Catfish Production

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1994 Catfish Sales Up 7 Percent

Catfish growers in the 15 selected States had sales of $397 million during 1994. These sales were up 7 percent from the 1993 total of $370 million. Sales of all foodsize fish totaled $374 million, up 6 percent from last year's total of $353 million. Sales of fingerlings and fry totaled $17.6 million, compared with $8.75 million in sales during 1993. Sales of stockers totaled $5.32 million, down 28 percent from the $7.42 million in sales during 1993. Sales of brood fish previously used for breeding totaled $384 thousand, compared with $779 thousand during 1993.

Direct sales to processors accounted for 96 percent of the total sales of food size fish. Sixty-seven percent of the stocker sales were to other producers.

Number of Operations Down 4 Percent

The total number of operations on January 1, 1995, in the 15 selected States was 1,295, down 4 percent from the July 1, 1994, total of 1,355. The number of operations in the top 4 producing States (AL, AR, LA, and MS), however, increased 4 percent from July 1, 1994.

Water Acres Up 1 Percent

The water surface acres being used for catfish production totaled 155,415 acres, up 1 percent from the July 1, 1994, total. Of the total acres, 4,403 are to be renovated during the period of January 1, 1995, to June 30, 1995. An additional 3,010 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 1995. During the period of July 1, 1994, through December 31, 1994, 2,895 acres were taken out of production. As of January 1, 1995, 5,930 acres were being used for broodfish production.

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Inventory Numbers

Catfish producers had 1.30 million **broodfish** on hand January 1, 1995, up 10 percent from the 1.18 million on hand January 1, 1994.

All **foodsize** fish on hand totaled 202 million on January 1, 1995, up 7 percent from the 188 million fish on hand the previous year. Medium foodsize showed the largest increase of the three categories from January 1, 1994, rising 21 percent. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 4.54 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 59.2 million were medium foodsize (1 1/2 pounds to 3 pounds per fish), and 138 million were small foodsize fish (3/4 pound to 1 1/2 pounds per fish).

Total number of **stockers** on hand January 1, 1995, at 554 million, were up 1 percent from the previous year's 548 million stockers. The 554 million stockers included 273 million large stockers (over 180 lbs. to 750 lbs./1000 fish) and 281 million small stockers (over 60 lbs. to 180 lbs./1000 fish).

There were 725 million **fingerlings** on hand January 1, 1995, up 12 percent from the 649 million fingerlings on hand January 1, 1994.

Catfish: Water Surface Acres, Acres Being Renovated, Under Construction, or Out of Production, and Used for Broodfish by State, January 1, 1995

State	Water Surface Acres: Jul 1, 1994 1/	Water Surface Acres: Jan 1, 1995	Acres Being Renovated	New Acres Under Constrctn	Acres Out of Production	Acres Used For Broodfish
AL	17,300	17,900	435	390	280	525
AR	20,500	19,500	500	420	310	700
CA	2,500	2,100	110	60	210	90
FL	400	210	0	5	195	20
KY	260	225	*	*	40	15
LA	11,150	11,800	1,155	390	90	370
MS	92,500	95,000	1,800	1,400	1,000	3,100
MO	2,300	2,100	90	*	130	130
NC	1,100	1,100	20	70	40	50
OK	700	600	50	50	100	55
SC	1,100	1,100	20	120	10	120
TN	470	320	*	0	*	40
TX	2,300	2,200	140	70	120	590
Oth Sts 2/	1,660	1,260	83	35	370	125
Total	154,240	155,415	4,403	3,010	2,895	5,930

* Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Revised.
2/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number of Operations, 1994-95 and Total Sales, 1993-94

State	Number of Operations		Total Sales	
	Jul 1, 1994 1/	Jan 1, 1995	1993	1994
	----- Number ------		---- 1,000 Dollars -----	
AL	240	250	40,087	41,058
AR	160	160	34,036	36,813
CA	50	40	6,551	6,386
FL	40	20	364	280
KY	30	25	1,263	865
LA	106	105	18,843	20,212
MS	270	294	261,360	280,697
MO	85	75	2,506	2,533
NC	47	47	1,495	1,382
OK	50	35	494	358
SC	40	35	616	1,974
TN	31	25	454	510
TX	128	125	1,576	3,720
Oth Sts 2/	78	59	895	615
Total	1,355	1,295	370,540	397,403

