

TABLE 5-5. **WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO REMOVAL AND ADOPTION BY STATE, FISCAL YEAR 1998**

	<u>Animals Adopted</u>				<u>Animals Removed</u>	
	<u>FY 1972 to FY 1997</u>		<u>FY 1998</u>		<u>FY 1998</u>	
	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros
Administrative State						
Alaska . . . . .	64	11	1	0	0	0
Arizona . . . . .	2,010	1,059	163	30	3	172
California . . . . .	11,483	4,117	667	185	359	45
Colorado . . . . .	4,622	549	379	42	192	0
Eastern States . . . . .	45,039	11,736	2,430	741	0	0
Idaho . . . . .	5,093	221	414	39	265	0
Montana . . . . .	15,248	1,517	471	7	46	0
Nevada . . . . .	3,695	535	134	12	4,392	189
New Mexico . . . . .	22,776	3,012	605	151	0	0
Oregon . . . . .	8,656	1,169	368	53	211	0
Utah . . . . .	4,679	304	291	22	160	0
Wyoming . . . . .	8,256	1,021	584	55	355	0
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>131,621</b>	<b>25,251</b>	<b>6,507</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>5,983</b>	<b>406</b>

**Total Adopted, Fiscal Years 1972 through 1997: 156,872**

**Total Adopted, Fiscal Year 1998: 7,844**

**Total Removed, Fiscal Year 1998: 6,389**

NOTES

The table reflects reassignments, which occur when adopted animals are returned to the federal government and then readopted.

Mules are reported as burros.

Adoptions were previously reported by geographic state, including the District of Columbia. Beginning in 1996, consistent with removals of wild horses and burros, adoptions are reported by the administrative state having jurisdiction of the animal.

Eastern States Office administers the wild horse and burro program in the 31 states east of and bordering on the Mississippi River; Wyoming administers the program in Nebraska; Montana administers the program in North and South Dakota; New Mexico administers the program in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; Oregon administers the program in the state of Washington; and California administers the program in Hawaii.