
Catfish



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CATFISH PROCESSING UP 12 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during March totaled 33.1 million pounds round weight, up 12 percent from March 1989, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board.

The March average price paid to growers was 78 cents per pound, 1 cent above the same month last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during March totaled 16.4 million pounds, 5 percent above the comparable month in 1989. Sales of whole fish represented 33 percent of the total and fillets accounted for 48 percent. The remaining 19 percent were mostly steaks, nuggets, and value added products. Ice pack sales were 49 percent of the total amount sold.

The March average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.64 per pound for ice pack and \$1.79 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during February totaled 553 thousand pounds, 92 percent of which were from Brazil. Imports were significantly above 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:

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	Simmons Farm-Raised
Freshwater Farms, Inc.	Southfresh Farms
Fish Breeders of Idaho	Southern Pride
Guidry Catfish Processors, Inc.	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		IMPORTS	
	MONTHLY		CUMULATIVE		PAID TO PRODUCERS 1/		OF CATFISH 2/	
	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	
APR	27,310		112,275		.76		417	
MAY	28,892		141,167		.76		952	
JUN	27,598		168,765		.75		584	
JUL	27,827		196,592		.71		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	

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

ITEM	WHOLE FISH 3/		FILLETS 4/		OTHER 5/		TOTAL	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
FRESH								
QUANTITY (000) LB:	4,141	3,899	2,972	3,412	691	664	7,804	7,975
PRICE (\$ / LB)	1.58	1.64	2.74	2.79	1.79	2.05	2.04	2.16
INVENTORY (000) LB:	257	232	314	217	75	70	646	519
FROZEN								
QUANTITY (000) LB:	1,567	1,541	4,086	4,466	2,130	2,438	7,782	8,445
PRICE (\$ / LB)	1.74	1.79	2.73	2.73	2.06	2.17	2.35	2.40
INVENTORY (000) LB:	1,774	2,751	3,935	3,205	1,468	2,638	7,177	8,594

1/ PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR FISH DELIVERED TO PROCESSING PLANT. 2/ DATA FURNISHED BY U.S. BUREAU OF CENSUS. 3/ DRESSED WEIGHT, (HEAD, VISCERA, 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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1990 Agricultural Statistics Board Calendar

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Holiday		3 Hogs and Pigs	4	6 Calf; Dairy Products; Egg Products
8	9 Poultry Slaughter; Vegetables; Poultry Preliminary	10	11 Crop Production; Annual; Grain Stocks; Rice Stocks	12
13 Holiday		17 Potato Stocks; Turkey Hatchery	18 Milk Production	19 Non-Dairy Fats and Nuts; Annual; Turkey
22	23 Crop Values	24 Calf; Cattle on Feed; Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter	25	26
29 Peanut Stocks and Processing	30 Eggs, Chickens, and Turkey; Layers and Egg Production; Annual	31 Agricultural Prices		

July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 Egg Products; Farm Production Expenditures 1989 Preliminary	4 Holiday	5	6 Calf; Dairy Products; Poultry Slaughter
9	10 Non-Dairy Fats and Nuts; 1-Month Supplement	11	12 Crop Production	13 Milk Production; Turkey Hatchery
16	17	18 Vegetables	19	20 Calf; Cattle on Feed; Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter
23 Milk	24	25 Eggs, Chickens, and Turkey	26	27 Calf; Peanut Stocks and Processing
29 Farm Numbers and Land in Farms	30 Agricultural Prices; Calf Production			

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	8 Dairy Products; Poultry Slaughter	7 Calf	9	2 Egg Products; Calf; Sheep and Goats; Crop Production
13 Farm Labor; Honey	14	15 Potato Stocks; Turkey Hatchery	16 Milk Production; Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses	18 Cattle on Feed
19 Holiday	20	21 Calf	22 Eggs, Chickens, and Turkey; Sugar Market Statistics	23 Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter
26	27 Peanut Stocks and Processing	28 Agricultural Prices		

August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7 Calf	8	9 Crop Production	10 Vegetables
13 Farm Labor; Turkey Hatchery	14	15 Milk Production	16	17 Cattle on Feed
20 Meatstocks; Sugar Market Statistics	21 Calf Production; Cornbarrels	22	23 Eggs, Chickens, and Turkey	24 Cold Storage; Hogs and Pigs; Livestock Slaughter
27	28	29 Peanut Stocks and Processing	30 Rice Stocks	31 Agricultural Prices

