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## Catfish Value of Sales Increased 13 Percent from 2003

Catfish growers in the 11 selected States had sales of 480 million dollars during 2004, up 13 percent from the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana) accounted for 95 percent of the U. S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish increased 14 percent from 2003 to 451 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 22.2 million dollars, an increase of 4 percent from 2003. Sales of stockers totaled 6.26 million dollars in 2004, a 1 percent decrease from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 94 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish while 93 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. Remaining sales were for recreational use, to live haulers, or for retail, government, or other uses.

## Water Acres Down 2 Percent

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2005, totaled 174 thousand acres, down 2 percent from the 178 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 5.50 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2005. An additional 796 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2005. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2004, the area taken out of production totaled 9.55 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2005, foodfish were produced on 145 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 21.5 thousand, and 3.93 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

## Inventory Numbers

Catfish producers had 1.03 million **broodfish** on hand January 1, 2005, down 6 percent from January 1, 2004.

Large **foodsize** fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 10.4 million on January 1, 2005, down just slightly from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) decreased 11 percent to 93.7 million, while small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers decreased 1 percent to 240 million.

Large **stockers** (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2005, at 269 million fish, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers decreased 32 percent to 387 million.

There were 704 million **fingerlings** on hand January 1, 2005, down 3 percent from January 1, 2004.



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**Catfish: Number of Operations and Water Surface Acres Used for  
Production, 2004-2005, and Total Sales, 2003-2004, by State and United States**

State	Number of Operations on Jan 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During Jan 1 - Jun 30		Total Sales	
	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	230	230	25,400	25,100	85,159	101,198
AR	161	153	34,000	31,500	59,047	66,618
CA	30	31	1,800	1,700	7,228	7,482
FL	35	46	710	650	1,208	1,139
GA	30	55	750	1,090	1,471	1,475
IL <sup>2</sup>	18		320		306	
KY	70	60	600	600	1,381	1,151
LA	48	38	8,800	7,600	14,505	14,316
MS	410	410	101,000	101,000	243,176	274,971
MO	21	24	1,370	1,320	1,954	1,358
NC	49	49	2,100	2,000	6,118	7,021
SC <sup>2</sup>	9		90		121	
TX	36	62	850	1,030	3,350	3,446
US	1,147	1,158	177,790	173,590	425,024	480,175

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued for Jan. 2005 (2004 sales).

**Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage  
by State and United States, 2004-2005**

State	Acres Intended for Utilization During Jan 1-Jun 30 for-					Acres Taken Out of Production During Jul 1-Dec 31 Prev. Year
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for -		
				Renovation	New Construction	
2004 <sup>1</sup>						
AL	23,900	960	420	340	65	590
AR	29,000	4,200	550	600	*	1,300
CA	1,400	270	75	200	*	*
FL	630	35	40			
GA	480	100	55	*	*	20
IL	230	45	40	*		*
KY	510	45	25	20	*	15
LA	7,800	730	120	450	*	460
MS	81,000	16,000	2,200	2,200	200	2,100
MO	880	*	35	110	*	
NC	1,850	150	60	*	80	30
SC	60	*	15	*		*
TX	570	110	60	170	30	70
Oth Sts		415		55	160	20
US	148,310	23,060	3,695	4,145	535	4,605
2005						
AL	23,300	1,300	430	450	250	290
AR	27,400	3,300	550	980	*	4,800
CA	1,310	250	75	165		*
FL	530	*	25	70	*	60
GA	655	290	75	25	*	*
KY	500	65	15	*	*	20
LA	6,500	1,000	100	400	*	730
MS	81,500	14,500	2,500	3,300	400	3,500
MO	790	*	25	15	*	*
NC	1,700	200	60	*	*	*
TX	870	70	70	60	50	30
Oth Sts		520		35	96	115
US	145,055	21,495	3,925	5,500	796	9,545

