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## Catfish Value of Sales Increase 3 Percent from 2002

Catfish growers in the 13 selected States had sales of 425 million dollars during 2003, up 3 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 4 percent from 2002 to 397 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 21.2 million dollars, an increase of 22 percent from 2002. Sales of stockers totaled 6.21 million dollars in 2003, a 51 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 85 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 5 Percent

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2004, totaled 178 thousand acres, down 5 percent from the 187 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 4.15 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2004. An additional 535 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2004. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2003, the area taken out of production totaled 4.61 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2004, foodfish were produced on 148 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 23.1 thousand, and 3.70 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

## Inventory Numbers

Catfish producers had 1.10 million **broodfish** on hand January 1, 2004, down 16 percent from January 1, 2003.

Large **foodsize** fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 10.4 million on January 1, 2004, down 7 percent from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) decreased 18 percent to 105 million, while small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers decreased 5 percent to 241 million.

Large **stockers** (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2004, at 286 million fish, were down 11 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers increased 25 percent to 568 million.

There were 727 million **fingerlings** on hand January 1, 2004, down 27 percent from January 1, 2003.



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**Catfish: Number of Operations and Water Surface Acres Used for  
Production, 2003-2004, and Total Sales, 2002-2003, 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	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AL	231	200	25,500	25,400	76,045	85,159
AR	155	161	34,000	34,000	56,380	59,047
CA	38	30	2,400	1,800	7,875	7,228
FL	34	35	660	710	756	1,208
GA	43	30	960	750	1,411	1,372
IL	12	18	130	320	226	306
KY	60	70	570	600	1,180	1,381
LA	57	48	9,900	8,800	15,812	14,505
MS	405	410	109,000	101,000	243,226	243,176
MO	31	21	1,400	1,370	1,070	1,954
NC	46	49	1,700	2,100	3,143	6,118
SC	13	9	130	90	617	121
TX	36	36	850	850	3,672	3,350
US	1,161	1,117	187,200	177,790	411,413	424,925

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage  
by State and United States, 2003-2004**

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	
2003 <sup>1</sup>						
AL	22,900	1,500	630	460	180	830
AR	28,500	4,200	650	800	*	1,000
CA	1,810	360	90	110	90	100
FL	590	45	15	*	*	*
GA	700	115	60	15		65
IL	65	45	10	*	*	*
KY	460	95	15	*	30	25
LA	8,600	1,050	170	530	35	1,350
MS	86,000	16,800	3,000	3,300	650	4,400
MO	690	590	55	90	65	55
NC	1,480	140	60	30	40	30
SC	70	25	20	*	*	*
TX	570	105	55	50	5	10
Oth Sts				58	130	85
US	152,435	25,070	4,830	5,443	1,225	7,950
2004						
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		420		55	160	20
US	148,310	23,065	3,695	4,145	535	4,605

\* 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, 2003-2004**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per Fish	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
	----1,000----	----1,000----	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
Large Foodsize						
AL	2,700	2,240	8,940	7,450	3.3	3.3
AR	2,530	1,540	8,350	5,300	3.3	3.4
CA	175	165	680	620	3.9	3.8
FL	115	130	435	480	3.8	3.7
GA	80	15	320	50	4.0	3.3
IL	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	45	*	195	*	4.3
LA	1,200	1,620	3,800	6,000	3.2	3.7
MS	3,950	4,200	13,100	14,500	3.3	3.5
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	150	200	480	600	3.2	3.0
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*
TX	160	170	570	620	3.6	3.6
Oth Sts	135	123	612	504	4.5	4.1
US	11,195	10,448	37,287	36,319	3.3	3.5
Medium Foodsize						
AL	26,100	23,300	49,100	44,700	1.9	1.9
AR	27,500	22,600	51,500	43,700	1.9	1.9
CA	1,450	700	2,750	1,390	1.9	2.0
FL	660	470	1,300	950	2.0	2.0
GA	410	350	820	730	2.0	2.1
IL	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	540	330	1,120	690	2.1	2.1
LA	8,500	6,200	14,700	12,200	1.7	2.0
MS	60,300	46,600	112,500	93,000	1.9	2.0
MO	410	420	970	895	2.4	2.1
NC	1,550	3,300	3,000	6,600	1.9	2.0
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*
TX	430	480	880	960	2.0	2.0
Oth Sts	58	176	113	328	1.9	1.9
US	127,908	104,926	238,753	206,143	1.9	2.0

