

# ***2018-19 Furbearer Harvest Survey***

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The Furbearer Harvest Survey (FHS) is conducted at the end of trapping season. Most years since 2001, 60-70% of the furharvester license holders from each of nine physiographic provinces in Kansas have been surveyed. Recipient names were randomly selected from an online database of all furharvester license buyers.

Survey questions are divided into 5 sections: general information, trapping activities, hunting activities, running activities, and a special section. Harvest questions were the same from 1983-2008. In 2009, changes in question structure of the trapping section were made in an attempt to collect more accurate catch-per-unit-effort data (see questions 8-12 in Appendix 1).

Also beginning in 2009, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWP) began using SurveyMonkey™ to conduct web-based surveys. Not everyone is equipped for online surveys, so a traditional paper survey option has also been made available.

Extreme outlier responses are removed from the results on the basis that they are likely inaccurate (typing errors) or unique enough that their extrapolation to the population would inordinately impact estimates. An example this year was that one respondent reported having trapped 80 badgers. The other 96 respondents who trapped badgers reported between one and 30. The inclusion of that one response would have increased the badger harvest estimate by 27%.

Beginning in 2018, licenses became valid for 365 days from date of purchase rather than a calendar year. Furharvester licenses that were purchased between December 15, 2017 (a 2018 license) and March 31, 2019 would have been valid during the season. There were 7692 of these licenses sold, and from them a sample of 4615 (60%) was selected. The online database contained e-mails for 2338 (51%) of these individuals, but 209 (9%) were invalid or had opted out of SurveyMonkey™ surveys. An initial e-mail was sent to the remaining 2129 on March 27, 2019 containing a request for participation and a link to the survey. A reminder e-mail was sent to nonrespondents on April 18.

A single mailing consisting of a 2-page, 8.5"x11" paper survey (Appendix 1) was sent out on April 15, 2019 to e-mail nonrespondents and furharvesters without a deliverable e-mail on file (n=4015). The survey directed recipients online to a survey link, but could also be completed and returned in an enclosed postage paid envelope. A summary of the survey effort including response rates can be found in Table 1. The number of responses and the response rate of furharvesters within each physiographic province can be found in Figure 1. Respondents to the paper survey were asked to provide an e-mail address for future surveys if they had one. Respondents provided 165 new and 8 updated e-mail addresses.

Information provided by furharvesters is an estimate of their harvest and activities during the season. Results from bobcat and swift fox pelt tagging have typically been lower than the harvest estimates derived from the FHS, suggesting an overestimate by the FHS. Consequently, harvest figures obtained from this survey should be considered representative of annual harvest indices rather than parameters.

Survey results were extrapolated to represent total harvest and activity. Sixty-two percent of respondents indicated they participated in furharvesting activities during the 2018-19 season (i.e. were active). This is similar to the 60-64% who were active over the previous three seasons. Estimated furharvester distribution based on the county in which they conducted most of their furharvesting activities can be found in Figure 2.

Furharvesters spent an estimated 162,805 user days in pursuit of furbearers, including 90,819 days trapping, 55,995 days hunting, and 15,992 days running. These figures represent a 2.0% increase in combined user days from the previous season. Average days afield by trappers, hunters, and runners was similar to last season, changing from 38, 19 and 48 last season to 35, 18 and 47 this season, respectively. Participation in various combinations of furharvesting activities is presented in Table 2.

Harvest, participation, and activity levels for trapping, hunting and running are presented in Tables 3-5, respectively. Trappers account for the majority of harvest of most furbearer species. Coyotes are the main exception, but much of their harvest is by hunters without a furharvester license (coyotes are not a furbearer) and not estimated by this survey. The 2018 Small Game Hunter Activity Survey estimated harvest by these individuals at 65,287 coyotes. Combined with the harvest estimates from this survey, total coyote harvest in the state was 118,944. Hunters accounted for 74% of the total estimated coyote harvest (n=88,232).

Historical furbearer harvest in Kansas based on the Furbearer Harvest Survey can be found in Table 6. This year, total furbearer harvest (139,800) was up 10% from last season. Most notably, coyote harvest was up 13% from last season and was the highest on record (since 1969).

At the end of each survey, furharvesters are given the opportunity to provide comments on furharvesting in Kansas. These comments can be found in Appendix 2. All comments are read by the furbearer biologist, and an effort is made to respond to direct questions. At times, common themes from this questionnaire are addressed in some broadly distributed form such as the annual regulations summary (i.e. why are bobcats tagged, why these season dates, etc.). Opposing viewpoints are commonly expressed in this section by furharvesters, and it's certainly worth noting that there is opposition and support for nearly any regulatory change the Department could ever consider. In recent years, the most common comment has been a request for the Department to legalize some form of lights or night vision for hunting coyotes at night. Requests to increase the otter bag limit and expand season dates are probably next most common.

Table 1. Sample size and response rate of survey methods used to conduct the Furbearer Harvest Survey.

	Number	Non-deliverables	Response Rate	
			Number	Percent
E-mail	2338	209	600	28.2
Paper survey	4015 <sup>a</sup>	0	971	24.2
Total	4615	0	1571	34.0

<sup>a</sup> Sent to those without e-mails and e-mail nonrespondents.