1/ Revised.
2/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Broodfish by State, January 1, 1994-95

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight of Fish	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	1,000			
AL	129	171	665	779
AR	176	163	792	742
CA	15	15	89	90
FL	4	*	20	*
KY	*	1	*	6
LA	85	41	410	180
MS	580	804	2,856	3,973
MO	16	26	82	95
NC	15	8	86	51
OK	50	8	305	33
SC	62	*	361	*
TN	*	3	*	15
TX	16	22	97	101
Oth Sts 1/	35	39	143	201
Total	1,183	1,301	5,906	6,266

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1/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Large Foodsize by State, January 1, 1994-95

State	Number of Fish 1994	Number of Fish 1995	Live Weight of Fish 1994	Live Weight of Fish 1995
	1,000			
AL	326	527	1,149	1,803
AR	1,001	566	3,497	1,886
CA	222	110	789	400
FL	15	*	55	*
KY	16	20	60	75
LA	220	335	775	1,130
MS	2,846	2,607	9,967	8,507
MO	108	111	337	367
NC	167	52	609	177
OK	30	3	105	9
SC	52	25	171	102
TN	76	12	240	40
TX	105	152	407	608
Oth Sts 1/	12	16	51	56
Total	5,196	4,536	18,212	15,160

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1/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Medium Foodsize by State, January 1, 1994-95

State	Number of Fish 1994	Number of Fish 1995	Live Weight of Fish 1994	Live Weight of Fish 1995
	1,000			
AL	4,905	8,180	8,216	14,547
AR	6,008	6,759	11,780	11,931
CA	628	430	1,146	850
FL	28	*	50	*
KY	42	90	82	190
LA	2,600	5,800	4,650	9,400
MS	32,284	35,892	62,100	61,653
MO	485	411	911	803
NC	370	406	670	745
OK	120	105	195	175
SC	887	687	1,853	1,155
TN	171	135	333	227
TX	189	195	354	425
Oth Sts 1/	134	69	264	136
Total	48,851	59,159	92,604	102,237

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1/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Small Foodsize by State, January 1, 1994-95

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight of Fish	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	1,000			
AL	16,360	21,000	15,400	20,800
AR	12,573	12,740	12,534	12,784
CA	935	1,300	858	1,160
FL	37	*	40	*
KY	58	*	54	*
LA	7,100	8,450	7,100	7,950
MS	93,774	90,580	95,590	88,494
MO	1,158	578	1,119	543
NC	1,070	1,097	1,134	1,103
OK	60	146	61	152
SC	708	1,421	761	1,254
TN	215	52	275	53
TX	130	380	125	257
Oth Sts 1/	136	416	134	399
Total	134,314	138,160	135,185	134,949

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1/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Large Stockers by State, January 1, 1994-95

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight of Fish	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	1,000			
AL	15,452	20,579	6,267	9,296
AR	22,234	19,490	8,719	8,666
CA	1,058	1,030	481	310
FL	30	*	13	*
KY	60	*	17	*
LA	12,900	6,350	4,250	2,500
MS	200,518	217,503	76,374	82,033
MO	5,416	*	2,691	*
NC	662	814	262	414
OK	85	123	25	27
SC	333	1,044	209	508
TN	160	*	36	*
TX	756	780	343	350
Oth Sts 1/	360	5,675	91	2,723
Total	260,024	273,388	99,778	106,827

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1/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Small Stockers by State, January 1, 1994-95

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight of Fish	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	1,000			
AL	17,973	20,917	1,872	2,102
AR	26,797	37,717	2,979	3,744
CA	8,867	2,000	898	230
FL	70	*	8	*
LA	14,400	22,500	1,500	1,800
MS	207,269	183,882	20,155	18,251
MO	5,793	6,737	575	727
NC	1,062	297	93	30
OK	1,510	1,370	135	105
SC	2,237	1,433	193	119
TN	887	*	98	*
TX	1,046	3,707	100	368
Oth Sts 1/	272	394	23	38
Total	288,183	280,954	28,629	27,514

