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# Catfish



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## CATFISH PROCESSING UP 20 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during December totaled 13.4 million pounds (6090 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 20 percent from December 1984.

The December average price paid to growers was 70 cents per pound, 5 cents above December last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during December totaled 6.43 million pounds (2920 metric tons), an increase of 19 percent from the comparable month in 1984. Ice pack sales were 47 percent of the total amount sold.

The December average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.55 per pound for ice pack and \$1.65 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during November totaled 603 thousand pounds (270 metric tons), all of which were from Brazil. Imports were 13 percent below 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  
Seminole Brand  
Simmons Farm-Raised

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FARM - RAISED CATFISH, PRODUCTION, INVENTORY, QUANTITY SOLD,  
AND PRICE, 1984-85 1/

MONTH	ROUND WEIGHT		CUMULATIVE		1985 2/				
	PROCESSED 1/		PRODUCTION 1/		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	16,726	105,403	130,110	3,432	4,196	5,464	9,660	
SEP	12,520	16,673	117,923	146,783	3,866	3,497	4,850	8,347	
OCT	12,588	16,893	130,511	163,676	4,354	3,896	4,430	8,326	
NOV	12,527	14,827	143,038	178,503	4,753	3,335	3,954	7,289	
DEC	11,217	13,427	154,255	191,930	4,981	3,014	3,418	6,432	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE		F.O.B. PLANT		RANGE		WEIGHTED AVERAGE		IMPORTS OF CATFISH 3/	
1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985
DOLLARS PER POUND									
THOUSAND POUNDS									
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	871
AUG	1.61	1.65	1.61	1.70	.65-.92	.72	.72	515	423
SEP	1.60	1.63	1.66	1.75	.65-.92	.69	.71	54	832
OCT	1.59	1.61	1.63	1.71	.65-.92	.67	.70	599	96
NOV	1.55	1.54	1.59	1.68	.65-.92	.65	.70	696	603
DEC	1.50	1.55	1.64	1.65	.65-.92	.65	.70	422	

- 1/ TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT OF FISH DELIVERED FOR PROCESSING.
- 2/ DRESSED WEIGHT.
- 3/ U. S. BUREAU OF CENSUS.
- 4/ PRICES PAID TO FARMERS, HARVESTED AT PLANT SITE.