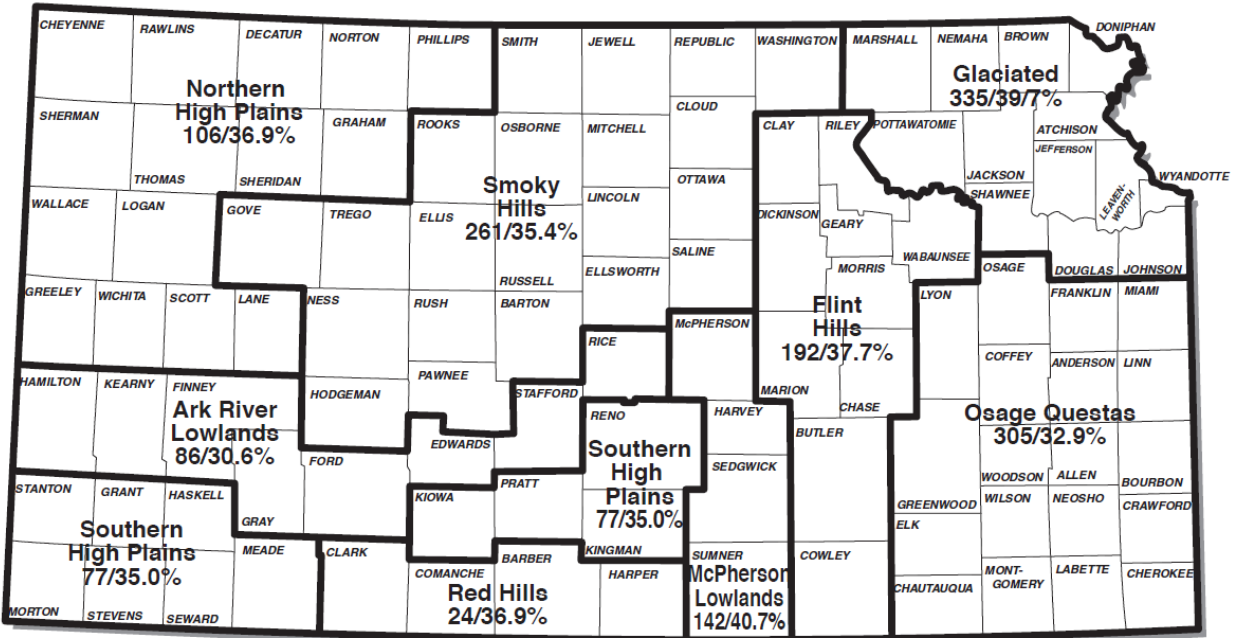


Figure 1. The number of survey respondents (number) and the response rate of furharvesters (percent) living within each physiographic province in Kansas. In addition, 43 nonresidents responded resulting in a 52% response rate for nonresidents.

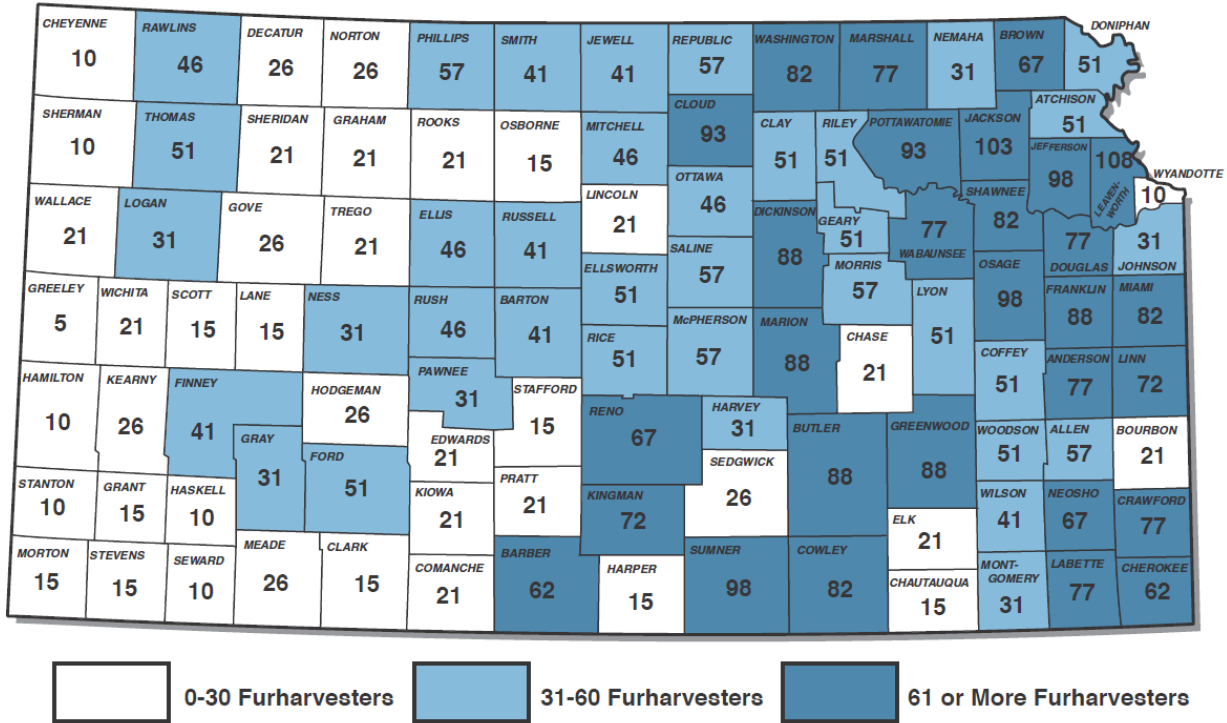


Figure 2. Estimated furharvester distribution in Kansas based on the county in which active survey respondents conducted most of their furharvesting activities.

Table 2. Estimated number and percent of 2018-19 season furharvester license holders (n=7692) who participated in various furharvesting activities.

Activity	Number of Furharvesters	Percent of Furharvesters
Inactive	2918	37.9
Trap only	1365	28.6
Hunt only	1739	36.4
Run only	20	0.4
Trap and hunt	1306	27.4
Trap and run	5	0.1
Hunt and run	270	5.7
Trap, hunt and run	69	1.4
<b>Total Participation</b>		
Total trappers	2746	57.5
Total hunters	3384	70.9
Total runners	363	7.6

Table 3. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for trappers in Kansas during the 2018-19 harvest season.

Species	Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Harvest	% of Trappers Who Pursued	Ave Traps/Day	Captures/100 Trap Days	Maximum Harvest	Ave Harvest/Trapper
Badger	122	1,285	22	16	2.3	30	2.3
Beaver	152	6,748	27	6	12.7	176	9.5
Bobcat	301	3,707	54	11	2.0	60	2.6
Coyote	386	30,615	69	17	3.8	396	17
Red Fox	62	414	11	10	2.2	9	1.4
Gray Fox	13	5	2	10	0.0	1	0.1
Swift Fox	10	65	2	23	0.1	8	1.4
Mink	20	289	4	12	1.4	39	3.1
Muskrat	67	7,502	12	9	14.9	731	24
Opossum	273	18,371	49	13	6.0	650	14.5
Otter	36	279	6	5	11.5	6	1.7
Raccoon	418	29,264	75	13	11.0	350	15
Skunk	189	5,425	34	15	4.7	90	6.2
Weasel	2	5	0	2	0.5	1	0.5

Table 4. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for hunters in Kansas during the 2018-19 harvest season.