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6 Dairy Products	7 Calf	8 Vegetables	9 Crop Production
12	13	14 Potato Stocks; Turkey Hatchery	15 Milk Production	16 Cattle on Feed
19 Livestock Slaughter; Annual	20 Calf; Cold Storage; Annual	21	22 Eggs, Chickens, and Turkey; Vegetables	23 Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter; Wool and Mohair
26 Hay Stocks	27	28 Hatchery; Annual; Peanut Stocks and Processing	29 Agricultural Prices	30 Prospective Plantings; Grain Stocks; Hogs and Pigs

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Holiday	4	5 Egg Products; Without Production (permissible)	6 Dairy Products; Poultry Slaughter	7 Calf
10 Vegetables	11	12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery	14 Milk Production
17	18	19 Cattle on Feed	20 Calf	21 Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter
24 Hay Stocks	25 Calf; Fats	26 Eggs, Chickens, and Turkey; Potatoes	27 Grain Stocks; Peanut Stocks and Processing	28 Agricultural Prices; Hogs and Pigs; Trout Production

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	8 Egg Products	5 Poultry Slaughter		9 Cows; Dairy Products
8 Holiday	9	18 Vegetables	11 Crop Production	18
15 Turkey Hatchery	18 Milk Production	17	18	18 Cattle
22 Cattle on Foot; Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter	23	24	25 Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	26
29	28 Peanut Stocks and Processing	21 Agricultural Prices; Rice Stocks		

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 Egg Products; Poultry Slaughter
6	6 Dairy Products	7 Cows	8 Crop Production	9
13 Holiday	15 Farm Labor	14 Turkey Hatchery	15	18 Milk Production
19 Cattle; Cows on Foot	20 Sugar Market Statistics	21	22 Holiday	23
26 Cold Storage; Eggs, Chickens, and Turkeys; Livestock Slaughter	27	28 Peanut Stocks and Processing	29	30 Agricultural Prices

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Egg Products	4 Poultry Slaughter	5	6 Cows; Dairy Products	7
10	11 Crop Production	12	13 Turkey Hatchery	14 Milk Production; Peanut Stocks; Vegetables
17	16	19 Cattle; Cows on Foot	20	21 Cold Storage; Eggs, Chickens, and Turkeys; Livestock Slaughter
24	23 Holiday	25	27	28 Peanut Stocks and Processing
31 Agricultural Prices				

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	5 Egg Products	4 Poultry Slaughter	6	6 Cows; Dairy Products
8 Vegetables	10 Crop Production	11	12	13 Meat Animals-Pork, Drip, and Income; Poultry Stocks
15 Milk Production; Turkey Hatchery	17 Poultry Crops	18	19	20 Cattle on Foot; Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter
22 Cattle	24	25 Eggs, Chickens, and Turkeys	26	27 Peanut Stocks and Processing; Poultry Production and Yields
29 Agricultural Prices				

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1		2 Egg Products	3 Poultry Slaughter	4 Dairy Products; Dairy Products-Animal
7	6 Cows; Milk-Food, Drip, and Income	8 Vegetables	10 Crop Production	11 Farm Labor
14	15 Milk Production; Turkey Hatchery	16 Peanut Stocks	17 Cattle on Foot	18
21 Cattle; Sugar Market Statistics	22	23 Eggs, Chickens, and Turkeys	24	25 Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter
28 Holiday	29	30 Peanut Stocks and Processing	31 Agricultural Prices	

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	6 Poultry Slaughter	5 Dairy Products	7 Cows	1 Egg Products; Milk, Wt. Minus-Including Grade Milk-Food 1987-88
11	12 Crop Production	13	14	8 Vegetables; Vegetables-Animal
18 Milk Production	19 Cattle on Foot	20	21 Cattle; Cherry Production-Production	15 Turkey Hatchery
25 Eggs, Chickens, and Turkeys	26	27 Peanut Stocks and Processing	28	22 Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter; Vegetables
				29 Hogs and Pigs; Agricultural Prices; Agricultural Prices-Animal

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