



Fur Harvesters Auction

June Sale Results 2025

Fur Harvesters Auction (FHA) in North Bay, Ontario, has completed its second and final auction of 2025. NWT pelts had a clearance rate of 88%, with 3,823 pelts sold for nearly \$300,000 (\$292,827.85) during the June auction.

For the 2025 trapping season, NWT trappers sold a total of 7,421 pelts and generated \$582,043.27, showing a good return for their time and effort this year. Since 2020, the total revenue from auction sales has increased year over year. Compare the 2025 average to 2024 when 19,119 pelts were sold for \$521,707. In addition, beaver castor sales rose in 2025 to \$1,212.31. This is great news for NWT trappers as it shows that the fur market continues to improve.

June 15-17, 2025, Auction Results

	# of Pelts Offered	# of Pelts Sold	% of Pelts Sold	Average \$/Pelt	Total \$/Species
Beaver	213	206	96.71%	\$15.18	\$3,127.08
Mink	177	174	98.31%	\$11.30	\$1,966.14
Sable	1778	1720	96.74%	\$98.96	\$170,202.78
Otter	4	4	100%	\$24.42	\$97.68
Fisher	8	6	75%	\$47.08	\$282.48
Lynx	179	167	92.30%	\$186.78	\$31,191.60
Muskrat	1412	989	70.04%	\$1.99	\$1,966.13
Squirrel	256	256	100%	\$1.26	\$323.54
Ermine	41	41	100%	\$10.88	\$446.26
Cross Fox	16	15	93.75%	\$40.13	\$601.92
White Fox	54	54	100%	\$44.82	\$2,420.22
Timber Wolf	93	93	100%	\$456.99	\$42,500.04
Coyote	1	1	100%	\$2.64	\$2.64
Wolverine	58	58	100%	\$533.58	\$30,947.40
Red Fox	35	34	97.14%	\$18.73	\$636.90
Silver Fox	4	4	100%	\$37.29	\$149.16
Grizzly Bear	1	1	100%	\$5,940.00	\$5,940.00
Totals	4330	3823	88.29%		\$292,801.97



Highlights

- Wolf pelts sold at 100% clearance and averaged over \$450 for a taxidermy skinned wolf. Ensuring your wolf pelt is properly handled and taxidermy skinned is the best way to see a higher return on your pelt.
- Wolverines sold at a 100% clearance and continue to bring in a high profit for harvesters. The average price for wolverines in 2025 was at an all-time high of \$559.05, surpassing 2024's average of \$557.35. Ensuring that your wolverine pelt is properly handled and taxidermy skinned is the best way to maximize your return.
- Grizzly Bears also had a strong year in 2025, averaging over \$2,500. Spring is the best time to harvest these furbearers. They do require a lot of work, time and skill to prepare for auction but those who put in the effort, saw a great return with one pelt selling for almost \$6,000 at the June auction.
- Ermine continues to sell for high prices. These are typically a by-catch furbearer, but they are worth putting up with, as they averaged over \$10 in 2025 with a high of \$16.50 at the June auction. This furbearer continues to bring in a great return for NWT harvesters as they are delicate but easy to skin and can dry in a day.
- Lynx has continued to climb back up in price, and averaged nearly \$200 in 2025. FHA reported back that their buyers didn't fill their orders so this furbearer is expected to be in demand for 2026.
- Marten (sold under the sable category) also had a good year in 2025, with an average price reaching \$108 per pelt. Prices for these pelts hasn't been this high in years and is great news for NWT harvesters.

Overall, the 2025 season was a good year for NWT trappers. 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 have put in.

ECC will be issuing grubstake payments to trappers in the fall of 2025. The grubstake program provides start-up money to trappers based on the number of pelts that received the GMVF advance from the previous trapping season. Trappers must have harvested a minimum of 20



pelts during the previous trapping season (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) 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 (FHA) to promote NWT's GMVF to buyers, with the goal of making our furs 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 ECC's website for upcoming opportunities for NWT harvesters such as the trapper mentorship program and trapper training workshops that might be happening in your community or area.

For more information about 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).