

# Catfish Production

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## Catfish Value of Sales Decline 8 Percent from 2001

Catfish growers in the 13 selected States had sales of 410 million dollars during 2002, down 8 percent from the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana) accounted for 96 percent of the U. S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish decreased 8 percent from 2001 to 378 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 17.3 million dollars, a decrease of 27 percent from 2001. Sales of stockers totaled 12.6 million dollars in 2002, up 50 percent 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 86 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, 2003, totaled 187 thousand acres, down 5 percent from the 197 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 5.44 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003. An additional 1.23 thousand acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2003. During the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, the area taken out of production totaled 7.95 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2003, foodfish were produced on 152 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 25.1 thousand, and 4.83 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

## Inventory Numbers

Catfish producers had 1.30 million **broodfish** on hand January 1, 2003, up 11 percent from January 1, 2002.

Large **foodsize** fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 11.1 million on January 1, 2003, up 3 percent from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) increased 20 percent to 128 million, while small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers decreased 11 percent to 255 million.

Large **stockers** (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2003, at 319 million fish, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers increased 25 percent to 456 million.

There were 990 million **fingerlings** on hand January 1, 2003, down 7 percent from January 1, 2002.



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**Catfish: Number of Operations and Water Surface Acres Used for  
Production, 2002-2003, and Total Sales, 2001-2002, by State and United States**

| State | Number of<br>Operations<br>on Jan 1 |               | Water Surface Acres<br>Used for Production<br>During Jan 1 - Jun 30 |              | Total Sales          |                      |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|       | 2002 <sup>1</sup>                   | 2003          | 2002 <sup>1</sup>   | 2003         | 2001 <sup>1</sup>    | 2002                 |
|       | <i>Number</i>                       | <i>Number</i> | <i>Acres</i>  | <i>Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> |
| AL    | 240                                 | 231           | 25,900  | 25,500       | 69,965               | 76,045               |
| AR    | 195                                 | 155           | 38,000  | 34,000       | 65,306               | 56,380               |
| CA    | 42                                  | 38            | 2,200   | 2,400        | 8,365                | 7,875                |
| FL    | 45                                  | 34            | 880   | 660          | 1,327                | 756                  |
| GA    | 50                                  | 43            | 1,220   | 960          | 2,577                | 1,411                |
| IL    | 15                                  | 12            | 260   | 130          | 309                  | 226                  |
| KY    | 50                                  | 60            | 400   | 570          | 1,097                | 1,180                |
| LA    | 70                                  | 57            | 12,100  | 9,900        | 26,207               | 15,812               |
| MS    | 395                                 | 405           | 111,500   | 109,000      | 260,852              | 243,226              |
| MO    | 40                                  | 31            | 1,800   | 1,400        | 2,840                | 1,070                |
| NC    | 45                                  | 46            | 1,400   | 1,700        | 3,151                | 3,143                |
| SC    | 15                                  | 13            | 520   | 130          | 923                  | 617                  |
| TX    | 34                                  | 30            | 580   | 395          | 762                  | 2,087                |
| US    | 1,236                               | 1,155         | 196,760   | 186,745      | 443,681              | 409,828              |

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**Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage  
by State and United States, 2002-2003**

| State             | Acres Intended for Utilization During Jan 1-Jun 30 for- |             |           |                                       |                     | Acres Taken<br>Out of<br>Production<br>During<br>Jul 1-Dec 31<br>Prev. Year |
|-------------------|---|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
|                   | Foodsize  | Fingerlings | Broodfish | Currently Under<br>or Scheduled for - |                     |   |
|                   |   |             |           | Renovation                            | New<br>Construction |   |
| 2002 <sup>1</sup> |   |             |           |                                       |                     |   |
| 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                | 1,200   | 145         | 40        | 20                                    | 400                 |   |
| SC                | 390   | 85          | 30        | *                                     | *                   | *   |
| TX                | 220   | 80          | 40        | 30                                    |                     |   |
| Oth Sts           |   |             |           | 20                                    | 100                 | 55  |
| US                | 159,140   | 27,990      | 5,046     | 5,535                                 | 3,095               | 3,945   |
| 2003              |   |             |           |                                       |                     |   |
| 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                | 175   | 105         | 55        | 50                                    | 5                   | 10  |
| Oth Sts           |   |             |           | 58                                    | 130                 | 85  |
| US                | 152,040   | 25,070      | 4,830     | 5,443                                 | 1,225               | 7,950   |

