
Catfish



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CATFISH PROCESSING UP 24 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during April totaled 16.5 million pounds (7500 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 24 percent from April 1984.

The April average price paid to growers was 78 cents per pound, 4 cents above April last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during April totaled 8.87 million pounds (4020 metric tons), an increase of 25 percent from the comparable month in 1984. Ice pack sales were 41 percent of the total amount sold.

The April average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.67 per pound for ice pack and \$1.70 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during March totaled 976 thousand pounds (440 metric tons), 98 percent of which were from Brazil. Imports were 48 percent 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
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		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		68,713					
JUN	11,130		79,843					
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					

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

	DOLLARS PER POUND				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	
MAY	1.63		1.69			.73		436	
JUN	1.62		1.66			.74		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.

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