

Trout and Aquaculture Census, 2007

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Pennsylvania's 54 commercial trout growers produced trout valued at \$27.36 million in 2007. Thirty-nine producers sold 1.57 million pounds of trout, valued at \$5.06 million during 2007, ranking fourth nationally behind Idaho, North Carolina, and California, while 19 producers distributed trout valued at \$22.3 million for conservation and recreational purposes. Note that there were a few Pennsylvania trout operations that both sold and distributed trout in 2007.

Pennsylvania ranks first in the nation for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes. With an estimated value of \$22.3 million, Pennsylvania accounts for 22.2 percent of the value of the nation's distributed trout. This dollar value includes trout released by state hatcheries, cooperative nurseries, and private fishing clubs.

Trout were distributed for restoration or conservation purposes by 19 operations in Pennsylvania, primarily by the state fish commission and its cooperative nurseries, but also by private fishing clubs. These trout included 16,000 fish 12" or longer, and 8.8 million 6-12" fish, compared to 5.1 million 6-12" fish a year ago.

Sales of trout 12 inches or longer by Pennsylvania's growers totaled 1.36 million pounds, or 87 percent of the total production sold during the period. Averaging \$2.87 per pound, compared to \$2.67 last year and \$1.15 nationally, the 12 inch and larger trout were valued at \$3.90 million. Fee fishing and recreational sales accounted for 51 percent of the production, and sales to processors accounted for another 20 percent.

Sales of trout 6 to 12 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 400,000 fish, or 200,000 pounds live weight during the period. This was down 210,000 lbs. or 34 percent from the same period a year ago. At an average price of \$5.11 a pound, up \$.46/lb from last year, and \$2.95 nationally, sales of 6 to 12 inch trout were valued at \$1,022,000, with 76 percent of the volume sold to fee fishing and recreational establishments.

Total losses of all Pennsylvania trout intended for sale were 553,000 fish during 2007, with 49 percent being lost to predators, 16 percent to disease, and 35 percent to 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 2007 totaled \$87.5 million. Sales of trout 12" and longer accounted for 97 percent of the pounds sold, with 67 percent of that amount purchased by processors.

Pennsylvania: Trout Sales, 2006-2007

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
12" or longer	1,290	1,040	1,400	1,360	3,738	3,903	2.67/lb.	2.87/lb.
6" - 12"	610	400	200	200	930	1,022	4.65/lb.	5.11/lb.
1" - 6"	390	380	10	10	122	132	313.00/thou	348.00/thou
Total	2,290	1,820	1,610	1,570	4,790	5,057	-	-

United States: Trout Sales, 2006-2007

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
12" or longer	52,452	59,729	65,346	69,343	72,733	80,013	1.11/lb.	1.15/lb.
6" - 12"	6,249	4,994	2,503	1,978	6,388	5,838	2.55/lb.	2.95/lb.
1" - 6"	8,725	9,563	205	237	1,544	1,695	177.00/thou	177.00/thou
Total	67,426	74,286	68,054	71,558	80,665	87,546	-	-

¹ Revised.

United States: Trout Egg Sales, 2006-2007

Item	Number of Eggs		Total Value of Sales		Average Price per 1,000 Eggs	
	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007
	1,000				Dollars	
Eggs	*	392,973	*	7,460	*	19.00

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