

Trout and Aquaculture Census, 2006

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TROUT: Pennsylvania's 51 commercial trout growers sold 1.61 million pounds of trout, valued at \$4.79 million during 2006, ranking 5th nationally behind Idaho, North Carolina, Washington and California. This was up from the 1.52 million pounds valued at \$4.81 million sold in 2005.

Pennsylvania ranks first in the nation for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes. With an estimated value of \$13.0 million, Pennsylvania accounts for 16.4 percent of the value of nation's distributed trout. This includes trout released by state hatcheries, cooperative nurseries, and private fishing clubs. Distributed fish were released by 18 operations in Pennsylvania, but this count excludes cooperative nurseries under contract to state hatcheries.

Sales of trout 12 inches or longer by the State's growers totaled 1.40 million pounds, or 87 percent of the total production sold during the period. Averaging \$2.67 per pound, the trout were valued at \$3.74 million. Fee fishing/recreational sales accounted for 53 percent of the production, and sales to processors accounted for 15 percent.

Sales of trout 6"-12" long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 610,000 fish, or 200,000 pounds live weight during the period. This was up 5 percent from the same period a

year ago. At an average of \$4.65 a pound, sales were valued at \$930 thousand, with 77 percent of the volume sold to fee and recreational establishments.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State fish commission & its cooperative nurseries, but also by private fishing clubs, included 410,000 fish 12" or longer and 5.1 million 6"-12" fish.

Commercial trout growers in the Commonwealth lost 714,000 trout intended for sale due to various causes. These causes included predators (36 percent), flood (28 percent), and various other causes such as equipment malfunctions.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service surveyed all known commercial trout growers in Pennsylvania and 19 other states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

For the 20 selected states, the total value of all trout sales during 2006 totaled \$74.9 million. Sales of trout 12" & longer accounted for 96 percent of the pounds sold, with 71 percent of that amount purchased by processors.

Pennsylvania: Trout Sales, 2005-2006

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
12" or longer	1,290	1,290	1,320	1,400	3,960	3,738	3.00/lb.	2.67/lb.
6" - 12"	490	610	190	200	760	930	4.00/lb.	4.65/lb.
1" - 6"	290	390	5	10	87	122	300.00/thou	313.00/thou
Total	2,070	2,290	1,515	1,610	4,807	4,790	-	-

United States: Trout Sales, 2005-2006

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006
	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
12" or longer	55,513	49,229	59,714	61,534	62,660	67,745	1.05/lb.	1.10/lb.
6" - 12"	4,806	5,519	1,841	2,179	5,208	5,651	2.83/lb.	2.59/lb.
1" - 6"	7,059	7,955	168	187	1,320	1,459	187.00/thou	183.00/thou
Total	67,378	62,703	61,723	63,900	69,188	74,855	-	-

¹ Revised.

United States: Number & Value of Egg Sales, 2005-2006

Item	Number Sold		Value of Sales		Average Price Per 1,000 Eggs	
	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Eggs	307,472	*	5,137	*	16.70	*

¹ Revised. * Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.