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Mississippi Catfish Production

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Mississippi Catfish growers had sales of 175 million dollars during 2012, down 18 percent from the previous year. Producers sold 175 million pounds of **foodsize** catfish in 2012, with a value of 161 million dollars. The average price received by farmers was \$0.92 per pound, down 19 cents per pound from 2011. Catfish operations in Mississippi had 96.5 million foodsize fish on hand January 1, 2013, down 4 percent from the previous year. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 2.45 million were large foodsize (over 3

pounds per fish), 31.8 million medium foodsize (over 1½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 62.2 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1 ½ pounds per fish). **Fingerlings** totaled 299 million fish, down 10 percent from January 1, 2012, and producers had 400,000 **broodfish** on hand January 1, 2013, up 5 percent from previous year. The number of **stockers** on hand January 1, 2012, totaled 206 million fish, down 2 percent from the previous year. Data for catfish production are collected from all known catfish producers by mail, telephone, and personal interview. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface Acres Used for Production: 2012-2013, and Total Sales: 2011-2012, by State and United States

State	Number of Operations on January 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During January 1 – June 30		Total Sales	
	2012 ¹	2013 ¹	2012	2013	2011	2012
	Number		Acres		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama			18,500	18,200	132,782	110,581
Arkansas			9,700	8,200	33,452	22,006
California			1,600	1,300	8,535	6,629
Louisiana			890	320	2,610	1,081
Mississippi			51,200	48,600	215,134	175,366
North Carolina			1,600	1,500	5,539	5,701
Texas			2,800	2,200	19,896	14,433
Other States ²			3,100	2,700	5,257	4,767
United States	718	624	89,390	83,020	423,205	340,564

¹ State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture.

² Other States include State estimates not shown and States suppressed due to disclosure.

Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage, by State and United States, 2012-2013

State	Acres Intended for Utilization January 1 – June 30 for:					Acres Taken out of Production During Jul 1-Dec 31, Previous Year
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for-		
				Renovation	New Construction	
Acres						
2012						
Alabama	17,800	430	130	510	*	200
Arkansas	7,200	1,900	200	320	-	1,200
California	1,100	240	85	*	*	*
Louisiana	890	-	-	*	-	480
Mississippi	39,300	9,600	1,500	1,700	85	700
North Carolina	1,400	*	*	75	*	15
Texas	2,500	105	65	90	40	210
Other States ¹	1,300	1,455	260	385	295	150
United States	71,490	13,730	2,240	3,080	420	2,955
Acres						
2013						
Alabama	17,700	420	55	175	-	650
Arkansas	6,200	1,600	270	120	-	1,100
California	950	180	80	*	*	*
Louisiana	320	-	-	*	-	*
Mississippi	36,300	9,100	1,400	1,300	-	3,000
North Carolina	1,100	290	*	60	*	*
Texas	2,000	50	65	*	*	170
Other States ¹	1,000	1,100	310	415	85	370
United States	65,570	12,740	2,180	2,070	85	5,290

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Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales by Category, State,
and United States, 2011-2012

