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West Virginia Commercial Trout Production

West Virginia - The total value of fish sold for 2010 was 863 thousand dollars. In 2009, the commercial trout producers in West Virginia had a total value of fish sold of 1.6 million dollars for the 12 month period from January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009. Trout losses in 2010 totaled 66,000 pounds, up from the 2009 total of 28,000 pounds. The number of trout losses in 2010 totaled 139,000 fish, up from the 2009 total of 47,000 fish.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2010 totaled 490 thousand fish, down from 630 thousand fish in 2009. The average price per pound was \$1.94, up 17 cents from 2009. The value of sales for the 2010 marketing year was 826 thousand dollars, down from 1.4 million dollars in 2009. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States - The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 71.3 million dollars for 2010, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. Idaho accounted for 49 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2010 totaled 38.7 million fish, down 5 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.39, up 1 cent from 2009. The value of sales for the 2010 marketing year was 63.1 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2009. For trout 12 inches or longer, 64 percent were sold to processors and 17 percent were sold for recreational stocking.

The number of **6"- 12" trout** sold during 2010 totaled 5.27 million fish, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. The average price per pound was \$3.14 during 2010, up 26 cents from the 2009 price. The total value of sales was 6.34 million dollars during 2010, a 4 percent decrease from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 50 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 22 percent.

The number of **1"- 6" trout** sold during 2010 totaled 8.78 million, a 26 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$218 during 2010, down from \$232 in 2009. The total value of sales was 1.92 million dollars, up 18 percent from last year's total.

Distributed Trout - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.3 million 12" or longer fish, 65.0 million 6"-12" fish, and 80.7 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 104.2 million dollars, up 4 percent from 2009.

Trout Losses - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 18.4 million fish during 2010. Disease accounted for 80 percent of these losses, followed by predators, which totaled 9 percent.

TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2009-2010

State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2009 ¹	2010	2009 ¹	2010	2009 ¹	2010	2009 ¹	2010
Thousand Dollars								
AR**								
CA	4,864	4,795	*	*	*	*	5,270	5,124
CO	1,357	1,141	*	*	*	*	1,685	1,467
GA	479	374	*	34	*	*	525	408
ID	35,956	33,784	*	*	*	*	36,313	34,895
MI	751	594	*	*	*	*	933	770
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*	3,348	2,934
NY	210	249	119	127	57	25	386	401
NC	6,488	5,796	353	62	339	364	7,180	6,222
OR	*	*	279	357	*	*	829	1,060
PA	3,788	3,975	1,196	1,079	165	195	5,149	5,249
UT	333	365	*	*	*	*	529	601
VA	1,380	1,188	*	*	*	*	1,619	1,349
WA	1,269	1,338	751	624	517	734	2,537	2,696
WV	1,437	826	*	*	*	*	1,562	863
WI	1,519	1,465	254	129	18	30	1,791	1,624
Other States ²	7,381	7,183	3,622	3,923	530	569	5,757	5,659
US Total	67,207	63,066	6,580	6,339	1,626	1,917	75,413	71,322
¹ Revised. ² Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. * Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ** Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales.								