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1/ Includes GA, KS and KY.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Fingerling by State, January 1, 1994-95

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight of Fish	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
	1,000			
AL	35,100	35,600	1,117	1,275
AR	90,493	80,990	3,385	2,708
CA	5,318	5,000	111	110
FL	1,842	3,000	55	50
LA	23,250	31,300	955	1,480
MS	460,948	533,275	13,347	14,171
MO	9,873	11,656	280	191
NC	4,331	3,512	122	98
OK	1,585	1,590	62	68
SC	4,493	3,578	132	137
TN	1,165	*	22	*
TX	4,022	9,676	145	304
Oth Sts 1/	6,208	5,516	178	219
Total	648,628	724,693	19,911	20,811

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1/ Includes GA, KS and KY.

Catfish: Number Stocked in Growout Ponds Previous Quarter
by Size Group and State, October-December 1993-94

State	October 1993	October 1994	November 1993	November 1994	December 1993	December 1994
			Large Stockers - 1,000			
AL	*	638	473	*	*	*
AR	739	599	*	*	0	*
LA	*	50	125	185	125	0
MS	2,111	4,003	*	1,998	*	*
Total	3,361	5,290	2,716	2,976	645	301
			Small Stockers - 1,000			
AL	1,461	2,042	1,338	1,520	1,246	*
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	550	300	570	1,850
MS	6,142	7,274	*	*	*	1,056
Total	8,501	9,628	3,693	13,097	4,308	3,028
			Fingerlings - 1,000			
AL	924	2,049	3,664	*	1,148	2,422
AR	3,034	812	0	*	718	*
LA	1,070	1,900	1,655	1,700	510	*
MS	7,228	11,290	4,286	10,985	3,156	9,111
Total	12,256	16,051	9,605	15,533	5,532	13,787

* Not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales of Broodfish
for Breeding by State, 1994-95

State	Number Sold 1993	Number Sold 1994	Pounds Sold 1993	Pounds Sold 1994	Value of Sales 1993	Value of Sales 1994	Avg Value per Pound 1993	Avg Value per Pound 1994
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
AL	*	6	*	32	*	30	*	0.94
AR	0	6	0	30	0	31	0	1.03
FL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA	9	17	50	117	41	94	0.82	0.80
MS	281	92	704	354	570	288	0.81	0.81
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OK	0	3	0	11	0	9	0	0.82
SC	1	*	4	*	3	*	0.75	*
TX	6	*	34	*	68	*	2.00	*
Oth Sts 1/	4	6	16	29	14	26	0.88	0.90
Total	301	130	808	573	696	478	0.86	0.83

1/ Includes CA, GA, KS, KY, MO, and TN.

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales of Broodfish Previously Used for Breeding by State, 1993-94

State	Number Sold		Pounds Sold		Value of Sales		Avg Value per Pound	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		-- Dollars --	
AR	107	12	386	64	267	44	0.69	0.69
CA	6	2	52	9	82	19	1.58	2.11
FL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA	50	0	250	0	163	0	0.65	0
MS	52	55	249	252	162	209	0.65	0.83
NC	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	1.00
OK	5	2	20	6	16	5	0.80	0.83
SC	1	*	4	*	3	*	0.75	*
TN	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	2.00
TX	3	6	14	51	25	40	1.79	0.78
Oth Sts 1/	14	33	87	71	61	60	0.70	0.85
Total	238	112	1,062	458	779	384	0.73	0.84

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1/ Includes AL, GA, KS, KY, and MO.

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales of All Foodsize by State, 1993-94

State	Number Sold		Pounds Sold		Value of Sales		Avg Value per Pound	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		-- Dollars --	
AL	47,844	48,454	57,609	54,417	39,143	40,114	0.68	0.74
AR	26,081	26,966	42,217	45,831	29,540	34,812	0.70	0.76
CA	2,046	1,622	3,786	3,070	6,138	5,181	1.62	1.69
FL	100	*	200	*	250	*	1.25	*
KY	503	290	1,112	660	1,186	810	1.07	1.23
LA	17,650	17,800	25,250	26,300	17,675	19,700	0.70	0.75
MS	280,365	247,686	358,307	340,568	252,606	265,018	0.70	0.78
MO	1,546	1,084	2,448	2,169	1,963	1,756	0.80	0.81
NC	1,304	911	2,029	1,650	1,370	1,258	0.68	0.76
OK	165	210	295	305	255	250	0.86	0.82
SC	494	1,238	782	2,224	573	1,665	0.73	0.75
TN	195	174	376	295	430	333	1.14	1.13
TX	341	789	780	1,356	1,122	2,095	1.44	1.54
Oth Sts 1/	436	391	567	534	644	605	1.14	1.13
Total	379,070	347,615	495,758	479,379	352,895	373,597	0.71	0.78