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<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2002-2003**

| Size Category<br>and<br>State | Number<br>of<br>Fish |               | Live Weight       |              |                   |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                               |                      |               | Total             |              | Average per Fish  |                |
|                               | 2002 <sup>1</sup>    | 2003          | 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 2003         | 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 2003           |
|                               | ----1,000----        | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds      | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds----    | ----Pounds---- |
| Large Foodsize                |                      |               |                   |              |                   |                |
| AL                            | 2,850                | 2,700         | 8,900             | 8,940        | 3.1               | 3.3            |
| AR                            | 2,540                | 2,530         | 8,350             | 8,350        | 3.3               | 3.3            |
| CA                            | 270                  | 175           | 1,000             | 680          | 3.7               | 3.9            |
| FL                            | 70                   | 115           | 260               | 435          | 3.7               | 3.8            |
| GA                            | 80                   | 80            | 310               | 320          | 3.9               | 4.0            |
| IL                            | 54                   | *             | 189               | *            | 3.5               | *              |
| KY                            | 52                   | *             | 198               | *            | 3.8               | *              |
| LA                            | 640                  | 1,200         | 1,980             | 3,800        | 3.1               | 3.2            |
| MS                            | 3,850                | 3,950         | 13,000            | 13,100       | 3.4               | 3.3            |
| MO                            | 175                  | *             | 600               | *            | 3.4               | *              |
| NC                            | 100                  | 150           | 320               | 480          | 3.2               | 3.2            |
| SC                            | 40                   | *             | 140               | *            | 3.5               | *              |
| TX                            | 25                   | 29            | 86                | 107          | 3.4               | 3.7            |
| Oth Sts                       |                      | 135           |                   | 612          |                   | 4.5            |
| US                            | 10,746               | 11,064        | 35,333            | 36,824       | 3.3               | 3.3            |
| Medium Foodsize               |                      |               |                   |              |                   |                |
| AL                            | 20,800               | 26,100        | 37,400            | 49,100       | 1.8               | 1.9            |
| AR                            | 26,600               | 27,500        | 48,500            | 51,500       | 1.8               | 1.9            |
| CA                            | 1,640                | 1,450         | 3,100             | 2,750        | 1.9               | 1.9            |
| FL                            | 1,150                | 660           | 2,150             | 1,300        | 1.9               | 2.0            |
| GA                            | 560                  | 410           | 1,130             | 820          | 2.0               | 2.0            |
| IL                            | 49                   | *             | 97                | *            | 2.0               | *              |
| KY                            | 93                   | 540           | 181               | 1,120        | 1.9               | 2.1            |
| LA                            | 8,700                | 8,500         | 15,000            | 14,700       | 1.7               | 1.7            |
| MS                            | 44,700               | 60,300        | 82,900            | 112,500      | 1.9               | 1.9            |
| MO                            | 490                  | 410           | 950               | 970          | 1.9               | 2.4            |
| NC                            | 960                  | 1,550         | 1,830             | 3,000        | 1.9               | 1.9            |
| SC                            | 330                  | *             | 650               | *            | 2.0               | *              |
| TX                            | 45                   | 55            | 87                | 110          | 1.9               | 2.0            |
| Oth Sts                       |                      | 58            |                   | 113          |                   | 1.9            |
| US                            | 106,117              | 127,533       | 193,975           | 237,983      | 1.8               | 1.9            |

