

# **2024-25 BOBCAT PELT TAGGING REPORT**

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An enumeration of bobcats taken in Kansas has been conducted annually since 1978. This project is accomplished with tags provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, under the CITES Export Tag Program. In 2024, Kansas used yellow “KS BCAT” tags below number 88160. A total of 132 KDWP employees and offices were issued tags for the 2024-25 furharvesting season.

CITES tags were affixed to the pelts of 2664 bobcats taken in Kansas during the furharvesting season. This was a 22% increase in harvest from last season (2185) and 9% above the 5-year average (2451). The number of bobcats pelt tagged annually can be found in **Figure 1**.

Bobcats were taken in 100 of 105 counties. The number of bobcats taken in each county is presented in **Figure 2**. The estimated number of bobcats taken each day of the season is presented in **Figure 3**.

Bobcats may be taken using equipment authorized in K.A.R. 115-5-1 or salvaged during the harvest season. A total of 874 furharvesters took bobcats during the season. **Table 1** provides a breakdown of the methods furharvesters used to take bobcats and the primary species being pursued at the time the bobcat was taken. The total season bag of each furharvester is given in **Table 2**.

After the initial tag allocation, tag accountability was maintained via reports from KDWP employees or offices issued tags. After the season, each was responsible for inventorying unused tags and accounting for all tags they were issued. Unused tags were then destroyed or retained by each tagger or returned to the Emporia office. Bobcats taken outside the furharvesting season (n=2) were not included in this analysis.

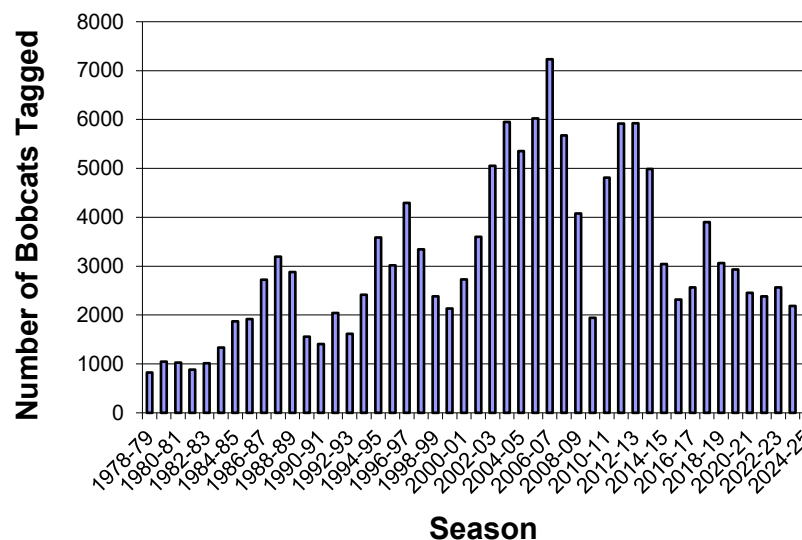


Figure 1. Number of bobcats pelt tagged annually since tagging began in 1978.

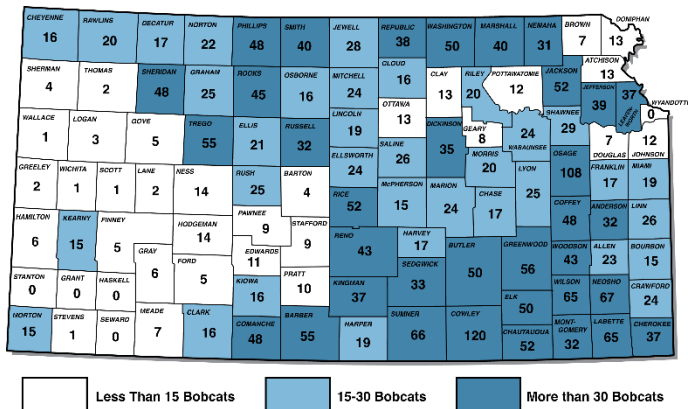


Figure 2. Number of bobcats taken per county during the 2024-25 furharvesting season in Kansas (n = 2664).

