



Fur Harvesters Auction

March Sale Results 2025

Fur Harvesters Auction (FHA) House in North Bay, Ontario, has completed the first of two auctions for 2025. NWT pelts had a clearance rate of 68%, due mostly to muskrat pelts, which had a clearance rate of 40%. NWT trappers sold 3,598 pelts during the March auction and generated almost \$300,000 in sales (\$288,028,99).

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 a successful one, showing increased prices for several furbearers, particularly marten, lynx, wolverine, and wolves.

Highlights

- Wolverine pelts that are taxidermy skinned continue to hit record high average prices. At the March auction, NWT wolverine pelts averaged \$639.57, with one selling for \$945. With the prime fur bonus of \$100, that wolverine pelt will bring in \$1,045.
- Marten pelts also saw a big jump in average price. The 1,508 pelts that NWT trappers sent sold at 100% clearance and averaged \$118.33, compared to 2024, when they averaged \$82.87. That's a 42.79% increase from 2024.
- Lynx also saw a huge jump in average price, hitting \$210.20, and all 78 lynx pelts that were offered were sold. In 2024, lynx pelts averaged \$193.71, that's an 8.51% increase. One lynx pelt sold for \$406, a price that hasn't been seen for decades. This is a great indicator that demand for lynx pelts is increasing.
- Arctic Wolves also saw an increase in average price, hitting \$363.84, up from \$330.34 in 2024. Three wolves sold for over \$1,000 during the March auction. These harvesters will receive around \$1,700 for each wolf, that's an impressive haul for a couple of days' work!
- Ermine, also called weasels, continued to rise in price, hitting double digits on average at \$10.66, up from \$7.54 in 2024, which is a 41.38% increase. All 160 sold. These small but mighty furbearers are in high demand right now, so send them in—the return on investment is a good one. Add the prime fur bonus and grubstake, and a well-handled average ermine will bring in almost \$17 per pelt.



March 19-21, 2025, Auction Results

Species	# of Pelts Offered	# of Pelts Sold	% of Pelts Sold	Highest \$ /Pelt	Average \$ /Pelt	Total \$ /Species
Beaver	330	150	45.45%	\$53.20	\$24.01	\$3,601.00
Mink	151	150	99.34%	\$25.20	\$15.08	\$2,261.70
Sable	1,508	1,508	100%	\$170.80	\$118.33	\$178,435.60
Otter	12	12	100%	\$72.80	\$42.71	\$512.50
Fisher	8	8	100%	\$98.00	\$73.68	\$589.40
Lynx	78	78	100%	\$406.00	\$210.20	\$16,395.40
Muskrat	2,190	879	40.14%	\$4.20	\$2.62	\$2,307.20
Squirrel	601	413	68.72%	\$5.60	\$2.19	\$905.31
Ermine	160	160	100%	\$13.30	\$10.66	\$1,705.90
Cross Fox	23	23	100%	\$92.40	\$64.49	\$1,483.30
White Fox	59	55	93.22%	\$128.80	\$69.21	\$3,806.60
Wolf	72	71	98.61%	\$1,190.00	\$363.84	\$25,832.80
Wolverine	30	30	100%	\$945.00	\$639.57	\$19,187.00
Coyote	3	3	100%	\$21.00	\$16.86	\$50.58
Silver Fox	2	2	100%	\$75.60	\$55.30	\$110.60
Grizzly Bear	13	13	100%	\$3,500.00	2,266.92	\$29,470.00
Red Fox	41	41	100%	\$89.80	\$28.05	\$1,150.10
Black Bear	2	2	100%	\$140.00	\$112.00	\$224.00
Totals	5,283	3598	68.11%			\$288,028.99



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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