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight Total		Value of Sales		Average Price Per Pound	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
Foodsize								
Alabama	62,300	64,700	119,200	122,600	132,312	110,340	1.11	0.90
Arkansas	14,800	11,300	25,500	20,000	26,775	17,400	1.05	0.87
California	1,360	1,260	2,850	2,150	8,379	6,472	2.94	3.01
Louisiana	1,810	570	2,250	756	2,610	1,081	1.16	1.43
Mississippi	107,000	117,000	173,900	174,800	193,029	160,816	1.11	0.92
North Carolina	2,970	2,940	5,200	5,200	5,408	5,668	1.04	1.09
Texas	10,400	7,700	16,900	12,700	19,266	14,224	1.14	1.12
Other States ¹	1,240	1,160	2,200	1,960	2,970	2,783	1.35	1.42
United States	201,880	206,630	348,000	340,166	390,749	318,784	1.12	0.94
Broodfish								
Alabama	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Arkansas	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
California	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	50	*	215	*	325	*	1.51	*
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	-
Other States ¹	105	15	348	77	475	95	1.36	1.23
United States	155	15	563	77	800	95	1.42	1.23
Stockers								
Alabama	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Arkansas	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
California	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	48,900	26,800	7,700	5,450	10,780	6,813	1.40	1.25
North Carolina	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Texas	25	40	6	7	12	11	1.95	1.59
Other States ¹	27,760	25,675	4,069	2,938	6,312	3,926	1.55	1.34
United States	76,685	52,515	11,775	8,395	17,104	10,750	1.45	1.28
Fingerlings & Fry								
Alabama	*	2,500	*	76	*	220	*	2.90
Arkansas	19,700	*	543	*	1,368	*	2.52	*
California	870	830	26	22	111	135	4.27	6.15
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	216,000	217,000	8,800	6,200	11,000	7,688	1.25	1.24
North Carolina	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Texas	*	2,250	*	103	*	198	*	1.92
Other States ¹	21,020	25,640	769	951	2,073	2,694	2.70	2.83
United States	257,590	248,220	10,138	7,352	14,552	10,935	1.44	1.49

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Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State and United States,
January 1, 2012-2013

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds per Fish	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	1,360	1,560	4,700	5,800	3.5	3.7
Arkansas	190	450	608	1,530	3.2	3.4
California	*	*	*	*	*	*
Louisiana	*	20	*	69	*	3.5
Mississippi	1,210	2,450	4,100	8,400	3.4	3.4
North Carolina	135	*	487	*	3.6	*
Texas	290	270	993	970	3.4	3.6
Other States ¹	410	405	1,477	1,319	3.6	3.3
United States	3,595	5,155	12,365	18,088	3.4	3.5
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	18,300	15,800	36,300	30,400	2.0	1.9
Arkansas	4,490	5,470	8,300	10,500	1.8	1.9
California	230	*	449	*	2.0	*
Louisiana	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mississippi	33,400	31,800	61,000	60,700	1.8	1.9
North Carolina	1,080	1,470	1,990	2,650	1.8	1.8
Texas	5,780	2,550	11,000	5,200	1.9	2.0
Other States ¹	1,460	925	2,530	1,820	1.7	2.0
United States	64,740	58,015	121,569	111,270	1.9	1.9
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	31,800	27,800	32,200	27,800	1.0	1.0
Arkansas	8,410	7,080	8,150	7,450	1.0	1.1
California	*	1,650	*	1,460	*	0.9
Louisiana	1,560	*	1,130	*	0.7	*
Mississippi	65,700	62,200	65,900	61,800	1.0	1.0
North Carolina	2,150	*	2,050	*	1.0	*
Texas	1,140	2,380	1,290	2,900	1.1	1.2
Other States ¹	2,210	2,410	2,030	2,523	0.9	1.0
United States	112,970	103,520	112,750	103,933	1.0	1.0
Broodfish						
Alabama	15	10	52	47	3.5	4.7
Arkansas	70	40	266	206	3.8	5.2
California	15	10	95	69	6.3	6.9
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	380	400	1,930	2,250	5.1	5.6
North Carolina	7	*	68	*	9.7	*
Texas	15	10	63	47	4.2	4.7
Other States ¹	60	70	337	297	5.6	4.2
United States	562	540	2,811	2,916	5.0	5.4