• Included in other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

• <sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2004-2005**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per Fish	
	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005
	----1,000----	----1,000----	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
Large Foodsize						
AL	2,240	2,400	7,450	8,000	3.3	3.3
AR	1,540	2,030	5,300	7,030	3.4	3.5
CA	165	150	620	530	3.8	3.5
FL	130	80	480	280	3.7	3.5
GA	15	175	50	635	3.3	3.6
IL <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
KY	45	*	195	*	4.3	*
LA	1,620	830	6,000	2,950	3.7	3.6
MS	4,200	4,200	14,500	14,400	3.5	3.4
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	200	300	600	1,090	3.0	3.6
SC <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
TX	170	140	620	500	3.6	3.6
Oth Sts	123	100	504	405	4.1	4.1
US	10,448	10,405	36,319	35,820	3.5	3.4
Medium Foodsize						
AL	23,300	20,300	44,700	39,000	1.9	1.9
AR	22,600	19,300	43,700	35,600	1.9	1.8
CA	700	670	1,390	1,270	2.0	1.9
FL	470	335	950	700	2.0	2.1
GA	350	510	730	1,070	2.1	2.1
IL <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
KY	330	700	690	1,370	2.1	2.0
LA	6,200	4,880	12,200	8,350	2.0	1.7
MS	46,600	43,800	93,000	84,000	2.0	1.9
MO	420	425	895	810	2.1	1.9
NC	3,300	1,900	6,600	3,850	2.0	2.0
SC <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
TX	480	880	960	1,650	2.0	1.9
Oth Sts	176		328		1.9	
US	104,926	93,700	206,143	177,670	2.0	1.9

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2004-2005 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per Fish	
	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005
	----1,000----	----1,000----	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
Small Foodsize						
AL	46,100	43,300	44,300	42,300	1.0	1.0
AR	49,300	40,600	48,600	41,100	1.0	1.0
CA	1,840	1,820	1,640	1,600	0.9	0.9
FL	630	330	610	330	1.0	1.0
GA	200	200	200	190	1.0	1.0
IL <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
KY	1,080	460	1,270	565	1.2	1.2
LA	6,960	10,200	6,750	10,800	1.0	1.1
MS	131,000	137,000	143,500	147,000	1.1	1.1
MO	720	900	750	900	1.0	1.0
NC	3,000	3,500	3,300	3,500	1.1	1.0
SC <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
TX	320	1,670	320	1,390	1.0	0.8
Oth Sts	315		266		0.8	
US	241,465	239,980	251,506	249,675	1.0	1.0
Total Foodsize						
AL	71,640	66,000	96,450	89,300		
AR	73,440	61,930	97,600	83,730		
CA	2,705	2,640	3,650	3,400		
FL	1,230	745	2,040	1,310		
GA	565	885	980	1,895		
IL <sup>2</sup>	*		*			
KY	1,455	*	2,155	*		
LA	14,780	15,910	24,950	22,100		
MS	181,800	185,000	251,000	245,400		
MO	*	*	*	*		
NC	6,500	5,700	10,500	8,440		
SC <sup>2</sup>	134		190			
TX	970	2,690	1,900	3,540		
Oth Sts	1,620	2,585	2,553	4,050		
US	356,839	344,085	493,968	463,165		

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2004-2005 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	
	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005
	----1,000----	----1,000----	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
<b>Large Stockers</b>						
AL	59,100	65,400	19,800	22,400	335	343
AR	62,600	39,200	25,200	15,400	403	393
CA	360	380	170	160	472	421
GA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IL <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
KY	580	*	300	*	517	*
LA	9,040	6,740	3,150	2,060	348	306
MS	149,000	153,000	64,000	70,000	430	458
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,100	1,500	1,100	620	524	413
TX	1,260	760	350	280	278	368
Oth Sts	1,507	1,585	480	490	319	309
US	285,547	268,565	114,550	111,410	401	415
<b>Small Stockers</b>						
AL	199,000	90,000	18,300	8,700	92.0	96.7
AR	70,000	56,200	7,350	6,150	105.0	109.4
CA	930	1,560	110	160	118.3	102.6
FL		*		*		*
GA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IL <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
KY	*	*	*	*	*	*
LA	12,300	3,300	1,360	277	110.6	83.9
MS	279,000	229,000	25,600	21,400	91.8	93.4
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,600	900	310	100	119.2	111.1
TX	180	410	20	40	111.1	97.6
Oth Sts	5,965	5,145	495	431	83.0	83.8
US	569,975	386,515	53,545	37,258	93.9	96.4

