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Catfish Value of Sales Increased Marginally from 2004

Catfish growers in the 11 selected States had sales of 482 million dollars during 2005, up slightly 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 slightly from 2004 to 450 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 24.1 million dollars, an increase of 9 percent from 2004. Sales of stockers totaled 5.99 million dollars in 2005, a 4 percent decrease from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 95 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 Down 2 Percent

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2006, totaled 170 thousand acres, down 2 percent from the 174 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 6.62 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2006. An additional 1.33 thousand acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2006. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2005, the area taken out of production totaled 6.68 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2006, foodfish were produced on 139 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 22.8 thousand, and 4.78 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

Inventory Numbers

Catfish producers had 1.11 million **broodfish** on hand January 1, 2006, up 7 percent from January 1, 2005.

Large **foodsize** fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 10.8 million on January 1, 2006, an increase of 4 percent from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) increased 10 percent to 103 million, while small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers decreased 11 percent to 214 million.

Large **stockers** (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2006, at 269 million fish, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers increased 35 percent to 509 million.

There were 1.04 billion **fingerlings** on hand January 1, 2006, up 59 percent from January 1, 2005.

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**Catfish: Number of Operations and Water Surface Acres Used for
Production, 2005-2006, and Total Sales, 2004-2005, 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 | |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2004 ¹ | 2005 |
| | <i>Number</i> | <i>Number</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> |
| AL | 230 | 194 | 25,100 | 23,500 | 101,198 | 97,602 |
| AR | 153 | 132 | 31,500 | 32,600 | 66,618 | 77,556 |
| CA | 31 | 36 | 1,700 | 1,500 | 7,482 | 7,308 |
| FL | 46 | 31 | 650 | 520 | 1,139 | 1,120 |
| GA | 55 | 60 | 1,090 | 1,300 | 1,475 | 2,066 |
| KY | 60 | 34 | 600 | 390 | 1,151 | 887 |
| LA | 38 | 28 | 7,600 | 6,600 | 14,316 | 14,936 |
| MS | 410 | 390 | 101,000 | 99,000 | 274,971 | 268,303 |
| MO | 24 | 24 | 1,320 | 1,360 | 1,358 | 1,723 |
| NC | 49 | 49 | 2,000 | 2,100 | 7,021 | 6,077 |
| TX | 62 | 57 | 1,030 | 1,500 | 3,446 | 4,547 |
| US | 1,158 | 1,035 | 173,590 | 170,370 | 480,175 | 482,125 |

¹ Revised.

**Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage
by State and United States, 2005-2006**

| 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 | |
| 2005 ¹ | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 2006 | | | | | | |
| AL | 21,600 | 920 | 320 | 860 | 160 | 1,140 |
| AR | 27,500 | 4,300 | 570 | 760 | 100 | 970 |
| CA | 1,240 | 150 | 50 | 60 | 60 | * |
| FL | 480 | * | 10 | * | | * |
| GA | 840 | 325 | 120 | 70 | * | * |
| KY | 340 | 30 | 15 | * | | 200 |
| LA | 5,500 | 970 | * | 550 | | 360 |
| MS | 77,300 | 15,500 | 3,500 | 4,000 | 400 | 3,700 |
| MO | 970 | * | 25 | 65 | * | * |
| NC | 1,700 | 100 | * | 200 | 300 | 40 |
| TX | 1,350 | 90 | 40 | 20 | 250 | 30 |
| Oth Sts | | 365 | 130 | 30 | 60 | 240 |
| US | 138,820 | 22,750 | 4,780 | 6,615 | 1,330 | 6,680 |

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

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State
and United States, January 1, 2005-2006**