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January 1, 2012-2013**

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds per 1,000 Fish	
Large Stockers						
Alabama	49,600	33,200	17,300	13,200	349	398
Arkansas	11,000	14,100	4,100	5,450	373	387
California	*	1,110	*	361	*	325
Louisiana	*	-	*	-	*	-
Mississippi	92,000	73,700	36,100	28,200	392	383
North Carolina	5,280	*	2,950	*	559	*
Texas	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States ¹	7,525	5,000	4,044	2,191	537	438
United States	165,406	127,110	64,494	49,402	390	389
Small Stockers						
Alabama	126,000	38,100	12,100	3,500	96.0	91.9
Arkansas	42,100	31,900	3,700	3,100	87.9	97.2
California	*	1,490	*	139	*	93.3
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	118,000	132,000	11,900	12,100	100.8	91.7
North Carolina	7,960	*	1,160	*	145.7	*
Texas	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States ¹	4,020	8,660	369	990	91.8	114.3
United States	298,080	212,150	29,229	19,829	98.1	93.5
Fingerlings						
Alabama	38,100	16,600	1,120	568	29.4	34.2
Arkansas	42,000	39,400	1,570	1,490	37.4	37.8
California	3,710	4,400	110	97	29.6	22.0
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	332,000	299,000	10,400	7,350	31.3	24.6
North Carolina	7,090	8,350	197	182	27.8	21.8
Texas	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States ¹	28,200	30,760	644	716	22.8	23.3
United States	451,100	398,510	14,041	10,403	31.1	26.1

- Represents zero.

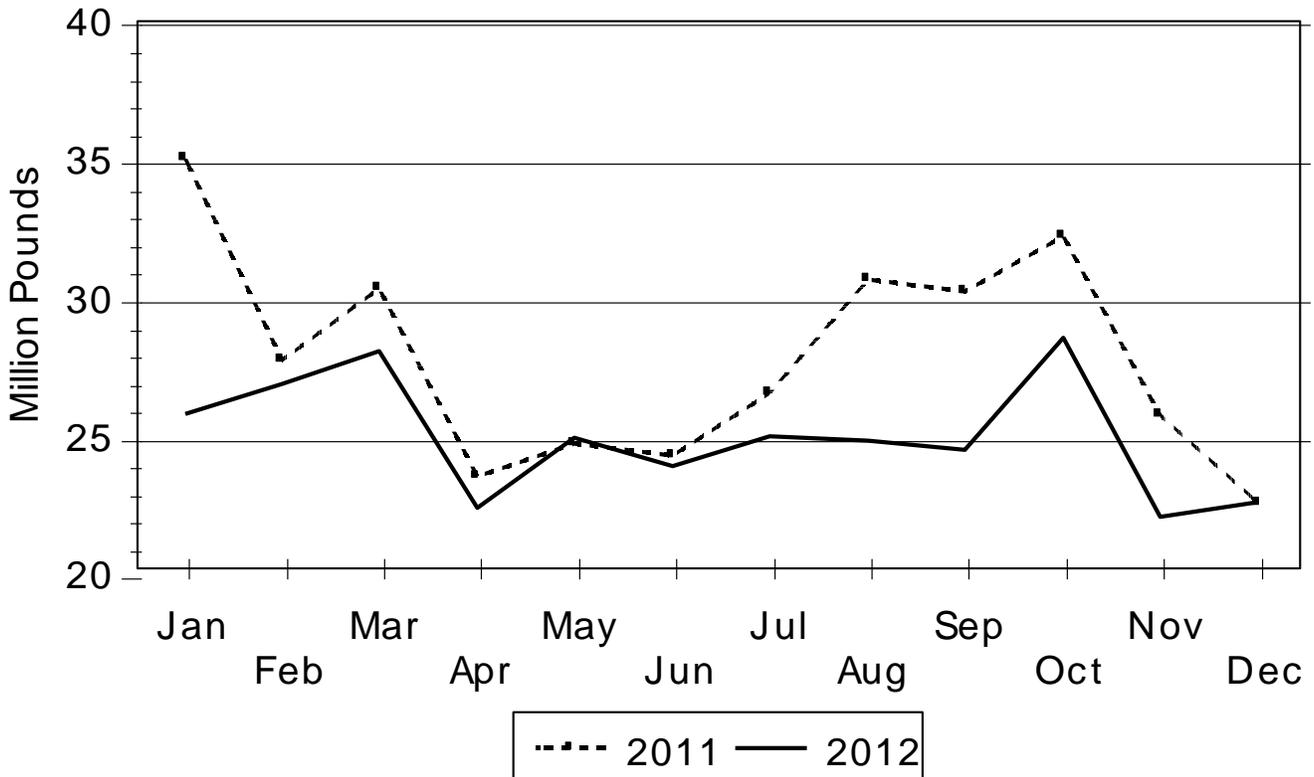
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Catfish: Foodsize & Stockers Percent Sold by Point of First Sale, United States, 2011-2012

