

New Mexico Bobcat and Gray Fox kill numbers from 06-09. The number of bobcats killed is from CITES tags while foxes depend on reporting so actual number may be higher.

	Estimated sustainable harvest limits from matrix*	06-07	07-08	08-09	3 yr total
Bobcat	3,627-5,440	3,410	4,240	2,958	10,608
Grey fox**	5,587-16,761	3,907	6,234	4,178	14,319

*The matrix values according to NM Game and Fish are subject to further verification. In fact, they have never been verified and to date the department has not explained how they were derived. There is concern these numbers are extrapolated from wildlife population density figures that are too high which means that some kill numbers that appear to be within sustainable range may be already be unsustainable.

**Fox numbers may be higher due to trapper noncompliance with reporting.

Number of Grey foxes killed is concentrated in three southwest counties. Pelt prices declined in 08-09 reducing demand, but the kill in counties where the previous year's take was extreme fell more than the state as a whole possibly reflecting population harm and scarcity of foxes.

	07-08	08-09
Statewide	6,234	4,178 (33% lower than previous year)
Grant county	1,366 (22% of total)	637 (53% lower than previous year)
Grant, Sierra, Catron combined	2,731 (44% of total)	1520 (44% lower than previous year)