Species	Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Harvest	% of Hunters Who Pursued	Harvest/100 Days	Maximum Harvest	Ave Harvest/Hunter
Badger	31	121	5	26.4	5	0.8
Bobcat	322	1,192	47	15.6	15	0.8
Coyote	603	22,940	89	61.9	190	8.2
Red Fox	42	93	6	6.4	8	0.5
Gray Fox	12	0	2	0.0	0	0.0
Swift Fox	11	0	2	0.0	0	0.0
Opossum	31	689	5	64.4	30	4.8
Raccoon	200	9,994	29	104.3	120	10.7
Skunk	17	149	2	49.3	8	1.9

Table 5. Treeing success, participation, and activity levels for furharvesters in Kansas during the 2018-19 running season.

Species	Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Take*	% of Runners Who Pursued	Take/100 Days*	Maximum Take*	Ave Take/Runner*
Bobcat	6	56	8	22.1	6	2
Red Fox	1	0	1	0	0	0
Gray Fox	1	0	1	0	0	0
Opossum	9	261	12	5	10	6.2
Raccoon	67	16,998	92	121.5	400	54.5

\*Take refers to the number of animals "seen or treed" while running.

Table 6. Historical harvest of furbearers in Kansas based on furbearer harvest survey.

Seasons	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat Tagging *	Bobcat	Coyote	Gray Fox	Red Fox	Swift Fox Tagging *	Swift Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Otter Tagging*	Otter	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Weasel
1975-76	1202	6484		1454	30150	539	638		closed	1875	51083	45994			102760	8703	
1976-77									closed								
1977-78	4054	5826		1705	35138	141	703		closed	1764	38167	45625			74731	9824	
1978-79	4530	5315	825	1705	50195	193	533		closed	2192	36639	51156			101450	15184	
1979-80	5882	19140	1050	1955	51380	245	888		closed	3378	75962	56937			133311	23297	
1980-81	2501	14939	1027	1966	35238	274	645		closed	3304	59063	49741			94754	16495	
1981-82	2673	5440	882	1730	32310	171	672		closed	2342	30703	59916			93823	15917	
1982-83	3708	7653	1014	1686	36526	247	795		1163	3583	49528	58138			87425	11453	
1983-84	1754	8908	1334	2471	31466	93	1193		740	1600	21791	19347			67042	4985	
1984-85	1774	11814	1869	3212	33066	122	876		426	1937	24863	31142			108694	6806	
1985-86	1348	15543	1916	2837	34418	117	487		314	1507	15241	30955			96708	6909	
1986-87	3009	14732	2720	4522	40999	107	961		1161	2571	25561	59190			119488	10460	21
1987-88	2402	12474	3192	4805	41460	123	1113		650	2619	33814	54714			118878	8847	23
1988-89	1417	13989	2878	4492	25387	235	672		442	1545	22822	24117			72028	4233	5
1989-90	476	9607	1560	2482	15314	30	462		264	630	7114	9775			38274	2043	4
1990-91	442	5214	1409	1694	11968	34	242		76	423	4083	5493			27137	1258	0
1991-92	571	5429	2043	2453	15941	77	509		93	713	3043	12427			43977	3576	0
1992-93	687	3044	1618	2307	16076	59	328		64	252	2115	8101			33710	3125	2
1993-94	649	5288	2413	2900	16595	55	731		73	368	2571	12727			48203	2610	146
1994-95	781	12123	3590	5352	17022	204	1003	48	34	746	6215	19692			64951	4131	9
1995-96	522	8089	3020	3932	14009	99	753	33	45	291	3598	16120			58600	2877	2
1996-97	874	10653	4296	7041	19794	179	1232	33	144	473	5451	29980			93190	8065	40
1997-98	876	13337	3347	6233	14398	71	823	17	25	718	9679	49437			108727	9323	101
1998-99	958	8606	2385	3938	12125	152	490	7	15	419	7445	26512			71709	6375	107
1999-00	451	8845	2121	3578	11920	191	455	5	0	257	7252	13051			51307	3887	11
2000-01	1094	9388	2731	4018	15054	97	559	6	24	164	3964	14294			56143	5460	0
2001-02	434	9617	3597	5286	15329	35	584	32	0	180	3348	17080			72918	5559	0
2002-03	910	7716	5054	6521	18577	62	578	86	203	246	4596	32595			79538	10255	0
2003-04	1760	7250	5963	9654	25407	64	625	178	470	303	2823	42125			94506	10952	40
2004-05	1469	7737	5353	7062	23322	140	783	86	129	230	4845	43356			84132	10910	0
2005-06	1312	7186	6021	7458	21861	89	459	58	135	206	5733	38909			66458	12730	3
2006-07	1882	11028	7234	9998	32494	179	774	70	309	439	8150	46965			87241	15583	0
2007-08	2020	6658	5668	9381	29305	84	976	65	136	209	5120	51138			93687	17669	4
2008-09	1619	6855	4080	5944	27100	84	707	98	27	177	5767	46113			85061	16748	0
2009-10	1109	4572	1944	3210	21554	67	426	39	130	179	5681	18763			41355	7384	0
2010-11	1898	9774	4809	8098	39152	43	988	43	126	371	15193	48296			97858	12755	5
2011-12	1591	9191	5918	7412	36460	54	732	113	325	210	8282	43758	127	139	101924	14060	8
2012-13	2017	9535	5926	8164	52681	90	898	246	620	225	5396	43844	128	196	121514	17553	0
2013-14	1661	8063	4990	7431	41694	51	838	239	252	154	5590	46584	158	175	117069	16101	5
2014-15	1794	7146	3044	4353	48444	18	801	151	349	235	9129	43138	169	216	93437	13022	0
2015-16	1602	6262	2319	3882	44124	55	427	75	100	226	5228	24538	115	186	51250	9994	0
2016-17	1014	3987	2563	3500	36269	0	391	35	105	100	6094	19836	132	187	39708	5929	0
2017-18	1122	4459	3900	4935	47499	12	512	93	142	98	5411	18442	167	197	38746	5187	0
2018-19	1406	6776	3065	4955	53657	5	507	62	65	293	7530	19359	128	284	39370	5588	5

## Special Section

The “Special Section” of the Furbearer Harvest Survey changes annually and is used to collect information and opinions from furharvesters on a diversity of topics that relate to furharvesting or furbearers. Past surveys have addressed subjects such as rare furbearer status, furharvester recruitment, and trap ownership and use. This year’s special section inquired about furharvester ownership and potential use of air rifles.