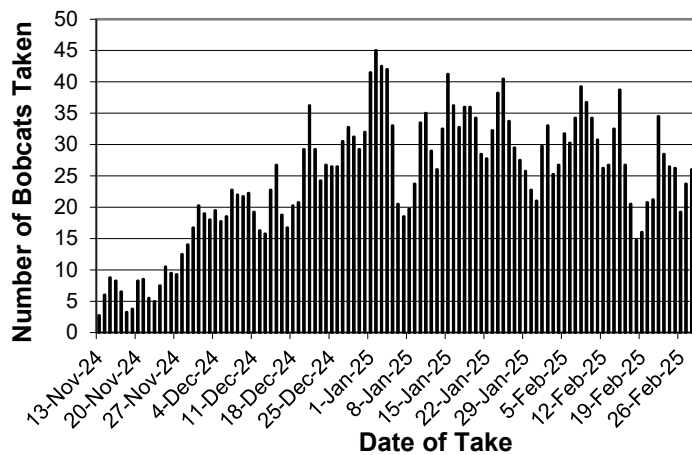


Figure 3. Estimated number of bobcats taken per day during the 2024-25 furharvesting season. (Data smoothed:  $y(i) = .5y(i) + .25y(i+1) + .25y(i-1)$ .)

Table 2. Total season bag of bobcats per furharvester during the 2024-25 season.

| Total Season Bag | Number of Furharvesters | Percent of Furharvesters | Cumulative Percent of Furharvesters | Total number of Bobcats Taken | Percent of Bobcats Taken | Cumulative Percent of Bobcats Taken |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1                | 443                     | 50.7%                    | 50.7%                               | 443                           | 16.6%                    | 16.6%                               |
| 2                | 152                     | 17.4%                    | 68.1%                               | 304                           | 11.4%                    | 28.0%                               |
| 3                | 76                      | 8.7%                     | 76.8%                               | 228                           | 8.6%                     | 36.6%                               |
| 4                | 55                      | 6.3%                     | 83.1%                               | 220                           | 8.3%                     | 44.9%                               |
| 5                | 38                      | 4.3%                     | 87.4%                               | 190                           | 7.1%                     | 52.0%                               |
| 6                | 20                      | 2.3%                     | 89.7%                               | 120                           | 4.5%                     | 56.5%                               |
| 7                | 12                      | 1.4%                     | 91.1%                               | 84                            | 3.2%                     | 59.6%                               |
| 8                | 20                      | 2.3%                     | 93.4%                               | 160                           | 6.0%                     | 65.7%                               |
| 9                | 9                       | 1.0%                     | 94.4%                               | 81                            | 3.0%                     | 68.7%                               |
| 10               | 7                       | 0.8%                     | 95.2%                               | 70                            | 2.6%                     | 71.3%                               |
| 11               | 8                       | 0.9%                     | 96.1%                               | 88                            | 3.3%                     | 74.6%                               |
| 12               | 6                       | 0.7%                     | 96.8%                               | 72                            | 2.7%                     | 77.3%                               |
| 13               | 8                       | 0.9%                     | 97.7%                               | 104                           | 3.9%                     | 81.2%                               |
| 14               | 3                       | 0.3%                     | 98.1%                               | 42                            | 1.6%                     | 82.8%                               |
| 16               | 1                       | 0.1%                     | 98.2%                               | 16                            | 0.6%                     | 83.4%                               |
| 17               | 3                       | 0.3%                     | 98.5%                               | 51                            | 1.9%                     | 85.3%                               |
| 18               | 1                       | 0.1%                     | 98.6%                               | 18                            | 0.7%                     | 86.0%                               |
| 20               | 1                       | 0.1%                     | 98.7%                               | 20                            | 0.8%                     | 86.7%                               |
| 21               | 1                       | 0.1%                     | 98.9%                               | 21                            | 0.8%                     | 87.5%                               |
| 22               | 1                       | 0.1%                     | 99.0%                               | 22                            | 0.8%                     | 88.4%                               |
| 23               | 1                       | 0.1%                     | 99.1%                               | 23                            | 0.9%                     | 89.2%                               |
| 25               | 1                       | 0.1%                     | 99.2%                               | 25                            | 0.9%                     | 90.2%                               |
| 27               | 2                       | 0.2%                     | 99.4%                               | 54                            | 2.0%                     | 92.2%                               |
| 32               | 3                       | 0.3%                     | 99.8%                               | 96                            | 3.6%                     | 95.8%                               |
| 55               | 1                       | 0.1%                     | 99.9%                               | 55                            | 2.1%                     | 97.9%                               |
| 57               | 1                       | 0.1%                     | 99.9%                               | 57                            | 2.1%                     | 97.9%                               |
| Total            | 874                     |                          |                                     | 2664                          |                          |                                     |