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2003-2004 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per Fish	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
	----1,000----	----1,000----	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
Small Foodsize						
AL	53,500	46,100	52,700	44,300	1.0	1.0
AR	44,800	49,300	45,900	48,600	1.0	1.0
CA	1,420	1,840	1,460	1,640	1.0	0.9
FL	810	630	810	610	1.0	1.0
GA	780	200	780	200	1.0	1.0
IL	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	630	1,080	725	1,270	1.2	1.2
LA	10,100	6,960	11,200	6,750	1.1	1.0
MS	140,000	131,000	139,800	143,500	1.0	1.1
MO	660	720	700	750	1.1	1.0
NC	1,800	3,000	2,000	3,300	1.1	1.1
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*
TX	290	320	270	320	0.9	1.0
Oth Sts	130	315	116	266	0.9	0.8
US	254,920	241,465	256,461	251,506	1.0	1.0
Total Foodsize						
AL	82,300	71,640	110,740	96,450		
AR	74,830	73,440	105,750	97,600		
CA	3,045	2,705	4,890	3,650		
FL	1,585	1,230	2,545	2,040		
GA	1,270	565	1,920	980		
IL	*	*	*	*		
KY	*	1,455	*	2,155		
LA	19,800	14,780	29,700	24,950		
MS	204,250	181,800	265,400	251,000		
MO	*	*	*	*		
NC	3,500	6,500	5,480	10,500		
SC	*	134	*	190		
TX	880	970	1,720	1,900		
Oth Sts	2,563	1,620	4,356	2,553		
US	394,023	356,839	532,501	493,968		

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2003-2004 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
	----1,000----	----1,000----	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
Large Stockers						
AL	36,100	59,100	12,800	19,800	355	335
AR	49,400	62,600	17,700	25,200	358	403
CA	*	360	*	170	*	472
FL	*		*		*	
GA	150	*	95	*	633	*
IL	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	430	580	298	300	693	517
LA	7,410	9,040	2,600	3,150	351	348
MS	221,000	149,000	84,700	64,000	383	430
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,340	2,100	1,050	1,100	449	524
SC	*		*		*	
TX	195	1,260	45	350	231	278
Oth Sts	2,174	1,507	589	480	271	319
US	319,199	285,547	119,877	114,550	376	401
Small Stockers						
AL	106,000	199,000	9,700	18,300	91.5	92.0
AR	70,800	70,000	7,150	7,350	101.0	105.0
CA	1,610	930	195	110	121.1	118.3
FL	*		*		*	
GA	190	*	20	*	105.3	*
IL	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	*	*	*	*	*
LA	25,000	12,300	2,300	1,360	92.0	110.6
MS	243,000	279,000	24,600	25,600	101.2	91.8
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	4,620	2,600	500	310	108.2	119.2
SC	*		*		*	
TX	170	180	20	20	117.6	111.1
Oth Sts	4,637	3,990	407	338	87.8	84.7
US	456,027	568,000	44,892	53,388	98.4	94.0

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2003-2004 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per 1,000 Fish	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
	----1,000----	----1,000----	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
<b>Total Stockers</b>						
AL	142,100	258,100	22,500	38,100		
AR	120,200	132,600	24,850	32,550		
CA	*	1,290	*	280		
FL	*		*			
GA	340	*	115	*		
IL	*	*	*	*		
KY	*	*	*	*		
LA	32,410	21,340	4,900	4,510		
MS	464,000	428,000	109,300	89,600		
MO	*	*	*	*		
NC	6,960	4,700	1,550	1,410		
SC	*		*			
TX	365	1,440	65	370		
Oth Sts	8,851	6,077	1,489	1,118		
US	775,226	853,547	164,769	167,938		
<b>Fingerlings</b>						
AL	50,800	52,800	1,720	1,890	33.9	35.8
AR	131,000	121,000	3,880	3,100	29.6	25.6
CA	6,100	4,700	170	130	27.9	27.7
FL	3,300	1,120	26	12	7.9	10.7
GA	1,550	5,150	45	110	29.0	21.4
IL	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	600	550	26	25	43.3	45.5
LA	30,800	18,900	1,120	557	36.4	29.5
MS	753,000	508,000	26,200	17,800	34.8	35.0
MO	4,040	4,460	90	75	22.3	16.8
NC	7,540	6,800	350	270	46.4	39.7
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*
TX	800	1,280	32	50	40.0	39.1
Oth Sts	633	2,311	16	22	25.3	9.5
US	990,163	727,071	33,675	24,041	34.0	33.1

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2003-2004 (continued)**

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average per Fish	
	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>1</sup>	2004
	----1,000----	----1,000----	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	----Pounds----	----Pounds----
Broodfish						
AL	380	80	1,280	440	3.4	5.5
AR	120	125	590	600	4.9	4.8
CA	14	11	80	80	5.7	7.3
FL	3	15	21	80	7.0	5.3
GA	10	6	50	27	5.0	4.5
IL	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	2	6	10	25	5.0	4.2
LA	26	22	160	138	6.2	6.3
MS	700	750	3,300	3,600	4.7	4.8
MO	15	*	60	*	4.0	*
NC	13	40	75	175	5.8	4.4
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*
TX	14	9	60	40	4.3	4.4
Oth Sts	6	34	32	162	5.3	4.8
US	1,303	1,098	5,718	5,367	4.4	4.9

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

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish: Foodsize Sales by State and United States, 2002-2003**