Air rifles are not currently legal equipment for furbearer harvest in Kansas, but some hunters and dealers have asked KDWP to reconsider their legality for hunting in Kansas. The ballistics of some of these guns are adequate for harvesting furbearers. We wanted to assess the potential interest by furharvesters in their use in Kansas.

One-third (33%) of respondents indicated they currently own a .22 caliber or larger air rifle that could potentially be used to harvest furbearers (Figure 3). About 40% of respondents indicated they were somewhat or very likely to use a .22 caliber or larger air rifle, if allowed, to harvest furbearers in Kansas within the next three years (Figure 4). These responses indicate fairly high support for allowing the use of air rifles to harvest furbearers in Kansas.

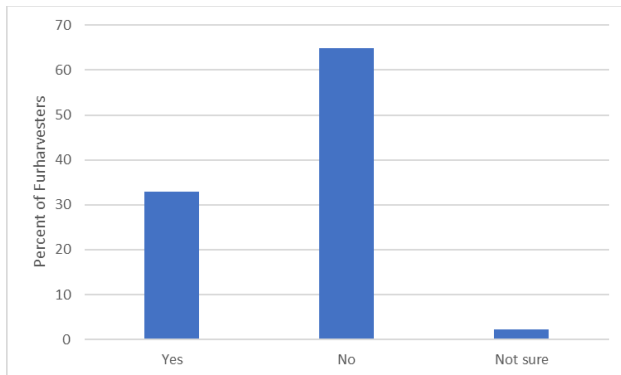


Figure 3. Current ownership by Kansas furharvesters of a .22 caliber or larger air rifle that could potentially be used to harvest furbearers.

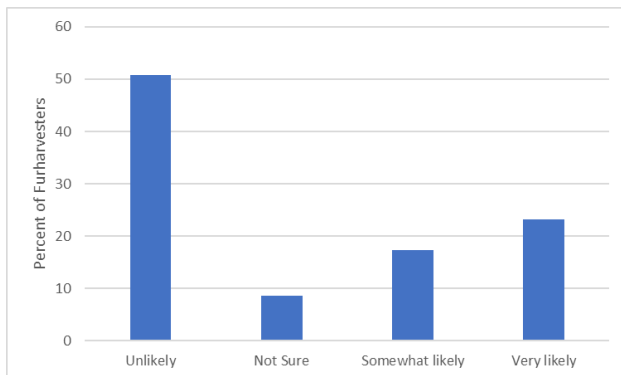


Figure 4. Likelihood by Kansas furharvesters, if allowed, of using a .22 caliber or larger air rifle to harvest furbearers in Kansas in the next three years.

Appendix 1.

Paper Version of the  
2018-19 Furbearer Harvest Survey





## 2018-19 Furbearer Harvest Survey

Your ID: «TXNL\_CUST\_ID»

Dear «CUST\_NAME»  
«CUST\_STREET»  
«CUST\_CITY», «CUST\_ST\_CNTRY» «CUST\_POSTAL\_CODE»

You have been selected to participate in the Kansas Furbearer Harvest Survey. Your name was randomly chosen from the list of furharvesters who purchased a license in the last year. This survey provides our best estimate of furharvester activity and is used to guide furbearer management decisions in Kansas.

Please complete the survey within 7 days and return in the postage paid envelope. Or if you have internet access, we would prefer you completed this survey online at: <https://www.research.net/r/Fur19>.

Please complete the survey even if you did not furharvest this year. Thank you for your participation!

Matt Peek, KDWPT furbearer biologist

### Instructions:

- Estimate your harvest activities even if you can't remember the exact numbers.
- Include your harvest information only. Do not include a hunting/trapping partner's catch.

1. Did you hunt or trap furbearers during the 2018-19 season, or did you run furbearers with dogs during the running season in 2018?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 24.)

2. In which county did you do most of your furharvesting in 2018-19? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did you **TRAP** for furbearers in Kansas during the 2018-19 season? (Questions about HUNTING & RUNNING furbearers will follow. This question is asking only if you TRAPPED.)

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 13.)

4. How many of each did you harvest by **TRAPPING** in Kansas during the 2018-19 season? (Enter "0" for those you tried to harvest but didn't catch any.)

Badger: _____	Coyote: _____	Swift Fox: _____	Otter: _____
Beaver: _____	Gray Fox: _____	Mink: _____	Raccoon: _____
Bobcat: _____	Red Fox: _____	Muskrat: _____	Striped Skunk: _____
	Opossum: _____	Weasel: _____	

5. How many total calendar days did you TRAP furbearers or coyotes in Kansas during the 2018-19 season? *The trapping season was 94 days (Nov 14-Feb 15) for all furbearers except beaver and otter, which were 138 days (Nov 14-Mar 31).*

Total days: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many calendar DAYS did you trap for each species? (Enter "0" if none.) *Count any day you had sets out that were intended or likely to catch that species. For example, if you caught opossums in your raccoon sets, record your raccoon trapping days for opossum also.*

Badger: _____ days	Opossum: _____ days
Bobcat: _____ days	Raccoon: _____ days
Coyote: _____ days	Striped Skunk: _____ days

7. During the time you trapped each species, how many TRAPS did you have set per day on average? *Count any trap that was intended or likely to catch that species. For example, if you caught opossums in your raccoon sets, record your raccoon trap numbers for opossum also.*

Badger: _____ traps	Opossum: _____ traps
Bobcat: _____ traps	Raccoon: _____ traps
Coyote: _____ traps	Striped Skunk: _____ traps

8. Did you set traps specifically for BEAVER?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 9.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for BEAVER? \_\_\_\_\_ days

b. During this time, how many BEAVER TRAPS did you have set per day on average? \_\_\_\_\_ traps

9. Did you set traps specifically for OTTER?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 10.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for OTTER? \_\_\_\_\_ days

b. During this time, how many OTTER TRAPS did you have set per day on average? \_\_\_\_\_ traps

