

Catfish Production



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Catfish Sales Up 11 Percent

Catfish growers in the 15 selected States had sales of \$316 million during 1992. These sales were up 11 percent from the 1991 total sales of \$285 million. Sales of stockers totaled \$5.13 million, up 40 percent from the \$3.66 million in sales during 1991. Sales of fingerlings and fry totaled \$9.83 million, down 36 percent from the \$15.3 million in sales during 1991. Sales of all foodsize fish totaled \$300 million, up 14 percent from last year's total of \$264 million. Direct sales to processors accounted for 93 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish.

Number of Operations Down 12 Percent

The total number of operations on January 1, 1993, in the 15 selected States was 1,527, down 12 percent from the July 1, 1992, total of 1,729.

Water Acres

The water surface acres being used for catfish production totaled 151,860 acres, down 4 percent from the July 1, 1992, total of 158,540 acres. Of the total acres, 3,480 are to be renovated during the period of January 1, 1993, to June 30, 1993. An additional 1,010 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by June 30, 1993. During the period of July 1, 1992, through December 31, 1992, 6,740 acres were taken out of production. As of January 1, 1993, 5,680 acres were being used for broodfish production.

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Inventory Numbers

Operations had 1.16 million broodfish on hand on January 1, 1993, down 22 percent from the 1.49 million on hand January 1, 1992. All foodsize fish on hand totaled 220 million on January 1, 1993, down 10 percent from the 244 million fish on hand a year ago. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 6.69 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 61.9 million were medium foodsize (1 1/2 pounds to 3 pounds per fish), and 152 million were small foodsize fish (3/4 pound to 1 1/2 pounds per fish). The total number of stockers on hand January 1, 1993, at 569 million, was down 10 percent from the previous year. The 569 million stockers included 274 million large stockers (over 180 lbs. to 750 lbs./1000 fish) and 295 million small stockers (over 60 lbs. to 180 lbs./1000 fish). There were 668 million fingerlings on hand January 1, 1993, down 21 percent from the 849 million fingerlings on hand January 1, 1992.

Catfish: Water Surface Acres; Acres Being Renovated;
New Ponds Under Construction; Acres Out of Production;
And Acres used For Broodfish; January 1

State	Water Surface Acres :		Acres Being Renovated	New Acres Under Constrctn	Acres Out of Production	Acres Used For Broodfish
	Jul 1 1992 <u>1/</u> :	Jan 1 1993				
AL	18,500	18,400	450	240	470	690
AR	20,000	19,700	770	230	700	580
CA	1,920	2,200	180	30	70	130
FL	760	770	100	10	10	60
KY	450	330	20	20	100	30
LA	10,000	9,900	360	180	200	370
MS	95,000	91,000	1,200	100	3,600	3,100
MO	2,700	2,500	40	20	30	120
NC	1,300	1,200	0	0	80	60
OK	1,100	900	120	10	90	60
SC	1,600	1,500	20	50	30	80
TN	560	480	70	30	10	30
TX	2,900	1,400	130	80	*	140
Oth <u>2/</u>	1,750	1,580	20	10	110	230
Total	158,540	151,860	3,480	1,010	6,740	5,680

* Included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Water surface acres for July 1, 1992 are revised.
2/ GA and KS.

Catfish: Number of Operations and Total Sales

State	Number of Operations		Total Sales	
	Jul 1 1992	Jan 1 1993	1991	1992
AL	320	300	29,539	32,247
AR	195	160	19,166	31,603
CA	51	52	5,027	5,243
FL	60	55	1,967	1,719
KY	45	40	909	1,485
LA	150	115	8,832	10,039
MS	304	275	207,311	223,178
MO	115	105	2,101	2,349
NC	52	45	1,636	1,430
OK	80	70	1,954	1,183
SC	38	41	1,984	799
TN	45	41	347	439
TX	176	143	2,555	3,156
Oth <u>1</u> /	98	85	1,414	1,602
Total	1,729	1,527	284,742	316,472

1/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Broodfish, by State
January 1, 1992-93

