99                              |
| Douglas           | 1      | 0    |         | 1     | 0.14                              |
| Fillmore          | 2      | 1    |         | 3     | 0.35                              |
| Freeborn          | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Houston           | 5      | 2    |         | 7     | 1.23                              |
| Hubbard           | 16     | 27   |         | 43    | 4.30                              |
| Isanti            | 1      | 1    |         | 2     | 0.44                              |
| Itasca            | 71     | 50   |         | 121   | 4.14                              |
| Jackson           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Kanabec           | 6      | 5    | 3       | 14    | 2.63                              |
| Kittson           | 2      | 4    |         | 6     | 0.54                              |
| Koochiching       | 27     | 20   |         | 47    | 1.49                              |
| Lake              | 6      | 7    |         | 13    | 0.57                              |
| Lake of the Woods | 6      | 7    |         | 13    | 0.73                              |
| Mahnomen          | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Marshall          | 10     | 10   |         | 20    | 1.10                              |
| Mille Lacs        | 2      | 5    |         | 7     | 1.03                              |
| Morrison          | 12     | 4    |         | 16    | 1.39                              |
| Norman            | 4      | 3    |         | 7     | 0.80                              |
| Olmsted           | 2      | 1    |         | 3     | 0.46                              |
| Otter Tail        | 3      | 2    |         | 5     | 0.22                              |
| Pennington        | 0      | 2    |         | 2     | 0.32                              |
| Pine              | 22     | 25   |         | 47    | 3.28                              |
| Polk              | 6      | 2    |         | 8     | 0.40                              |
| Red Lake          | 3      | 5    |         | 8     | 1.85                              |
| Rice              | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Renville          | 1      | 0    |         | 1     | 0.10                              |
| Rock              | 2      | 1    |         | 3     | 0.62                              |
| Roseau            | 3      | 7    |         | 10    | 0.60                              |
| Sherburne         | 1      | 0    |         | 1     | 0.22                              |
| St. Louis         | 82     | 65   |         | 147   | 2.18                              |
| Stearns           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Todd              | 2      | 6    |         | 8     | 0.82                              |
| Traverse          | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Wabasha           | 1      | 2    |         | 3     | 0.55                              |
| Wadena            | 6      | 6    |         | 12    | 2.21                              |
| Winona            | 4      | 3    |         | 7     | 1.09                              |
| Yellow Medicine   | 0      | 1    |         | 1     | 0.13                              |
| Unknown           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     |                                   |
| Total             | 473    | 408  | 3       | 884   |                                   |

\* Trapper/hunter reported sex ratios in this table are **NOT** adjusted according to results from DNR carcass analyses

Table 3. Comparison of bobcat harvest by county, 2015-16 through 2025-26.

| County            | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Aitkin            | 39      | 22      | 41      | 51      | 55      | 109     | 59      | 32      | 71      | 58      | 85      |
| Anoka             | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 2       | 0       | 0       |
| Becker            | 36      | 10      | 31      | 22      | 14      | 32      | 9       | 11      | 36      | 41      | 19      |
| Beltrami          | 49      | 30      | 37      | 60      | 34      | 94      | 52      | 41      | 65      | 45      | 41      |
| Benton            | 0       | 1       | 2       | 3       | 1       | 2       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 2       | 2       |
| Blue Earth        | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1       |
| Carlton           | 25      | 16      | 33      | 42      | 27      | 68      | 47      | 11      | 54      | 49      | 44      |
| Cass              | 73      | 44      | 72      | 91      | 52      | 113     | 53      | 43      | 125     | 129     | 54      |
| Chisago           | 3       | 4       | 2       | 5       | 3       | 4       | 1       | 2       | 3       | 5       | 3       |
| Clay              | 1       | 0       | 0       | 2       | 0       | 1       | 2       | 2       | 2       | 0       | 1       |
| Clearwater        | 15      | 13      | 14      | 18      | 14      | 41      | 18      | 18      | 42      | 19      | 15      |
| Cook              | 1       | 0       | 2       | 0       | 2       | 4       | 2       | 5       | 3       | 1       | 10      |
| Crow Wing         | 21      | 7       | 24      | 28      | 15      | 38      | 24      | 11      | 40      | 48      | 23      |
| Douglas           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 6       | 1       | 1       |
| Fillmore          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 7       | 3       |
| Freeborn          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       |
| Houston           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 11      | 7       |
| Hubbard           | 45      | 21      | 44      | 41      | 19      | 66      | 28      | 25      | 50      | 50      | 43      |
| Isanti            | 1       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 2       | 6       | 1       | 2       |
| Itasca            | 50      | 19      | 54      | 86      | 57      | 114     | 52      | 43      | 79      | 90      | 121     |
| Jackson           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       |
| Kanabec           | 12      | 11      | 16      | 24      | 12      | 18      | 9       | 4       | 15      | 17      | 14      |
| Kittson           | 7       | 6       | 3       | 3       | 10      | 8       | 3       | 1       | 2       | 4       | 6       |
| Koochiching       | 22      | 25      | 26      | 62      | 24      | 47      | 38      | 31      | 29      | 45      | 47      |
| Lake              | 8       | 4       | 8       | 24      | 8       | 21      | 9       | 11      | 6       | 14      | 13      |
| Lake of the Woods | 10      | 7       | 5       | 14      | 13      | 14      | 11      | 3       | 8       | 9       | 13      |
| Mahnomen          | 3       | 5       | 2       | 4       | 2       | 10      | 0       | 5       | 9       | 2       | 0       |
| Marshall          | 19      | 14      | 12      | 30      | 25      | 13      | 9       | 11      | 16      | 19      | 20      |
| Mille Lacs        | 5       | 2       | 10      | 19      | 8       | 21      | 10      | 7       | 7       | 12      | 7       |
| Morrison          | 16      | 17      | 19      | 37      | 22      | 28      | 14      | 15      | 41      | 38      | 16      |
| Norman            | 4       | 1       | 4       | 7       | 2       | 4       | 5       | 1       | 6       | 2       | 7       |
| Olmsted           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 3       |
| Otter Tail        | 16      | 15      | 22      | 12      | 6       | 21      | 13      | 4       | 19      | 15      | 5       |
| Pennington        | 4       | 1       | 4       | 8       | 7       | 6       | 6       | 6       | 5       | 6       | 2       |
| Pine              | 56      | 37      | 43      | 46      | 47      | 62      | 81      | 14      | 102     | 80      | 47      |
| Polk              | 15      | 10      | 9       | 5       | 3       | 14      | 15      | 6       | 20      | 9       | 8       |
| Red Lake          | 3       | 1       | 15      | 10      | 10      | 25      | 5       | 4       | 10      | 12      | 8       |
|                   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
|                   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| Rice              | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 3       |
| Roseau            | 20      | 23      | 23      | 45      | 20      | 21      | 25      | 8       | 20      | 14      | 10      |
| Sherburne         | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| St. Louis         | 156     | 91      | 123     | 182     | 154     | 275     | 106     | 89      | 79      | 86      | 147     |
| Stearns           | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       |
| Todd              | 8       | 9       | 13      | 10      | 7       | 7       | 2       | 3       | 15      | 3       | 8       |
| Traverse          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       |
| Wabasha           | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 3       |
| Wadena            | 10      | 18      | 18      | 23      | 21      | 23      | 14      | 15      | 15      | 18      | 12      |
| Winona            | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 7       | 7       |
| Yellow Medicine   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 2       | 1       |
| Unknown           | 12      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 4       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Total             | 766     | 485     | 731     | 1015    | 695     | 1325    | 724     | 489     | 1009    | 979     | 884     |



Table 4. Bobcat harvest by sex and week, 2025-26 season.

| Date              | Sex*   |      |         | Total | % of Total | Cumulative % |
|-------------------|--------|------|---------|-------|------------|--------------|
|                   | Female | Male | Unknown |       |            |              |
| Dec.13 - Dec.19   | 74     | 76   |         | 150   | 16.97      | 16.97        |
| Dec.20 - Dec.26   | 101    | 84   | 2       | 187   | 21.15      | 38.12        |
| Dec.27 - Jan.2    | 90     | 79   |         | 169   | 19.12      | 57.24        |
| Jan.3 - Jan.9     | 85     | 73   |         | 158   | 17.87      | 75.11        |
| Jan.10 - Jan.18** | 122    | 96   | 1       | 219   | 24.77      | 99.89        |
| Unknown           | 1      |      |         | 1     | 0.11       | 100.00       |
| Total             | 473    | 408  | 3       | 884   | 100%       |              |

\* Trapper/hunter reported sex ratios in this table are **NOT** adjusted according to results from DNR carcass analyses

