



Catfish Production

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Catfish Value of Sales Decline 12 Percent from 2000

Catfish growers in the 13 selected States had sales of 443 million dollars during 2001, down 12 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 decreased 12 percent from 2000 to 410 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 23.8 million dollars, an increase of 2 percent from 2000. Sales of stockers totaled 8.42 million dollars in 2001, up 10 percent 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 87 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 Up 2 Percent

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2002, totaled 196,590 acres, up slightly from the 195,820 acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 5,535 are to be renovated during the period of January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002. An additional 2,725 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2002. During the period of July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, the area taken out of production totaled 3,945 acres. As of January 1, 2002, acres used for foodfish production were 158,970, fingerling producing acres totaled 27,900, and 5,046 acres were being used for broodfish.

Inventory Numbers

Catfish producers had 1.17 million **broodfish** on hand January 1, 2002, down 12 percent from January 1, 2001.

Large **foodsize** fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 10.7 million on January 1, 2002, up 56 percent from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) increased 20 percent to 106 million, and small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers increased 20 percent to 287 million.

Large **stockers** (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2002, at 311 million fish, were down 14 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers decreased 24 percent to 365 million.

There were 1.07 billion **fingerlings** on hand January 1, 2002, up 4 percent from January 1, 2001.

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**Catfish: Number of Operations and Water Surface Acres Used for
Production, 2001-2002, and Total Sales, 2000-2001, 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	
	2001 ¹	2002	2001 ¹	2002	2000 ¹	2001
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	270	240	24,400	25,900	81,617	69,965
AR	185	195	36,000	38,000	65,737	65,306
CA	49	42	2,400	2,200	8,705	8,365
FL	38	45	680	880	1,296	1,327
GA	60	50	1,200	1,220	1,510	2,577
IL	16	15	260	260	344	309
KY	30	70	260	400	1,254	1,097
LA	80	70	13,300	12,100	32,976	26,207
MS	400	395	112,700	111,500	300,303	260,852
MO	45	40	2,090	1,800	3,117	2,840
NC	47	38	1,400	1,230	2,743	2,950
SC	14	15	530	520	767	923
TX	43	34	600	580	1,031	762
US	1,277	1,249	195,820	196,590	501,400	443,480

¹ Revised.

**Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage
by State and United States, 2001-2002**

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	
2001 ¹						
AL	21,500	2,000	590	540	650	470
AR	30,500	4,100	800	1,250	1,250	600
CA	2,000	250	120	210	90	140
FL	580	40	25	35	85	30
GA	920	150	80	100	50	70
IL	180	60	20	*	*	*
KY	165	75	5	10	80	20
LA	11,200	1,700	270	890	210	260
MS	92,000	15,200	3,500	2,900	2,200	2,700
MO	1,350	600	85	60	75	95
NC	1,200	140	45	25	85	80
SC	410	75	30	*	*	*
TX	350	190	45	20	*	30
Oth Sts				45	290	15
US	162,355	24,580	5,615	6,085	5,065	4,510
2002						
AL	22,800	1,800	720	200	820	430
AR	31,500	5,100	700	750	*	1,100
CA	1,670	330	90	130	40	60
FL	700	125	51	*	25	*
GA	930	190	80	5	15	70
IL	170	55	25	30		
KY	200	70	5	15	150	5
LA	10,400	1,350	220	590	130	1,000
MS	87,800	18,100	3,000	3,700	1,400	1,200
MO	1,160	560	45	45	15	25
NC	1,030	145	40	20	30	
SC	390	85	30	*	*	*
TX	220	80	40	30		
Oth Sts				20	100	55
US	158,970	27,990	5,046	5,535	2,725	3,945

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

¹ Revised.

**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State
and United States, January 1, 2001-2002**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per Fish	
	2001 ¹	2002	2001 ¹	2002	2001 ¹	2002
	----1,000----	----1,000----	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
Large Foodsize						
AL	1,090	2,850	3,500	8,900	3.2	3.1
AR	1,600	2,540	5,300	8,350	3.3	3.3
CA	380	270	1,470	1,000	3.9	3.7
FL	*	70	*	260	*	3.7
GA	80	80	280	310	3.5	3.9
IL	*	54	*	189	*	3.5
KY	49	52	171	198	3.5	3.8
LA	640	640	2,050	1,980	3.2	3.1
MS	2,420	3,850	8,200	13,000	3.4	3.4
MO	165	175	590	600	3.6	3.4
NC	140	90	480	300	3.4	3.3
SC	200	40	700	140	3.5	3.5
TX	24	25	83	86	3.5	3.4
Oth Sts	84		280		3.3	
US	6,872	10,736	23,104	35,313	3.4	3.3
Medium Foodsize						
AL	13,100	20,800	24,000	37,400	1.8	1.8
AR	17,800	26,600	33,800	48,500	1.9	1.8
CA	860	1,640	1,720	3,100	2.0	1.9
FL	480	1,150	780	2,150	1.6	1.9
GA	400	560	800	1,130	2.0	2.0
IL	*	49	*	97	*	2.0
KY	93	93	166	181	1.8	1.9
LA	6,500	8,700	12,400	15,000	1.9	1.7
MS	46,900	44,700	85,300	82,900	1.8	1.9
MO	580	490	1,130	950	1.9	1.9
NC	900	720	1,620	1,340	1.8	1.9
SC	*	330	*	650	*	2.0
TX	105	45	229	87	2.2	1.9
Oth Sts	208		395		1.9	
US	87,926	105,877	162,340	193,485	1.8	1.8