State	Total Number of Fish		Total Live Weight of Fish	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
AL	199	123	883	651
AR	193	140	780	640
CA	*	16	*	106
FL	11	10	53	55
KY	4	7	16	38
LA	55	45	253	200
MS	717	704	3,428	3,116
MO	54	22	272	84
NC	16	35	93	190
OK	11	8	49	33
SC	146	9	881	42
TX	51	25	208	118
Oth <u>1</u> /	34	20	177	101
Total	1,491	1,164	7,093	5,374

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

1/ Includes GA, KS, and TN.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Large Foodsize, by State
January 1, 1992-93 1/

State	Total Number of Fish		Total Live Weight of Fish	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
	1,000			
AL	386	572	1,372	2,458
AR	974	1,166	3,285	4,094
CA	*	72	*	238
FL	42	100	154	414
KY	50	26	180	120
LA	700	1,265	2,310	4,175
MS	4,122	2,962	14,295	10,665
MO	50	67	163	225
NC	108	96	375	360
OK	45	13	180	46
SC	91	103	308	379
TN	44	35	253	123
TX	75	123	267	463
Oth <u>2/</u>	82	87	300	291
Total	6,769	6,687	23,442	24,051

* Included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Large Foodsize: Over 3 lbs/fish
2/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Medium Foodsize, by State,
January 1, 1992-93 1/

State	Total Number of Fish		Total Live Weight of Fish	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
	1,000			
AL	5,921	4,917	11,353	8,627
AR	8,503	6,428	15,883	12,540
CA	*	586	*	1,113
FL	153	120	320	216
KY	110	70	202	125
LA	3,800	3,845	7,600	8,075
MS	48,473	43,692	90,297	81,268
MO	759	539	1,442	939
NC	590	800	1,038	1,560
OK	200	132	340	260
SC	249	173	481	324
TN	109	99	216	173
TX	328	209	621	415
Oth <u>2/</u>	1,300	269	2,432	489
Total	70,495	61,879	132,225	116,124

* Included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Medium Foodsize: Over 1 1/2 lbs to 3 lbs/fish.
2/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Small Foodsize, by State,
January 1, 1992-93 1/

State	Total Number of Fish		Total Live Weight of Fish	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
	1,000			
AL	21,345	22,240	21,987	21,419
AR	20,449	19,164	19,889	19,187
CA	*	945	*	944
FL	486	200	570	194
KY	103	210	112	210
LA	6,400	6,125	6,400	6,125
MS	111,923	98,549	113,991	100,621
MO	556	1,000	511	1,046
NC	1,937	915	2,074	1,040
OK	140	255	140	267
SC	1,253	519	1,191	536
TN	98	513	102	457
TX	178	246	185	246
Oth <u>1/</u>	1,863	737	1,832	730
Total	166,731	151,618	168,984	153,022

* Included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Small Foodsize: Over 3/4 lbs to 1 1/2 lbs/fish.
2/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Large Stockers, by State,
January 1, 1992-93 1/

State	Total Number of Fish		Total Live Weight of Fish	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
	1,000			
AL	15,927	13,392	7,437	6,063
AR	19,782	28,943	8,735	10,881
CA	*	2,066	*	843
FL	450	45	200	21
KY	117	135	47	34
LA	9,900	6,320	3,880	2,685
MS	242,666	216,481	91,688	87,937
MO	2,106	1,484	682	534
NC	1,379	1,100	501	526
OK	117	92	38	36
SC	1,063	923	307	474
TN	*	65	*	34
TX	292	242	134	114
Oth <u>1/</u>	1,406	2,388	558	751
Total	295,205	273,676	114,207	110,933

* Included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Large Stockers: Over 180 lbs to 750 lbs/1,000 fish.
2/ Includes GA, and KS.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Small Stockers, by State,
January 1, 1992-93 1/