\*\* 9-day interval

Table 5. Distribution of bobcat harvest\* among takers, 2000-01 through 2025-26.

| Number (%)<br>of Takers | Number Taken |          |          |         |          | Total Takers |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|--------------|
|                         | 1            | 2        | 3        | 4       | 5        |              |
| 2000-01                 | 99 (69)      | 23 (16)  | 7 (5)    | 5 (4)   | 9 (6)    | 143          |
| 2001-02                 | 101 (71)     | 23 (16)  | 12 (8)   | 1 (1)   | 5 (4)    | 142          |
| 2002-03                 | 185 (60)     | 64 (21)  | 33 (10)  | 15 (5)  | 12 (4)   | 309          |
| 2003-04                 | 171 (64)     | 40 (15)  | 25 (10)  | 20 (7)  | 11 (4)   | 267          |
| 2004-05                 | 193 (59)     | 55 (17)  | 32 (10)  | 25 (7)  | 24 (7)   | 329          |
| 2005-06                 | 198 (60)     | 67 (20)  | 33 (10)  | 15 (5)  | 18 (5)   | 331          |
| 2006-07                 | 265 (57)     | 90 (19)  | 44 (9)   | 25 (5)  | 42 (9)   | 466          |
| 2007-08                 | 212 (58)     | 71 (19)  | 30 (8)   | 16 (4)  | 38 (10)  | 367          |
| 2008-09                 | 236 (55)     | 88 (21)  | 43 (10)  | 25 (6)  | 37 (9)   | 429          |
| 2009-10                 | 223 (53)     | 80 (19)  | 40 (9)   | 30 (7)  | 51 (12)  | 424          |
| 2010-11                 | 242 (50)     | 103 (21) | 58 (12)  | 35 (7)  | 49 (10)  | 487          |
| 2011-12                 | 351 (47)     | 126 (17) | 86 (12)  | 62 (8)  | 118 (16) | 743          |
| 2012-13                 | 380 (45)     | 167 (20) | 108 (13) | 82 (10) | 100 (12) | 837          |
| 2013-14                 | 350 (60)     | 112 (19) | 51 (9)   | 44 (8)  | 26 (4)   | 583          |
| 2014-15                 | 383 (54)     | 131 (19) | 84 (12)  | 49 (7)  | 58 (8)   | 705          |
| 2015-16                 | 248 (59)     | 87 (21)  | 33 (8)   | 29 (7)  | 25 (6)   | 422          |
| 2016-17                 | 126 (58)     | 47 (22)  | 26 (12)  | 6 (3)   | 11 (5)   | 216          |
| 2017-18                 | 257 (61)     | 95 (22)  | 31 (7)   | 16 (4)  | 25 (6)   | 424          |
| 2018-19                 | 260 (53)     | 87 (18)  | 59 (12)  | 42 (8)  | 47 (9)   | 495          |
| 2019-20                 | 214 (57)     | 77 (21)  | 37 (10)  | 19 (5)  | 27 (7)   | 374          |
| 2020-21                 | 319 (50)     | 138 (22) | 67 (11)  | 35 (6)  | 76 (12)  | 635          |
| 2021-22                 | 215 (57)     | 71 (19)  | 41 (11)  | 24 (6)  | 29 (8)   | 380          |
| 2022-23                 | 126 (58)     | 43 (20)  | 25 (11)  | 16 (7)  | 8 (4)    | 218          |
| 2023-24                 | 286 (55)     | 101 (20) | 48 (9)   | 35 (7)  | 47 (9)   | 517          |
| 2024-25                 | 304 (58)     | 96 (18)  | 60 (11)  | 23 (4)  | 42 (8)   | 525          |
| 2025-26                 | 256 (56)     | 83 (18)  | 51 (11)  | 27 (6)  | 40 (9)   | 457          |

\* Product of categories above may not equal total harvest due to some missing names/license numbers

Table 6. Bobcat harvest by method of take, 1998-99 through 2025-26.

| Year    | Total                | Trapping |            |          |           |                      | Hunting |            |          |           |                      |
|---------|----------------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|---------|------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|
|         | Harvest <sup>a</sup> | Harvest  | % of Total | # Takers | Ave. Take | % Males <sup>b</sup> | Harvest | % of Total | # Takers | Ave. Take | % Males <sup>b</sup> |
| 1998-99 | 103                  | 95       | 92         | 67       | 1.4       |                      | 8       | 8          | 8        | 1.0       |                      |
| 1999-00 | 206                  | 155      | 75         | 114      | 1.4       |                      | 51      | 25         | 36       | 1.4       |                      |
| 2000-01 | 231                  | 140      | 61         | 85       | 1.6       |                      | 91      | 39         | 58       | 1.6       |                      |
| 2001-02 | 250                  | 208      | 83         | 116      | 1.8       | 41                   | 42      | 17         | 27       | 1.6       | 68                   |
| 2002-03 | 544                  | 500      | 92         | 279      | 1.8       | 38                   | 44      | 8          | 32       | 1.4       | 57                   |
| 2003-04 | 483                  | 415      | 86         | 230      | 1.8       | 46                   | 68      | 14         | 40       | 1.7       | 65                   |
| 2004-05 | 631                  | 542      | 86         | 279      | 1.9       | 43                   | 89      | 14         | 53       | 1.7       | 60                   |
| 2005-06 | 583                  | 435      | 75         | 250      | 1.7       | 37                   | 148     | 25         | 85       | 1.7       | 65                   |
| 2006-07 | 890                  | 779      | 88         | 391      | 2.0       | 45                   | 111     | 12         | 81       | 1.4       | 57                   |
| 2007-08 | 702                  | 524      | 75         | 266      | 2.0       | 40                   | 178     | 25         | 110      | 1.6       | 48                   |
| 2008-09 | 853                  | 689      | 81         | 334      | 2.1       | 42                   | 164     | 19         | 99       | 1.7       | 59                   |
| 2009-10 | 884                  | 736      | 83         | 340      | 2.2       | 43                   | 148     | 17         | 91       | 1.6       | 58                   |
| 2010-11 | 1012                 | 817      | 81         | 372      | 2.2       | 40                   | 195     | 19         | 123      | 1.6       | 50                   |
| 2011-12 | 1708                 | 1606     | 94         | 670      | 2.4       | 47                   | 102     | 6          | 74       | 1.4       | 60                   |
| 2012-13 | 1875                 | 1681     | 90         | 721      | 2.3       | 46                   | 194     | 10         | 130      | 1.5       | 52                   |
| 2013-14 | 1038                 | 879      | 85         | 490      | 1.8       | 40                   | 159     | 15         | 107      | 1.5       | 55                   |
| 2014-15 | 1384                 | 1260     | 91         | 622      | 2.0       | 44                   | 124     | 9          | 86       | 1.4       | 56                   |
| 2015-16 | 766                  | 657      | 86         | 355      | 1.9       | 49                   | 109     | 14         | 68       | 1.6       | 70                   |
| 2016-17 | 485                  | 377      | 78         | 215      | 1.8       | 41                   | 108     | 22         | 69       | 1.6       | 54                   |
| 2017-18 | 731                  | 606      | 83         | 335      | 1.8       | 45                   | 125     | 17         | 93       | 1.3       | 59                   |
| 2018-19 | 1015                 | 865      | 85         | 406      | 2.1       | 48                   | 150     | 15         | 98       | 1.5       | 58                   |
| 2019-20 | 692                  | 570      | 82         | 297      | 1.9       | 36                   | 122     | 18         | 84       | 1.5       | 66                   |
| 2020-21 | 1325                 | 1124     | 85         | 512      | 2.2       | 43                   | 201     | 15         | 126      | 1.6       | 56                   |
| 2021-22 | 724                  | 580      | 80         | 305      | 1.9       | 42                   | 144     | 20         | 82       | 1.8       | 67                   |
| 2022-23 | 489                  | 391      | 80         | 218      | 1.8       | 38                   | 98      | 20         | 62       | 1.6       | 60                   |
| 2023-24 | 1009                 | 890      | 88         | 436      | 2.0       | 51                   | 119     | 12         | 83       | 1.4       | 56                   |
| 2024-25 | 977                  | 840      | 86         | 436      | 1.9       | 43                   | 137     | 14         | 95       | 1.4       | 67                   |
| 2025-26 | 884                  | 704      | 80         | 356      | 2.0       | 41                   | 180     | 20         | 106      | 1.7       | 67                   |

<sup>a</sup> Total harvest reported here may not be equal to total harvest in other tables due to incomplete method-of-take data.

