
Catfish



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CATFISH PROCESSING UP 17 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during July totaled 14.3 million pounds (6480 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 17 percent from July 1984.

The July average price paid to growers was 76 cents per pound, 2 cents above July last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during July totaled 7.84 million pounds (3550 metric tons), an increase of 18 percent from the comparable month in 1984. Ice pack sales were 43 percent of the total amount sold.

The July average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.69 per pound for ice pack and \$1.70 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during June totaled 928 thousand pounds (420 metric tons), 99 percent of which were from Brazil. Imports were 41 percent above the amount imported a year earlier. Import data were compiled by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Processing data were compiled in cooperation with the following processors:

Corbin Fish Farm
Country Skillet (Con Agra)
Crawford Catfish Acres
Delta Catfish Processors
Farm Fresh Catfish Co.
Fish Breeders of Idaho
Fishland/Welfed, Inc.

Grain Fed Fish, Ltd.
Guidry Catfish Processors, Inc.
King Kat, Inc.
Le Flore - Bolivar
Pride of the Pond
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FARM - RAISED CATFISH, PRODUCTION, INVENTORY, QUANTITY SOLD,
AND PRICE, 1984-85 1/

MONTH	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED 1/		CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION 1/		1985 2/		QUANTITY SOLD	
	1984	1985	1984	1985	ENDING INVENTORY	ICE PACK	FROZEN	TOTAL
	THOUSAND POUNDS							
JAN	13,265	13,453	13,265	13,453	4,281	3,413	3,828	7,241
FEB	14,585	17,191	27,850	30,644	4,042	4,349	4,626	8,975
MAR	14,658	18,332	42,508	48,976	4,146	4,082	5,217	9,299
APR	13,349	16,542	55,857	65,518	3,775	3,622	5,248	8,870
MAY	12,856	17,536	68,713	83,054	3,842	3,533	5,232	8,765
JUN	11,130	16,035	79,843	99,089	3,915	3,546	4,809	8,355
JUL	12,181	14,295	92,024	113,384	3,609	3,389	4,448	7,837
AUG	13,379		105,403					
SEP	12,520		117,923					
OCT	12,588		130,511					
NOV	12,527		143,038					
DEC	11,217		154,255					

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 4/		F.O.B. PLANT		RANGE		PRICES PAID 5/		IMPORTS OF CATFISH 3/	
	ICE PACK	FROZEN	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985
	DOLLARS PER POUND									
JAN	1.40	1.54	1.47	1.59	.64-.92	.61	.67	401	589	
FEB	1.47	1.55	1.53	1.58	.64-.92	.66	.69	479	425	
MAR	1.67	1.63	1.65	1.65	.65-.92	.72	.73	661	976	
APR	1.69	1.67	1.70	1.70	.65-.92	.74	.78	861	602	
MAY	1.63	1.71	1.69	1.73	.65-.92	.73	.77	436	214	
JUN	1.62	1.71	1.66	1.71	.65-.92	.74	.77	656	928	
JUL	1.63	1.69	1.66	1.70	.65-.92	.74	.76	384		
AUG	1.61		1.61			.72		515		
SEP	1.60		1.66			.69		54		
OCT	1.59		1.63			.67		599		
NOV	1.55		1.59			.65		696		
DEC	1.50		1.64			.65		422		

- 1/ TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT OF FISH DELIVERED FOR PROCESSING.
- 2/ DRESSED WEIGHT.
- 3/ U. S. BUREAU OF CENSUS.
- 4/ STARTING IN FEB 1983 PRICES QUOTED ARE FOR WHOLE FISH EXCLUDING ALL SALES OF FURTHER PROCESSED FISH. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PRICES MAY HAVE INCLUDED SOME VALUE OF FURTHER PROCESSED FISH.
- 5/ PRICES PAID TO FARMERS, HARVESTED AT PLANT SITE.