



Fur Harvesters Auction

March Results 2026

Fur Harvesters Auction (FHA) House in North Bay, Ontario, has completed the first of two auctions for 2026. NWT pelts had a clearance rate of 99.24%. NWT trappers sold 3,661 pelts during the March auction, that's only 1.75% more pelts than in March 2025 (3598 pelts sold), and generated almost \$625,000 in sales (\$624,950.38), more than doubled the total from the March 2025 auction sale (\$289,215.42). The \$624,950.38 generated during the March 2026 auction is more than both auctions combined in 2025 (\$582,043.27).

The Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur (GMVF) Program provides NWT trappers with direct access to the international fur market through fur auctions. The result of this sale helps demonstrate the benefit of trapping for NWT residents and the need for continued support of this important traditional lifestyle. The Government of the Northwest Territories is fully committed to continuing to support this activity to help ensure this healthy lifestyle continues.

Overall, the March auction was the most successful auction ever for many NWT furbearers, especially marten, which received the highest prices paid for marten in history in all North America, shattering the average price from 2013. NWT marten pelts averaged \$296.02 with a high of \$418.50 and sold at 100% clearance.

You may be asking what has spurred this tremendous comeback of wild fur? China, switching from buying commercial, middle of the road goods, are now buying luxury goods, top grades of lynx, sables (marten) lynx cats, and making luxury coats to meet the demand from the younger generation of consumers in China.

Typically, these luxury goods are being sold to European buyers, but they are now facing stiff competition from Chinese buyers looking to purchase the same luxury goods, which is causing the prices to skyrocket for a lot of furbearers that are here in the NWT.

In 2025, NWT lynx averaged \$195, at the March 2026 auction, NWT lynx averaged \$492. Prices for the second auction in June will be strong, the market is deep, FHA is saying that this is not a one off, buyers who attended the March auction are leaving the fur they bought for when they come back for the June auction, so they can ship all their goods back in one shipment, that's an indication that wild fur is in huge demand for the foreseeable future, according to FHA.

The marten auction was unprecedented in both buyer attendance and price levels. Other notable highlights include.



Highlights

- Wolverine pelts that are taxidermy skinned continue to hit record high average prices. At the March auction, NWT wolverine pelts averaged a staggering \$787.45, with a high of \$1,377. With the prime fur bonus of \$100, that wolverine pelt will bring in \$1,477!
- Marten pelts sold at an all-time high during the March auction, averaging \$296.02 with a high of \$418.50!
- Lynx also saw a huge jump in average price, averaging \$492.03, and all 84 lynx pelts that were offered were sold. In 2025, lynx pelts averaged \$194.23, that's an increase of 153% With a high of \$756, a price that hasn't been seen for decades.
- Beavers also saw a huge increase in average price, hitting \$39.52, up from \$18.90 in 2025. Beaver prices returned to their 2023 and 2024 average price levels, which is great for beaver trappers and their Prime Fur Bonus and Grubstake amounts have also been raised by GWNT. Prime fur Bonus went up to \$35, from \$25, and grubstake went to \$10 per pelt from \$5, minimum of 20 pelts is required to partake in the grubstake program.
- Foxes, red fox prices almost doubled from 2025, averaging over \$41 dollars (\$23.83 in 2025), that means NWT trappers who harvested red fox will likely receive the \$15 prime fur bonus when they sell for equal to or more than the advance of \$30.
- Mink also saw a huge increase in price at the March 2026 auction, In October, FHA posted on their website that they have had strong interest in wild mink from new buyers wanting to buy now but were told they had to wait till the March auction. Mink prices went up 325% compared to the March 2025 auction, averaging \$64.16. Mink averaged \$13.05 overall in 2025.



March 19-21, 2026, Auction Results

Species	# of Pelts Offered	# of Pelts Sold	Highest \$ /Pelt	Average \$ /Pelt	Total \$ /Species
Beaver	222	222	\$68.85	\$39.52	\$8,774.23
Mink	118	118	\$78.30	\$64.16	\$7,570.80
Sable	1597	1597	\$418.50	\$296.11	\$472,884.75
Otter	2	2	\$78.30	\$71.55	\$143.10
Fisher	14	13	\$189.00	\$104.13	\$1,353.72
Lynx	84	84	\$756.00	\$492.03	\$41,330.25
Muskrat	1248	1225	\$12.49	\$2.60	\$3,189.59
Squirrel	126	126	\$4.05	\$3.34	\$421.07
Ermine	109	109	\$24.30	\$16.39	\$1,786.34
Cross Fox	12	12	\$121.50	\$69.30	\$831.60
White Fox	10	10	\$109.35	\$66.56	\$665.55
Timber Wolf	59	57	\$810.00	\$395.17	\$22,524.75
Coyote	1	1	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$13.50
Black Bear	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wolverine	41	41	\$1,377.00	\$787.45	\$32,285.25
Red Fox	28	28	\$86.40	\$41.59	\$1,164.57
Silver Fox	4	4	\$81.00	\$62.77	\$251.10
Grizzly Bear	14	12	\$4,185.00	\$2,452.50	\$29,430.00
Castoreum	117	117	\$4.05	\$3.99	\$466.71
Totals					\$625,086.88



Trappers, keep turning fur into cash like a wildlife entrepreneur!

Trappers can visit the Fur Auction House website to learn more about proper pelt handling to prime fur standards <https://www.furharvesters.com/pdf/pelthandling.pdf> or attend a GNWT trapper training workshop when it comes to your community!

Want to see the action live?

You can livestream the Fur Harvesters Auction through their official YouTube channel: [Watch the auction live](#) or scan the QR code below.



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