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1/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales of All Stockers by State, 1993-94

State	Number Sold		Pounds Sold		Value of Sales		Avg Value per Pound	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		-- Dollars --	
AL	1,675	1,501	241	303	198	256	0.82	0.84
AR	12,890	4,332	4,289	1,178	3,134	1,119	0.73	0.95
CA	844	4,341	142	692	270	1,091	1.90	1.58
FL	15	0	5	0	4	0	0.80	0
KY	*	145	*	30	*	26	*	0.87
LA	5,000	0	600	0	564	0	0.94	0
MS	12,547	12,206	2,590	1,760	2,331	1,765	0.90	1.00
MO	2,190	1,956	406	477	429	587	1.06	1.23
NC	28	0	6	0	7	0	1.17	0
OK	520	605	80	89	125	56	1.56	0.63
SC	192	279	22	177	25	137	1.14	0.77
TX	395	807	104	111	195	228	1.88	2.05
Oth Sts 1/	428	132	71	38	134	51	1.89	1.34
Total	36,724	26,304	8,556	4,855	7,416	5,316	0.87	1.09

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1/ Includes GA, KS, and TN.

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales of Fingerling and Fry by State, 1993-94

State	Number Sold		Pounds Sold		Value of Sales		Avg Value per Pound	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		-- Dollars --	
AL	14,745	13,966	262	236	687	615	2.62	2.61
AR	38,829	32,802	931	651	1,095	807	1.18	1.24
CA	702	17,300	23	65	58	92	2.52	1.42
FL	900	*	60	*	110	*	1.83	*
KY	4,375	218	34	13	65	26	1.91	2.00
LA	8,350	8,600	136	235	400	418	2.94	1.78
MS	151,834	297,628	4,378	9,893	5,691	13,417	1.30	1.36
MO	3,876	5,868	40	*	114	*	2.85	*
NC	2,497	1,678	36	56	118	121	3.28	2.16
OK	980	987	43	46	98	38	2.28	0.83
SC	703	2,272	5	75	12	144	2.40	1.92
TX	881	6,590	30	305	166	1,357	5.53	4.45
Oth Sts 1/	1,489	5,879	42	240	140	593	3.33	2.47
Total	230,161	393,788	6,020	11,815	8,754	17,628	1.45	1.49

* Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Includes GA, KS, and TN.

Catfish: Foodsize Percent Sold by Outlet Type by State, 1994

State	Livehaul	Fee/Rec Fishing	Other Producers	Govt.	Direct to consumr	Process	Retail Rest. & Fd Stor	Other Outlets
AL	0	1	1	0	1	96	1	0
AR	2	1	0	0	1	96	0	0
CA	11	5	5	7	2	0	70	0
FL	0	85	0	0	5	10	0	0
KY	1	91	0	0	8	0	0	0
LA	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0
MS	1	0	0	0	0	99	0	0
MO	54	14	1	1	11	16	2	1
NC	0	1	0	0	3	96	0	0
OK	16	3	15	2	2	51	7	4
SC	1	1	2	0	2	94	0	0
TN	*	47	0	0	13	36	*	0
TX	0	37	2	0	11	7	41	2
Oth Sts 1/	1	88	3	0	7	1	0	0
Wt. Avg.	1	1	0	0	1	96	1	0

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1/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Stockers Percent Sold by Outlet Type by State, 1994

State	Livehauls	Fee/Rec Fishing	Other Producers	Government	Other Outlets
AL	0	0	100	0	0
AR	12	6	81	1	0
CA	48	43	8	1	0
FL	0	0	0	0	0
KY	90	3	7	0	0
LA	0	0	100	0	0
MS	0	0	100	0	0
MO	14	22	58	2	4
NC	0	0	0	0	0
OK	41	19	25	3	12
SC	0	0	100	0	0
TX	4	78	15	0	3
Oth Sts 1/	11	70	16	1	2
Wt. Avg.	15	17	67	1	0

1/ Includes GA, KS, and TN.