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>
2002 <sup>1</sup>					
AL	75,000	1.9	142,000	0.52	73,840
AR	59,400	1.6	97,000	0.55	53,350
CA	1,860	2.1	3,900	1.96	7,644
FL	900	1.4	1,300	0.49	637
GA	1,240	1.3	1,670	0.72	1,202
IL	180	1.1	200	0.89	178
KY	730	2.0	1,470	0.74	1,088
LA	18,200	1.5	26,600	0.58	15,428
MS	244,000	1.6	392,000	0.56	219,520
MO	350	2.2	765	0.83	635
NC	2,900	1.7	4,900	0.59	2,891
SC	485	2.0	988	0.62	613
TX	1,750	1.7	3,020	1.00	3,020
US	406,995	1.7	675,813	0.56	380,046
2003					
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

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**Catfish: Broodfish Sales by State and United States, 2002-2003**

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>
2002 <sup>1</sup>					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	215	2.8	600	0.65	390
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL	*	*	*	*	*
GA					
IL	*	*	*	*	*
KY					
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	300	4.7	1,420	0.67	951
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	14	4.7	66	1.42	94
US	529	3.9	2,086	0.69	1,435
2003					
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

\* Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish: Stocker Sales by State and United States, 2002-2003**

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>
2002 <sup>1</sup>					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	12,000	125	1,500	0.80	1,200
CA	*	*	*	*	*
FL	*	*	*	*	*
GA					
IL	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	78,600	123	9,680	0.95	9,196
MO	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	6,494	295	1,918	1.15	2,197
US	97,094	135	13,098	0.96	12,593
2003					
AL	*	*	*	*	*
AR	12,200	164	2,000	0.75	1,500
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	12,181	100	1,214	0.64	779
US	69,721	107	7,454	0.83	6,205

\* Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish: Fingerling and Fry Sales by State and United States, 2002-2003**

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>
2002 <sup>1</sup>					
AL	18,200	20.3	370	1.81	670
AR	64,000	14.1	900	1.60	1,440
CA	1,950	22.1	43	3.60	155
FL	1,750	41.7	73	1.50	110
GA	3,340	28.4	95	2.20	209
IL					
KY	*	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*	*
MS	417,600	24.8	10,350	1.31	13,559
MO	2,790	16.5	46	3.00	138
NC	2,400	56.3	135	1.57	212
SC	*	*	*	*	*
TX	2,500	42.0	105	4.90	515
Oth Sts	3,502	31.7	111	2.98	331
US	518,032	23.6	12,228	1.42	17,339
2003					
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

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**Catfish: Foodsize and Stockers Percent Sold by Point of First Sale,  
by State and United States, 2002-2003**

Size Category and State	Processor		Fee-Fishing and Recreational Use		Live Haulers		Retail		Other	
	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003
<b>Foodsize</b>										
AL	96	92	1	1		2	1	2	2	3
AR	92	92			1	4	6	3	1	1
CA			10	8	18	12	62	74	10	6
FL	97	96	*						*	4
GA	67	52	12	28	*	*	*	*	4	4
IL	*	25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	46
KY	39	46	45	41	7	3			9	10
LA	97	97	1	*			*	*	*	*
MS	99	99							1	1
MO	*	*	19	9	63	51	*	*	16	34
NC	98	99	1						1	1
SC	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*
TX	47	47	14	14	*	*	*	*	11	21
Oth Sts	28	2	5	22	27	41	37	33	3	2
US	94.4	93.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.5	2.5	2.3	1.5	1.8
	Other Producers		Fee-Fishing and Recreational Use		Live Haulers		Government		Other	
	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003
<b>Stocker</b>										
AL	99	98	1	2						
AR	47	62	*		32	38	*	*		
CA	*	*								
FL	*		*		*		*			
GA				*		*				
IL	*	*	*	86		*				
KY	*	*	*	*	*	*				
LA	*	*	*	*						
MS	91	99			2		7	1		
MO	48	*	14	*	*	*	*	*		
NC	100	100								
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*				
TX	*	*	93	79	*	*				
Oth Sts	27	76	53	3	19	16	1	5		
US	85.7	85.4	3.8	2.4	5.4	11.1	5.1	1.1		

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**Catfish: Round Weight Processed, United States by Month, 1989-2003**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
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	
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	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
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
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

**Catfish: Prices Paid to Producers by Processors,  
United States by Month, 1989-2003 <sup>1</sup>**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>						
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	
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	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>Cents per Pound</i>						
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
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

**Imports: Farm Raised Catfish, United States, by Month, 1989-2003 <sup>1</sup>**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
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	
2002	1,037	1,048	414	618	1,491	982	
2003	1,322	260	332	272	703	893	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>						
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	1,968	1,385	1,536	1,608	1,724	1,395	18,079
2002	957	632	670	572	874	906	10,201
2003 <sup>2</sup>	435	135	150	384	331		

<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.

**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.

**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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