State	Total Number of Fish		Total Live Weight of Fish	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
	1,000			
AL	15,075	10,243	1,417	1,079
AR	44,471	39,326	4,804	4,397
CA	*	4,773	*	589
FL	70	140	115	19
KY	427	220	45	21
LA	25,900	13,100	2,750	1,520
MS	240,109	219,588	22,567	21,472
MO	5,144	2,751	555	278
NC	1,093	225	111	24
OK	814	420	80	30
SC	1,014	452	134	45
TX	763	518	74	57
Oth <u>2/</u>	4,268	3,455	329	342
Total	339,148	295,211	32,981	29,873

* Included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Small Stockers: Over 60 lbs to 180 lbs/1,000 fish.
2/ Includes GA, KS, and TN.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Fingerling, by State,
January 1, 1992-93 1/

State	Total Number of Fish		Total Live Weight of Fish	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
	1,000			
AL	61,858	50,302	2,313	1,333
AR	109,010	62,680	3,363	1,739
CA	*	68,739	*	412
FL	2,100	2,000	70	53
KY	794	1,120	22	34
LA	90,000	17,565	4,150	705
MS	541,552	425,506	17,385	12,779
MO	8,966	7,146	170	161
NC	3,747	2,480	115	65
OK	5,050	750	230	25
SC	7,160	1,732	230	36
TN	*	4,401	*	208
TX	3,436	1,645	125	48
Oth <u>2/</u>	15,339	22,275	253	292
Total	849,012	668,341	28,426	17,890

* Included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Fingerling: Over 2 lbs to 60 lbs/1,000 fish.
2/ Includes GA and KS.

Catfish: Number Stocked in Growout Ponds During Previous Quarter,
by Size Group and State, October-December 1991-92

State	October		November		December	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
Large Stockers 1,000						
AL	383	1,046	*	581	*	*
AR	613	*	*	67	*	*
LA	3	*	350	260	0	0
MS	4,130	4,341	1,427	1,319	556	1,134
Total	5,129	5,814	2,318	2,227	754	1,755
Small Stockers 1,000						
AL	597	*	1,005	1,710	*	*
AR	525	*	*	67	*	*
LA	120	1,850	*	1,030	1,020	1,515
MS	12,256	1,879	7,755	3,734	2,717	*
Total	13,498	4,380	8,934	6,541	3,979	2,616
Fingerlings 1,000						
AL	*	*	*	*	*	1,428
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
LA	810	990	810	0	810	*
MS	24,287	11,717	9,334	11,856	3,151	*
Total	26,508	13,122	10,912	12,195	4,350	5,964

* Not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales; Broodfish for Breeding

State	Number of Head		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Avg Value Per Pound	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----				--- 1,000 Dollars ---		Dollars	
AR	67	7	269	34	223	34	0.83	1.00
FL	10	0	2	0	12	0	6.00	0
LA	2	0	5	0	3	0	0.60	0
MS	145	206	607	910	455	601	0.75	0.66
NC	2	1	8	2	8	2	1.00	1.00
OK	2	0	6	0	6	0	1.00	0
SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TX	52	2	193	8	300	12	1.55	1.50
Oth <u>1/</u>	22	9	154	28	200	23	1.30	0.82
Total	302	225	1,244	982	1,207	672	0.97	0.68

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

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales; Broodfish,
Previously Used for Breeding

State	Number of Head		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Avg Value Per Pound	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----				--- 1,000 Dollars ---		Dollars	
AR	46	83	213	353	147	221	0.69	0.63
FL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KY	2	14	7	57	8	63	1.14	1.11
LA	34	70	180	340	113	205	0.63	0.60
MS	134	101	567	423	312	223	0.55	0.53
MO	1	1	5	2	8	1	1.60	0.50
NC	1	0	4	0	2	0	0.50	0
OK	4	2	12	6	8	4	0.67	0.67
SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TX	1	2	3	9	4	6	1.33	0.67
Oth <u>1/</u>	5	14	52	55	58	62	1.12	1.13
Total	228	287	1,043	1,245	660	785	0.63	0.63

1/ Includes AL, CA, GA, and KS.

