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# Catfish



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## CATFISH PROCESSING UP 25 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during August totaled 16.7 million pounds (7590 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 25 percent from August 1984.

The August average price paid to growers was 72 cents per pound, unchanged from August last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during August totaled 9.66 million pounds (4380 metric tons), an increase of 31 percent from the comparable month in 1984. Ice pack sales were 43 percent of the total amount sold.

The August average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.65 per pound for ice pack and \$1.70 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during July totaled 871 thousand pounds (400 metric tons), 98 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:

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/		ENDING	QUANTITY SOLD		
	1984	1985	1984	1985		INVENTORY	ICE PACK	FROZEN
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		117,923					
OCT	12,588		130,511					
NOV	12,527		143,038					
DEC	11,217		154,255					

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 4/				PRICES PAID 5/				IMPORTS OF CATFISH 3/	
F.O.B. PLANT				RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE				
ICE PACK	FROZEN		1984			1985	1984	1985	1984
1984	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	

	DOLLARS PER POUND				THOUSAND POUNDS				
	1984	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985
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	
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.