
Catfish



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CATFISH PROCESSING DOWN 3 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during January totaled 32.2 million pounds round weight, down 3 percent from January 1990, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board.

The January average price paid to growers was 72 cents per pound, 1 cent below the same month last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during January totaled 15.8 million pounds, virtually unchanged from the comparable month in 1990. Sales of whole fish represented 31 percent of the total and fillets accounted for 47 percent. The remaining 22 percent were mostly steaks, nuggets, and value added products. Ice pack sales were 43 percent of the total amount sold.

The January average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.59 per pound for ice pack and \$1.63 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during December totaled 226 thousand pounds, 85 percent of which were from Brazil. Imports were down sharply from the amount imported a year earlier. Exports reported during December totaled 65.8 thousand pounds. Import and export data were compiled by the US Bureau of the Census.

Processing data were compiled in cooperation with the following processors:

America's Catch	Kueter's Lake
Amite River Industries	Lake's Farm Raised Catfish, Inc.
Blue Waters Catfish Processors	La Louision
Blue Ridge Fisheries	Limestone Fish Processors
Carolina Classics Catfish, Inc.	Louisiana Catfish, Inc.
Corbin Fish Farm	Low Country Aquaculture
Country Skillet (ConAgra)	NAIAD Inc.
Delta Pride Catfish, Inc.	Pisces
Dorey Fish Co.	Pond Fresh
Farm Fresh Catfish Co.	Pride of the Pond
Franklin Catfish	Prime Line Catfish Co.
Freshwater Farms, Inc.	Red-Ark (Aqua Farms)
Fish Breeders of Idaho	Sauls Fish Processors
Guidry Catfish Processors, Inc.	Simmons Farm-Raised
King Kat, Inc.	Southfresh Farms
	Southern Pride

FARM - RAISED CATFISH, 1990-91
 QUANTITY PROCESSED AND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS,
 REPORTED BY MAJOR PROCESSORS; AND U.S. IMPORTS

MONTH	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED				AVERAGE PRICE PAID TO PRODUCERS 1/		IMPORTS OF CATFISH 2/	
	MONTHLY		CUMULATIVE		1990	1991	1989	1990
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1989	1990
	THOUSAND POUNDS				DOLLARS PER POUND		(000) POUNDS	
JAN	33,066	32,206	33,066	32,206	.73	.72	588	115
FEB	31,884		64,950		.75		117	553
MAR	33,120		98,070		.78		795	322
APR	30,980		129,050		.79		417	48
MAY	31,542		160,592		.79		952	618
JUN	28,967		189,559		.79		584	342
JUL	29,540		219,099		.79		689	406
AUG	31,108		250,207		.79		422	362
SEP	27,566		277,773		.78		756	619
OCT	29,211		306,984		.78		414	33
NOV	27,913		334,897		.77		66	381
DEC	25,538		360,435		6/ .74		1,024	226

CATFISH PROCESSORS' SALES VOLUME, AVERAGE PRICE, AND ENDING INVENTORY,
 JANUARY

ITEM	WHOLE FISH 3/		FILLETS 4/		OTHER 5/		TOTAL	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
FRESH								
QUANTITY (000) LB	3,538	3,288	2,850	2,857	681	693	7,069	6,838
PRICE (\$ / LB)	1.56	1.59	2.66	2.72	2.00	1.88	2.04	2.09
INVENTORY(000) LB	303	253	321	292	97	88	721	633
FROZEN								
QUANTITY(000) LB	1,738	1,674	4,342	4,544	2,622	2,738	8,702	8,956
PRICE (\$ / LB)	1.67	1.63	2.63	2.64	1.93	1.94	2.23	2.31
INVENTORY(000) LB	2,579	2,050	3,243	3,880	2,681	2,716	8,503	8,646

1/ PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR FISH DELIVERED TO PROCESSING PLANT. 2/ DATA
 URNISHED BY US BUREAU OF CENSUS. 3/ DRESSED WEIGHT, (HEAD, VISERA, AND SKIN
 REMOVED). 4/ INCLUDES REGULAR, SHANK, AND STRIP FILLETS; EXCLUDES ANY
 BREADED PRODUCT. 5/ INCLUDES ALL PRODUCTS NOT ALREADY REPORTED, INCLUDING
 WEIGHT OF BREADING AND ADDED INGREDIENTS. 6/ CORRECTED.

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