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2002-2003 (continued)**

| Size Category<br>and<br>State | Number<br>of<br>Fish |               | Live Weight       |              |                   |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                               |                      |               | Total             |              | Average per Fish  |                |
|                               | 2002 <sup>1</sup>    | 2003          | 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 2003         | 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 2003           |
|                               | ----1,000----        | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds      | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds----    | ----Pounds---- |
| Small Foodsize                |                      |               |                   |              |                   |                |
| AL                            | 42,800               | 53,500        | 42,300            | 52,700       | 1.0               | 1.0            |
| AR                            | 45,300               | 44,800        | 44,400            | 45,900       | 1.0               | 1.0            |
| CA                            | 1,510                | 1,420         | 1,670             | 1,460        | 1.1               | 1.0            |
| FL                            | 2,000                | 810           | 2,000             | 810          | 1.0               | 1.0            |
| GA                            | 930                  | 780           | 970               | 780          | 1.0               | 1.0            |
| IL                            | 70                   | *             | 61                | *            | 0.9               | *              |
| KY                            | 86                   | 630           | 112               | 725          | 1.3               | 1.2            |
| LA                            | 11,400               | 10,100        | 12,100            | 11,200       | 1.1               | 1.1            |
| MS                            | 179,800              | 140,000       | 177,400           | 139,800      | 1.0               | 1.0            |
| MO                            | 1,460                | 660           | 1,310             | 700          | 0.9               | 1.1            |
| NC                            | 1,600                | 1,800         | 1,710             | 2,000        | 1.1               | 1.1            |
| SC                            | 530                  | *             | 570               | *            | 1.1               | *              |
| TX                            | 105                  | 105           | 103               | 105          | 1.0               | 1.0            |
| Oth Sts                       |                      | 130           |                   | 116          |                   | 0.9            |
| US                            | 287,591              | 254,735       | 284,706           | 256,296      | 1.0               | 1.0            |
| Total Foodsize                |                      |               |                   |              |                   |                |
| AL                            | 66,450               | 82,300        | 88,600            | 110,740      |                   |                |
| AR                            | 74,440               | 74,830        | 101,250           | 105,750      |                   |                |
| CA                            | 3,420                | 3,045         | 5,770             | 4,890        |                   |                |
| FL                            | 3,220                | 1,585         | 4,410             | 2,545        |                   |                |
| GA                            | 1,570                | 1,270         | 2,410             | 1,920        |                   |                |
| IL                            | 173                  | *             | 347               | *            |                   |                |
| KY                            | 231                  | *             | 491               | *            |                   |                |
| LA                            | 20,740               | 19,800        | 29,080            | 29,700       |                   |                |
| MS                            | 228,350              | 204,250       | 273,300           | 265,400      |                   |                |
| MO                            | 2,125                | *             | 2,860             | *            |                   |                |
| NC                            | 2,660                | 3,500         | 3,860             | 5,480        |                   |                |
| SC                            | 900                  | *             | 1,360             | *            |                   |                |
| TX                            | 175                  | 189           | 276               | 322          |                   |                |
| Oth Sts                       |                      | 2,563         |                   | 4,356        |                   |                |
| US                            | 404,454              | 393,332       | 514,014           | 531,103      |                   |                |

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2002-2003 (continued)**

| Size Category<br>and<br>State | Number<br>of<br>Fish |               | Live Weight       |              |                           |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|                               |                      |               | Total             |              | Average<br>per 1,000 Fish |                |
|                               | 2002 <sup>1</sup>    | 2003          | 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 2003         | 2002 <sup>1</sup>         | 2003           |
|                               | ----1,000----        | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds      | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds----            | ----Pounds---- |
| Large Stockers                |                      |               |                   |              |                           |                |
| AL                            | 35,600               | 36,100        | 15,600            | 12,800       | 438                       | 355            |
| AR                            | 45,800               | 49,400        | 14,000            | 17,700       | 306                       | 358            |
| CA                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            | *                         | *              |
| FL                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            | *                         | *              |
| GA                            | 270                  | 150           | 135               | 95           | 500                       | 633            |
| IL                            | 43                   | *             | 9                 | *            | 209                       | *              |
| KY                            | *                    | 430           | *                 | 298          | *                         | 693            |
| LA                            | 8,500                | 7,410         | 2,950             | 2,600        | 347                       | 351            |
| MS                            | 217,100              | 221,000       | 83,800            | 84,700       | 386                       | 383            |
| MO                            | 1,850                | *             | 520               | *            | 281                       | *              |
| NC                            | 730                  | 2,340         | 500               | 1,050        | 685                       | 449            |
| SC                            | 320                  | *             | 220               | *            | 688                       | *              |
| TX                            | 115                  | 195           | 30                | 45           | 261                       | 231            |
| Oth Sts                       | 758                  | 2,174         | 231               | 589          | 305                       | 271            |
| US                            | 311,086              | 319,199       | 117,995           | 119,877      | 379                       | 376            |
| Small Stockers                |                      |               |                   |              |                           |                |
| AL                            | 37,200               | 106,000       | 3,400             | 9,700        | 91.4                      | 91.5           |
| AR                            | 69,500               | 70,800        | 6,450             | 7,150        | 92.8                      | 101.0          |
| CA                            | 2,300                | 1,610         | 245               | 195          | 106.5                     | 121.1          |
| FL                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            | *                         | *              |
| GA                            | 1,370                | 190           | 100               | 20           | 73.0                      | 105.3          |
| IL                            | 320                  | *             | 30                | *            | 93.8                      | *              |
| KY                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            | *                         | *              |
| LA                            | 20,700               | 25,000        | 2,400             | 2,300        | 115.9                     | 92.0           |
| MS                            | 230,300              | 243,000       | 21,600            | 24,600       | 93.8                      | 101.2          |
| MO                            | 2,000                | *             | 200               | *            | 100.0                     | *              |
| NC                            | 1,340                | 4,620         | 190               | 500          | 141.8                     | 108.2          |
| SC                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            | *                         | *              |
| TX                            | 245                  | 170           | 26                | 20           | 106.1                     | 117.6          |
| Oth Sts                       | 17                   | 4,637         | 2                 | 407          | 117.6                     | 87.8           |
| US                            | 365,292              | 456,027       | 34,643            | 44,892       | 94.8                      | 98.4           |