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Table 1. Method of harvest and the primary species being pursued when bobcats were taken during the 2024-25 furharvesting season in Kansas.

| Method of Harvest |                      | Target Species |        |         |       |     |        |        |         |      |              |        |                      |         | Total Number | Total Percent |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------|---------|-------|-----|--------|--------|---------|------|--------------|--------|----------------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
|                   |                      | Bobcat         | Coyote | Raccoon | Skunk | Fox | Badger | Beaver | Opossum | Deer | Upland Birds | Rabbit | Unspecified or Other | Salvage |              |               |
| Trapping          | Foothold Trap        | 1020           | 175    | 6       |       |     |        | 1      |         |      |              |        | 3                    |         | 1205         | 45.2          |
|                   | Bodygrip Trap        | 87             | 2      | 6       | 2     |     | 1      |        | 1       |      |              |        |                      |         | 99           | 3.7           |
|                   | Cage Trap            | 305            | 5      | 10      |       | 1   |        |        |         |      |              |        | 5                    |         | 326          | 12.2          |
|                   | Snare                | 185            | 34     | 2       |       |     |        |        |         |      |              |        |                      |         | 221          | 8.3           |
|                   | SUBTOTAL             | 1597           | 216    | 24      | 2     | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1       | 0    | 0            | 0      | 8                    | 0       | 1851         | 69.5          |
| Hunting           | Rifle                | 383            | 212    | 1       |       |     |        |        |         | 31   |              | 1      | 4                    |         | 632          | 23.7          |
|                   | Shotgun              | 30             | 12     | 2       |       |     |        |        |         | 1    | 11           |        |                      |         | 56           | 2.1           |
|                   | Archery              | 10             | 2      |         |       |     |        |        |         | 18   |              |        |                      |         | 30           | 1.1           |
|                   | Hounds               | 4              |        |         |       |     |        |        |         |      |              |        |                      |         | 4            | 0.2           |
|                   | SUBTOTAL             | 427            | 226    | 3       | 0     | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0       | 50   | 11           | 1      | 4                    | 0       | 722          | 27.1          |
| Other             | Salvage              |                |        |         |       |     |        |        |         |      |              |        |                      | 82      | 82           | 3.1           |
|                   | Unspecified or Other | 9              |        |         |       |     |        |        |         |      |              |        |                      |         | 9            | 0.3           |
|                   | SUBTOTAL             | 9              | 0      | 0       | 0     | 0   | 0      |        |         | 0    | 0            | 0      | 0                    | 82      | 91           | 3.4           |
| Total Number      |                      | 2033           | 442    | 27      | 2     | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1       | 50   | 11           | 1      | 12                   | 82      | 2664         |               |
| Total Percent     |                      | 76.3           | 16.6   | 1.0     | 0.1   | 0.0 | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0     | 1.9  | 0.4          | 0.0    | 0.5                  | 3.1     |              | 100.0         |