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2004-2005 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	
	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005
	----1,000----	----1,000----	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
<b>Total Stockers</b>						
AL	258,100	155,400	38,100	31,100		
AR	132,600	95,400	32,550	21,550		
CA	1,290	1,940	280	320		
FL	*	*	*	*		
GA	*	*	*	*		
IL <sup>2</sup>	*	*	*	*		
KY	*	*	*	*		
LA	21,340	10,040	4,510	2,337		
MS	428,000	382,000	89,600	91,400		
MO	*	*	*	*		
NC	4,700	2,400	1,410	720		
TX	1,440	1,170	370	320		
Oth Sts	8,052	6,730	1,275	921		
US	855,522	655,080	168,095	148,668		
<b>Fingerlings</b>						
AL	52,800	101,000	1,890	2,200	35.8	21.8
AR	121,000	131,000	3,100	3,500	25.6	26.7
CA	4,700	3,950	130	130	27.7	32.9
FL	1,120	720	12	25	10.7	34.7
GA	5,150	7,320	110	300	21.4	41.0
IL <sup>2</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	550	970	25	30	45.5	30.9
LA	18,900	6,870	557	230	29.5	33.5
MS	508,000	439,000	17,800	14,300	35.0	32.6
MO	4,460	1,780	75	50	16.8	28.1
NC	6,800	7,800	270	290	39.7	37.2
SC <sup>2</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*
TX	1,280	3,750	50	150	39.1	40.0
Oth Sts	2,311		22		9.5	
US	727,071	704,160	24,041	21,205	33.1	30.1

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2004-2005 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per Fish	
	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2005
	----1,000----	----1,000----	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
Broodfish						
AL	80	100	440	500	5.5	5.0
AR	125	110	600	540	4.8	4.9
CA	11	10	80	70	7.3	7.0
FL	15	16	80	85	5.3	5.3
GA	6	15	27	85	4.5	5.7
IL <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
KY	6	5	25	20	4.2	4.0
LA	22	*	138	*	6.3	*
MS	750	680	3,600	3,300	4.8	4.9
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	40	30	175	195	4.4	6.5
SC <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*	
TX	9	38	40	130	4.4	3.4
Oth Sts	34	30	162	150	4.8	5.0
US	1,098	1,034	5,367	5,075	4.9	4.9

- Included in other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
- <sup>1</sup> Revised.
- <sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued Jan. 2005.

**Catfish: Foodsize Sales by State and United States, 2003-2004**

Year and State	Number of Fish	Live Weight		Average Price per Pound	Total Sales
		Average per Fish	Total		
	—1,000---	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2003 <sup>1</sup>					
AL	80,000	2.0	158,000	0.52	82,160
AR	59,400	1.7	99,700	0.56	55,832
CA	1,610	2.1	3,450	2.05	7,072
FL	1,000	1.7	1,700	0.69	1,173
GA	1,150	1.2	1,350	0.77	1,040
IL	205	1.2	245	0.84	206
KY	800	2.0	1,590	0.81	1,288
LA	19,700	1.3	26,100	0.54	14,094
MS	210,000	1.9	393,000	0.57	224,010
MO	905	1.9	1,700	0.86	1,462
NC	5,100	1.8	9,400	0.61	5,734
SC	22	2.0	45	0.72	32
TX	1,770	1.7	3,030	0.98	2,969
US	381,662	1.8	699,310	0.57	397,072
2004					
AL	82,000	1.8	145,000	0.66	95,700
AR	58,000	1.8	103,000	0.62	63,860
CA	1,620	2.1	3,400	2.13	7,242
FL	1,100	1.7	1,900	0.58	1,102
GA	1,140	1.1	1,200	0.75	900
IL <sup>2</sup>					
KY	530	1.9	1,020	0.76	775
LA	15,800	1.5	23,000	0.62	14,260
MS	220,000	1.8	388,000	0.66	256,080
MO	650	1.7	1,130	0.80	904
NC	5,300	1.9	10,000	0.69	6,900
SC <sup>2</sup>					
TX	3,180	1.4	4,500	0.70	3,150
US	389,320	1.8	682,150	0.66	450,873

- Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
- <sup>1</sup> Revised.
- <sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued.