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2002-2003 (continued)**

| Size Category<br>and<br>State | Number<br>of<br>Fish |               | Live Weight       |              |                           |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|                               |                      |               | Total             |              | Average<br>per 1,000 Fish |                |
|                               | 2002 <sup>1</sup>    | 2003          | 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 2003         | 2002 <sup>1</sup>         | 2003           |
|                               | ----1,000----        | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds      | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds----            | ----Pounds---- |
| Total Stockers                |                      |               |                   |              |                           |                |
| AL                            | 72,800               | 142,100       | 19,000            | 22,500       |                           |                |
| AR                            | 115,300              | 120,200       | 20,450            | 24,850       |                           |                |
| CA                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            |                           |                |
| FL                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            |                           |                |
| GA                            | 1,640                | 340           | 235               | 115          |                           |                |
| IL                            | 363                  | *             | 39                | *            |                           |                |
| KY                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            |                           |                |
| LA                            | 29,200               | 32,410        | 5,350             | 4,900        |                           |                |
| MS                            | 447,400              | 464,000       | 105,400           | 109,300      |                           |                |
| MO                            | 3,850                | *             | 720               | *            |                           |                |
| NC                            | 2,070                | 6,960         | 690               | 1,550        |                           |                |
| SC                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            |                           |                |
| TX                            | 360                  | 365           | 56                | 65           |                           |                |
| Oth Sts                       | 3,395                | 8,851         | 698               | 1,489        |                           |                |
| US                            | 676,378              | 775,226       | 152,638           | 164,769      |                           |                |
| Fingerlings                   |                      |               |                   |              |                           |                |
| AL                            | 53,000               | 50,800        | 2,400             | 1,720        | 45.3                      | 33.9           |
| AR                            | 197,000              | 131,000       | 3,850             | 3,880        | 19.5                      | 29.6           |
| CA                            | 7,350                | 6,100         | 225               | 170          | 30.6                      | 27.9           |
| FL                            | 5,000                | 3,300         | 47                | 26           | 9.4                       | 7.9            |
| GA                            | 2,650                | 1,550         | 70                | 45           | 26.4                      | 29.0           |
| IL                            | 230                  | *             | 9                 | *            | 39.1                      | *              |
| KY                            | 780                  | 600           | 31                | 26           | 39.7                      | 43.3           |
| LA                            | 55,800               | 30,800        | 1,980             | 1,120        | 35.5                      | 36.4           |
| MS                            | 727,000              | 753,000       | 24,500            | 26,200       | 33.7                      | 34.8           |
| MO                            | *                    | 4,040         | *                 | 90           | *                         | 22.3           |
| NC                            | 8,420                | 7,540         | 390               | 350          | 46.3                      | 46.4           |
| SC                            | *                    | *             | *                 | *            | *                         | *              |
| TX                            | 670                  | 800           | 25                | 32           | 37.3                      | 40.0           |
| Oth Sts                       | 8,500                | 633           | 205               | 16           | 24.1                      | 25.3           |
| US                            | 1,066,400            | 990,163       | 33,732            | 33,675       | 31.6                      | 34.0           |

