



Nutria Eradication Program Update

Field Update

Since March 2018, the nutria eradication efforts in California have:

- Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 1.9 M acres
- Executed entry permits with nearly 5,300 landowners for over 13,600 parcels in 20 counties
- Set up 14,304 camera stations (1,022 currently active) and conducted 117,503 camera checks
- Detected nutria in 1,502 sites (40-acre cells)
- Deployed 19,741 trap sets (336 currently active) for ~210,000 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 7,512 nutria (since Mar 2017)
 - Merced- 3,092
 - Fresno- 1,977
 - Solano- 1,061
 - Stanislaus- 1,005
 - Madera- 133
 - San Joaquin- 110
 - Sacramento- 61
 - Contra Costa- 30
 - Mariposa- 27
 - Kings- 16
 - See Figure 2 for distribution of take by county, by year. See www.wildlife.ca.gov/nutria for an interactive map showing locations and densities of nutria taken over time

Of 7,512 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1.2 sex ratio (M:F)
- 9,528 fetal nutria have been removed from the population
- Litter size ranged from 1-14, with an average of 6.1
 - 21% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 67% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 70% of adult (>14 months of age) females have been pregnant
 - Average litter size for adult females (> 14 mos.) in California is 6.6

Table 1. The total number of cells with nutria taken, total number of nutria taken, and average number of nutria taken per cell, by year from March 2017 to December 8, 2025.

Year	Total (unique) cells with nutria taken	Total # nutria taken	Average # nutria taken per cell
2017	7	21	3.0
2018	57	349	6.1
2019	73	492	6.7
2020	157	1,239	7.9
2021	145	701	4.8
2022	112	580	5.2
2023	120	677	5.6
2024	214	1,353	6.3
2025	244	2,076	8.5
2026	8	24	3.0
Total Across Years	774	7,512	9.7

