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# Catfish



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## CATFISH PROCESSING UP 34 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during October totaled 16.9 million pounds (7660 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 34 percent from October 1984.

The October average price paid to growers was 70 cents per pound, 3 cents above October last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during October totaled 8.33 million pounds (3780 metric tons), an increase of 25 percent from the comparable month in 1984. Ice pack sales were 47 percent of the total amount sold.

The October average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.61 per pound for ice pack and \$1.71 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during September totaled 832 thousand pounds (380 metric tons), virtually all of which were from Brazil. Imports were substantially 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	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	16,893	130,511	163,676	4,354	3,896	4,430	8,326		
NOV	12,527		143,038							
DEC	11,217		154,255							
MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE				PRICES PAID 4/				IMPORTS	
	F.O.B. PLANT				RANGE				OF	
	ICE PACK	FROZEN				WEIGHTED		CATFISH 3/		
1984	1985	1984	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	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	832	
OCT	1.59	1.61	1.63	1.71	.65-.92	.67	.70	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.