| Size Category and State | Number of Fish | | Live Weight | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | | | Total | | Average per Fish | |
| | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 |
| | ----1,000---- | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds---- | ----Pounds---- |
| Large Foodsize | | | | | | |
| AL | 2,400 | 3,900 | 8,000 | 13,200 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| AR | 2,030 | 1,730 | 7,030 | 6,000 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| CA | 150 | 210 | 530 | 690 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| FL | 80 | 80 | 280 | 290 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| GA | 175 | 165 | 635 | 580 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| KY | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| LA | 830 | 890 | 2,950 | 3,100 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| MS | 4,200 | 3,400 | 14,400 | 11,500 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | 300 | 150 | 1,090 | 530 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| TX | 140 | 110 | 500 | 440 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| Oth Sts | 100 | 155 | 405 | 590 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| US | 10,405 | 10,790 | 35,820 | 36,920 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Medium Foodsize | | | | | | |
| AL | 20,300 | 23,400 | 39,000 | 41,500 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| AR | 19,300 | 18,400 | 35,600 | 35,300 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| CA | 670 | 760 | 1,270 | 1,470 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| FL | 335 | 350 | 700 | 740 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| GA | 510 | 510 | 1,070 | 1,010 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| KY | 700 | * | 1,370 | * | 2.0 | * |
| LA | 4,880 | 5,180 | 8,350 | 10,200 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| MS | 43,800 | 50,000 | 84,000 | 93,000 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| MO | 425 | * | 810 | * | 1.9 | * |
| NC | 1,900 | 2,100 | 3,850 | 4,300 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| TX | 880 | 1,250 | 1,650 | 2,550 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| Oth Sts | | 780 | | 1,560 | | 2.0 |
| US | 93,700 | 102,730 | 177,670 | 191,630 | 1.9 | 1.9 |

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and United States, January 1, 2005-2006 (continued)**

| Size Category and State | Number of Fish | | Live Weight | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | | | Total | | Average per Fish | |
| | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 |
| | ----1,000---- | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds---- | ----Pounds---- |
| Small Foodsize | | | | | | |
| AL | 43,300 | 39,400 | 42,300 | 36,200 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| AR | 40,600 | 39,000 | 41,100 | 38,000 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| CA | 1,820 | 2,030 | 1,600 | 1,830 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| FL | 330 | 310 | 330 | 260 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| GA | 200 | 340 | 190 | 345 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| KY | 460 | * | 565 | * | 1.2 | * |
| LA | 10,200 | 5,040 | 10,800 | 5,000 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| MS | 137,000 | 122,000 | 147,000 | 124,000 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| MO | 900 | * | 900 | * | 1.0 | * |
| NC | 3,500 | 3,100 | 3,500 | 3,000 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| TX | 1,670 | 1,890 | 1,390 | 1,690 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Oth Sts | | 1,050 | | 1,050 | | 1.0 |
| US | 239,980 | 214,160 | 249,675 | 211,375 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Total Foodsize | | | | | | |
| AL | 66,000 | 66,700 | 89,300 | 90,900 | | |
| AR | 61,930 | 59,130 | 83,730 | 79,300 | | |
| CA | 2,640 | 3,000 | 3,400 | 3,990 | | |
| FL | 745 | 740 | 1,310 | 1,290 | | |
| GA | 885 | 1,015 | 1,895 | 1,935 | | |
| KY | * | 625 | * | 1,290 | | |
| LA | 15,910 | 11,110 | 22,100 | 18,300 | | |
| MS | 185,000 | 175,400 | 245,400 | 228,500 | | |
| MO | * | 1,360 | * | 1,910 | | |
| NC | 5,700 | 5,350 | 8,440 | 7,830 | | |
| TX | 2,690 | 3,250 | 3,540 | 4,680 | | |
| Oth Sts | 2,585 | | 4,050 | | | |
| US | 344,085 | 327,680 | 463,165 | 439,925 | | |

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and United States, January 1, 2005-2006 (continued)**

| Size Category and State | Number of Fish | | Live Weight | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Total | | Average per 1,000 Fish | |
| | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 |
| | ----1,000---- | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds---- | ----Pounds---- |
| Large Stockers | | | | | | |
| AL | 63,600 | 42,400 | 21,700 | 17,200 | 341 | 406 |
| AR | 39,200 | 47,400 | 15,400 | 15,100 | 393 | 319 |
| CA | 380 | 900 | 160 | 380 | 421 | 422 |
| FL | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| GA | * | 150 | * | 35 | * | 233 |
| KY | * | 130 | * | 40 | * | 308 |
| LA | 6,740 | 5,950 | 2,060 | 1,550 | 306 | 261 |
| MS | 153,000 | 167,000 | 70,000 | 67,800 | 458 | 406 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | 1,500 | 3,200 | 620 | 1,400 | 413 | 438 |
| TX | 760 | 780 | 280 | 350 | 368 | 449 |
| Oth Sts | 1,585 | 1,085 | 490 | 278 | 309 | 256 |
| US | 266,765 | 268,995 | 110,710 | 104,133 | 415 | 387 |
| Small Stockers | | | | | | |
| AL | 80,000 | 260,000 | 7,800 | 21,000 | 97.5 | 80.8 |
| AR | 56,200 | 53,200 | 6,150 | 5,000 | 109.4 | 94.0 |
| CA | 1,560 | 1,430 | 160 | 180 | 102.6 | 125.9 |
| FL | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| GA | * | 1,280 | * | 90 | * | 70.3 |
| KY | * | 365 | * | 40 | * | 109.6 |
| LA | 3,300 | 6,210 | 277 | 635 | 83.9 | 102.3 |
| MS | 229,000 | 179,000 | 21,400 | 16,900 | 93.4 | 94.4 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | 900 | 4,600 | 100 | 500 | 111.1 | 108.7 |
| TX | 410 | 1,370 | 40 | 140 | 97.6 | 102.2 |
| Oth Sts | 5,145 | 1,755 | 431 | 174 | 83.8 | 99.1 |
| US | 376,515 | 509,210 | 36,358 | 44,659 | 96.6 | 87.7 |