<sup>b</sup> Trapper/hunter reported sex ratios in this table are **NOT** adjusted according to results from DNR carcass analyses

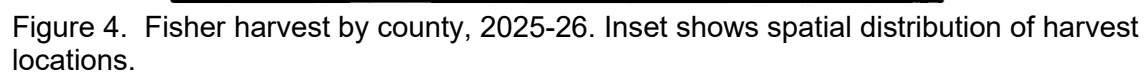


Figure 4. Fisher harvest by county, 2025-26. Inset shows spatial distribution of harvest locations.

Table 7. Fisher harvest by county and sex, 2025-26 season.

| County            | Sex    |      |         | Total | Harvest/<br>100 Mile <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------|--------|------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|
|                   | Female | Male | Unknown |       |                                   |
| Aitkin            | 4      | 8    |         | 12    | 0.60                              |
| Anoka             | 0      | 1    |         | 1     | 0.22                              |
| Becker            | 3      | 5    |         | 8     | 0.55                              |
| Beltrami          | 2      | 4    |         | 6     | 0.20                              |
| Benton            | 2      | 2    |         | 4     | 0.97                              |
| Carlton           | 2      | 2    |         | 4     | 0.46                              |
| Cass              | 2      | 1    |         | 3     | 0.12                              |
| Chippewa          | 2      | 0    |         | 2     | 0.34                              |
| Chisago           | 3      | 6    |         | 9     | 2.04                              |
| Clay              | 1      | 1    |         | 2     | 0.19                              |
| Clearwater        | 0      | 2    |         | 2     | 0.19                              |
| Cook              | 4      | 1    |         | 5     | 0.31                              |
| Crow Wing         | 5      | 4    |         | 9     | 0.78                              |
| Dakota            | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Dodge             | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Douglas           | 9      | 8    |         | 17    | 2.36                              |
| Fillmore          | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Goodhue           | 3      | 1    |         | 4     | 0.51                              |
| Grant             | 2      | 0    |         | 2     | 0.35                              |
| Houston           | 0      | 2    |         | 2     | 0.35                              |
| Hubbard           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Isanti            | 1      | 2    |         | 3     | 0.66                              |
| Itasca            | 15     | 20   |         | 35    | 1.20                              |
| Kanabec           | 6      | 8    |         | 14    | 2.63                              |
| Kandiyohi         | 4      | 2    |         | 6     | 0.70                              |
| Kittson           | 1      | 0    |         | 1     | 0.09                              |
| Koochiching       | 15     | 16   |         | 31    | 0.98                              |
| Lake              | 11     | 2    |         | 13    | 0.57                              |
| Lake of the Woods | 2      | 4    |         | 6     | 0.34                              |
| Mahnomen          | 1      | 1    |         | 2     | 0.34                              |
| Marshall          | 0      | 3    |         | 3     | 0.17                              |
| Meeker            | 1      | 0    |         | 1     | 0.16                              |
| Mille Lacs        | 1      | 2    |         | 3     | 0.44                              |
| Morrison          | 6      | 15   |         | 21    | 1.82                              |
| Norman            | 2      | 2    |         | 4     | 0.46                              |
| Otter Tail        | 7      | 22   |         | 29    | 1.30                              |
| Pennington        | 2      | 0    |         | 2     | 0.32                              |
| Pine              | 3      | 3    |         | 6     | 0.42                              |
| Polk              | 2      | 2    |         | 4     | 0.20                              |
| Pope              | 8      | 6    |         | 14    | 1.95                              |
| Red Lake          | 2      | 2    |         | 4     | 0.92                              |
| Roseau            | 3      | 2    |         | 5     | 0.30                              |
| Sherburne         | 1      | 1    |         | 2     | 0.44                              |
| St. Louis         | 27     | 29   |         | 56    | 0.83                              |
| Stearns           | 3      | 3    |         | 6     | 0.43                              |
| Stevens           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Swift             | 0      | 1    |         | 1     | 0.13                              |
| Todd              | 3      | 5    |         | 8     | 0.82                              |
| Traverse          | 1      | 1    |         | 2     | 0.34                              |
| Wabasha           | 0      | 2    |         | 2     | 0.36                              |
| Wadena            | 3      | 7    |         | 10    | 1.84                              |
| Washington        | 1      | 2    |         | 3     | 0.71                              |
| Wilkin            | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Winona            | 3      | 3    |         | 6     | 0.94                              |
| Wright            | 0      | 3    |         | 3     | 0.42                              |
| Unknown           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     |                                   |
| Total             | 179    | 219  | 0       | 398   |                                   |

Table 8. Comparison of fisher harvest by county, 2016 to 2025-26.

| County            | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|---------|
| Aitkin            | 16   | 10   | 15   | 17   | 24   | 25   | 5    | 25   | 31      | 12      |
| Anoka             | 4    | 0    | 4    | 3    | 6    | 5    | 2    | 5    | 2       | 1       |
| Becker            | 3    | 18   | 10   | 11   | 21   | 18   | 7    | 16   | 20      | 8       |
| Beltrami          | 9    | 6    | 6    | 15   | 24   | 17   | 7    | 17   | 13      | 6       |
| Benton            | 7    | 4    | 7    | 8    | 5    | 8    | 6    | 12   | 5       | 4       |
| Carlton           | 6    | 1    | 9    | 8    | 10   | 6    | 1    | 6    | 6       | 4       |
| Cass              | 11   | 12   | 16   | 10   | 29   | 19   | 6    | 15   | 16      | 3       |
| Chippewa          | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0       | 2       |
| Chisago           | 11   | 8    | 23   | 12   | 11   | 13   | 6    | 16   | 10      | 9       |
| Clay              | 4    | 2    | 8    | 4    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 3    | 5       | 2       |
| Clearwater        | 3    | 0    | 7    | 3    | 9    | 4    | 2    | 4    | 1       | 2       |
| Cook              | 4    | 3    | 8    | 4    | 8    | 5    | 4    | 5    | 14      | 5       |
| Crow Wing         | 13   | 17   | 17   | 19   | 39   | 33   | 12   | 24   | 38      | 9       |
| Dakota            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1       | 0       |
| Dodge             | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1       | 0       |
| Douglas           | 6    | 2    | 8    | 9    | 14   | 10   | 11   | 10   | 20      | 17      |
| Fillmore          | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2       | 0       |
| Goodhue           | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2       | 4       |
| Grant             | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1       | 2       |
| Houston           | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2       | 2       |
| Hubbard           | 5    | 6    | 8    | 4    | 10   | 7    | 5    | 7    | 5       | 0       |
| Isanti            | 3    | 13   | 6    | 1    | 8    | 12   | 1    | 8    | 11      | 3       |
| Itasca            | 13   | 34   | 30   | 31   | 44   | 35   | 16   | 40   | 30      | 35      |
| Kanabec           | 6    | 2    | 6    | 7    | 11   | 9    | 5    | 8    | 25      | 14      |
| Kandiyohi         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 4       | 6       |
| Kittson           | 5    | 7    | 6    | 8    | 4    | 3    | 1    | 1    | 4       | 1       |
| Koochiching       | 23   | 40   | 31   | 42   | 40   | 25   | 18   | 36   | 27      | 31      |
| Lake              | 14   | 12   | 16   | 10   | 15   | 16   | 4    | 8    | 10      | 13      |
| Lake of the Woods | 6    | 9    | 3    | 3    | 1    | 6    | 2    | 9    | 6       | 6       |
| Mahnomen          | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 4    | 1    | 0    | 2    | 2       | 2       |
| Marshall          | 6    | 5    | 12   | 7    | 12   | 5    | 1    | 6    | 5       | 3       |
| Meeker            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1       | 1       |
| Mille Lacs        | 13   | 7    | 8    | 3    | 13   | 5    | 2    | 6    | 11      | 3       |
| Morrison          | 16   | 11   | 25   | 15   | 41   | 28   | 13   | 25   | 40      | 21      |
| Norman            | 9    | 3    | 6    | 8    | 14   | 6    | 2    | 15   | 4       | 4       |
| Otter Tail        | 41   | 53   | 59   | 43   | 105  | 67   | 14   | 61   | 62      | 29      |
| Pennington        | 4    | 9    | 10   | 7    | 6    | 3    | 1    | 1    | 7       | 2       |
| Pine              | 18   | 17   | 7    | 10   | 27   | 28   | 0    | 17   | 29      | 6       |
| Polk              | 11   | 9    | 11   | 3    | 12   | 13   | 0    | 8    | 12      | 4       |
| Pope              | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 5       | 14      |
| Red Lake          | 8    | 18   | 14   | 5    | 6    | 11   | 1    | 5    | 2       | 4       |
| Roseau            | 15   | 24   | 18   | 29   | 23   | 17   | 5    | 12   | 10      | 5       |
| Sherburne         | 0    | 0    | 6    | 0    | 5    | 2    | 3    | 1    | 1       | 2       |
| St. Louis         | 61   | 72   | 66   | 73   | 58   | 77   | 25   | 81   | 74      | 56      |
| Stearns           | 3    | 5    | 2    | 2    | 8    | 11   | 1    | 3    | 14      | 6       |
| Stevens           | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1       | 0       |
| Swift             | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1       | 1       |
| Todd              | 12   | 20   | 7    | 12   | 15   | 9    | 4    | 12   | 14      | 8       |
| Traverse          | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0       | 2       |
| Wabasha           | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 8       | 2       |
| Wadena            | 9    | 17   | 11   | 16   | 25   | 10   | 2    | 12   | 18      | 10      |
| Washington        | 1    | 1    | 4    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 2       | 3       |
| Wilkin            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0       | 0       |
| Winona            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 10      | 6       |
| Wright            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3       | 3       |
| Unknown           | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0       | 0       |
| Total             | 399  | 477  | 510  | 463  | 712  | 577  | 200  | 543  | 648     | 398     |