**Catfish: Broodfish Sales by State and United States, 2003-2004**

Year and State	Number of Fish	Live Weight		Average Price per Pound	Total Sales
		Average per Fish	Total		
	—1,000---	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2003 <sup>1</sup>					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	*	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL					
GA	*	*	*	*	*
IL	*	*	*	*	*
KY					
LA					
MS	100	4.0	400	0.52	208
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	58	4.0	231	0.93	215
US	158	4.0	631	0.67	423
2004					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	*	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL					
GA	*	*	*	*	*
IL <sup>2</sup>					
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	300	3.3	1,000	0.62	620
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC <sup>2</sup>					
TX	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	57	3.6	205	1.20	247
US	357	3.4	1,205	0.72	867

• Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

• <sup>1</sup> Revised.

• <sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued.

**Catfish: Stocker Sales by State and United States, 2003-2004**

Year and State	Number of Fish	Live Weight		Average Price per Pound	Total Sales
		Average per 1,000 Fish	Total		
	—1,000---	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2003 <sup>1</sup>					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	*	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL					
GA	*	*	*	*	*
IL	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	3,720	121	450	0.69	311
MS	40,000	89	3,550	0.94	3,337
MO	1,620	148	240	1.16	278
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	24,577	133	3,272	0.73	2,378
US	69,917	107	7,512	0.84	6,304
2004					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	*	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL	*	*	*	*	*
GA	*	*	*	*	*
IL <sup>2</sup>					
KY					
LA					
MS	33,000	94	3,100	1.09	3,379
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC <sup>2</sup>					
TX	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	25,435	122	3,092	0.93	2,881
US	58,435	106	6,192	1.01	6,260

• Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

• <sup>1</sup> Revised.

• <sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued.

**Catfish: Fingerling and Fry Sales by State and United States, 2003-2004**

Year and State	Number of Fish	Live Weight		Average Price per Pound	Total Sales
		Average per 1,000 Fish	Total		
	—1,000---	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2003 <sup>1</sup>					
AL	83,700	40.6	3,400	0.73	2,482
AR	60,400	17.4	1,050	1.60	1,680
CA	1,280	18.8	24	4.15	100
FL	500	48.0	24	1.45	35
GA	3,200	20.3	65	5.00	325
IL	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	4,380	18.9	83	1.20	100
MS	552,000	22.3	12,300	1.27	15,621
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	3,400	55.9	190	1.80	342
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	2,600	38.5	100	3.34	334
Oth Sts	3,430	19.5	67	3.07	206
US	714,890	24.2	17,303	1.23	21,225
2004					
AL	87,000	28.7	2,500	1.52	3,800
AR	60,700	16.5	1,000	1.84	1,840
CA	1,520	25.0	38	3.45	131
FL	*	*	*	*	*
GA	7,840	30.0	235	2.30	541
IL <sup>2</sup>					
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	400,000	25.5	10,200	1.46	14,892
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	1,100	54.5	60	1.60	96
SC <sup>2</sup>					
TX	1,170	51.3	60	3.52	211
Oth Sts	8,330	31.7	264	2.52	664
US	567,660	25.3	14,357	1.54	22,175

• Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

• <sup>1</sup> Revised.

• <sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued.