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and United States, January 1, 2005-2006 (continued)**

| Size Category and State | Number of Fish | | Live Weight | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Total | | Average per 1,000 Fish | |
| | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 |
| | ----1,000---- | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds---- | ----Pounds---- |
| Total Stockers | | | | | | |
| AL | 143,600 | 302,400 | 29,500 | 38,200 | | |
| AR | 95,400 | 100,600 | 21,550 | 20,100 | | |
| CA | 1,940 | 2,330 | 320 | 560 | | |
| FL | * | 240 | * | 57 | | |
| GA | * | 1,430 | * | 125 | | |
| KY | * | 495 | * | 80 | | |
| LA | 10,040 | 12,160 | 2,337 | 2,185 | | |
| MS | 382,000 | 346,000 | 91,400 | 84,700 | | |
| MO | * | 2,600 | * | 395 | | |
| NC | 2,400 | 7,800 | 720 | 1,900 | | |
| TX | 1,170 | 2,150 | 320 | 490 | | |
| Oth Sts | 6,730 | | 921 | | | |
| US | 643,280 | 778,205 | 147,068 | 148,792 | | |
| Fingerlings | | | | | | |
| AL | 51,500 | 166,000 | 1,700 | 6,000 | 33.0 | 36.1 |
| AR | 131,000 | 184,000 | 3,500 | 5,200 | 26.7 | 28.3 |
| CA | 3,950 | 3,400 | 130 | 130 | 32.9 | 38.2 |
| FL | 720 | 85 | 25 | 2 | 34.7 | 23.5 |
| GA | 7,320 | 6,280 | 300 | 230 | 41.0 | 36.6 |
| KY | 970 | 800 | 30 | 30 | 30.9 | 37.5 |
| LA | 6,870 | 18,400 | 230 | 635 | 33.5 | 34.5 |
| MS | 439,000 | 641,000 | 14,300 | 21,800 | 32.6 | 34.0 |
| MO | 1,780 | 3,750 | 50 | 109 | 28.1 | 29.1 |
| NC | 7,800 | 5,600 | 290 | 200 | 37.2 | 35.7 |
| TX | 3,750 | 10,100 | 150 | 310 | 40.0 | 30.7 |
| US | 654,660 | 1,039,415 | 20,705 | 34,646 | 31.6 | 33.3 |

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State
and United States, January 1, 2005-2006 (continued)**

| Size Category and State | Number of Fish | | Live Weight | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | | | Total | | Average per Fish | |
| | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 | 2005 ¹ | 2006 |
| | ----1,000---- | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds---- | ----Pounds---- |
| Broodfish | | | | | | |
| AL | 100 | 100 | 500 | 400 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| AR | 110 | 110 | 540 | 530 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| CA | 10 | 10 | 70 | 50 | 7.0 | 5.0 |
| FL | 16 | 8 | 85 | 45 | 5.3 | 5.6 |
| GA | 15 | 25 | 85 | 115 | 5.7 | 4.6 |
| KY | 5 | 1 | 20 | 5 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| LA | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| MS | 680 | 820 | 3,300 | 4,000 | 4.9 | 4.9 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | 30 | 5 | 195 | 40 | 6.5 | 8.0 |
| TX | 38 | 2 | 130 | 10 | 3.4 | 5.0 |
| Oth Sts | 30 | 25 | 150 | 120 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| US | 1,034 | 1,106 | 5,075 | 5,315 | 4.9 | 4.8 |

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

¹ Revised.