Table 9. Zone-specific fisher harvest by date and sex, 2025-26 season.

| <b>North Zone</b> | Sex     |        |      | Total | % of Known | Cumulative |
|-------------------|---------|--------|------|-------|------------|------------|
|                   | Date    | Female | Male |       | Total      | %          |
|                   | Dec. 13 | 0      | 0    | 0     | 0.00       | 0.00       |
|                   | Dec. 14 | 6      | 16   | 22    | 6.55       | 6.55       |
|                   | Dec. 15 | 19     | 29   | 48    | 14.29      | 20.83      |
|                   | Dec. 16 | 20     | 20   | 40    | 11.90      | 32.74      |
|                   | Dec. 17 | 30     | 29   | 59    | 17.56      | 50.30      |
|                   | Dec. 18 | 15     | 24   | 39    | 11.61      | 61.90      |
|                   | Dec. 19 | 22     | 18   | 40    | 11.90      | 73.81      |
|                   | Dec. 20 | 15     | 21   | 36    | 10.71      | 84.52      |
|                   | Dec. 21 | 21     | 28   | 49    | 14.58      | 99.11      |
|                   | Unknown | 0      | 3    | 3     | 0.89       | 100%       |
|                   | Total   | 148    | 188  | 0     | 336        | 100%       |

| <b>South Zone</b> | Sex     |        |      | Total | % of Known | Cumulative |
|-------------------|---------|--------|------|-------|------------|------------|
|                   | Date    | Female | Male |       | Total      | %          |
|                   | Jan. 3  | 0      | 0    | 0     | 0.00       | 0.00       |
|                   | Jan. 4  | 1      | 2    | 3     | 4.84       | 4.84       |
|                   | Jan. 5  | 1      | 0    | 1     | 1.61       | 6.45       |
|                   | Jan. 6  | 0      | 3    | 3     | 4.84       | 11.29      |
|                   | Jan. 7  | 2      | 5    | 7     | 11.29      | 22.58      |
|                   | Jan. 8  | 4      | 5    | 9     | 14.52      | 37.10      |
|                   | Jan. 9  | 2      | 4    | 6     | 9.68       | 46.77      |
|                   | Jan. 10 | 3      | 3    | 6     | 9.68       | 56.45      |
|                   | Jan. 11 | 4      | 3    | 7     | 11.29      | 67.74      |
|                   | Jan. 12 | 4      | 1    | 5     | 8.06       | 75.81      |
|                   | Jan. 13 | 2      | 0    | 2     | 3.23       | 79.03      |
|                   | Jan. 14 | 4      | 1    | 5     | 8.06       | 87.10      |
|                   | Jan. 15 | 3      | 2    | 5     | 8.06       | 95.16      |
|                   | Jan. 16 | 1      | 1    | 2     | 3.23       | 98.39      |
|                   | Jan. 17 | 0      | 1    | 1     | 1.61       | 100.00     |
|                   | Jan. 18 | 0      | 0    | 0     | 0.00       | 100.00     |
|                   | Unknown | 0      | 0    | 0     | 0.00       | 100%       |
|                   | Total   | 31     | 31   | 0     | 62         | 100%       |

Table 10. Distribution of fisher harvest\* among trappers, 1999 to 2025-26.

| Number (%)<br>of Takers | Number Taken |          |          |          |          | Total Takers | Ave. Take |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
|                         | 1            | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        |              |           |
| 1999                    | 397 (37)     | 664 (63) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 1061         | 1.6       |
| 2000                    | 301(38)      | 251 (31) | 129 (16) | 121 (15) | ----     | 802          | 2.1       |
| 2001                    | 294 (33)     | 271 (31) | 146 (17) | 168 (19) | ----     | 879          | 2.2       |
| 2002                    | 336 (35)     | 234 (25) | 138 (15) | 117 (12) | 123 (13) | 948          | 1.8       |
| 2003                    | 403 (39)     | 249 (24) | 150 (15) | 107 (11) | 115 (11) | 1024         | 1.7       |
| 2004                    | 390 (37)     | 260 (25) | 184 (17) | 95 (9)   | 132 (12) | 1061         | 1.7       |
| 2005                    | 407 (40)     | 251 (24) | 150 (15) | 102 (10) | 118 (11) | 1028         | 1.7       |
| 2006                    | 510 (37)     | 328 (24) | 208 (15) | 150 (11) | 171 (13) | 1367         | 1.7       |
| 2007                    | 416 (50)     | 193 (23) | 104 (12) | 68 (8)   | 57 (7)   | 838          | 1.7       |
| 2008                    | 382 (48)     | 182 (23) | 91 (11)  | 65 (8)   | 79 (10)  | 799          | 1.6       |
| 2009                    | 372 (55)     | 156 (23) | 69 (10)  | 42 (6)   | 38 (6)   | 677          | 1.6       |
| 2010                    | 330 (54)     | 279 (46) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 609          | 1.5       |
| 2011                    | 553 (55)     | 451 (45) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 1004         | 1.4       |
| 2012                    | 453 (52)     | 415 (48) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 868          | 1.5       |
| 2013                    | 501 (61)     | 316 (39) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 817          | 1.4       |
| 2014                    | 434 (63)     | 254 (37) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 688          | 1.4       |
| 2015                    | 346 (63)     | 203 (37) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 549          | 1.4       |
| 2016                    | 177 (61)     | 111 (39) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 288          | 1.4       |
| 2017                    | 246 (68)     | 114 (32) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 360          | 1.3       |
| 2018                    | 253 (66)     | 128 (34) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 381          | 1.3       |
| 2019                    | 259 (72)     | 101 (28) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 360          | 1.3       |
| 2020                    | 337 (65)     | 185 (35) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 522          | 1.4       |
| 2021                    | 279 (65)     | 148 (35) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 427          | 1.3       |
| 2022                    | 116 (73)     | 42 (27)  | ----     | ----     | ----     | 158          | 1.3       |
| 2023                    | 286 (69)     | 128 (31) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 414          | 1.3       |
| 2024-25                 | 347 (70)     | 150 (30) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 497          | 1.3       |
| 2025-26                 | 250 (78)     | 72 (22)  | ----     | ----     | ----     | 322          | 1.2       |

\* Product of categories above may not equal total harvest due to some missing name/license numbers