10. Did you set traps specifically for RED FOX, GRAY FOX, or SWIFT FOX?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 11.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for each FOX species? (Enter "0" if none.) *Count any day you had sets out that were intended or likely to catch that species.*

Red fox: _____ days
Gray fox: _____ days
Swift fox: _____ days

b. During the time you trapped each species, how many TRAPS did you have set per day on average? *Count any trap that was intended or likely to catch that species.*

Red fox: _____ traps
Gray fox: _____ traps
Swift fox: _____ traps

11. Did you set traps specifically for MUSKRAT or MINK?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 12.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for MUSKRAT or MINK? (Enter "0" if none.) *Count any day you had sets out that were intended or likely to catch that species.*

Muskrat: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Mink: \_\_\_\_\_ days

b. During the time you trapped MUSKRAT or MINK, how many TRAPS did you have set per day on average? *Count any trap that was intended or likely to catch that species.*

Muskrat: \_\_\_\_\_ traps

Mink: \_\_\_\_\_ traps

12. Did you set traps specifically for WEASEL?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 13.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for WEASEL? \_\_\_\_\_ days

b. During this time, how many WEASEL TRAPS did you have set per day on average? \_\_\_\_\_ traps

13. Did you HUNT for furbearers or coyotes in Kansas during the 2018-19 season?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 17.)

14. How many of each did you harvest by HUNTING in Kansas during the 2018-19 season? (Enter "0" for those you hunted but didn't harvest.)

Badger: \_\_\_\_\_ Gray Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Opossum: \_\_\_\_\_

Bobcat: \_\_\_\_\_ Red Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Raccoon: \_\_\_\_\_

Coyote: \_\_\_\_\_ Swift Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Striped Skunk: \_\_\_\_\_

15. How many total calendar days did you HUNT furbearers or coyotes in Kansas during the 2018-19 season? *The furbearer hunting season was 94 days (Nov 14-Feb 15).*

Total days: \_\_\_\_\_

16. How many calendar DAYS did you HUNT for each species? (Enter "0" if none.)

Badger: \_\_\_\_\_ days Gray Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Opossum: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Bobcat: \_\_\_\_\_ days Red Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Raccoon: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Coyote: \_\_\_\_\_ days Swift Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Striped Skunk: \_\_\_\_\_ days

17. Did you RUN furbearers in Kansas during the 2018 running season (Mar 1-Nov 8, 2018)?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 21.)

18. How many of each did you "tree" during the 2018 running season in Kansas? (Enter "0" for those you hunted but didn't tree.)

Bobcat: \_\_\_\_\_ Red Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Raccoon: \_\_\_\_\_

Gray Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Opossum: \_\_\_\_\_

19. How many total calendar days did you RUN furbearers in Kansas during the 2018 season? *The furbearer running season was 253 days (Mar 1-Nov 8).*

Total days: \_\_\_\_\_

20. How many calendar DAYS did you RUN each species? (Enter "0" if none.)

Bobcat: \_\_\_\_\_ days Red Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Raccoon: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Gray Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Opossum: \_\_\_\_\_ days

### Special Section – Air Rifles

Twenty-two caliber and larger air rifles have become popular among some hunters. The ballistics of some of these guns are adequate for harvesting furbearers, and we would like to know how much interest there is in this potential use in Kansas.

21. Do you currently own a .22 caliber or larger air rifle that could potentially be used to harvest furbearers? (check one box)

- Yes  
 No  
 Not sure

22. If allowed, how likely would you be to use a .22 caliber or larger air rifle to harvest furbearers in Kansas in the next 3 years? (check one box.)

- Very likely  
 Somewhat likely  
 Unlikely  
 Not sure

23. If you have an e-mail address and are willing to receive a direct link to surveys such as this in the future, should your name be selected, please include it here: \_\_\_\_\_

24. If you have any comments or suggestions on furbearer management in KS, you can provide them here:

Thank you for your time and interest in Kansas furharvesting.

Appendix 2.

Furharvester Comments from the  
2018-19 Furbearer Harvest Survey

Comments
22 cal. rifles are not big enough for bobcats and coyotes
22cal not big enough for coyotes & bobcats
a week or two longer cat season, as they are haired up nicely still by the end of February
Add trapping to Senior Lifetime License.
AIR RIFLES ARE FOR SPARROWS NOT GAME
ALL CRP GROUND SHOULD BE PUBLIC HUNTING! GET RID OF THE PURPLE PAINT! SEASON SHOULD START DEC 1ST. DEER SEASON IS TOO LONG LET EVERYBODY KILL 2 FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!
ALL SEASONS NEED TO RUN TO THE 1ST OF MARCH
all the coons are getting distemper all dying
allow artificial light for predators.
allow night hunting for predators. Maybe charge night hunt permit fee?
allow night hunting Nebraska rules 7 regulations
Allow snaring next to public roads in rural areas.
Allow the harvest of more otter in Southwest Ks. Population is getting too large
Allow thermal for night hunting coyotes
Allow thermals for coyote/ bobcat hunting so we can get coyote populations under control!
Allow trapping on walk-in hunting fields
allow us to hunt at night for coyotes
allow use of thermal optics
Allowing red/green lights to be used for night hunting coyotes, bobcat, raccoons & fox
are still catching coyotes with mange every once in a while
AS A BIRD DOG OWNER I'D VOTE TO ILLIMATE KILL TRAPS
As a furharvester instructor, I don't agree with the online certification. Needs to be hands on. Cant find anybody to come to class.
Bad year- too wet!
BAITING DEER SHOUDL BE ILLEGAL & TRAIL CAMERAS
Because of the snow, I didn't get around like I normally do. Saw a lot more Bobcat tracks than normal because of the snow.
Bobcat tagging seems to be a hassle for game wardens. Is there anywhere else i can take them to get tagged if a warden is unavailable?
Commercial hunting in Kansas is a problem. Local people can't find a place to hunt & take the young ones out to hunt on land that was hunted in the past because now the land is least out. Let's get the young ones outdoors again. Give the young a chance to gain a love for the outdoors as we have?
conibear traps on dry land should be out lawed. Land with traps should be signed
Did not get a chance to go out this past winter. Will try to this next winter.
DID NOT HUNT OR RUN HOUNDS THIS PAST SEASON DUE TO HEALTH PROBLEMS + AGE 78. INTENDED TO HUNT NEXT SEASON AND ENJOY THE RUNNING VERY MUCH
DID NOT TRAP THE LAST 2 YEARS BECAUSE OF THE FUR PRICES ARE WAY TOO LOW
DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE RACCOON POPULATION FAR TOO MANY
DUE TO MY WIFE'S TERMINAL ILLNESS I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO HUNT ANYTHING FOR ABOUT 2 YEARS NOW. SORRY I CAN'T HELP.
Due to river being very high and more rain than normal, I did not trap this year.
Eliminate Coyote Dogs!!
extend bobcat season to end of February. Our cats are just reaching their prime when season ends.
extend furbearers season to end of February
extend muskrat season to coincide with beaver & otter.
Farmers complain about the "damage" to corn crops by raccoons and other animals, but won't let a guy hunt. I think there needs to be some changes made in how private property is being made unusable.
Furbearing animals are tough, A 22 Cal. or air rifle in most cases would only cripple a coyote & bobcat and other furbearers. I'm totally against using them. In the years I've called coyotes & bobcats you can't get them in close enough for a 22 or air rifle.
get non resident deer hunters out of the state!
Had 6 calves pulled from cow during birth, by coyotes. Tehy would kill the calf 7 run off, cow would recover from birthing & try to get calf to respond but to no avail. She would abandon the calf coyotes would return & carry the calf off. Amounts to a \$6,000 loss at market weight. Way to many coyotes this year.
HAVE THE STAFF IN ST PAUL ANSWER THE PHONE. I HAVE SEEN THEM LOOK AT CALLER ID AND WATCH IT RING, NOT RIGHT FOR A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
higher prices would help
Hunt coons year round would be great!

