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The domestic production of farm-raised catfish processed during January 1980 totaled 3,530 thousand pounds round weight (live weight). Production was 16 percent above January 1979.

Freshwater catfish imports during December totaled 1,610 thousand pounds, all from Brazil. Imports for the year 1979 totaled 16.7 million pounds, down 9 percent from 1978.

The Operation Price Watch indexes for fish changed slightly in January from the previous month. The retail price index for fish in January increased only 0.2 percent from December 1979, and was 12.5 percent above a year earlier. Of the 17 canned and frozen fishery products included in the fish price index, 9 increased, 7 declined, and one was unchanged. Prices for whiting, cod, and haddock fillets; and canned chunk light tuna increased substantially from December 1979. Meanwhile, prices for halibut steak and fish sticks and portions recorded substantial declines from the previous month.

NOTICE: Beginning with this January report, the "Farm-Raised Catfish Processor's" report will be released by the Crop Reporting Board of USDA. Previous reports were published by the National Marine Fisheries Office in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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FARM - RAISED CATFISH, PRODUCTION, INVENTORY, SALES AND PRICE

MONTH	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED 1/		CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION		1980						
					ENDING INVENTORY 2/	CHANGE IN INVENTORY 2/	NET SALES 2/	WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 2/ F.O.B. PLANT		PRICES PAID 3/	
	1979	1980	1979	1980				ICE PACK	FROZEN	RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
	THOUSAND POUNDS							DOLLARS PER POUND			
JAN	3,032	3,530	3,032	3,530	969.6	56.9-	2,198	1.53	1.61	.60-.78	.65
FEB											
MAR											
APR											
MAY											
JUN											
JUL											
AUG											
SEP											
OCT											
NOV											
DEC											
TOTAL											

1/ TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT OF FISH DELIVERED FOR PROCESSING.
2/ PRICES PAID TO FARMER, HARVESTED, AT PLANT SITE.
3/ DRESSED WEIGHT.