Catfish: Foodsize Sales by State and United States, 2004-2005

| 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> |
| 2004 ¹ | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| TX | 3,180 | 1.4 | 4,500 | 0.70 | 3,150 |
| US | 389,320 | 1.8 | 682,150 | 0.66 | 450,873 |
| 2005 | | | | | |
| AL | 78,000 | 1.8 | 142,000 | 0.65 | 92,300 |
| AR | 64,000 | 1.6 | 104,000 | 0.71 | 73,840 |
| CA | 1,720 | 1.8 | 3,180 | 2.26 | 7,187 |
| FL | 1,400 | 1.2 | 1,640 | 0.65 | 1,066 |
| GA | 990 | 1.6 | 1,580 | 0.79 | 1,248 |
| KY | 820 | 1.5 | 1,225 | 0.68 | 833 |
| LA | 14,800 | 1.4 | 21,100 | 0.70 | 14,770 |
| MS | 235,000 | 1.5 | 348,000 | 0.71 | 247,080 |
| MO | 510 | 2.9 | 1,500 | 0.82 | 1,230 |
| NC | 4,600 | 1.8 | 8,100 | 0.74 | 5,994 |
| TX | 3,570 | 1.7 | 6,100 | 0.71 | 4,331 |
| US | 405,410 | 1.6 | 638,425 | 0.70 | 449,879 |

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Catfish: Broodfish Sales by State and United States, 2004-2005

| 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> |
| 2004 ¹ | | | | | |
| AL | * | * | * | * | * |
| AR | * | * | * | * | * |
| CA | * | * | * | * | * |
| FL | | | | | |
| GA | * | * | * | * | * |
| KY | * | * | * | * | * |
| LA | * | * | * | * | * |
| MS | 300 | 3.3 | 1,000 | 0.62 | 620 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | * | * | * | * | * |
| TX | * | * | * | * | * |
| Oth Sts | 57 | 3.6 | 205 | 1.20 | 247 |
| US | 357 | 3.4 | 1,205 | 0.72 | 867 |
| 2005 | | | | | |
| AL | 300 | 8.0 | 2,400 | 0.60 | 1,440 |
| AR | 70 | 4.7 | 331 | 0.80 | 265 |
| CA | * | * | * | * | * |
| FL | | | | | |
| GA | * | * | * | * | * |
| KY | * | * | * | * | * |
| LA | * | * | * | * | * |
| MS | 230 | 2.3 | 530 | 0.65 | 345 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | * | * | * | * | * |
| TX | * | * | * | * | * |
| Oth Sts | 47 | 3.3 | 154 | 0.62 | 95 |
| US | 647 | 5.3 | 3,415 | 0.63 | 2,145 |

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Catfish: Stocker Sales by State and United States, 2004-2005

| 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> |
| 2004 ¹ | | | | | |
| AL | * | * | * | * | * |
| AR | * | * | * | * | * |
| CA | * | * | * | * | * |
| FL | * | * | * | * | * |
| GA | * | * | * | * | * |
| KY | | | | | |
| LA | | | | | |
| MS | 33,000 | 94 | 3,100 | 1.09 | 3,379 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | * | * | * | * | * |
| TX | * | * | * | * | * |
| Oth Sts | 25,435 | 122 | 3,092 | 0.93 | 2,881 |
| US | 58,435 | 106 | 6,192 | 1.01 | 6,260 |
| 2005 | | | | | |
| AL | 13,600 | 265 | 3,600 | 0.75 | 2,700 |
| AR | 8,400 | 146 | 1,230 | 0.89 | 1,095 |
| CA | * | * | * | * | * |
| FL | * | * | * | * | * |
| GA | * | * | * | * | * |
| KY | | | | | |
| LA | * | * | * | * | * |
| MS | 10,000 | 130 | 1,300 | 1.10 | 1,430 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | * | * | * | * | * |
| TX | * | * | * | * | * |
| Oth Sts | 2,947 | 273 | 806 | 0.95 | 769 |
| US | 34,947 | 198 | 6,936 | 0.86 | 5,994 |

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

¹ Revised.

Catfish: Fingerling and Fry Sales by State and United States, 2004-2005

| 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> |
| 2004 ¹ | | | | | |
| 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 |
| KY | * | * | * | * | * |
| LA | * | * | * | * | * |
| MS | 400,000 | 25.5 | 10,200 | 1.46 | 14,892 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | 1,100 | 54.5 | 60 | 1.60 | 96 |
| 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 |
| 2005 | | | | | |
| AL | 34,600 | 24.0 | 830 | 1.40 | 1,162 |
| AR | 121,000 | 10.4 | 1,260 | 1.87 | 2,356 |
| CA | 620 | 43.5 | 27 | 2.96 | 80 |
| FL | * | * | * | * | * |
| GA | 7,800 | 43.6 | 340 | 2.04 | 694 |
| KY | * | * | * | * | * |
| LA | * | * | * | * | * |
| MS | 511,000 | 26.6 | 13,600 | 1.43 | 19,448 |
| MO | * | * | * | * | * |
| NC | 1,200 | 50.0 | 60 | 1.07 | 64 |
| TX | 770 | 45.5 | 35 | 3.57 | 125 |
| Oth Sts | 2,650 | 27.2 | 72 | 2.47 | 178 |
| US | 679,640 | 23.9 | 16,224 | 1.49 | 24,107 |

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

¹ Revised.

