

New Mexico Furbearer Management & Biology

Furbearer Biology

- Furbearer populations are resilient and fluctuate over time
- Population fluctuations in New Mexico are directly correlated with precipitation
- Furbearer population increases may lag a year behind wet seasons
- Many furbearer populations respond to increased available resources through improved reproduction and recruitment

Conservative New Mexico Furbearer Management

- Trapping is an integral management tool to maintain healthy furbearer populations
- NM harvest limits are targeted at half or less of North American average
- Average harvest of furbearers in NM is less than sustainable limits
- Furbearer harvest data and population trends are reviewed annually
- Management decisions and recommendations are based on long-term trend data