Government of
Northwest Territories

Fur Harvesters Auction

June Sale Results 2026

Fur Harvesters Auction (FHA) in North Bay, Ontario, has completed its second and final auction of 2026. NWT pelts had a clearance rate of 93.46%, with 2,158 pelts sold for nearly $450,000 ($448,785.10) during the June auction.

For the 2026 trapping season, NWT trappers sold a total of 5,819 pelts and generated $1,073,735.48, breaking the million-dollar mark for the first time since 2014. FHA stated that 2026 was their best year ever, with the highest gross sales.

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

June 2-4, 2026, Auction Results

	Offered	Sold	High	Average Price	Dollar Total
Beaver	59	59	$82.35	$42.67	$2,517.77
Mink	169	169	$74.25	$57.96	$9,795.60
Sable	1272	1261	$357.75	$225.89	$284,842.58
Otter	2	2	$72.90	$57.38	$114.75
Fisher	15	15	$137.70	$104.76	$1,571.40
Lynx	301	166	$411.75	$338.48	$56,187.00
Muskrat	48	48	$2.00	$1.21	$58.10
Squirrel	45	45	$6.08	$3.34	$150.26
Ermine	55	55	$29.70	$15.19	$835.70

Cross Fox	37	37	$118.80	$90.56	$3,350.71
White Fox	98	98	$148.50	$66.99	$6,565.05
Timber Wolf	59	57	$1,053.00	$486.00	$27,702.00
Coyote	1	1	$18.90	$18.90	$18.90
Black Bear	0	0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Wolverine	78	77	$1,242.00	$679.82	$52,346.25
Red Fox	63	63	$70.20	$38.76	$2,442.15
Silver Fox	5	5	$94.50	$57.38	$286.88
Grizzly Bear	2	0	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Totals	**2309**	**2158**	**93.46%**	**$2,285.29**	**$448,785.10**

Highlights

- Marten (sold under the sable category) had its best year ever in 2026, averaging $265 per pelt, beating the old record set in 2013 at $154 per pelt. During the March auction, some NWT trappers sold pelts for $418.50.
- Wolf pelts sold at 97% clearance and averaged more than $440 for a taxidermy skinned wolf. A properly handled taxidermy skinned wolf is the best way to see a higher return on your pelt.
- Wolverines sold at nearly 100% clearance once again and continue to bring in record prices for harvesters. The average price for wolverines in 2026 hit an all-time high of $717.22, surpassing 2025's previous record high of $559.05. Properly handled taxidermy skinning wolverines, like wolves, is the best way to maximize your return.
- Foxes all of colour phases: red, cross, silver, and arctic averaged above the GMVFP advance. This is great news for foxes as their prices took a big jump in 2026.
- Ermine continues to sell for high prices, averaging $15.99 in 2026 with a high of $29.70 in the June auction. This furbearer continues to bring in a significant return for NWT harvesters as they are easy to skin, but delicate, and can dry in a day.

- Lynx saw a large increase in 2026 from 2025. Lynx pelts doubled, averaging $390.07, which is up from $194.23 in 2025. During the March 2026 auction, several NWT pelts from trappers hit a high of $756.00. Lynx prices haven't been this high in decades. This is amazing news for NWT trappers who target lynx.

Overall, the 2026 season was a great year for NWT trappers, with plenty of furbearers averaging highs that haven't been seen in years. The Fur Harvesters Auction predicts that wild fur prices will continue to be strong for the next two to three years as China has started to buy luxury pelts causing more demand for NWT fur.

Now that it's the off season, it's time to clean and repair your traps, if needed. Ensuring that every trap is in proper working order helps harvest furbearers in the most humane way possible and reduces trap damage. A properly functioning trap will also help to ensure that the furbearer you're harvesting will receive the most money for the time and effort you put in.

ECC is issuing grubstake payments to trappers in the fall of 2026. The grubstake program provides start-up money to trappers. The amount given is based on the number of pelts GMVFP advanced the trapper from the previous trapping season. Trappers must have harvested a minimum of 20 pelts during the previous trapping season (July 1 to June 30) and are eligible for payments up to a maximum of $2,000.

ECC will continue to work closely with communities and harvesters to help trappers maximize profits by increasing both the quality and quantity of NWT furs. ECC is also working closely with Fur Harvesters Auction to promote NWT's Genuine Mackenzie Vally Furs Program to buyers, with the goal of making GMVFP a premium, ethical, and cultural significant product in the global fur market.

Trappers, keep turning fur into cash!

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.

Please watch our website for upcoming opportunities for NWT harvesters, such as trapper training workshops that might be happening in your community or area.

For more information regarding this sale or trapper training opportunities, please contact: Sustainable Livelihoods Unit, Environment and Climate Change, GNWT at ontheland@gov.nt.ca or call 1-866-611-FURS (3877).