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CATFISH PROCESSING UP 6 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during July totaled 29.5 million pounds round weight, up 6 percent from July 1989, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board.

The July average price paid to growers was 79 cents per pound, 8 cents above the same month last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during July totaled 15.2 million pounds, 4 percent above the comparable month in 1989. Sales of whole fish represented 33 percent of the total and fillets accounted for 49 percent. The remaining 18 percent were mostly steaks, nuggets, and value added products. Ice pack sales were 43 percent of the total amount sold.

The July average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.65 per pound for ice pack and \$1.76 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during June totaled 2.00 million pounds. Imports were up sharply from the amount imported a year earlier. Exports totaled 49.4 thousand pounds to France during May. Import and export data were compiled by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Processing data were compiled in cooperation with the following processors:

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

FARM - RAISED CATFISH, 1989-90
 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				1989	1990	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
	THOUSAND POUNDS				DOLLARS PER POUND		(000) POUNDS	
JAN	26,948	33,066	26,948	33,066	.78	.73	588	115
FEB	28,559	31,884	55,507	64,950	.78	.75	117	553
MAR	29,458	33,120	84,965	98,070	.77	.78	795	322
APR	27,310	30,980	112,275	129,050	.76	.79	417	48
MAY	28,892	31,542	141,167	160,592	.76	.79	952	618
JUN	27,598	28,967	168,765	189,559	.75	.79	584	1,999
JUL	27,827	29,540	196,592	219,099	.71	.79	689	
AUG	28,371		224,963		.68		422	
SEP	30,366		255,329		.65		756	
OCT	31,670		286,999		.64		414	
NOV	29,096		316,095		.64		66	
DEC	25,805		341,900		.68		1,024	

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

ITEM	WHOLE FISH 3/		FILLETS 4/		OTHER 5/		TOTAL	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
FRESH								
QUANTITY (000) LB:	3,546	3,264	2,749	2,690	698	607	6,993	6,561
PRICE (\$ / LB)	1.50	1.65	2.63	2.79	1.83	1.98	1.97	2.15
INVENTORY (000) LB:	315	195	336	218	79	94	730	507
FROZEN								
QUANTITY (000) LB:	1,561	1,722	3,893	4,763	2,126	2,168	7,580	8,653
PRICE (\$ / LB)	1.68	1.76	2.61	2.68	2.04	2.12	2.26	2.36
INVENTORY (000) LB:	1,425	2,697	2,928	2,868	1,368	2,636	5,721	8,201

1/ PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR FISH DELIVERED TO PROCESSING PLANT. 2/ DATA FURNISHED BY U.S. 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.

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