

TROUT

The 17 commercial trout producers in West Virginia had fish sales of \$583,000 for the 12 month period from January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002. This was a 30 percent decrease from the \$827,000 in fish sales during the same period in 2001.

Trout losses for the period totaled 53,000 pounds, up from last year's 30,000 pounds.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes are estimated at 1.26 million dollars.

WEST VIRGINIA TROUT OPERATIONS BY TYPES, 1998-2002

Year	Selling Trout		Distributed Trout	Total Operations
	Number of Operations	Total Value of Sales	Number of Operations	
	(000)	(000) Dollars	(000)	(000)
1998	23	663	9	32
1999	24	695	12	33
2000	20	611	12	30
2001	19	827	12	29
2002	17	583	11	25

WEST VIRGINIA TROUT: Number, Weight and Value of Foodsize Sales (12" or longer in length), 1998-2002

Year	Number Sold	Pounds Sold ^{1/}	Value of Sales	Avg. Value Per Pound
	(000)	(000)	(000) Dollars	Dollars
1998	320	362	648	1.79
1999	372	395	679	1.72
2000	276	346	571	1.65
2001	340	467	785	1.68
2002	300	349	559	1.60

^{1/} Pounds sold live weight.