Catfish: Round Weight Processed by Month, United States, 1980-94

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	1,000 Pounds					
1980	3,530	4,892	4,060	3,829	4,045	3,596
1981	3,836	4,844	4,490	6,057	5,385	4,356
1982	5,448	7,848	8,845	7,937	7,974	8,156
1983	8,713	11,972	13,104	12,518	11,615	12,068
1984	13,265	14,585	14,658	13,349	12,856	11,130
1985	13,429	17,166	18,290	16,474	17,432	15,897
1986	19,761	19,083	18,664	16,354	16,013	15,951
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

Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	1,000 Pounds						
1980	3,092	4,116	3,817	4,310	3,631	3,546	46,464
1981	5,379	5,176	5,711	5,154	4,757	5,495	60,640
1982	7,269	8,398	9,883	9,209	8,609	9,829	99,405
1983	10,347	11,998	11,250	11,138	11,754	10,773	137,250
1984	12,181	13,379	12,520	12,588	12,527	11,217	154,255
1985	14,311	17,130	16,638	16,861	14,625	13,363	191,616
1986	17,036	18,663	18,859	20,453	17,107	15,812	213,756
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	36,004	34,266	439,219

Catfish: Prices Paid to Producers by Month, United States, 1980-94 1/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	Cents per Pound					
1980	65.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	68.0
1981	64.0	64.0	67.0	69.0	70.0	69.0
1982	57.0	59.0	57.0	54.0	53.0	53.0
1983	56.0	55.0	56.0	59.0	62.0	65.0
1984	61.0	66.0	72.0	74.0	73.0	74.0
1985	67.0	69.0	73.0	78.0	77.0	77.0
1986	70.0	70.0	72.0	74.0	72.0	68.0
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

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	Cents per Pound						
1980	69.0	68.0	67.0	66.0	67.0	65.0	67.6
1981	65.0	63.0	60.0	60.0	58.0	56.0	63.8
1982	53.0	53.0	54.0	55.0	56.0	56.0	55.0
1983	65.0	65.0	64.0	63.0	62.0	61.0	61.1
1984	74.0	72.0	69.0	67.0	65.0	65.0	69.3
1985	76.0	72.0	71.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	72.5
1986	66.0	63.0	63.0	62.0	61.0	61.0	66.8
1987	61.0	60.0	60.0	61.0	62.0	64.0	61.8
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	71.7
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	71.0
1994	80.0	80.0	80.0	77.0	77.0	77.0	78.4

1/ Price of fish delived to the processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, but does not include any adjustments based on year-end settlements.

Farm-raised Catfish: Imports of Catfish by Month, United States, 1980-94 1/

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	1,000 Pounds					
1980	1,309	1,511	1,170	1,045	1,108	2,225
1981	1,003	1,119	1,044	1,434	982	521
1982	564	377	474	231	744	492
1983	434	210	283	375	283	101
1984	401	479	661	861	436	656
1985	589	425	976	602	214	928
1986	383	947	610	954	646	787
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

Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	1,000 Pounds						
1980	1,110	2,430	1,425	284	863	443	14,923
1981	630	1,011	570	597	471	239	9,621
1982	499	542	906	569	348	148	5,894
1983	445	434	468	631	523	87	4,274
1984	384	515	54	599	696	422	6,164
1985	871	423	832	96	603	501	7,060
1986	543	669	486	800	1,142	199	8,166
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	2/	2/

1/ Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.
2/ Data not available.

Catfish Production Estimates

Survey Procedures: About 1,500 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone, and personal face-to-face interview, and 86 percent provided a usable report. An attempt was made to contact all known catfish producers during this time. States use every available source of producer names to make their list as complete as possible. Great care is exercised to ensure that all operations are accounted for in the estimates.

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

Reliability: Catfish 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 Used for Catfish Production:

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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