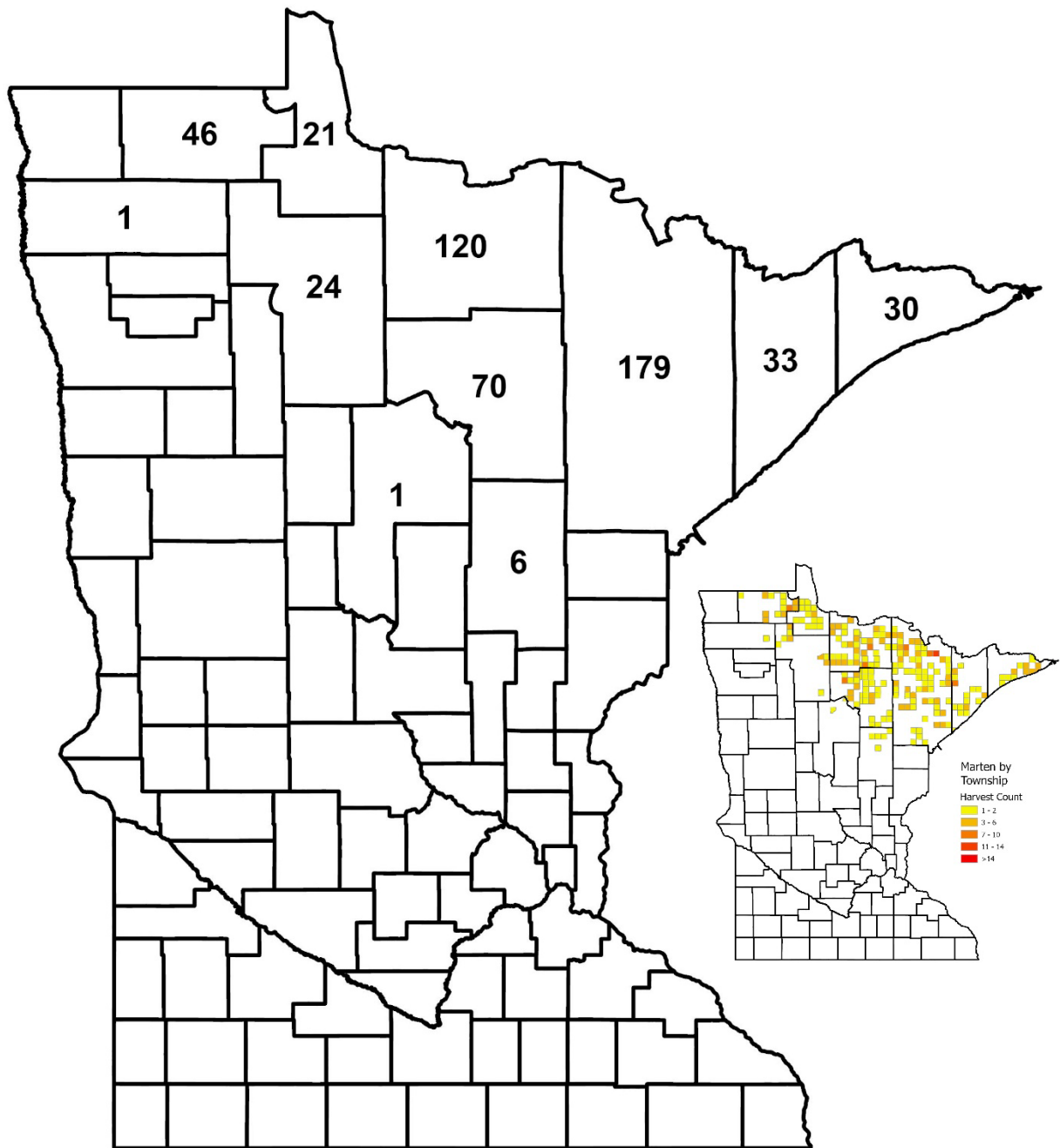


Figure 5. Marten harvest by county, 2025. Inset shows spatial distribution of harvest locations.

Table 11. Marten harvest by county and sex, 2025 season.

| County            | Sex    |      |         | Total | Harvest/<br>100 Mile <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------|--------|------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|
|                   | Female | Male | Unknown |       |                                   |
| Aitkin            | 1      | 5    |         | 6     | 0.30                              |
| Becker            | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Beltrami          | 8      | 16   |         | 24    | 0.79                              |
| Carlton           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Cass              | 0      | 1    |         | 1     | 0.04                              |
| Clearwater        | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Cook              | 10     | 20   |         | 30    | 1.87                              |
| Crow Wing         | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Hubbard           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Itasca            | 29     | 41   |         | 70    | 2.39                              |
| Kanabec           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Kittson           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Koochiching       | 46     | 74   |         | 120   | 3.81                              |
| Lake              | 11     | 22   |         | 33    | 1.44                              |
| Lake of the Woods | 6      | 15   |         | 21    | 1.18                              |
| Mahnomen          | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Marshall          | 0      | 1    |         | 1     | 0.06                              |
| Otter Tail        | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Pennington        | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Pine              | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Polk              | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Red Lake          | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Roseau            | 17     | 29   |         | 46    | 2.74                              |
| St. Louis         | 65     | 114  |         | 179   | 2.66                              |
| Unknown           | 0      | 0    |         | 0     |                                   |
| Total             | 193    | 338  | 0       | 531   |                                   |

Table 12. Comparison of marten harvest by county in Minnesota, 2014-2025.

| County            | 2014  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Aitkin            | 12    | 4    | 1    | 7    | 2    | 0    | 5    | 3    | 3    | 15   | 10   | 6    |
| Becker            | 0     | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Beltrami          | 7     | 15   | 7    | 16   | 2    | 9    | 40   | 23   | 4    | 19   | 32   | 24   |
| Carlton           | 1     | 0    | 0    | 7    | 7    | 1    | 1    | 3    | 0    | 2    | 3    | 0    |
| Cass              | 3     | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 2    | 1    |
| Clearwater        | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Cook              | 43    | 39   | 23   | 40   | 44   | 15   | 22   | 30   | 6    | 32   | 29   | 30   |
| Crow Wing         | 1     | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Hubbard           | 0     | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Itasca            | 79    | 64   | 28   | 52   | 35   | 35   | 66   | 31   | 22   | 82   | 69   | 70   |
| Kanabec           | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Kittson           | 1     | 0    | 0    | 3    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Koochiching       | 265   | 169  | 107  | 176  | 117  | 146  | 155  | 88   | 68   | 174  | 163  | 120  |
| Lake              | 149   | 138  | 109  | 172  | 131  | 78   | 99   | 47   | 6    | 52   | 49   | 33   |
| Lake of the Woods | 23    | 25   | 21   | 32   | 16   | 45   | 28   | 9    | 9    | 35   | 25   | 21   |
| Mahnomen          | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Marshall          | 5     | 3    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 3    | 2    | 1    | 3    | 2    | 2    | 1    |
| Otter Tail        | 1     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Pennington        | 0     | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Pine              | 1     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Polk              | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Red Lake          | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Roseau            | 40    | 33   | 31   | 74   | 41   | 79   | 84   | 29   | 27   | 59   | 59   | 46   |
| St. Louis         | 421   | 377  | 219  | 397  | 266  | 171  | 260  | 168  | 58   | 222  | 209  | 179  |
| Unknown           | 7     | 5    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Total             | 1,059 | 877  | 551  | 979  | 665  | 585  | 765  | 434  | 211  | 698  | 652  | 531  |

Table 13. Marten harvest by date and sex, 2025 season.

| Date    | Sex    |      |         | Total | % of Known | Cumulative |
|---------|--------|------|---------|-------|------------|------------|
|         | Female | Male | Unknown |       | Total      | %          |
| Dec. 13 | 3      | 1    |         | 4     | 0.75       | 0.75       |
| Dec. 14 | 19     | 27   |         | 46    | 8.66       | 9.42       |
| Dec. 15 | 29     | 39   |         | 68    | 12.81      | 22.22      |
| Dec. 16 | 21     | 49   |         | 70    | 13.18      | 35.40      |
| Dec. 17 | 32     | 58   |         | 90    | 16.95      | 52.35      |
| Dec. 18 | 28     | 39   |         | 67    | 12.62      | 64.97      |
| Dec. 19 | 15     | 46   |         | 61    | 11.49      | 76.46      |
| Dec. 20 | 26     | 42   |         | 68    | 12.81      | 89.27      |
| Dec. 21 | 18     | 35   |         | 53    | 9.98       | 99.25      |
| Unknown | 2      | 2    |         | 4     | 0.75       | 100%       |
| Total   | 193    | 338  | 0       | 531   | 100%       |            |

Table 14. Distribution of marten harvest\* among trappers, 1999-2025.