**Catfish: Foodsize and Stockers Percent Sold by Point of First Sale,
by State and United States, 2004-2005**

| Size Category and State | Processor | | Fee-Fishing and Recreational Use | | Live Haulers | | Retail | | Other | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| | 2004 ¹ | 2005 | 2004 ¹ | 2005 | 2004 ¹ | 2005 | 2004 ¹ | 2005 | 2004 ¹ | 2005 |
| Foodsize | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL | 96 | 96 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| AR | 83 | 93 | | | 16 | 6 | | | 1 | 1 |
| CA | * | * | * | * | 10 | 18 | 75 | 63 | * | 9 |
| FL | 70 | 64 | 2 | * | 25 | * | | | 3 | 2 |
| GA | 56 | 37 | 27 | 6 | 3 | 15 | | 33 | 14 | 9 |
| KY | 45 | 33 | 22 | 16 | 8 | 42 | | | 25 | 9 |
| LA | 97 | 96 | * | | | * | * | * | * | * |
| MS | 99 | 99 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| MO | * | * | 21 | 14 | 63 | 62 | * | * | 10 | 3 |
| NC | 99 | 96 | | * | | * | | | 1 | * |
| TX | 65 | 82 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 14 | | 7 | 1 |
| Oth Sts | 4 | 11 | 94 | 34 | | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| US | 93.8 | 94.9 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Stocker | Other Producers | | Fee-Fishing and Recreational Use | | Live Haulers | | Government | | Other | |
| | 2004 ¹ | 2005 | 2004 ¹ | 2005 | 2004 ¹ | 2005 | 2004 ¹ | 2005 | 2004 ¹ | 2005 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL | 98 | 93 | 1 | * | | * | * | * | * | |
| AR | 76 | 81 | * | | 23 | * | * | * | | |
| CA | 49 | 28 | * | * | | * | * | * | * | * |
| FL | | * | | * | | | | | | |
| GA | * | * | | * | | * | * | * | | |
| LA | | * | | * | | | | | | |
| MS | 100 | 99 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| MO | 48 | 69 | * | * | * | * | | | * | * |
| NC | * | | * | | | | | | | |
| TX | * | 7 | 58 | * | * | 16 | * | * | * | 41 |
| Oth Sts | 15 | 10 | 23 | 5 | 29 | 64 | 22 | 19 | 11 | 2 |
| US | 93.1 | 87.1 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 4.1 | 8.6 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 0.9 |

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

¹ Revised.

Catfish: Round Weight Processed, United States by Month, 1991-2005

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | |
| 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 | |
| 2005 | 53,856 | 51,720 | 57,117 | 50,306 | 51,552 | 49,626 | |
| | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
| | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> |
| 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 |
| 2005 | 47,241 | 50,686 | 47,151 | 49,034 | 46,674 | 45,707 | 600,670 |

**Catfish: Prices Paid to Producers by Processors,
United States by Month, 1991-2005 ¹**

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | |
|------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | |
| 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 | |
| 2005 | 72.5 | 73.1 | 73.3 | 72.5 | 72.2 | 72.1 | |
| | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
| | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> | <i>Cents per Pound</i> |
| 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 |
| 2005 | 72.3 | 72.4 | 72.4 | 72.4 | 72.4 | 72.6 | 72.5 |

¹ Price of fish delivered to the processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include any adjustments based on year-end settlements.

Imports: Farm Raised Catfish, United States, by Month, 1991-2005 ¹

| Imports: Farm Raised Catfish, United States, by Month, 1991-2005 | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | |
| | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | |
| 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 | |
| 2005 | 1,383 | 1,230 | 1,161 | 2,198 | 2,695 | 2,538 | |
| | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
| | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> |
| 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 | 123 | 1,637 | 1,801 | 1,104 | 1,579 | 1,420 | 9,224 |
| 2005 ² | 2,048 | 2,684 | 2,219 | 4,062 | 4,648 | | |

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.

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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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