
Catfish



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CATFISH PROCESSING UP 36 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during May totaled 17.5 million pounds (7950 metric tons) round weight, according to the Crop Reporting Board, an increase of 36 percent from May 1984.

The May average price paid to growers was 77 cents per pound, 4 cents above May last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during May totaled 8.77 million pounds (3980 metric tons), an increase of 30 percent from the comparable month in 1984. Ice pack sales were 40 percent of the total amount sold.

The May average prices received by processors for whole fish were \$1.71 per pound for ice pack and \$1.73 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during April totaled 602 thousand pounds (270 metric tons), all of which were from Brazil. Imports were 30 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/			
	1984	1985	1984	1985	ENDING INVENTORY	ICE PACK	FROZEN	TOTAL QUANTITY SOLD
	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		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					

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