| Number (%)<br>of Takers | Number Taken |          |          |          |          | Total Takers | Ave. Take |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
|                         | 1            | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        |              |           |
| 1999                    | 164 (17)     | 318 (34) | 213 (23) | 246 (26) | ----     | 941          | 2.6       |
| 2000                    | 188 (28)     | 190 (28) | 123 (18) | 173 (26) | ----     | 674          | 2.4       |
| 2001                    | 147 (23)     | 175 (27) | 138 (21) | 187 (29) | ----     | 647          | 2.6       |
| 2002                    | 149 (21)     | 138 (19) | 147 (21) | 123 (17) | 160 (22) | 717          | 1.9       |
| 2003                    | 126 (15)     | 135 (16) | 159 (19) | 170 (20) | 265 (31) | 855          | 1.8       |
| 2004                    | 165 (17)     | 153 (16) | 171 (18) | 164 (18) | 282 (30) | 935          | 1.8       |
| 2005                    | 191 (22)     | 158 (18) | 139 (16) | 156 (18) | 215 (25) | 859          | 1.8       |
| 2006                    | 206 (18)     | 201 (17) | 226 (19) | 203 (17) | 335 (29) | 1171         | 1.8       |
| 2007                    | 176 (23)     | 160 (21) | 147 (19) | 141 (18) | 142 (19) | 766          | 2.0       |
| 2008                    | 153 (24)     | 139 (22) | 108 (17) | 110 (17) | 122 (19) | 632          | 1.9       |
| 2009                    | 121 (19)     | 105 (16) | 106 (17) | 134 (21) | 173 (27) | 639          | 1.9       |
| 2010                    | 95 (17)      | 77 (14)  | 120 (22) | 92 (17)  | 170 (31) | 554          | 1.8       |
| 2011                    | 154 (19)     | 131 (16) | 179 (22) | 166 (20) | 181 (22) | 811          | 2.0       |
| 2012                    | 198 (33)     | 134 (22) | 131 (22) | 73 (12)  | 64 (11)  | 600          | 1.9       |
| 2013                    | 341 (51)     | 332 (49) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 673          | 1.5       |
| 2014                    | 307 (45)     | 376 (55) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 683          | 1.6       |
| 2015                    | 247 (44)     | 309 (56) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 556          | 1.6       |
| 2016                    | 142 (41)     | 202 (59) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 344          | 1.6       |
| 2017                    | 233 (39)     | 365 (61) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 598          | 1.6       |
| 2018                    | 200 (46)     | 231 (54) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 431          | 1.5       |
| 2019                    | 200 (51)     | 191 (49) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 391          | 1.5       |
| 2020                    | 221 (45)     | 268 (55) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 489          | 1.5       |
| 2021                    | 162 (54)     | 136 (46) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 298          | 1.5       |
| 2022                    | 96 (63)      | 57 (37)  | ----     | ----     | ----     | 153          | 1.4       |
| 2023                    | 243 (52)     | 222 (48) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 465          | 1.5       |
| 2024                    | 201 (48)     | 222 (52) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 423          | 1.5       |
| 2025                    | 168 (49)     | 177 (51) | ----     | ----     | ----     | 345          | 1.5       |

\* Product of categories above may not equal total harvest due to some unknown name/license numbers

Table 15. Number of trappers with different fisher/marten combinations, 2025. (Combined limit = 2)

| Number of Takers |   | Number of Marten                            |    |     |   |     |   |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------------------|----|-----|---|-----|---|
|                  |   | 0                                           | 1  | 2   | 3 | 4   | 5 |
| Number of Fisher | 0 |                                             | 90 | 177 |   |     |   |
|                  | 1 | 172                                         | 78 |     |   |     |   |
|                  | 2 | 72                                          |    |     |   |     |   |
|                  | 3 |                                             |    |     |   |     |   |
|                  | 4 |                                             |    |     |   |     |   |
|                  | 5 |                                             |    |     |   |     |   |
|                  |   | Total takers of at least 1 fisher or marten |    |     |   | 589 |   |



Figure 6. Otter harvest by county, 2025-26. Inset shows spatial distribution of harvest locations.

Table 16. Otter harvest by county and sex, 2025-26 season.

| County            | Sex    |      |         | Total | Harvest/<br>100 Mile <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------|--------|------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|
|                   | Female | Male | Unknown |       |                                   |
| Aitkin            | 28     | 60   |         | 88    | 4.41                              |
| Anoka             | 3      | 13   |         | 16    | 3.59                              |
| Becker            | 23     | 44   |         | 67    | 4.64                              |
| Beltrami          | 30     | 66   |         | 96    | 3.14                              |
| Benton            | 6      | 11   |         | 17    | 4.12                              |
| Big Stone         | 2      | 4    |         | 6     | 1.14                              |
| Blue Earth        | 8      | 14   |         | 22    | 2.88                              |
| Brown             | 1      | 6    |         | 7     | 1.13                              |
| Carlton           | 12     | 16   |         | 28    | 3.20                              |
| Carver            | 4      | 7    |         | 11    | 2.93                              |
| Cass              | 39     | 86   | 3       | 128   | 5.31                              |
| Chippewa          | 0      | 2    |         | 2     | 0.34                              |
| Chisago           | 3      | 8    |         | 11    | 2.49                              |
| Clay              | 11     | 36   |         | 47    | 4.46                              |
| Clearwater        | 17     | 24   |         | 41    | 3.98                              |
| Cook              | 3      | 16   |         | 19    | 1.18                              |
| Cottonwood        | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Crow Wing         | 15     | 43   |         | 58    | 5.02                              |
| Dakota            | 6      | 10   |         | 16    | 2.73                              |
| Dodge             | 4      | 4    |         | 8     | 1.82                              |
| Douglas           | 12     | 21   |         | 33    | 4.58                              |
| Faribault         | 1      | 8    |         | 9     | 1.25                              |
| Fillmore          | 7      | 7    |         | 14    | 1.62                              |
| Freeborn          | 4      | 3    |         | 7     | 0.97                              |
| Goodhue           | 4      | 13   |         | 17    | 2.18                              |
| Grant             | 10     | 10   |         | 20    | 3.47                              |
| Hennepin          | 5      | 9    |         | 14    | 2.31                              |
| Houston           | 3      | 4    |         | 7     | 1.23                              |
| Hubbard           | 15     | 27   |         | 42    | 4.20                              |
| Isanti            | 10     | 19   |         | 29    | 6.43                              |
| Itasca            | 73     | 121  | 1       | 195   | 6.67                              |
| Jackson           | 0      | 3    |         | 3     | 0.42                              |
| Kanabec           | 12     | 18   |         | 30    | 5.63                              |
| Kandiyohi         | 10     | 18   |         | 28    | 3.25                              |
| Kittson           | 1      | 0    |         | 1     | 0.09                              |
| Koochiching       | 22     | 44   |         | 66    | 2.09                              |
| Lac Qui Parle     | 5      | 14   |         | 19    | 2.44                              |
| Lake              | 5      | 8    | 1       | 14    | 0.61                              |
| Lake of the Woods | 6      | 12   |         | 18    | 1.01                              |
| Le Sueur          | 8      | 10   |         | 18    | 3.80                              |
| Lincoln           | 2      | 3    |         | 5     | 0.91                              |
| Lyon              | 2      | 4    |         | 6     | 0.83                              |
| Mahnomen          | 5      | 3    |         | 8     | 1.37                              |
| Marshall          | 3      | 9    |         | 12    | 0.66                              |
| Martin            | 1      | 6    |         | 7     | 0.96                              |
| McLeod            | 10     | 9    |         | 19    | 3.76                              |
| Meeker            | 12     | 30   |         | 42    | 6.52                              |
| Mille Lacs        | 5      | 29   |         | 34    | 4.99                              |
| Morrison          | 22     | 34   |         | 56    | 4.86                              |
| Mower             | 9      | 15   |         | 24    | 3.38                              |
| Murray            | 0      | 0    |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Nicollet          | 4      | 11   |         | 15    | 3.22                              |
| Nobles            | 3      | 1    |         | 4     | 0.55                              |
| Norman            | 5      | 7    |         | 12    | 1.37                              |
| Olmsted           | 5      | 18   |         | 23    | 3.52                              |
| Otter Tail        | 42     | 82   |         | 124   | 5.57                              |
| Pennington        | 3      | 6    |         | 9     | 1.46                              |
| Pine              | 26     | 43   |         | 69    | 4.81                              |



Table 16 (continued). Otter harvest by county and sex, 2025-26 season.

| County          | Sex    |       |         | Total | Harvest/<br>100 Mile <sup>2</sup> |
|-----------------|--------|-------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|
|                 | Female | Male  | Unknown |       |                                   |
| Pipestone       | 5      | 1     |         | 6     | 1.29                              |
| Polk            | 20     | 32    |         | 52    | 2.60                              |
| Pope            | 12     | 32    |         | 44    | 6.14                              |
| Ramsey          | 0      | 0     |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Red Lake        | 6      | 9     |         | 15    | 3.46                              |
| Redwood         | 1      | 3     |         | 4     | 0.45                              |
| Renville        | 1      | 9     |         | 10    | 1.01                              |
| Rice            | 2      | 2     |         | 4     | 0.78                              |
| Rock            | 0      | 1     |         | 1     | 0.21                              |
| Roseau          | 10     | 17    |         | 27    | 1.61                              |
| Scott           | 3      | 7     |         | 10    | 2.72                              |
| Sherburne       | 6      | 15    |         | 21    | 4.66                              |
| Sibley          | 12     | 15    |         | 27    | 4.50                              |
| St. Louis       | 83     | 137   |         | 220   | 3.27                              |
| Stearns         | 27     | 53    |         | 80    | 5.76                              |
| Steele          | 5      | 8     |         | 13    | 3.01                              |
| Stevens         | 0      | 2     |         | 2     | 0.35                              |
| Swift           | 12     | 12    |         | 24    | 3.19                              |
| Todd            | 12     | 33    |         | 45    | 4.59                              |
| Traverse        | 0      | 0     |         | 0     | 0.00                              |
| Wabasha         | 6      | 5     |         | 11    | 2.00                              |
| Wadena          | 5      | 12    |         | 17    | 3.13                              |
| Waseca          | 3      | 4     |         | 7     | 1.62                              |
| Washington      | 6      | 11    |         | 17    | 4.02                              |
| Watonwan        | 0      | 2     |         | 2     | 0.46                              |
| Wilkin          | 6      | 4     |         | 10    | 1.33                              |
| Winona          | 9      | 10    |         | 19    | 2.96                              |
| Wright          | 17     | 15    |         | 32    | 4.48                              |
| Yellow Medicine | 2      | 3     |         | 5     | 0.65                              |
| Unknown         | 0      | 0     |         | 0     |                                   |
| Total           | 858    | 1,603 | 5       | 2,466 |                                   |