Hunt coyotes at night
hunting with lights and thermals should be allowed
i am willing to help in anyway I can so we can continue to trap in the future. Also like to take kids with me ever chance I get. they are our future. I would like to help out if you have any class for kids and adults for trapping, hunting.
I appreciate how helpful & professional your CO's are
I bow hunt during deer season, not a trapper
I BUY A PERMIT IN CASE I DECIDE TO TRAP OR HUNT. BASICLY I JUST DONATE BECAUSE I DON'T TRAP OR HUNT
I did not get to trap any at all this last season there was no where to set traps in garden city Kansas Finney county any info on where to trap would be greatly appreciated
I do not hunt or trap for sport. Have a lc through Ks State board of Ag. Trap as a mitigation service. Remove animals that have become a problem.
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO READY MY BILLS LET ALONE THIS!!!!!! VERY BUSY VERY BUSY WITH RANCH, TIRE SHOP & AUCTIONS. PLEASE DON'T SEND ME ANYTHING I HAVE TO STOP AND READ!!!!
I don't sell fur, just kill a few to eat in season. Would like to see kill season open year round. With one a night limit. Also would like to see the use of deer feeders stopped. Because some hunters poison coons so they don't have to feed the. They use (withheld).
I have pcp air rifles up to 9mm size pellets and they shoot very well and hard hitting. I would like to see some kind of hunting change on coyotes for at night. I hunt a lot of farm ground that the farmers have issues with them and it can be hard to get them in daylight hours and traps don't work because of cats and dogs around the area.
I hunt and trap coyotes, hoping to help the deer population not th sell the hides. We have so many coyotes and I know they kill most of our fawns.
I hunt on private land most of the time. I AVOID hunting on public land because you have to use the online check in & out system on the public areas I would like to use. this is not the way to maintain "OUR" land use.
I mainly archery hunt, even when hunting furbearers, but was unable to make it out in the field this year only once. However, with archery you have to rely on full moon to even begin to illuminate fiber optic sights at night. I could have gone many more times at night, which obviously the furbearers are more active, but with archery, it's pointless because to stay legal you cannot use any artificial light even on bow sights. Please consider archery hunters during the furbearer season. Please consider allowing the use of "Slow Glow" type lighting on bait or attraction sights or artificial light to illuminate your bow sight pins. I fully understand fair chase. But, what's more fair chase, shooting a furbearer at 200 yards with a rifle or taking one with a bow at less than 20 yards with the aid of lighted pins or slow glow lighting (obviously if allowed)? Full moons only allow maybe 4 days of hunting at best per month, length of the season only allows maybe two or three full moons. Also, the area I hunt has houses within less than 1/4 mile, numerous furbearers which should be controlled but have mainly gone nocturnal due to the human activity which makes daylight hunting not optimal at all. Trapping, isn't the best either due to neighbors pets visiting the area from time to time. I would think that areas closer to suburban areas would benefit with increased archery furbearer hunters if the bow was made more of a useful and effective conservation tool to allow better nighttime hunting of furbearers. Species identification would be another good benefit as well for the slow glow type lighting. Just my 2 cents for what it's worth.
I only get a fur bearer's license to use in case I come across any while I am bow hunting for whitetail deer.
I only trap beavers to help control the population & help protect the trees & river banks
I really like that for harvesters permit is good for 365 days From the date of purchase now.
I see a great potential for better furbearer management through the use of harvesting with a .22 or larger rifle. I believe it would be a great way to better manage the population and also bring more people in that don't like the idea of using traps.
i still feed 4 coonhounds all year & enjoy my dogs. coon kill numbers really don't mean much to me any more as they an't worth nothing anyway
I think fur bearer management in Kansas is in good shape. I would like to be able to set for muskrat while trapping beaver and otter later in the season
I think you should be able to kill one raccoon a night during running season. Fur prices low seeing coon with distemper. To help manage coon population
I think you should look into use of thermal/night vision for hunting predators
I trapped Missouri til Dec.20th or so. Extend muskrat season to Feb. 15. 48 hr. check on conibears in watersets.
I tried the online survey earlier in the yr. but was not able to log on to it. I would enjoy it more if you would drop the prices on the license. the fur prices are at a all time low. I spend gas and food money in Kansas all the time. I don't mind paying my share but the license is not cheap just to run dogs.
I understand thermal scopes will now be legal in Ks. I commend you on this!
I used a .177 air rifle when I was 14-15. Mostly not using my hand but they work great by putting small holes in the head. Ive used one ever sense. Great guns!
I was not able to bring the survey up online
I wish there were more places to hunt, outfitters and nonresidents have leased up all of the land in southeast Kansas that it makes it harder for hounds men to hunt, wish we can find a solution so the hounds men tradition will not perish, thank you