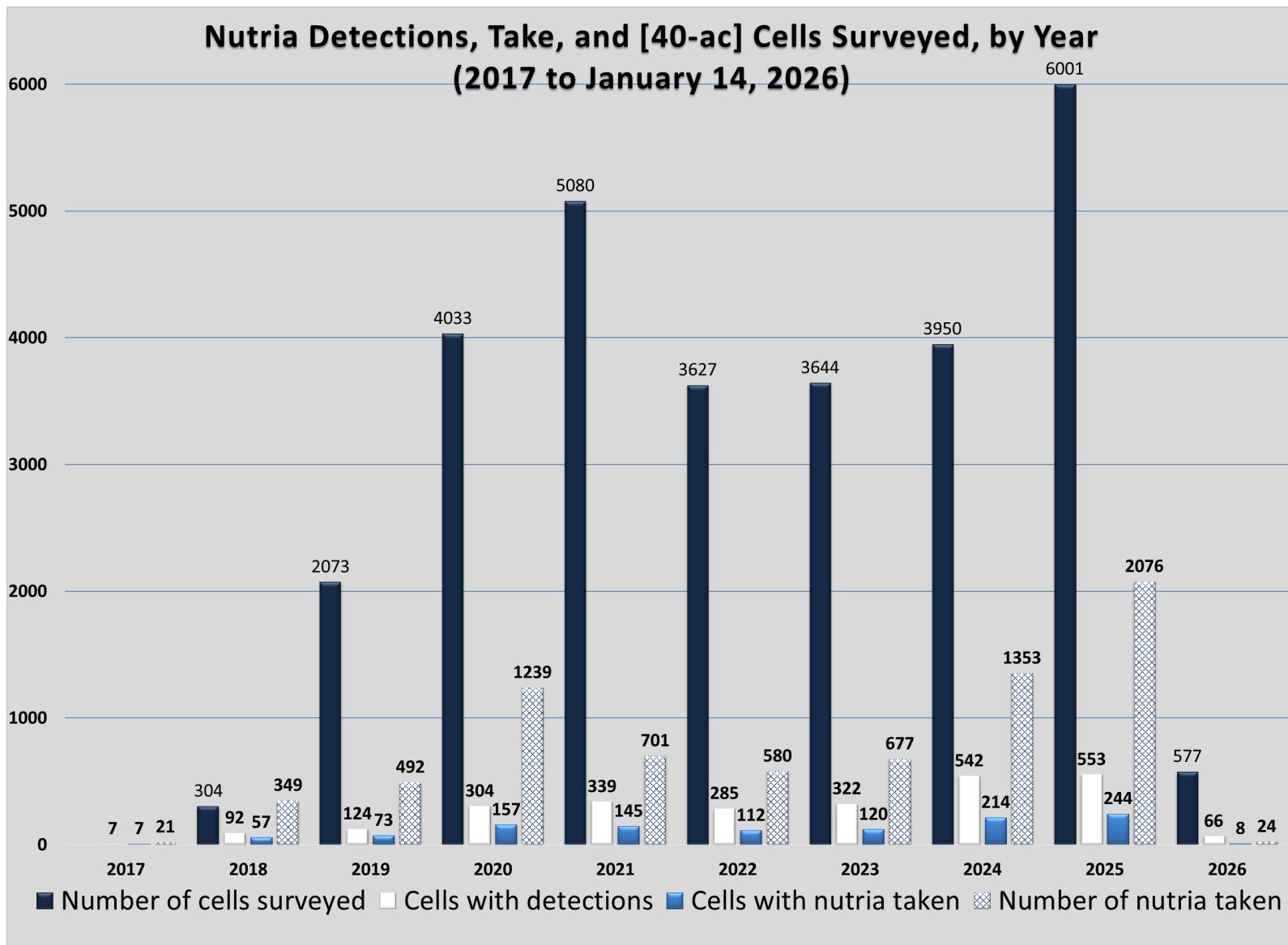


Figure 1. The total number of 40-acre cells (sites) surveyed, number of cells with nutria detections, number of cells with nutria taken, and total number of nutria taken, by year from March 2017 to January 14, 2026.

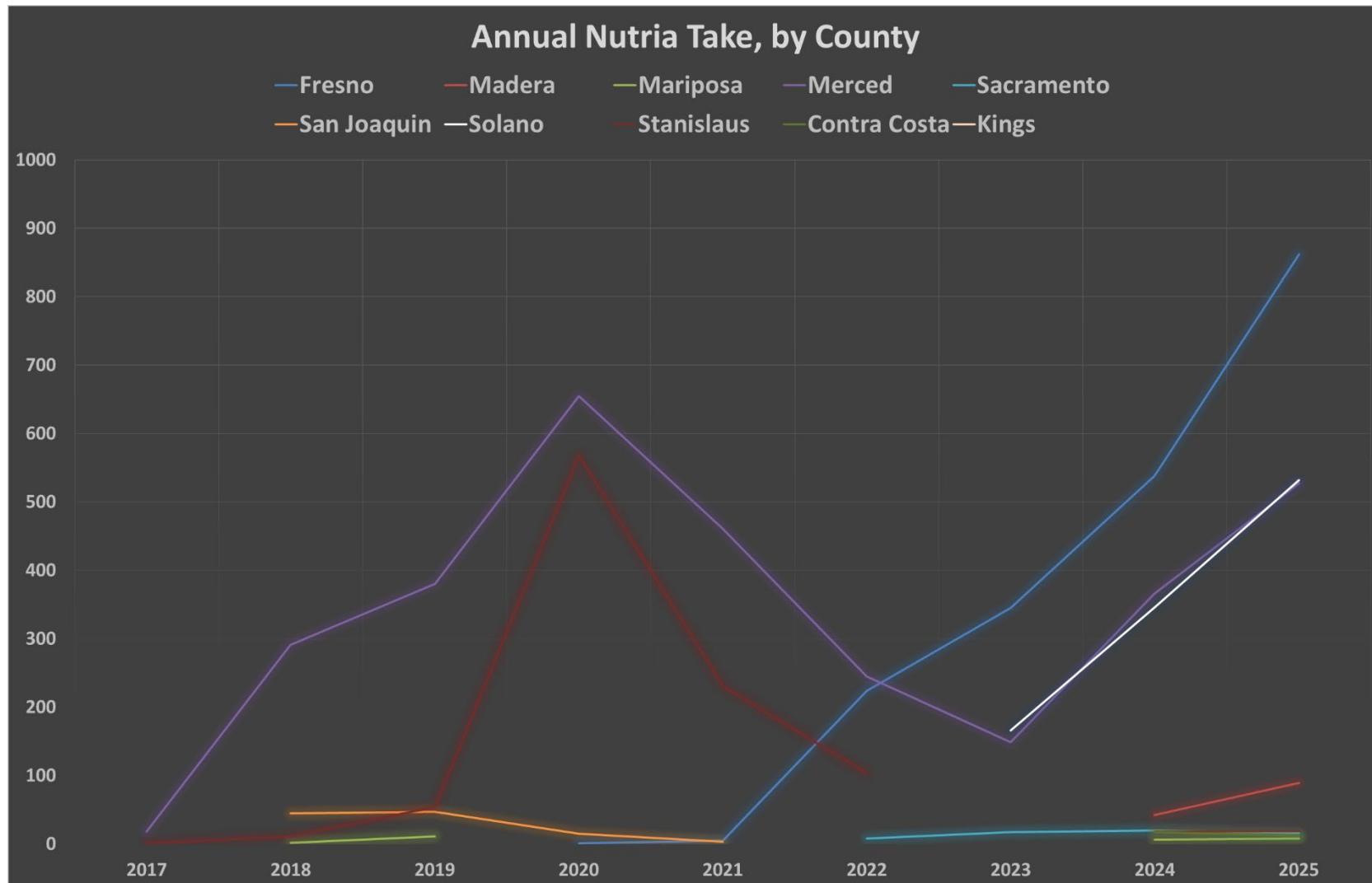


Figure 2. The distribution of nutria taken by county, by year, in California from 2017 through January 14, 2026.