Table 17. Comparison of otter harvest by county, 2017-18 through 2025-26.

| County            | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Aitkin            | 33      | 34      | 25      | 22      | 39      | 22      | 74      | 88      | 88      |
| Anoka             | 18      | 15      | 13      | 9       | 13      | 5       | 11      | 19      | 16      |
| Becker            | 27      | 42      | 24      | 19      | 22      | 23      | 39      | 74      | 67      |
| Beltrami          | 40      | 51      | 34      | 67      | 48      | 36      | 72      | 100     | 96      |
| Benton            | 3       | 6       | 8       | 3       | 8       | 15      | 15      | 8       | 17      |
| Big Stone         | 6       | 3       | 0       | 10      | 1       | 0       | 0       | 7       | 6       |
| Blue Earth        | 3       | 2       | 4       | 8       | 2       | 9       | 22      | 15      | 22      |
| Brown             | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 3       | 11      | 7       |
| Carlton           | 9       | 12      | 9       | 18      | 14      | 9       | 9       | 35      | 28      |
| Carver            | 8       | 12      | 8       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 4       | 2       | 11      |
| Cass              | 92      | 98      | 63      | 56      | 62      | 28      | 89      | 124     | 128     |
| Chippewa          | 8       | 8       | 7       | 6       | 6       | 1       | 8       | 11      | 2       |
| Chisago           | 18      | 12      | 10      | 20      | 19      | 5       | 8       | 25      | 11      |
| Clay              | 10      | 11      | 1       | 3       | 1       | 1       | 11      | 43      | 47      |
| Clearwater        | 33      | 21      | 11      | 12      | 6       | 12      | 21      | 33      | 41      |
| Cook              | 0       | 4       | 1       | 1       | 3       | 2       | 17      | 22      | 19      |
| Cottonwood        | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Crow Wing         | 41      | 55      | 36      | 52      | 47      | 32      | 68      | 85      | 58      |
| Dakota            | 8       | 10      | 4       | 6       | 2       | 8       | 19      | 15      | 16      |
| Dodge             | 3       | 2       | 3       | 6       | 0       | 1       | 2       | 9       | 8       |
| Douglas           | 15      | 15      | 13      | 18      | 17      | 10      | 13      | 43      | 33      |
| Faribault         | 9       | 3       | 11      | 10      | 17      | 8       | 7       | 12      | 9       |
| Fillmore          | 4       | 1       | 4       | 8       | 1       | 1       | 18      | 18      | 14      |
| Freeborn          | 11      | 7       | 20      | 10      | 3       | 1       | 13      | 13      | 7       |
| Goodhue           | 9       | 0       | 2       | 7       | 7       | 6       | 10      | 10      | 17      |
| Grant             | 5       | 2       | 2       | 7       | 4       | 4       | 7       | 17      | 20      |
| Hennepin          | 2       | 9       | 4       | 7       | 0       | 1       | 4       | 14      | 14      |
| Houston           | 8       | 10      | 6       | 14      | 4       | 6       | 14      | 11      | 7       |
| Hubbard           | 39      | 30      | 23      | 31      | 23      | 35      | 43      | 29      | 42      |
| Isanti            | 13      | 10      | 9       | 14      | 17      | 8       | 28      | 21      | 29      |
| Itasca            | 84      | 123     | 76      | 79      | 79      | 65      | 129     | 186     | 195     |
| Jackson           | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 3       |
| Kanabec           | 29      | 7       | 8       | 20      | 13      | 9       | 27      | 34      | 30      |
| Kandiyohi         | 18      | 19      | 23      | 17      | 35      | 14      | 18      | 31      | 28      |
| Kittson           | 8       | 5       | 5       | 2       | 0       | 0       | 3       | 10      | 1       |
| Koochiching       | 16      | 13      | 20      | 12      | 16      | 14      | 34      | 74      | 66      |
| Lac Qui Parle     | 8       | 0       | 2       | 10      | 2       | 0       | 2       | 2       | 19      |
| Lake              | 12      | 13      | 11      | 22      | 6       | 10      | 23      | 14      | 14      |
| Lake of the Woods | 16      | 20      | 11      | 9       | 8       | 0       | 9       | 7       | 18      |
| Le Sueur          | 3       | 4       | 6       | 3       | 4       | 6       | 19      | 36      | 18      |
| Lincoln           | 2       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 3       | 0       | 1       | 2       | 5       |
| Lyon              | 1       | 0       | 0       | 4       | 3       | 2       | 3       | 2       | 6       |
| Mahnomen          | 9       | 16      | 9       | 12      | 9       | 7       | 9       | 18      | 8       |
| Marshall          | 15      | 10      | 5       | 7       | 10      | 6       | 10      | 13      | 12      |
| Martin            | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       | 0       | 8       | 3       | 11      | 7       |
| McLeod            | 16      | 26      | 16      | 25      | 13      | 13      | 22      | 29      | 19      |
| Meeker            | 26      | 29      | 32      | 18      | 16      | 12      | 11      | 20      | 42      |
| Mille Lacs        | 26      | 14      | 12      | 14      | 18      | 21      | 31      | 35      | 34      |
| Morrison          | 24      | 35      | 33      | 32      | 33      | 9       | 36      | 61      | 56      |

Table 17 (continued). Comparison of otter harvest by county, 2017-18 through 2025-26.

| County          | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Mower           | 7       | 11      | 13      | 14      | 6       | 9       | 19      | 24      | 24      |
| Murray          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Nicollet        | 4       | 3       | 0       | 6       | 0       | 2       | 8       | 3       | 15      |
| Nobles          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 4       |
| Norman          | 8       | 5       | 2       | 2       | 5       | 3       | 8       | 11      | 12      |
| Olmsted         | 5       | 4       | 8       | 8       | 8       | 6       | 8       | 12      | 23      |
| Otter Tail      | 100     | 82      | 71      | 89      | 69      | 51      | 122     | 155     | 124     |
| Pennington      | 2       | 7       | 2       | 4       | 3       | 1       | 8       | 9       | 9       |
| Pine            | 20      | 36      | 35      | 24      | 34      | 22      | 49      | 53      | 69      |
| Pipestone       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 6       |
| Polk            | 12      | 14      | 12      | 38      | 30      | 11      | 39      | 72      | 52      |
| Pope            | 8       | 14      | 19      | 4       | 13      | 1       | 10      | 46      | 44      |
| Ramsey          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 2       | 0       |
| Red Lake        | 1       | 3       | 3       | 13      | 11      | 1       | 13      | 32      | 15      |
| Redwood         | 2       | 4       | 3       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 6       | 4       |
| Renville        | 6       | 1       | 1       | 6       | 4       | 3       | 7       | 16      | 10      |
| Rice            | 3       | 8       | 4       | 8       | 5       | 0       | 1       | 7       | 4       |
| Rock            | 0       | 2       | 0       | 2       | 0       | 1       | 1       | 3       | 1       |
| Roseau          | 22      | 20      | 20      | 39      | 32      | 22      | 24      | 37      | 27      |
| Scott           | 4       | 7       | 8       | 14      | 11      | 10      | 10      | 6       | 10      |
| Sherburne       | 8       | 9       | 3       | 7       | 2       | 11      | 18      | 27      | 21      |
| Sibley          | 2       | 5       | 10      | 7       | 12      | 14      | 5       | 19      | 27      |
| St. Louis       | 146     | 127     | 105     | 134     | 105     | 81      | 128     | 175     | 220     |
| Stearns         | 28      | 34      | 22      | 29      | 15      | 22      | 39      | 73      | 80      |
| Steele          | 3       | 4       | 6       | 4       | 2       | 2       | 11      | 7       | 13      |
| Stevens         | 1       | 3       | 2       | 0       | 3       | 1       | 3       | 12      | 2       |
| Swift           | 7       | 13      | 4       | 12      | 6       | 8       | 9       | 7       | 24      |
| Todd            | 24      | 18      | 14      | 12      | 30      | 4       | 20      | 35      | 45      |
| Traverse        | 4       | 11      | 3       | 4       | 5       | 8       | 9       | 8       | 0       |
| Wabasha         | 11      | 17      | 9       | 10      | 8       | 9       | 14      | 11      | 11      |
| Wadena          | 8       | 8       | 11      | 27      | 17      | 13      | 27      | 19      | 17      |
| Waseca          | 0       | 1       | 1       | 2       | 0       | 0       | 2       | 2       | 7       |
| Washington      | 20      | 13      | 5       | 11      | 19      | 15      | 17      | 14      | 17      |
| Watsonwan       | 0       | 1       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 5       | 2       |
| Wilkin          | 2       | 2       | 4       | 2       | 1       | 1       | 3       | 12      | 10      |
| Winona          | 13      | 7       | 16      | 15      | 13      | 20      | 14      | 15      | 19      |
| Wright          | 22      | 33      | 7       | 14      | 18      | 3       | 23      | 45      | 32      |
| Yellow Medicine | 2       | 2       | 1       | 6       | 5       | 5       | 6       | 16      | 5       |
| Unknown         | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 2       | 3       | 0       | 1       | 0       |
| Totals          | 1,295   | 1,351   | 1,050   | 1,304   | 1,155   | 855     | 1,716   | 2,497   | 2,466   |