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State
and United States, January 1, 2001-2002 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per Fish	
	2001 ¹	2002	2001 ¹	2002	2001 ¹	2002
	---1,000---	---1,000---	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	---Pounds---	---Pounds---
Small Foodsize						
AL	32,800	42,800	32,600	42,300	1.0	1.0
AR	34,200	45,300	34,200	44,400	1.0	1.0
CA	1,900	1,510	1,940	1,670	1.0	1.1
FL	820	2,000	800	2,000	1.0	1.0
GA	930	930	950	970	1.0	1.0
IL	68	70	64	61	0.9	0.9
KY	192	86	217	112	1.1	1.3
LA	13,900	11,400	12,900	12,100	0.9	1.1
MS	150,200	179,800	153,100	177,400	1.0	1.0
MO	1,750	1,460	1,730	1,310	1.0	0.9
NC	2,570	1,390	2,630	1,500	1.0	1.1
SC	170	530	250	570	1.5	1.1
TX	155	105	157	103	1.0	1.0
US	239,655	287,381	241,538	284,496	1.0	1.0
Broodfish						
AL	155	70	890	360	5.7	5.1
AR	210	170	950	780	4.5	4.6
CA	15	15	74	74	4.9	4.9
FL	*	5	*	33	*	6.6
GA	20	20	100	100	5.0	5.0
IL	2	2	11	12	5.5	6.0
KY	1	1	3	5	3.0	5.0
LA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MS	860	800	3,950	3,800	4.6	4.8
MO	10	*	45	*	4.5	*
NC	9	10	51	56	5.7	5.6
SC	7	6	30	30	4.3	5.0
TX	7	6	26	23	3.7	3.8
Oth Sts	31	66	174	276	5.6	4.2
US	1,327	1,171	6,304	5,549	4.8	4.7

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and United States, January 1, 2001-2002 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	
	2001 ¹	2002	2001 ¹	2002	2001 ¹	2002
	----1,000----	----1,000----	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
Large Stockers						
AL	29,000	35,600	13,300	15,600	459	438
AR	55,600	45,800	17,500	14,000	315	306
CA	510	*	175	*	343	*
FL	150	*	60	*	400	*
GA	200	270	100	135	500	500
IL	110	43	22	9	200	209
KY	*	*	*	*	*	*
LA	8,500	8,500	4,050	2,950	476	347
MS	263,900	217,100	106,400	83,800	403	386
MO	1,900	1,850	550	520	289	281
NC	1,690	730	820	500	485	685
SC	*	320	*	220	*	688
TX	155	115	48	30	310	261
Oth Sts	398	758	184	231	462	305
US	362,113	311,086	143,209	117,995	396	379
Small Stockers						
AL	31,000	37,200	3,200	3,400	103.2	91.4
AR	85,600	69,500	7,700	6,450	90.0	92.8
CA	2,310	2,300	207	245	89.6	106.5
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	1,850	1,370	170	100	91.9	73.0
IL	523	320	47	30	89.9	93.8
KY	*	*	*	*	*	*
LA	19,200	20,700	1,380	2,400	71.9	115.9
MS	337,500	230,300	31,900	21,600	94.5	93.8
MO	2,600	2,000	260	200	100.0	100.0
NC	1,230	1,340	130	190	105.7	141.8
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*
TX	870	245	79	26	90.8	106.1
Oth Sts	491	17	57	2	116.1	117.6
US	483,174	365,292	45,130	34,643	93.4	94.8