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State  
and United States, January 1, 2002-2003 (continued)**

| Size Category<br>and<br>State | Number<br>of<br>Fish |               | Live Weight       |              |                   |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                               |                      |               | Total             |              | Average per Fish  |                |
|                               | 2002 <sup>1</sup>    | 2003          | 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 2003         | 2002 <sup>1</sup> | 2003           |
|                               | ----1,000----        | ----1,000---- | 1,000 Pounds      | 1,000 Pounds | ----Pounds----    | ----Pounds---- |
| Broodfish                     |                      |               |                   |              |                   |                |
| AL                            | 70                   | 380           | 360               | 1,280        | 5.1               | 3.4            |
| AR                            | 170                  | 120           | 780               | 590          | 4.6               | 4.9            |
| CA                            | 15                   | 14            | 74                | 80           | 4.9               | 5.7            |
| FL                            | 5                    | 3             | 33                | 21           | 6.6               | 7.0            |
| GA                            | 20                   | 10            | 100               | 50           | 5.0               | 5.0            |
| IL                            | 2                    | *             | 12                | *            | 6.0               | *              |
| KY                            | 1                    | 2             | 5                 | 10           | 5.0               | 5.0            |
| LA                            | *                    | 26            | *                 | 160          | *                 | 6.2            |
| MS                            | 800                  | 700           | 3,800             | 3,300        | 4.8               | 4.7            |
| MO                            | *                    | 15            | *                 | 60           | *                 | 4.0            |
| NC                            | 10                   | 13            | 60                | 75           | 6.0               | 5.8            |
| SC                            | 6                    | *             | 30                | *            | 5.0               | *              |
| TX                            | 6                    | 14            | 23                | 60           | 3.8               | 4.3            |
| Oth Sts                       | 66                   | 6             | 276               | 32           | 4.2               | 5.3            |
| US                            | 1,171                | 1,303         | 5,553             | 5,718        | 4.7               | 4.4            |

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**Catfish: Foodsize Sales by State and United States, 2001-2002**

| 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> |
| 2001 <sup>1</sup> |                    |                  |                   |                         |                      |
| 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                | 2,540              | 1.7              | 4,430             | 0.67                    | 2,968                |
| SC                | 1,380              | 1.0              | 1,440             | 0.62                    | 893                  |
| TX                | 290                | 1.5              | 430               | 1.30                    | 559                  |
| US                | 406,900            | 1.6              | 647,459           | 0.63                    | 410,687              |
| 2002              |                    |                  |                   |                         |                      |
| 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                | 550                | 1.7              | 950               | 1.51                    | 1,435                |
| US                | 405,795            | 1.7              | 673,743           | 0.56                    | 378,461              |

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<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish: Broodfish Sales by State and United States, 2001-2002**

| 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> |
| 2001 <sup>1</sup> |                    |                  |                   |                         |                      |
| 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                  |
| 2002              |                    |                  |                   |                         |                      |
| 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                |

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<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish: Stocker Sales by State and United States, 2001-2002**

| 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> |
| 2001 <sup>1</sup> |                    |                        |                   |                         |                      |
| 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                |
| 2002              |                    |                        |                   |                         |                      |
| 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               |

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<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish: Fingerling and Fry Sales by State and United States, 2001-2002**

| 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> |
| 2001 <sup>1</sup> |                    |                        |                   |                         |                      |
| 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               |
| 2002              |                    |                        |                   |                         |                      |
| 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               |

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**Catfish: Foodsize and Stockers Percent Sold by Point of First Sale,  
by State and United States, 2001-2002**

