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1867-68	Hooton Pagnell	SE/4808	111 weasels from total of 7,301 vermin killed by J. Walters, Gamekeeper over 14 month period on 1,290 acre shoot.	Ruston & Witney 1934
1880	Bishop Wood, Selby	SE/5633	'Both stoats and weasels are rather plentiful ... I counted about 200 specimens hung up at the gamekeeper's museum'	Raine 1880
1881	Yorkshire		Universally distributed, abundant everywhere. Stoat not as numerous as the weasel.	Clarke & Roebuck 1881
1886	Upper Nidderdale	SE/16	Common	Clarke, Roebuck & Storey 1886
1890	Irton, Scarborough	TA/0084	Amongst over 795 items on a gamekeeper's gibbet were 354 weasels and 146 stoats.	Gyngell 1905
1891	Western Ainsty		Very common and generally distributed throughout the district, although largely trapped as vermin by the keepers ...	Waite 1891
1891	Langstrothdale	SD/97	'Abundant to 1,300ft or so'.	Woodd 1891
1894	Nidd valley	SE/25	'Mouse-hunter, Mouse-weasel. Abundant'	Fortune 1894
1901	Kirk Smeaton	SE/5116	Amongst 26 items on a gamekeeper's gibbet were 3 weasels and 8 stoats.	Sheppard 1901
1903	Kirk Smeaton	SE/5116	Amongst 77 items on a gamekeeper's gibbet were 48 stoats and weasels.	Sheppard 1903
1904	Suffield, Scarborough	SE/9789	Amongst 53 items on a gamekeeper's gibbet were 29 weasels and 1 stoat.	Sheppard 1904
1905	Irton, Scarborough	TA/0084	Amongst over 662 items on a gamekeeper's gibbet were 110 weasels and 130 stoats.	Gyngell 1905
1906	York area	SE/55	Common nearly everywhere.	Auden 1906
1910	Sheffield	SK/38	'... widely distributed and generally common.'	Denny 1910
1913	Homsea Mere	TA/1746	'... as numerous as they are permitted to be'.	Bolan 1913
1913	York district	SE/55	'... weasels have been as plentiful as ever the sportsman cares for them to be.'	Procter 1913
1915	York district	SE/55	'The large increase in ground game, and may be rats, mice, voles and shrews appear to account for the undoubted prevalence of ... weasels and it is a long time since these ... carnivores have been so much in evidence'.	Proctor 1915
1922	East Yorkshire		'The stoat and weasel are common.'	Procter 1922
1923	Yorkshire		'... weasels appear to be their usual numbers'.	Proctor 1924
1925	Yorkshire		'Weasels are ubiquitous'.	Smith 1926
1932	Yorkshire		'An increase is indicated'.	Bramley 1933
1934	Yorkshire		'... weasels are fairly abundant'.	Bramley 1935
1935	Yorkshire		'...occurs only in its normal numbers'	Bramley 1936
1935	Blackstone Edge	Blackstone Edge	Occurs up to 1,250ft	Bramley 1936
1937	Huddersfield	SE/11	'... fairly common ...'.	Gallwey 1938
1937	York	SE/55	'... fairly common ...'.	Gallwey 1938
1938	Wakefield	SE/32	'... occur commonly ...'	Gallwey 1939
1938	Huddersfield district	SE/11	'... seem to be decreasing ...'	Gallwey 1939
1938	Airdale	SE/32	'... a decrease ... may be due to scarcity of mice'.	Gallwey 1939
1938	Upper Wharfedale	SE/05	'... a decrease ... may be due to scarcity of mice'.	Gallwey 1939

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1939	Yorkshire		'... weasels remain about normal'	Hazelwood 1940
1940	Keighley	SE/04	'... suffered very much in the almost arctic weather early in the year'.	Hazelwood 1941
1943	Keighley	SE/04	'... increasing in the Keighley area'.	Hazelwood 1944
1939-45	East Yorkshire Un-named North		'... increased noticeably during the war years'.	Hazelwood 1949
1943-46	Yorkshire estate		17 weasels trapped compared with 44 stoats	Hewson 1972
1948	East Yorkshire		'Some reduction seems to have been effected ...'.	Hazelwood 1949
1950	Yorkshire		'Several correspondents report a great increase ...'.	Hazelwood 1951
1951	Yorkshire		'... quite common and much more frequent ... than the stoat'.	Hazelwood 1952
1951	Rotherham area	SK/49	'Very common ...'.	Hazelwood 1952
1953	Yorkshire		'... less common than of late years'.	Hazelwood 1954
1956	Yorkshire		Common	Taylor 1956
1956	Yorkshire		'... numbers seem to be maintained'.	Hazelwood 1957
1957	Yorkshire		'... appear to be on the increase due to number of gamekeepers employed'.	Hazelwood 1958
1959	Yorkshire		'... despite the decrease in the numbers of rabbits ... weasels continue to hold their own'.	Hazelwood 1960
1960	Yorkshire		'... widely distributed and in their usual numbers'.	Hazelwood 1961
1961	Yorkshire		'... fewer records of weasels'.	Hazelwood 1962
Pre.1955	Littondale		'More stoats than weasels'.	Govett 1963
1955-1960	Littondale		'More weasels than stoats'.	Govett 1963
1961-1962	Littondale		'Now that rabbits are becoming more numerous again the situation seems to be reverting to its former state'.	Govett 1963
1962	Spurn Bird Observatory	TA/4214	Weasels recorded on 32 occasions compared with 8 for stoat.	Govett 1963
1962	Knarborough Bird ringing Station	SE/3656	Weasels more numerous than stoats	Govett 1964
1963	Yorkshire		'Very numerous ... especially in areas with high populations of voles'.	Govett 1964
1963	Sheffield	SK/38	Widespread and fairly common ... seems to be increasing in urban areas.	Clegg 1963
1965	Halifax	SE/02	Common and widespread	Morley 1965
1965	Sandbeck Park	SK/5590	71 weasels compared with 24 stoats on keepers gibbet.	Clegg 1967
1966	Tees Marshes	NZ/52	Stoats had declined and weasels were seen more frequently than any other mammal.	Stead 1966
1966	Carlton, Bamsley	SE/3510	Frequent, contrasting with the absence of stoats.	Clegg 1967
1969	Un-named North Yorkshire estate		31 weasels trapped compared with 9 stoats	Hewson 1972