

# Trout and Aquaculture Census, 2009

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Pennsylvania's trout growers produced trout valued at \$17.2 million in 2009. Commercial trout producers sold 1.61 million pounds of trout, valued at \$5.1 million during 2009, ranking fourth nationally behind Idaho, North Carolina, and California. Farmers also produced trout valued at \$12.1 million for conservation and recreational purposes.

Pennsylvania ranks first for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes, barely ahead of California's \$12.0 million. Pennsylvania accounts for 12.0 percent of the nation's distributed trout value. These trout were produced primarily by the state fish commission, its cooperative nurseries, and private fishing clubs. These conservation related producers grew 120,000 fish 12 inches or longer, and 4.2 million 6-12" fish, compared to 5.5 million 6-12" fish a year ago.

Sales of food fish trout 12 inches or longer in Pennsylvania totaled 1.3 million pounds. Averaging \$2.87 per pound, compared to \$2.97 last year and \$1.40 nationally. The 12 inch and larger trout were valued at \$3.8 million.

Sales of food fish trout 6 to 12 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 630,000 fish or 289,000 pounds live weight during 2009. This was up 87,000 lbs., from the same period a year ago. They were sold at an average of \$4.14 a pound,

which is down \$0.27/lb from last year. The national average price for 6 to 12 inch fish fell by \$0.10 to \$2.88. Six to twelve inch trout in Pennsylvania were valued at \$1.2 million.

Sales of trout 1 to 6 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 450,000 fish or 5,000 pounds live weight during 2009. These fish were sold at an average of \$367 per thousand fish, compared to \$370 last year and \$214 nationally. Total sales of 1 to 6 inch trout were valued at \$165,000. Total losses of all Pennsylvania trout intended for sale were 784,000 fish during 2009 or 182,000 pounds of fish.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service surveyed all known commercial trout growers in Pennsylvania and 24 other states: Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

**Nationally**, the total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 76.9 million dollars for 2009, a decrease of 4 percent from 2008. Idaho accounted for 47 percent of the total value of fish sold.

## Pennsylvania and U.S.: Trout Sales and Value by Size, 2008-2009

Size category	Number of fish		Total pounds sold		Total value of sales		Average value	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
<b>Pennsylvania</b>								
12" or longer	1,340	1,240	1,460	1,320	4,336	3,788	2.97/lb	2.87/lb
6" - 12"	540	630	202	289	891	1,196	4.41/lb	4.14/lb
1" - 6"	540	450	6	5	200	165	370/thou	367/thou
Total	2,420	2,320	1,668	1,614	5,427	5,149	-	-
<b>United States</b>								
12" or longer	40,401	41,117	52,410	49,092	72,432	68,648	1.38/lb	1.40/lb
6" - 12"	5,108	5,544	2,050	2,285	6,106	6,570	2.98/lb	2.88/lb
1" - 6"	9,025	7,926	183	203	1,433	1,695	159/thou	214/thou
Total	54,534	53,957	54,643	51,580	79,971	76,913	-	-

## Pennsylvania: Trout Sales and Value, 1997-2007

State and year	Number of fish	Total pounds sold	Total value of sales	Average value 6" - 12"
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000 dollars)	(dollars/lb.)
<b>Pennsylvania</b>				
1997		3,226	2,264	5,972
1998		3,350	2,009	5,447
1999		3,180	1,897	5,385
2000		2,620	1,850	5,032
2001		2,500	1,878	4,894
2002		2,380	1,613	4,865
2003		2,150	1,679	4,678
2004		1,800	1,371	4,223
2005		2,070	1,515	4,807
2006		2,290	1,610	4,790
2007		1,820	1,570	5,057