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# Catfish



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## CATFISH PROCESSING UP 33 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during September totaled 16.7 million pounds (7560 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 33 percent from September 1984.

The September average price paid to growers was 71 cents per pound, 2 cents above September last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during September totaled 8.35 million pounds (3790 metric tons), an increase of 23 percent from the comparable month in 1984. Ice pack sales were 42 percent of the total amount sold.

The September average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.63 per pound for ice pack and \$1.75 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during August totaled 423 thousand pounds (190 metric tons), 99 percent of which were from Brazil. Imports were 18 percent below the amount imported during August 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	Grain Fed Fish, Ltd.
Country Skillet (Con Agra)	Guidry Catfish Processors, Inc.
Crawford Catfish Acres	King Kat, Inc.
Delta Catfish Processors	Le Flore - Bolivar
Farm Fresh Catfish Co.	Pride of the Pond
Fish Breeders of Idaho	Seminole Brand
Fishland/Welfed, Inc.	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		130,511					
NOV	12,527		143,038					
DEC	11,217		154,255					
DOLLARS PER POUND								
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE					PRICES PAID 4/		IMPORTS OF CATFISH 3/	
F.O.B. PLANT					RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE		
ICE PACK					FROZEN			
1984	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985
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
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/ PRICES PAID TO FARMERS, HARVESTED AT PLANT SITE.