Category	Processors		Recreational Stocking		Live Haulers and Brokers		Retail Outlets		Other Outlets	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Percent										
Foodsize	95.1	95.6	0.5	0.3	1.2	1.9	1.6	0.9	1.6	1.3
Category	Wholesale to Other Producers		Recreational Stocking		Live Haulers and Brokers		Government Agencies		Other Outlets	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Percent										
Stocker	73.2	93.0	3.0	1.6	17.7	5.4	6.0	-	-	0.1

Farm Raised Catfish Processed, United States, 2011-2012



United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, December 2011-2012

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price ¹		Ending Inventory	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	1,878	2,295	2.45	1.78	76	78
Fillets	1,877	1,934	4.78	3.73	331	978
Other	420	425	2.20	1.80	59	56
Total Fresh	4,175	4,654	3.47	2.59	466	1,112
Frozen						
Whole Fish	434	453	3.11	2.78	464	666
Fillets	4,321	5,507	4.29	3.17	9,683	6,380
Other	2,391	2,102	2.30	2.27	2,290	1,519
Total Frozen	7,146	8,062	3.55	2.91	12,437	8,565
Total Fresh & Frozen	11,321	12,716	3.52	2.79	12,903	9,677

¹ Gross value f.o.b plant.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid by Producers, United States, 2011-2012

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound ¹	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2011	2012
	2011	2012	2011	2012		
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars per Pound	
January	35,076	25,843	35,076	25,843	0.931	1.248
February	27,782	26,950	62,858	52,793	1.003	1.229
March	30,372	28,098	93,230	80,891	1.075	1.201
April	23,605	22,463	116,835	103,354	1.141	1.167
May	24,749	25,009	141,584	128,363	1.169	1.038
June	24,337	23,938	165,921	152,301	1.231	0.934
July	26,595	25,056	192,516	177,357	1.252	0.843
August	30,680	24,886	223,196	202,243	1.277	0.798
September	30,271	24,535	253,467	226,778	1.275	0.793
October	32,264	28,596	285,731	255,374	1.265	0.803
November	25,814	22,124	311,545	277,498	1.257	0.822
December	22,598	22,653	334,143	300,151	1.251	0.830

¹ Quantity processed by major processors and the prices paid for fish delivered to the processing plant's door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling. Price also includes any discounts or premiums for size or quality, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

Farm-Raised Catfish: Imports and Exports, United States, 2011-2012

Month	Imports ¹				Exports ¹			
	Ictalurus spp.		Total ²		Fresh		Frozen	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
1,000 Pounds								
January	1,301	2,028	16,276	25,551	53.9	85.2	10.2	2.7
February	1,015	1,317	13,790	15,238	56.7	120.2	13.2	11.1
March	211	528	9,133	15,280	42.3	129.5	2.2	68.0
April	216	534	13,325	19,756	38.7	234.5	-	29.7
May	113	345	16,314	20,100	41.0	83.6	3.0	4.6
June	11	352	14,643	18,847	38.0	82.7	1.8	10.9
July	19	73	18,034	22,604	150.0	114.1	7.8	5.3
August	39	84	18,383	23,655	72.7	95.2	-	5.5
September	171	202	18,576	22,868	29.4	113.5	1.1	57.7
October	838	202	20,335	20,217	55.9	141.2	3.6	8.5
November	1,372	331	22,262	19,220	42.7	64.9	2.7	49.2
December	2,113		22,608		51.4		3.6	

- Represents zero.

¹ Data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau.

² Includes freshwater imports for consumption of Ictalurus spp., and other catfish of the order Siluriformes.