I would be interested in night hunting coyote. with the aid of lights.
i would like to be able to hunt mountain lion
I would like to have Kansas change to be able to hunt coyotes at night with artificial light as our neighboring states can.
I would like to know how to purchase a book on all rules & regulations on trapping steel & snares
i would like to no more about the river otter population in North East Kansas and if it is growing still. Also the American mink. Also about bobcat populations in general per square mile in far NE Kansas. I spend a lot of time afield and see minimal otter and mink sign.
I would like to see "official" rules on whether one trap tag is sufficient or all "partner's" tags need to be affixed when more than one person is involved. Also, is there a "provision" to allow covering a foothold trap making it temporarily (Examp.: a few days for a holiday break) inoperable instead of having to inspect at least once every day or having to "pull it" for that time period?
i would like to see a longer season for raccoons since the fur prices are so low. They are getting over populated & might be the season for recent turkey decline in my area.
i would like to see a season on coyotes instead of year around . you have a season on everything else why not them ?
I would like to see a year round hunting season on Raccoons, like the season on Coyotes. Many farmers want the Raccoons controlled during the summer. Year round hunting on Coyotes hasn't reduced the amount of Coyotes. At least not that i can tell.
I would like to see air guns be a legal weapon for furbearers
I would like to see checks mandated from once every 24 hrs to once every 48 hrs.
I would like to see Kansas allow coyote callers be able to use thermals. Think this would help with control.
I would like to see Kansas legalize night hunting of predators using infrared or thermal lights.
I would like to see more beginner, intermediate, and advanced trapping courses as well as more trapping suppliers
I would like to see season extended to end of February, I usually do not start trapping till late December or early January.
I would like to see the legal use of lights to hunt coyotes like many other states allow.
I would like to see the season stay open through the end of February. I get lots of furbearer complaints right after i pull my traps feb 15th. That would give me 2 extra weeks to keep trapping and removing problem animals. Thanks
I would not agree with hunting animals listed w/ a .22 caliber air pistol/rifle.
I write column (withheld) for the (newspaper) and write of trapping frequently. I believe quail and fur prices are related. KDWPT should subsidize furbuyers \$6 per coon, \$5 of which goes to the trapper. Even \$5 will keep trappers in the field. Consider increased prices of tags and permits, money should be available to allocate towards this. Thank you.
if fur prices were higher I would trap every species
if the price of fur don't go up there is going to be a lot of them
If this is random picking, why am I always picked every year?
<b>IF YOU ARE GOING TO ALLOW COYOTE COMPETIONS, STOP WHEN FIRST HUNTER GETS FIVE</b>
<b>IF YOU ASK IF WE HUNTED OR TRAPPED FURBEARERS AT ALL AND I MARK NO THEN WHAT IS THE POINT OF THE REST OF THIS?</b>
I'm a bit concerned about the potential increase in the otter bag limit. I feel that more effort needs to be made in population estimates of otters throughout the state before confidently increasing the limit.
I'm pleased with the Ks regulations/seasons for coyote & bobcat
In my area they keep draining the marshes for some reason. I don't hunt but a lot of people drive in when they see all the marshes on the map just to find a dry hole.
It is getting to costly to buy all permits and licenses when hides are not worth nothing but i do it to manage the species
<b>it WOULD BE AWESOME IF WE HAD A SPOTLIGHTING SEASON SO WE COULD HUNT AT NIGHT</b>
Just learning to trap and call during season which makes numbers for success low.
keep up the good work
Ks needs to start a bounty program on coon and Beaver or worse problems will arrive with fur markets down
<b>LACK OF PLACES TO TRAP</b>
laws are too confusing. Took fur ed course in 2013. I need to buy a permit each year? They have to be tagged by Ranger? It really confusing. I'm a bowhunter and from time to time a see bobcats. In'r not hunting them but just get lucky while deer hunting. The laws are too confusing concerning bobcats.
<b>LAZERS BE ALOWD TO COON HUNT, MO. DOES WHEN SHOOTING OUT COON</b>
<b>LEAVE BOBCAT SEASON OPEN UNTIL MARCH 1.</b>
Legalize night vision scopes for night hunting furbearers
Legalize the use of .22 cal and larger air rifles
legalize the use of artificial light for predator calling
Legalize thermals for night hunting coyotes
lengthen the season
let hounds hunt again
Let us hunt coyotes at night
Let us older hunters use laser sights for more effective harvest