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and United States, January 1, 2001-2002 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	
	2001 ¹	2002	2001 ¹	2002	2001 ¹	2002
	<i>----1,000----</i>	<i>----1,000----</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>----Pounds----</i>	<i>----Pounds----</i>
Fingerlings						
AL	57,000	53,000	2,350	2,400	41.2	45.3
AR	167,000	197,000	3,900	3,850	23.4	19.5
CA	4,350	7,350	106	225	24.4	30.6
FL	240	5,000	14	47	58.3	9.4
GA	4,250	2,650	90	70	21.2	26.4
IL	*	230	*	9	*	39.1
KY	750	780	32	31	42.7	39.7
LA	39,400	55,800	1,910	1,980	48.5	35.5
MS	737,000	727,000	27,400	24,500	37.2	33.7
MO	7,400	*	148	*	20.0	*
NC	1,850	8,420	71	390	38.4	46.3
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*
TX	570	670	20	25	35.1	37.3
Oth Sts	3,723	8,500	189	205	50.8	24.1
US	1,023,533	1,066,400	36,230	33,732	35.4	31.6

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

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Catfish: Foodsize Sales by State and United States, 2000-2001

Year and State	Number of Fish	Live Weight		Average Price per Pound	Total Sales
		Average per Fish	Total		
	<i>---1,000---</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2000 ¹					
AL	64,900	1.7	113,000	0.69	77,970
AR	48,000	1.7	80,000	0.74	59,200
CA	2,300	1.9	4,450	1.90	8,455
FL	1,150	1.6	1,850	0.66	1,221
GA	1,000	1.5	1,500	0.87	1,305
IL	135	1.7	235	1.20	282
KY	570	2.0	1,150	1.06	1,219
LA	25,200	1.7	44,000	0.72	31,680
MS	271,500	1.4	380,000	0.74	281,200
MO	1,780	1.5	2,590	0.87	2,253
NC	2,390	1.4	3,340	0.74	2,472
SC	890	1.1	980	0.77	755
TX	330	2.1	692	1.16	803
US	420,145	1.5	633,787	0.74	468,815
2001					
AL	60,000	1.9	115,000	0.59	67,850
AR	51,600	1.8	94,000	0.63	59,220
CA	1,850	2.2	4,160	1.96	8,154
FL	1,400	1.2	1,700	0.63	1,071
GA	1,650	1.2	2,000	0.95	1,900
IL	120	1.7	209	1.23	257
KY	460	2.0	910	1.10	1,001
LA	29,000	1.4	40,000	0.62	24,800
MS	255,600	1.5	381,000	0.63	240,030
MO	1,010	2.2	2,180	0.91	1,984
NC	2,370	1.7	4,130	0.67	2,767
SC	1,380	1.0	1,440	0.62	893
TX	290	1.5	430	1.30	559
US	406,730	1.6	647,159	0.63	410,486

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Catfish: Broodfish Sales by State and United States, 2000-2001

Year and State	Number of Fish	Live Weight		Average Price per Pound	Total Sales
		Average per Fish	Total		
	<i>---1,000---</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2000 ¹					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	40	4.0	160	0.73	117
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL	*	*	*	*	*
GA	1	4.0	4	1.00	4
IL	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	250	4.4	1,100	1.08	1,188
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX					
Oth Sts	26	5.3	139	1.32	183
US	317	4.4	1,403	1.06	1,492
2001					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	45	3.7	165	0.67	111
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL	*	*	*	*	*
GA	*	*	*	*	*
IL					
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	100	4.1	410	1.08	443
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX					
Oth Sts	33	3.9	128	1.60	205
US	178	3.9	703	1.08	759

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Catfish: Stocker Sales by State and United States, 2000-2001

Year and State	Number of Fish	Live Weight		Average Price per Pound	Total Sales
		Average per 1,000 Fish	Total		
	<i>---1,000---</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2000 ¹					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	15,200	197	3,000	0.95	2,850
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL	*	*	*	*	*
GA	300	100	30	1.70	51
IL	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	35,800	82	2,920	1.04	3,037
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	360	275	99	1.50	149
Oth Sts	14,642	143	2,089	0.75	1,563
US	66,302	123	8,138	0.94	7,650
2001					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	18,300	158	2,900	0.94	2,726
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL	*	*	*	*	*
GA	*	*	*	*	*
IL	132	174	23	2.27	52
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	42,400	83	3,530	1.15	4,059
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	350	257	90	1.70	153
Oth Sts	4,291	477	2,046	0.70	1,428
US	65,473	131	8,589	0.98	8,418

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Catfish: Fingerling and Fry Sales by State and United States, 2000-2001