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales; All Foodsize

State	Number of Head		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Avg Value Per Pound	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----				--- 1,000 Dollars ---		Dollars	
AL	42,265	41,146	45,000	52,577	27,450	30,239	0.61	0.58
AR	14,481	28,629	28,377	51,943	17,303	29,440	0.61	0.57
CA	*	1,561	*	2,900	*	5,113	*	1.76
FL	1,100	1,100	2,035	2,037	1,667	1,438	0.82	0.71
KY	244	588	525	1,570	634	1,338	1.21	0.85
LA	10,660	10,080	13,990	15,800	8,390	9,250	0.60	0.59
MS	255,460	280,949	307,348	356,524	195,443	214,914	0.64	0.60
MO	991	1,371	1,787	2,356	1,500	1,808	0.84	0.77
NC	1,481	1,508	2,140	2,070	1,370	1,311	0.64	0.63
OK	350	290	430	362	310	230	0.72	0.64
SC	2,724	742	2,929	1,203	1,788	737	0.61	0.61
TN	*	145	*	298	*	381	*	1.28
Oth <u>1/</u>	2,825	2,386	4,797	3,167	8,068	3,856	1.68	1.22
Total	332,581	370,495	409,358	492,807	263,923	300,055	0.64	0.61

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

1/ Includes GA, KS, and TX.

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales; All Stockers

State	Number of Head		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Avg Value Per Pound	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 -----		--- 1,000 Dollars ---		Dollars	
AR	5,398	11,837	1,093	1,492	971	1,418	0.89	0.95
FL	189	208	35	25	79	42	2.26	1.68
LA	1,500	5,070	200	590	120	530	0.60	0.90
MS	7,875	8,303	915	1,368	870	1,167	0.95	0.85
MO	2,073	1,945	275	257	382	325	1.39	1.26
NC	88	281	8	19	8	23	1.00	1.21
OK	490	940	180	230	90	207	0.50	0.90
SC	0	97	0	68	0	45	0	0.66
TN	*	96	*	22	*	14	*	0.64
TX	735	481	270	120	299	132	1.11	1.10
Oth <u>1/</u>	5,873	9,671	1,368	1,281	842	1,226	0.62	0.96
Total	24,221	38,929	4,344	5,472	3,661	5,129	0.84	0.94

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

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

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales; Fingerling and Fry

State	Number of Head		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value Per Pound	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 -----		--- 1,000 Dollars ---		Dollars	
AL	24,437	23,566	696	560	1,551	1,145	2.23	2.04
AR	23,893	18,608	321	398	522	490	1.63	1.23
CA	*	937	*	40	*	90	*	2.25
FL	3,000	3,000	81	146	209	239	2.58	1.64
KY	457	900	27	15	78	42	2.89	2.80
LA	3,400	2,869	125	51	206	54	1.65	1.06
MS	221,618	198,182	6,388	5,391	10,231	6,273	1.60	1.16
MO	4,718	2,715	28	58	211	213	7.54	3.67
NC	4,378	1,348	112	36	248	94	2.21	2.61
OK	8,160	7,910	390	270	1,540	742	3.95	2.75
SC	2,485	339	102	9	196	17	1.92	1.89
TN	*	310	*	13	*	42	*	3.23
Oth <u>1/</u>	10,020	7,399	143	360	299	390	2.09	1.08
Total	306,566	268,083	8,413	7,347	15,291	9,831	1.82	1.34

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

1/ Includes GA, KS, and TX.

Catfish: Foodsize Percent Sold By Outlet Type, 1992

State	: Live- : haulers	: Fee/Rec: : Fishing	: Other : Produ- : cers	: Govt.	: Direct : To : Consumr:	: Process	: Retail : Rest.& : Fd Stor:	: Other : Outlets
AL	1	3	1	0	1	92	2	0
AR	4	0	0	0	1	94	1	0
FL	7	23	1	0	5	54	10	0
KS	0	38	12	0	28	0	22	0
KY	1	40	1	0	24	0	34	0
LA	6	1	7	0	1	84	1	0
MS	1	0	0	0	0	98	1	0
MO	48	14	1	0	6	25	6	0
NC	0	1	0	0	4	85	10	0
OK	6	23	1	2	10	37	18	3
SC	0	9	1	0	1	88	1	0
TN	*	62	*	0	15	11	8	0
TX	9	24	2	1	15	1	48	0
Oth <u>1/</u>	8	24	2	1	12	18	36	0
Wt. Avg.:	2	1	0	0	1	93	3	0

* Included in other states to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
1/ Includes CA, and GA.