| Size<br>Category<br>and<br>State | Processor          |      | Fee-Fishing and<br>Recreational Use |      | Live Haulers      |      | Retail            |      | Other             |      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
|                                  | 2001 <sup>1</sup>  | 2002 | 2001 <sup>1</sup>                   | 2002 | 2001 <sup>1</sup> | 2002 | 2001 <sup>1</sup> | 2002 | 2001 <sup>1</sup> | 2002 |
| Foodsize                         |                    |      |                                     |      |                   |      |                   |      |                   |      |
| AL                               | 92                 | 96   | 1                                   | 1    |                   |      |                   | 1    | 7                 | 2    |
| AR                               | 96                 | 92   |                                     |      | 2                 | 1    | 1                 | 6    | 1                 | 1    |
| CA                               |                    |      | 11                                  | 10   | 21                | 18   | 61                | 62   | 7                 | 10   |
| FL                               | 96                 | 97   | *                                   | *    | *                 |      |                   |      | *                 | *    |
| GA                               | 60                 | 67   | 9                                   | 12   | *                 | *    | *                 | *    | 12                | 4    |
| IL                               | *                  |      | 46                                  | *    | 48                | *    |                   | *    | *                 | *    |
| KY                               | 10                 | 39   | 46                                  | 45   | *                 | 7    | *                 |      | 41                | 9    |
| LA                               | 98                 | 97   | 1                                   | 1    |                   |      |                   | *    | 1                 | *    |
| MS                               | 99                 | 99   |                                     |      |                   |      |                   |      | 1                 | 1    |
| MO                               | *                  | *    | 6                                   | 19   | 73                | 63   | *                 | *    | 12                | 16   |
| NC                               | 98                 | 98   |                                     | 1    |                   |      | 1                 |      | 1                 | 1    |
| SC                               | *                  | *    | *                                   | *    | 5                 | *    | *                 | *    | 4                 | *    |
| TX                               | 8                  | *    | 43                                  | 23   | *                 | *    | *                 | *    | 18                | 36   |
| Oth Sts                          | 60                 | 35   | 2                                   | 5    | 17                | 19   | 20                | 26   | 1                 | 15   |
| US                               | 94.3               | 94.5 | 0.7                                 | 0.8  | 1.2               | 0.7  | 1.4               | 2.4  | 2.4               | 1.6  |
| Stockers                         | Other<br>Producers |      | Fee-Fishing and<br>Recreational Use |      | Live Haulers      |      | Government        |      | Other             |      |
|                                  | 2001 <sup>1</sup>  | 2002 | 2001 <sup>1</sup>                   | 2002 | 2001 <sup>1</sup> | 2002 | 2001 <sup>1</sup> | 2002 | 2001 <sup>1</sup> | 2002 |
|                                  |                    |      |                                     |      |                   |      |                   |      |                   |      |
| AL                               | 100                | 99   |                                     | 1    |                   |      |                   |      |                   |      |
| AR                               | 92                 | 47   | *                                   | *    | *                 | 32   |                   | *    |                   |      |
| CA                               | *                  | *    | 10                                  |      |                   |      | *                 | *    |                   |      |
| FL                               | *                  | *    | *                                   | *    |                   | *    | *                 | *    |                   |      |
| GA                               | *                  |      | *                                   |      | *                 |      |                   |      |                   |      |
| IL                               | *                  | *    | 38                                  | *    | 34                |      | *                 |      | 16                |      |
| KY                               | *                  | *    | *                                   | *    | *                 | *    |                   |      |                   |      |
| LA                               | *                  | *    | *                                   | *    |                   |      |                   |      |                   |      |
| MS                               | 100                | 91   |                                     |      |                   | 2    |                   | 7    |                   |      |
| MO                               | 33                 | 48   | 34                                  | 14   | *                 | *    | *                 | *    |                   |      |
| NC                               | 100                | 100  |                                     |      |                   |      |                   |      |                   |      |
| SC                               | *                  | *    |                                     | *    | *                 | *    |                   |      |                   |      |
| TX                               | 17                 | *    | 83                                  | 93   |                   | *    |                   |      |                   |      |
| Oth Sts                          | 28                 | 27   | 6                                   | 53   | 60                | 19   | 6                 | 1    |                   |      |
| US                               | 86.8               | 85.7 | 5.1                                 | 3.8  | 7.3               | 5.4  | 0.7               | 5.1  | 0.1               |      |

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<sup>1</sup> Revised.

**Catfish: Round Weight Processed, United States by Month, 1988-2002**

| 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> |                     |
| 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              |                     |
| 2002 | 52,551              | 52,856              | 58,340              | 50,694              | 52,902              | 49,450              |                     |
|      | 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> |
| 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             |
| 2002 | 52,363              | 54,383              | 53,366              | 56,576              | 50,072              | 47,048              | 630,601             |



**Catfish: Prices Paid to Producers by Processors,  
United States by Month, 1988-2002 <sup>1</sup>**

| United States by Month, 1988-2002 |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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> |                        |
| 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                   |                        |
| 2002                              | 54.9                   | 55.5                   | 56.5                   | 56.1                   | 57.4                   | 58.8                   |                        |
|                                   | 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> |
| 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                   |
| 2002                              | 59.0                   | 58.2                   | 57.6                   | 56.8                   | 56.0                   | 54.4                   | 56.8                   |

**Imports: Farm Raised Catfish, United States, by Month, 1988-2002 <sup>1</sup>**

| Imports: Farm Raised Salmon, United States, by Month, 1988-2002 |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 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> |                     |
| 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               |                     |
| 2002  | 1,037               | 1,048               | 414                 | 618                 | 1,491               | 982                 |                     |
|   | 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> |
| 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  | 1,968               | 1,385               | 1,536               | 1,608               | 1,724               | 1,395               | 18,079              |
| 2002 <sup>2</sup>   | 957                 | 632                 | 670                 | 572                 | 874                 |                     |                     |

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

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

## Methodology and Definitions

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

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

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### 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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