Year and State	Number of Fish	Live Weight		Average Price per Pound	Total Sales
		Average per 1,000 Fish	Total		
	<i>---1,000---</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2000 ¹					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	111,000	18.9	2,100	1.70	3,570
CA	1,570	27.4	43	3.06	132
FL	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,300	21.7	50	3.00	150
IL	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	11,400	31.6	360	3.50	1,260
MS	577,800	14.1	8,130	1.83	14,878
MO	7,050	15.6	110	2.45	270
NC	2,860	58.4	167	1.40	234
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	1,030	18.4	19	4.16	79
Oth Sts	38,330	36.2	1,387	2.07	2,870
US	753,340	16.4	12,366	1.90	23,443
2001					
AL	36,200	44.2	1,600	1.20	1,920
AR	123,800	15.3	1,900	1.71	3,249
CA	2,160	23.1	50	2.93	147
FL	3,500	31.4	110	2.00	220
GA	3,000	23.3	70	2.90	203
IL					
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	805,700	12.7	10,200	1.60	16,320
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,330	41.2	96	1.53	147
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	930	10.8	10	5.00	50
Oth Sts	29,725	19.2	570	2.74	1,561
US	1,007,345	14.5	14,606	1.63	23,817

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**Catfish: Foodsize and Stockers Percent Sold by Point of First Sale,
by State and United States, 2000-2001**

Size Category and State	Processor		Fee-Fishing and Recreational Use		Live Haulers		Retail		Other	
	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001
Foodsize										
AL	98	92	1	1					1	7
AR	93	96			1	2	5	1	1	1
CA			13	11	17	21	63	61	7	7
FL	85	96	1	*	13	*			1	*
GA	48	60	16	9	10	*	10	*	16	12
IL		*	80	46	*	48	*		12	*
KY	*	10	87	46	3	*	*	*	8	41
LA	99	98		1					1	1
MS	99	99							1	1
MO		*	3	6	80	73		*	17	12
NC	97	98					1	1	2	1
SC	*	*	5	*	6	5	*	*	7	4
TX	*	8	20	43	*	*	38	*	25	18
Oth Sts	91	60		2	8	17	1	20		1
US	95.1	94.3	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.3	2.4
	Other Producers		Fee-Fishing and Recreational Use		Live Haulers		Government		Other	
	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001
Stocker										
AL	97	100	3							
AR	93	92	*	*	*	*	*	*		
CA	*	*	45	10			*	*		
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
GA	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	
IL	*	*	*	38	*	34	*	*	*	16
KY	*	*	*	*	*	*				
LA	*	*	*	*	*	*				
MS	100	100								
MO	*	33	75	34	*	*	*	*		
NC	100	100								
SC	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	
TX	*	17	79	83	*				18	
Oth Sts	25	28	11	6	17	60	42	6	5	
US	87.3	86.8	8.3	5.1	1.1	7.3	2.6	0.7	0.7	0.1

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

¹ Revised.

Catfish: Round Weight Processed, United States by Month, 1987-2001

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>					
1987	20,988	22,163	27,583	26,781	21,623	19,581
1988	26,018	27,786	28,179	20,805	20,351	22,839
1989	26,948	28,559	29,458	27,310	28,892	27,598
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

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
1987	21,638	24,403	26,577	27,920	20,684	20,555	280,496
1988	23,687	26,941	24,611	26,221	25,037	22,634	295,109
1989	27,827	28,371	30,366	31,670	29,096	25,805	341,900
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

July 2001 Revisions

	Arkansas	United States
Number of farms	185	933
Water surface acres:		
Used for production	37,000	189,700
Foodsize	31,000	155,700

	Arkansas		United States	
	Number of Fish	Live Weight	Number of Fish	Live Weight
Inventory:				
Foodsize, small	42,200	42,200	289,300	287,400
Stockers, large	48,500	17,000	337,600	133,660
Stockers, small	71,200	7,100	413,200	40,490
Fingerlings	349,000	3,700	1,830,300	22,080

**Catfish: Prices Paid to Producers by Processors,
United States by Month, 1987-2001 ¹**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>						
1987	60.0	57.0	59.0	65.0	69.0	64.0	
1988	68.0	72.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	78.0	
1989	78.0	78.0	77.0	76.0	76.0	75.0	
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	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>						
1987	61.0	60.0	60.0	61.0	62.0	64.0	61.7
1988	80.0	80.0	79.0	79.0	78.0	78.0	76.4
1989	71.0	68.0	65.0	64.0	64.0	68.0	71.5
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

Imports: Farm Raised Catfish, United States, by Month, 1987-2001 ¹

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
1987	583	1,241	256	1,012	688	301	
1988	451	508	577	217	1,015	26	
1989	588	117	795	417	952	584	
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	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
1987	624	570	622	642	76	464	7,079
1988	724	414	669	674	388	182	5,845
1989	689	422	756	414	66	1,024	6,824
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 ²	1,968	1,385	1,536	1,608	1,724		

¹ Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

² 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.

Reliability: Production estimates are based on a census of all known active producers and, therefore, have no sampling variability. However, estimates may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing of the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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.

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