Catfish: Stockers Percent Sold By Outlet Type, 1992

State	: Livehaulers:	: Fee/Rec : Fishing	: Other : Producers	: Government	: Other : Outlets
AR	34	20	45	0	1
CA	0	10	10	0	80
FL	0	0	100	0	0
KY	0	35	65	0	0
LA	16	0	84	0	0
MS	47	0	53	0	0
MO	48	31	16	1	4
NC	0	0	100	0	0
OK	4	3	93	0	0
SC	0	0	0	0	0
TX	1	23	75	1	0
Oth <u>1/</u>	26	15	58	0	1
WT. Avg.:	25	10	61	0	4

1/ Includes AL, GA, KS, and TN.

Catfish: Round Weight Processed, by Month, United States, 1978-92

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
1,000 Pounds							
1978	1,598	2,361	2,951	2,510	2,729	2,189	
1979	3,032	3,929	4,010	3,025	3,716	3,081	
1980	3,530	4,892	4,060	3,829	4,045	3,596	
1981	3,836	4,844	4,490	6,057	5,385	4,356	
1982	5,448	7,848	8,845	7,937	7,974	8,156	
1983	8,713	11,972	13,104	12,518	11,615	12,068	
1984	13,265	14,585	14,658	13,349	12,856	11,130	
1985	13,429	17,166	18,290	16,474	17,432	15,897	
1986	19,761	19,083	18,664	16,354	16,013	15,951	
1987	20,988	22,163	27,583	26,781	21,623	19,581	
1988	26,018	27,786	28,179	20,805	20,351	22,839	
1989	26,948	28,559	29,458	27,310	28,892	27,598	
1990	33,066	31,884	33,120	30,980	31,542	28,967	
1991	32,206	33,036	35,951	31,205	31,322	31,588	
1992	36,200	39,228	45,048	41,177	39,111	36,813	
1,000 Pounds							
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1978	2,310	3,186	2,607	2,647	2,935	2,154	30,177
1979	3,138	3,978	3,417	3,531	3,000	2,779	40,636
1980	3,092	4,116	3,817	4,310	3,631	3,546	46,464
1981	5,379	5,176	5,711	5,154	4,757	5,495	60,640
1982	7,269	8,398	9,883	9,209	8,609	9,829	99,405
1983	10,347	11,998	11,250	11,138	11,754	10,773	137,250
1984	12,181	13,379	12,520	12,588	12,527	11,217	154,255
1985	14,311	17,130	16,638	16,861	14,625	13,363	191,616
1986	17,036	18,663	18,859	20,453	17,107	15,812	213,756
1987	21,638	24,403	26,577	27,920	20,684	20,555	280,496
1988	23,687	26,941	24,611	26,221	25,037	22,634	295,109
1989	27,827	28,371	30,366	31,670	29,096	25,805	341,900
1990	29,540	31,108	27,566	29,211	27,913	25,538	360,435
1991	32,720	32,912	33,244	35,400	31,114	30,172	390,870
1992	36,128	37,958	37,857	39,212	35,073	33,562	457,367