Table 18. Otter harvest by sex and week, 2025-26 season.

| Date            | Sex    |       |         | Total<br>Harvest | % of<br>Total | Cumulative<br>% |
|-----------------|--------|-------|---------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                 | Female | Male  | Unknown |                  |               |                 |
| Oct.25 - Oct.31 | 58     | 87    |         | 145              | 5.88          | 5.88            |
| Nov.1 - Nov.7   | 75     | 118   |         | 193              | 7.83          | 13.71           |
| Nov.8 - Nov.14  | 58     | 85    | 2       | 145              | 5.88          | 19.59           |
| Nov.15 - Nov.21 | 53     | 88    |         | 141              | 5.72          | 25.30           |
| Nov.22 - Nov.28 | 48     | 70    |         | 118              | 4.79          | 30.09           |
| Nov.29 - Dec.5  | 23     | 34    |         | 57               | 2.31          | 32.40           |
| Dec.6 - Dec.12  | 17     | 25    |         | 42               | 1.70          | 34.10           |
| Dec.13 - Dec.19 | 26     | 35    |         | 61               | 2.47          | 36.58           |
| Dec.20 - Dec.26 | 10     | 22    |         | 32               | 1.30          | 37.88           |
| Dec.27 - Jan.2  | 18     | 21    |         | 39               | 1.58          | 39.46           |
| Jan.3 - Jan.9   | 14     | 20    |         | 34               | 1.38          | 40.84           |
| Jan.10 - Jan.16 | 21     | 30    |         | 51               | 2.07          | 42.90           |
| Jan.17 - Jan.23 | 3      | 15    |         | 18               | 0.73          | 43.63           |
| Jan.24 - Jan.30 | 8      | 10    |         | 18               | 0.73          | 44.36           |
| Jan.31 - Feb.6  | 7      | 10    | 2       | 19               | 0.77          | 45.13           |
| Feb.7 - Feb.13  | 5      | 7     |         | 12               | 0.49          | 45.62           |
| Feb.14 - Feb.20 | 10     | 19    |         | 29               | 1.18          | 46.80           |
| Feb.21 - Feb.27 | 12     | 13    | 1       | 26               | 1.05          | 47.85           |
| Feb.28 - Mar.6  | 5      | 22    |         | 27               | 1.09          | 48.95           |
| Mar.7 - Mar.13  | 10     | 29    |         | 39               | 1.58          | 50.53           |
| Mar.14 - Mar.20 | 12     | 26    |         | 38               | 1.54          | 52.07           |
| Mar.21 - Mar.27 | 14     | 47    |         | 61               | 2.47          | 54.54           |
| Mar.28 - Apr.3  | 44     | 127   |         | 171              | 6.93          | 61.48           |
| Apr.4 - Apr.10  | 46     | 120   |         | 166              | 6.73          | 68.21           |
| Apr.11 - Apr.17 | 58     | 144   |         | 202              | 8.19          | 76.40           |
| Apr.18 - Apr.24 | 69     | 201   |         | 270              | 10.95         | 87.35           |
| Apr.25 - May.1  | 67     | 92    |         | 159              | 6.45          | 93.80           |
| May.2 - May.8   | 42     | 57    |         | 99               | 4.01          | 97.81           |
| May.9 - May.15* | 21     | 29    |         | 50               | 2.03          | 99.84           |
| Unknown         | 4      | 0     |         | 4                | 0.16          | 100.00          |
| Total           | 858    | 1,603 | 5       | 2,466            | 100%          |                 |

\* 7-day interval.

Table 19. Distribution of otter harvest\* among trappers, 1999-00 through 2025-26.

| Number (%)<br>of Takers | Number Taken |          |          |          | Total Takers | Ave. Take |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
|                         | 1            | 2        | 3        | 4        |              |           |
| 1999-00                 | 222 (33)     | 124 (19) | 99 (15)  | 217 (33) | 662          | 2.5       |
| 2000-01                 | 206 (32)     | 122 (19) | 108 (17) | 201 (32) | 637          | 2.5       |
| 2001-02                 | 147 (23)     | 175 (27) | 138 (21) | 187 (29) | 647          | 2.6       |
| 2002-03                 | 253 (33)     | 147 (19) | 122 (16) | 241 (32) | 763          | 2.5       |
| 2003-04                 | 269 (27)     | 201 (20) | 152 (16) | 361 (37) | 983          | 2.6       |
| 2004-05                 | 302 (25)     | 235 (19) | 182 (15) | 498 (41) | 1217         | 2.7       |
| 2005-06                 | 291 (27)     | 213 (20) | 186 (17) | 386 (36) | 1076         | 2.6       |
| 2006-07                 | 372 (34)     | 216 (19) | 194 (17) | 328 (30) | 1110         | 2.4       |
| 2007-08                 | 308 (39)     | 153 (19) | 119 (15) | 207 (26) | 787          | 2.3       |
| 2008-09                 | 293 (37)     | 157 (20) | 121 (15) | 216 (27) | 787          | 2.3       |
| 2009-10                 | 237 (38)     | 131 (21) | 93 (15)  | 171 (27) | 632          | 2.3       |
| 2010-11                 | 263 (34)     | 166 (22) | 130 (17) | 206 (27) | 765          | 2.4       |
| 2011-12                 | 438 (42)     | 227 (22) | 149 (14) | 236 (22) | 1050         | 2.2       |
| 2012-13                 | 468 (35)     | 330 (24) | 175 (13) | 376 (28) | 1349         | 2.3       |
| 2013-14                 | 561 (43)     | 291 (22) | 196 (15) | 271 (21) | 1319         | 2.1       |
| 2014-15                 | 424 (42)     | 231 (23) | 154 (15) | 200 (20) | 1009         | 2.1       |
| 2015-16                 | 337 (39)     | 183 (21) | 142 (16) | 203 (23) | 865          | 2.2       |
| 2016-17                 | 270 (46)     | 135 (23) | 80 (14)  | 101 (17) | 586          | 2.0       |
| 2017-18                 | 243 (41)     | 139 (23) | 77 (13)  | 135 (23) | 594          | 2.2       |
| 2018-19                 | 276 (44)     | 134 (21) | 78 (12)  | 142 (23) | 630          | 2.1       |
| 2019-20                 | 206 (42)     | 107 (22) | 59 (12)  | 113 (23) | 485          | 2.2       |
| 2020-21                 | 258 (42)     | 135 (22) | 90 (15)  | 126 (21) | 609          | 2.1       |
| 2021-22                 | 178 (36)     | 109 (22) | 81 (16)  | 128 (26) | 496          | 2.3       |
| 2022-23                 | 157 (41)     | 80 (21)  | 51 (13)  | 95 (25)  | 383          | 2.2       |
| 2023-24                 | 242 (34)     | 145 (21) | 100 (14) | 219 (31) | 706          | 2.4       |
| 2024-25                 | 255 (27)     | 166 (18) | 166 (18) | 346 (37) | 933          | 2.6       |
| 2025-26                 | 256 (28)     | 178 (19) | 136 (15) | 356 (38) | 926          | 2.6       |

\* Product of categories above may not equal total harvest due to some unknown name/license numbers