**Catfish: Foodsize and Stockers Percent Sold by Point of First Sale,  
by State and United States, 2003-2004**

Size Category and State	Processor		Fee-Fishing and Recreational Use		Live Haulers		Retail		Other	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
<b>Foodsize</b>										
AL	92	96	1	1	2	1	2	1	3	1
AR	92	83			4	16	3		1	1
CA		*	8	*	12	10	74	75	6	*
FL	96	70		2		25			4	3
GA	52	56	28	27	*	3	*		*	14
IL <sup>2</sup>	25		*		*		*		46	
KY	46	45	41	22	3	8			10	25
LA	97	97	*	*			*	*	*	*
MS	99	99							1	1
MO	*	*	9	21	51	63	*	*	34	10
NC	99	99							1	1
SC <sup>2</sup>	*				*				*	
TX	47	65	14	7	*	7	*	14	21	7
Oth Sts	2	3	21	60	39		33	1	5	36
US	93.6	93.7	0.8	0.6	1.5	3.0	2.3	1.5	1.8	1.2
	<b>Other Producers</b>		<b>Fee-Fishing and Recreational Use</b>		<b>Live Haulers</b>		<b>Government</b>		<b>Other</b>	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
<b>Stocker</b>										
AL	98	98	2	1				*		*
AR	62	76		*	38	23		*		*
CA	*	49		*			*	*		*
GA	*	*	*		*			*		
IL <sup>2</sup>	*		86		*					
KY	*		*		*					
LA	*		*							
MS	99	100					1			
MO	*	48	*	*	*	*	*			*
NC	100	*		*						
SC <sup>2</sup>	*		*		*					
TX	*	*	79	58	*	*		*		*
Oth Sts	73	15	9	23	14	29	4	22		11
US	84.9	93.1	3.1	1.6	11.0	4.1	1.0	0.8		0.4

• Included in other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

• <sup>1</sup> Revised.

• <sup>2</sup> Estimates discontinued for 2004 sales.

**Catfish: Round Weight Processed, United States by Month, 1990-2004**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
1990	33,066	31,884	33,120	30,980	31,542	28,967	
1991	32,206	33,036	35,951	31,205	31,322	31,588	
1992	36,200	39,228	45,048	41,177	39,111	36,813	
1993	40,327	40,277	43,521	39,920	37,030	35,496	
1994	36,714	35,035	40,446	34,494	34,163	34,595	
1995	38,807	38,515	42,200	36,588	37,030	36,047	
1996	38,475	38,004	46,376	38,557	39,517	36,752	
1997	42,409	45,067	48,431	45,721	43,409	42,282	
1998	46,723	47,606	53,761	49,393	45,218	46,244	
1999	48,723	48,891	56,310	46,830	47,703	48,445	
2000	50,552	50,942	56,856	48,781	48,424	48,011	
2001	46,999	50,257	57,766	52,478	51,736	47,883	
2002	52,551	52,856	58,340	50,694	52,902	49,450	
2003	55,523	55,461	65,007	57,105	58,424	52,441	
2004	53,849	54,173	60,272	53,896	52,324	50,155	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
1990	29,540	31,108	27,566	29,211	27,913	25,538	360,435
1991	32,720	32,912	33,244	35,400	31,114	30,172	390,870
1992	36,128	37,958	37,857	39,212	35,073	33,562	457,367
1993	37,086	37,706	37,072	39,472	36,557	34,549	459,013
1994	35,901	39,813	38,716	39,072	36,054	34,266	439,269
1995	35,800	38,827	37,634	39,456	34,119	31,863	446,886
1996	39,025	40,463	38,807	42,070	37,203	36,874	472,123
1997	43,376	44,154	43,472	46,275	40,137	40,216	524,949
1998	46,383	47,739	46,579	47,904	43,224	43,581	564,355
1999	50,074	50,372	50,414	52,407	48,118	48,341	596,628
2000	49,023	53,204	49,422	51,412	45,535	41,441	593,603
2001	47,829	51,690	49,699	52,264	44,670	43,837	597,108
2002	52,363	54,383	53,366	56,576	50,072	47,048	630,601
2003	54,089	54,153	51,885	57,652	51,246	48,518	661,504
2004	51,055	53,295	51,329	52,396	49,536	48,170	630,450