Farm-Raised Catfish: Prices Paid to Producers, 1978-92

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Cents per Pound							
1978	56.1	56.0	56.1	55.8	55.6	55.8	
1979	52.3	55.0	58.5	60.0	60.4	62.8	
1980	65.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	68.0	
1981	64.0	64.0	67.0	69.0	70.0	69.0	
1982	57.0	59.0	57.0	54.0	53.0	53.0	
1983	56.0	55.0	56.0	59.0	62.0	65.0	
1984	61.0	66.0	72.0	74.0	73.0	74.0	
1985	67.0	69.0	73.0	78.0	77.0	77.0	
1986	70.0	70.0	72.0	74.0	72.0	68.0	
1987	60.0	57.0	59.0	65.0	69.0	64.0	
1988	68.0	72.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	78.0	
1989	78.0	78.0	77.0	76.0	76.0	75.0	
1990	72.0	74.0	78.0	78.0	78.0	78.0	
1991	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	66.0	65.0	
1992	53.0	56.0	60.0	63.0	63.0	61.0	
Cents per Pound							
Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
1978	55.9	55.7	53.3	51.6	51.3	51.6	54.5
1979	64.9	64.8	64.6	64.7	64.9	64.8	61.4
1980	69.0	68.0	67.0	66.0	67.0	65.0	67.6
1981	65.0	63.0	60.0	60.0	58.0	56.0	63.7
1982	53.0	53.0	54.0	55.0	56.0	56.0	54.9
1983	65.0	65.0	64.0	63.0	62.0	61.0	61.1
1984	74.0	72.0	69.0	67.0	65.0	65.0	69.2
1985	76.0	72.0	71.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	72.6
1986	66.0	63.0	63.0	62.0	61.0	61.0	66.8
1987	61.0	60.0	60.0	61.0	62.0	64.0	61.7
1988	80.0	80.0	79.0	79.0	78.0	78.0	76.4
1989	71.0	68.0	65.0	64.0	64.0	68.0	71.5
1990	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	75.0	72.0	75.8
1991	63.0	60.0	59.0	58.0	57.0	53.0	63.1
1992	59.0	58.0	59.0	61.0	62.0	63.0	59.8

Farm-Raised Catfish: Imports of Catfish, 1978-92

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
1,000 Pounds							
1978	1,845	752	1,936	2,188	2,534	1,046	
1979	995	1,683	639	2,522	2,014	946	
1980	1,309	1,511	1,170	1,045	1,108	2,225	
1981	1,003	1,119	1,044	1,434	982	521	
1982	564	377	474	231	744	492	
1983	434	210	283	375	283	101	
1984	401	479	661	861	436	656	
1985	589	425	976	602	214	928	
1986	383	947	610	954	646	787	
1987	583	1,241	256	1,012	688	301	
1988	451	508	577	217	1,015	26	
1989	588	117	795	417	952	584	
1990	115	553	322	48	618	342	
1991	355	344	93	641	184	484	
1992	237	201	243	233	392	100	
1,000 Pounds							
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1978	863	968	1,524	815	2,728	1,173	18,372
1979	2,273	759	889	1,298	1,361	1,610	16,989
1980	1,110	2,430	1,425	284	863	443	14,922
1981	630	1,011	570	597	471	239	9,621
1982	499	542	906	569	348	148	5,894
1983	445	434	468	631	523	87	4,274
1984	384	515	54	599	696	422	6,164
1985	871	423	832	96	603	501	7,060
1986	543	669	486	800	1,142	199	8,166
1987	624	570	622	642	76	464	7,079
1988	724	414	669	674	388	182	5,845
1989	689	422	756	414	66	1,024	6,824
1990	406	362	619	33	381	226	4,025
1991	723	621	80	974	93	594	5,186
1992	344	169	307	187	23	<u>1/</u>	

1/ Data not available until February 22, 1993.

Survey Procedures: Data for catfish production are collected from approximately 1,500 current and previous producers. States use all known sources of producers to ensure that their lists are as complete as possible. Firms that are not on the list are not represented in the data. Data collection from the list of approximately 2,000 producers begins on January 1, 1993. All known catfish producers are contacted with either a mailed questionnaire or are telephoned or possibly enumerated in person. Great care is exercised to ensure that all operations are accounted for in the estimates.

Reliability: Sound statistical methodology is employed to derive the estimates from reported data. All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for inaccessible operations are accounted for through the expansion of the reported data or by imputation based on individual historical data. Survey data are subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and in processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by carefully reviewing all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Revision policy: Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when current estimates are made. Revisions are the result of late or corrected data.

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