Let's try to find away to hunt furbearers at night?
like to see longer seasons
License Fee's Are Too High and discourage purchase
longer bobcat season
longer or no season on badger for complaints
Lots of mange in Northern Miami Co. out of 5 coyotes, I skinned 1!
Make bobcat season begin earlier to allow deer hunters during bow season more opportunities.
make it easier for fur buyers to set up shop its getting hard to sell furs
Make it illegal for non resident deer hunters to shoot our coyotes and bobcats please
Make it legal to take furbearers and coyotes at night with aid of a light with rim fire rifle. Season to start Jan. 1st - end of season.
make Kansas unlimited on otters.
make night hunting legal for coyotes with aid of light
more days, make all furbearers 138 days. Some of us can't trap until all the deer season have expired
more than 24 hrs. to ck traps. Need 2 days
muskrat season should run season same as beaver. Their fur is prime & you're already wet.
my just 22 or larger why not .17 cal?
need more land & options to trap/hunt furbearers in Kansas to keep younger kids interested to help control the population which I feel will help upland bird numbers
Need some public trapping land.
need to include trapping on WIHA
Need to look at hunting coyotes with shotguns and lights. I call coyotes with an e-call and use decoy dogs.
Need to up the limit on otter. I trap for Crawford County and we are getting a lot of complaints from people they are spread all through the county killing a lot of fish in pounds and pits.I have seen them all over in Crawford Co. We can't keep them out of our traps.
Night hunting for predator control needs to be legalized. Night vision, infrared, spotlights, etc
night time predator calling if you own ground, no minimum acre limit
<b>NO ONE WILL LET YOU HUNT DURING DEER SEASON. NEED SHORTER DEER SEASON</b>
<b>NO YOUR DOING A GOOD JOB, BUT WHAT IS THE QUESTION ABOUT THE .22'S OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS</b>
none of your business if I own a 22 or air rifle! Just trapping my own land
only trap raccoons
Only trapped as damage control for beavers got the dam builder
Only trapped on deer lease.
<b>OPEN MORE GOV. GROUND TO COON HUNTING, ITS DYING OUT NOT ENOUGH PLACES TO HUNT, MANY NON COON HUNTERS HAVE COON PROBLEMS ON FEEDERS, IN TRASH, PET FOOD. COON HUNTING ISN'T ABOUT THE KILLING COONS ITS ABOUT THE DOGS.</b>
Open season oct first thru feb28
otter limit should be raised to 4/person/year. The population growth in some areas is climbing too quickly in my opinion as they are clearing fish from ponds near major rivers (from what I have seen)
Otter numbers are exponentially increasing in southeast Kansas. Please increase bag in an effort to maintain numbers at an acceptable population.
Otters have decimated the fish in my pond. Please allow more otters to be harvested.
our deer population in Unit 8 is very poor!
<b>PLAN TO TRAP KS 2019-2020</b>
Please close the fall turkey season in Kingman county. We need to build our bird population back up
Please do something for pheasant and turkey
Please encourage more harvest of especially raccoons. I see multiple raccoons running together at night on my trail cameras. They have to have a huge impact on our upland birds & turkey nests.
please make it legal to have pet skinks in Kansas
prices of furbearer's have become too low to trap furbearer's this past season
put a bounty on coyotes
<b>PUT A BOUNTY ON COYOTES.....</b>
Raise fur prices
Remove limit on otter.
Remove otter limit. They are taking over
Remove the 2 otter limit.
<b>SAW ALOT OF PHEASANTS BUT MORE COYOTES THAN I HAVE SEEN FOR A LONG TIME, DEER #'S ARE WAY</b>

DOWN
SEASON NEEDS TO BE EXTENDED TO MARCH 1
SHIFT SEASONS WITH THE CHANGE OF CLIMATE
start bobcat allowed take @ Christmas & extend to end of February.
start season at sunrise of opening day
Start the trapping season 1 week later and expand the season 1 week later.
Thank you for adding my id number in the survey. (name withheld) is a good man.
thank you for all you do!
Thank you for allowing non-residents to trap. Enjoy the renewable wildlife resources that you manage so well. Would love to buy a hunting license also to harvest coyotes with night vision optics. Feel free to call Ohio if you have questions as it is legal in my home state! Very efficient tool to use to control coyotes.
THANK YOU!
THANKS FOR MANAGING, KEEP IT UP
The 2 coyotes we hunted/harvested were vey mangy
The fur harvest was short this season due to all the rain, snow and mud. Couldn't keep sets working due to weather and with all the mud from heavy rains didn't want to tear up the land owners property. Hopefully next season the weather will cooperate.
the furbearers number continue to grow. Would like to be able to hunt at night with some kind of night light
The otter limit isn't needed. They are everywhere 7 landowners kill a lot that never get reported. No need to set for otter as you'll catch your 2 as incidentals in beaver or rat traps on huts. Why can't we gat our cats in the sametime frame as otter? Why is 7 days to report so important? that is only really 5 days because the MLWA office is closed on weekends & then that same week they are gone to training the past several yrs. & nobody is there at the office. Sure would help to have the sametime frame as otters and tag everything at once. Missouri does this!
The population of raccoons are exploding due to the lack of harvest. I trap exclusively for farmers when I have a chance just to help control numbers.
The price fro fur is so low, I haven't been doing any trapping, game camera has picked up plenty amounts of raccoons, coyotes, bobcats,
The rain & wet winter ruined my trapping season.
this year I did not seat any steel traps for furbearers, they were all snares.
too many raccoons
tough winter, not time for trapping. Did catch a 38# female coyote
Trapping in our state is great.Don't change a thing.
using artificial light for hunting coyotes should be an option, as it is in many states.
Way too many Coons. I think you should be able to trap them year round just like coyotes
We need a night hunting permit system for Beaver.
We need to allow night hunting for all furbearers. Even if it means limiting weapons to shotguns or rimfires. We are one of very few states that do not allow this.
We need to be able to hunt coyote at night with thermal and night vision
We need to grow the interest and the sport itself. Very under utilized resource.
We should be able to use lights to hunt coyotes
WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BUY A LICENSE JUST TO SHOOT A BOBCAT DURING DEER SEASON
What are the regulations on trapping WIHA if any? Coyote mange is roughly 20% in my county. Hopefully with removing the high population of coyotes the fawn crop will turn out good as well less calves lost due to coyotes.
when are the houndsmen going to stop losing dog to conibear trap?
Why am I randomly selected every year some others may like to participate also
WILL NOT PROVIDE INFO ON WHAT GUNS I OWN, LIKE PAPER SURVEYS, AND YOU GUYS DO A GOOD JOB.
wish fur prices would go up. I would start trapping again.
Work put me on the road during most of season can't run traps when not home.
Would like the state to consider the use of thermal and night vision scopes to harvest coyotes, bobcats, and raccoons!
Would like to see a year long salvage tag available for roadkill animals, even if it means that the local game warden has to be present to tag the carcass. I feel that it is a waste to let these carcasses go to waste along the side of the road.
Would like to see the bobcat and badger season run till the end of Feb. Their skins are worthless at the beginning of season and it opens too early on those species!
would like to see the use of motor vehicles to pursue coyotes made illegal. It seems unethical & causes many issues for landowners
YOU are going to kill my dog setting 220 killer traps on land!
you guys do great! Keep up the good work! It's greatly appreciated!
you need to expand kill season and running season. don't need to close season



you need to start trapping season later and end later the fur doesn't prime up until dec. here we should be allowed to trap till the end of feb. this also gives us more time to trap areas we could not trap during pheasant season for the fear of catching hunting dogs
Your licenses for trapping Hunting and fishing are becoming outrageously high priced. Its sad what it cost.
Your life time furharvest license is too high turkey permits are to high to shoot a turkey really & deer
your tag price is high here in Ks. need's to be lowered.
You're doing a fine job. I still haven't caught. Seen. Documented a mountain lion yet. Still waiting Lol. (nickname withheld)

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