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WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL TROUT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia - The total value of fish sold for 2023 was 1.17 million dollars, a decrease of 2 percent from the 2022 total value of 1.19 million dollars.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer and the number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2023 and 2022 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2023 and 2022 were zero.

The number of distributed trout 12 inches and longer during 2023 totaled 310,000 fish, down from 410,000 fish in 2022. The average value per pound was \$3.50 in 2023, down from \$3.65 per pound in 2022. The value of fish distributed totaled 1.10 million dollars in 2023, down from 1.46 million dollars in 2022.

The number of distributed trout 6"- 12" during 2023 was 500,000 fish. The average value per pound was \$6.20 in 2023. The value of fish distributed totaled 1.74 million dollars in 2023. The 2022 data for all categories for trout 6" - 12" were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

The number of distributed trout 1"- 6" during 2023 was 115,000 fish. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$1500.00 in 2023. The value of fish distributed totaled 173 thousand dollars. The 2022 data for all categories for trout 1" - 6" were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Trout losses of all trout intended for sale were 62,000 fish during 2023, up 48,000 fish from the total of 14,000 fish in 2022.

United States - The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 100 million dollars for 2023, down 5 percent from 2022.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2023 totaled 27.2 million fish, up 1 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$2.16, down 4 percent from the previous year. The value of sales for the 2023 marketing year was 93.1 million dollars, down 5 percent from 2022. For trout 12 inches or longer, 66.4 percent were sold to processors.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2023 totaled 3.00 million fish, down 40 percent from 2022. The average price per pound was \$4.64 during 2023, up 5 percent from the 2022 price. The total value of sales was 5.75 million dollars during 2023, down 18 percent from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52.6 percent of total sales.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2023 totaled 5.48 million, up 3 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$260 during 2023, up from \$245 in 2022. The total value of sales was 1.42 million dollars, up 9 percent from last year's total.

Distributed Trout - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 6.99 million 12" or longer fish, 66.3 million 6"- 12" fish, and 37.6 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 145 million dollars, up 3 percent from 2022.

Trout Loss - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 9.63 million fish during 2023. Disease accounted for 73 percent of these losses.

TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2022-2023

State	12" and longer		6"- 12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	Thousand Dollars							
AR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	*	*	*	51	0	*	*	552
ID	43,254	36,570	*	*	*	*	43,414	36,948
MI	*	*	219	142	*	*	1,105	1,173
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*	3,568	*
NY	*	*	135	101	*	*	*	*
NC	7,508	7,719	*	214	*	894	8,767	8,827
OR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	5,981	6,254	*	*	*	*	7,368	7,392
UT	1,179	630	*	*	*	*	1,419	816
VA	2,108	1,979	*	*	*	*	2,219	2,119
WA	*	*	556	*	*	*	*	*
WV	*	*	*	*	0	0	1,193	1,167
WI	1,671	1,242	*	*	*	*	1,778	1,452
Other States ^{1/}	36,053	38,699	6,065	5,237	1,306	529	35,204	39,814
United States	97,754	93,093	6,975	5,745	1,306	1,423	106,035	100,260
^{1/} Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. * Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.								