**Catfish: Prices Paid to Producers by Processors,  
United States by Month, 1990-2004 <sup>1</sup>**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>						
1990	72.0	74.0	78.0	78.0	78.0	78.0	
1991	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	66.0	65.0	
1992	53.0	56.0	60.0	63.0	63.0	61.0	
1993	63.0	67.0	70.0	71.0	72.0	72.0	
1994	74.0	77.0	79.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	
1995	78.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	79.0	
1996	77.0	78.0	78.0	78.0	79.0	79.0	
1997	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	72.0	
1998	69.0	73.0	78.0	79.0	79.0	78.0	
1999	70.3	71.4	73.2	75.6	77.7	77.5	
2000	74.4	78.8	78.9	78.9	78.5	78.6	
2001	69.3	69.6	69.7	69.4	68.7	66.9	
2002	54.9	55.5	56.5	56.1	57.4	58.8	
2003	52.9	54.4	58.5	63.0	61.8	58.6	
2004	66.8	70.3	72.3	72.8	72.0	68.9	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>						
1990	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	75.0	72.0	75.8
1991	63.0	60.0	59.0	58.0	57.0	53.0	63.1
1992	59.0	58.0	59.0	61.0	62.0	63.0	59.8
1993	72.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	70.9
1994	80.0	80.0	80.0	77.0	77.0	77.0	78.4
1995	79.0	79.0	78.0	78.0	78.0	78.0	78.6
1996	79.0	78.0	77.0	76.0	75.0	73.0	77.3
1997	71.0	70.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	71.2
1998	76.0	74.0	73.0	71.0	70.0	70.0	74.3
1999	76.8	74.3	72.8	71.6	71.3	71.6	73.7
2000	76.0	74.1	72.7	71.0	69.6	68.2	75.1
2001	65.6	62.4	61.0	59.6	56.6	55.4	64.7
2002	59.0	58.2	57.6	56.8	56.0	54.4	56.8
2003	56.4	55.2	56.0	56.7	61.0	62.9	58.1
2004	68.2	68.3	68.3	69.5	68.9	69.0	69.7

**Imports: Farm Raised Catfish, United States, by Month, 1990-2004 <sup>1</sup>**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
1990	115	553	322	48	618	342	
1991	355	344	93	641	184	484	
1992	237	201	243	233	392	100	
1993	118	183	127	328	204	253	
1994	535	102	163	57	459	362	
1995	61	49	172	181	384	203	
1996	256	304	401	60	373	197	
1997	64	44	44	15		71	
1998	91	9	99	82	208	193	
1999	57	53	113	250	541	372	
2000	487	235	309	554	698	791	
2001	862	510	1,201	1,787	1,989	2,114	
2002	1,037	1,048	414	618	1,491	982	
2003	1,322	260	332	272	703	893	
2004	215	204	295	328	248	270	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
1990	406	362	619	33	381	226	4,025
1991	723	621	80	974	93	594	5,186
1992	344	169	307	187	23	491	2,927
1993	277	444	426	596	781	373	4,110
1994	261	342	322	200	491	192	3,486
1995	294	245	402	219	35	181	2,426
1996	219	164	195	188	103	22	2,482
1997	134	235	32	163	121	19	942
1998	195	132	21	92	174	90	1,386
1999	475	479	304	217	285	305	3,451
2000	945	981	674	650	871	1,041	8,236
2001	1,968	1,385	1,536	1,608	1,724	1,395	18,079
2002	957	632	670	572	874	906	10,201
2003	435	135	150	384	331	213	5,430
2004 <sup>2</sup>	123	1,637	1,801	1,104	1,579		

<sup>1</sup> Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

<sup>2</sup> Data not available for December or Total.

## Methodology and Definitions

**Survey Procedures:** All known catfish operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone, and personal interview.

**Estimation Procedures:** Sound statistical methodology was employed to derive the estimates from reported data. All data were analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

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**Revision policy:** Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when current estimates are made. Revisions are the result of late or corrected data.

### Definitions:

**Broodfish** - Fish kept for egg production, including males. Broodfish produce the fertilized eggs which go to hatcheries. The most desirable size is 3 to 10 pounds or 4 to 6 years of age.

**Large foodsize** - Fish weighing over 3 pounds.

**Medium foodsize** - Fish weighing over one and one-half pounds to 3 pounds.

**Small foodsize** - Fish weighing over three-fourths pound to one and one-half pounds.

**Large stockers** - Fish weighing over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish.

**Small stockers** - Fish weighing over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish.

**Fingerlings/fry** - Fish weighing 60 pounds per 1,000 fish and less.

**Prices paid to producers by processors** - Prices paid by processors for fish delivered to the processing plant door. The prices include charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but do not include any adjustments based on year-end settlements.

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