
Catfish



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CATFISH PROCESSING UP 44 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during June totaled 16.0 million pounds (7270 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 44 percent from June 1984.

The June average price paid to growers was 77 cents per pound, 3 cents above June last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during June totaled 8.36 million pounds (3790 metric tons), an increase of 38 percent from the comparable month in 1984. Ice pack sales were 42 percent of the total amount sold.

The June average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.71 per pound for both ice pack and frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during May totaled 214 thousand pounds (100 metric tons), 97 percent of which were from Brazil. Imports were 51 percent below 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:

Corbin Fish Farm
Country Skillet (Con Agra)
Crawford Catfish Acres
Delta Catfish Processors
Farm Fresh Catfish Co.
Fish Breeders of Idaho
Fishland/Welfed, Inc.

Grain Fed Fish, Ltd.
Guidry Catfish Processors, Inc.
King Kat, Inc.
Le Flore - Bolivar
Pride of the Pond
Seminole Brand
Simmons Farm-Raised

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FARM - RAISED CATFISH, PRODUCTION, INVENTORY, QUANTITY SOLD,
AND PRICE, 1984-85 1/

MONTH	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED 1/		CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION 1/		1985 2/				
					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		92,024						
AUG	13,379		105,403						
SEP	12,520		117,923						
OCT	12,588		130,511						
NOV	12,527		143,038						
DEC	11,217		154,255						

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 4/		PRICES PAID 5/			IMPORTS OF CATFISH 3/			
	F.O.B. PLANT		RANGE			WEIGHTED AVERAGE			
	ICE PACK	FROZEN	1984	1985	1985	1984	1985		
DOLLARS PER POUND									
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	
JUL	1.63		1.66			.74		384	
AUG	1.61		1.61			.72		515	
SEP	1.60		1.66			.69		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/ STARTING IN FEB 1983 PRICES QUOTED ARE FOR WHOLE FISH EXCLUDING ALL SALES OF FURTHER PROCESSED FISH. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PRICES MAY HAVE INCLUDED SOME VALUE OF FURTHER PROCESSED FISH.
5/ PRICES PAID TO FARMERS, HARVESTED AT PLANT SITE.