

Yes, there is a market for beaver pelts, particularly for use in the hatting industry. While the market for beaver pelts has seen some fluctuations, the demand for the underfur, which is used to make felt for hats, remains strong. This demand continues to drive the market for beaver pelts, even for those with some damage or lower quality.

Here's a more detailed look at the market:

- **Hatting Industry:**

The primary driver of beaver pelt demand is the hatting industry, which uses the underfur for felt production.

- **Price Fluctuations:**

Prices can fluctuate based on factors like pelt quality, size, and overall market demand.

- **Demand for Underfur:**

The underfur is the key component used in felt production, so even lower-quality pelts can still be valuable if they contain suitable underfur.

- **Regional Differences:**

Some regions may see higher demand for specific types of beaver pelts due to local fashion trends or other factors.

- **Trapping Considerations:**

Trappers should focus on trapping beavers when the fur is prime (at its best quality) to maximize their returns.

- **Other Uses:**

While hats are the primary market, beaver pelts can also be used for other purposes, such as clothing or crafts.

- **Carcass Value:**

The carcass of a beaver can also be sold for various purposes, including human consumption, dog food, or bear bait, adding to the overall value of the animal.

- **Castoreum:**

The beaver's castor glands, which produce castoreum, are also a valuable by-product, although their market is not as strong as the pelt market.

- **Online Marketplaces:**

Online platforms like [Etsy Canada](#) and local trapper associations can provide avenues for selling beaver pelts.

Yes, there are markets for beaver parts other than the pelt. Beaver meat is a viable source of food for humans and animals, and the tail can be used for crafts or rendered into oil. Additionally, [castoreum](#) (beaver scent glands) and other glands can be sold for use in trapping lures and other products. Beaver skulls and claws may also have some market value.

Specific markets:

- **Beaver Meat:** Trappers and butchers sell beaver meat for human consumption. It is also used as bait for other animals, including dogs and bears.
- **Beaver Tails:** Trappers use the leathery skin on the tail for wallets and crafts.
- **[Castoreum](#) and Glands:** Beaver castoreum and other glands are used in trapping lures and perfumes.
- **Dog Food/Bear Bait:** Beaver meat and carcasses are valuable for use as dog food or bear bait.
- **Bait for Other Animals:** Beaver meat is a popular bait for trapping other animals.
- **Beaver Oil:** The fat from beaver tails can be rendered into oil, which is then used in trapping lures.
- **Skulls and Claws:** While potentially less valuable, these parts can also be sold.