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CATFISH



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There were 38 catfish operations in Florida on January 1, 2001. Total water surface area was 680 acres, an increase of 290 acres from 2000. Most of the acreage was for foodsize fish (320 acres) and fingerlings (50 acres). Total sales in Florida in 2000 were \$1,296,000. The majority of the sales (85 percent) from the operation were to processors.

UNITED STATES

Catfish growers in the 13 major producing States had sales of 501 million dollars during 2000, up two percent from the previous year. The top four States, Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas, and Louisiana accounted for 96 percent of the U.S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish increased one percent from 1999 to 469 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 23.4 million dollars, an increase of 24 percent from 1999. Sales of stockers totaled 7.65 million dollars in 2000, more than double the 3.65 million dollars sold the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 95 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish while 87 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. The remainder were sold for recreational use, to live haulers, for retail, government, or other uses.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2001, totaled 190,320 acres, up two percent from a year earlier. Of the total acres, 6,085 are to be renovated during the period of January 1, 2001 to June 30, 2001. An additional 5,065 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2001. During the period of July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 4,510 acres were taken out of production. As of January 1, 2001, 156,855 acres were being used for foodfish production, 24,580 acres were being used for fingerling production, and 5,615 acres were being used for broodfish.

Catfish producers had 1.33 million broodfish on hand January 1, 2001, down 4 percent from January 1, 2000. Large foodsize fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 6.87 million on January 1, 2001, up 18 percent in comparable states from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) increased 14 percent to 87.9 million, and small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers increased 20 percent to 240 million.

The number of large stockers (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2001, at 349 million, were down two percent from the previous year. Small stocker over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers increased 4 percent to 450 million. There were 1.02 billion fingerlings on hand January 1, 2001, down three percent from January 1, 2000.

CATFISH: Utilization of Water Surface Acres Jan 1-Jun 30, 2000, and Acres Taken Out of Production Jul 1-Dec 31, 2000, by State

State	Water surface acres		Utilization of acres, 2001			Taken out of production in 2000
	Jan 1 2000	Jan 1 2001	Renovated	New construction	Used for broodfish	
AL	22,100	24,400	410	230	560	210
AR	33,000	30,500	950	550	800	500
FL	390	680	*	*	*	40
LA	13,500	13,300	930	540	260	740
MS	110,000	112,700	3,100	1,900	3,900	1,800
MO	1,860	2,090	*	*	45	*
Oth ^{1/}	6,480	6,650	700	660	340	460
Total	187,330	190,320	6,090	3,880	5,905	3,750

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number of operations and annual sales

State	Number of operations		Annual sales	
	January 1 2000	January 1 2001	1999	2000
Thousand dollars				
AL	260	270	71,124	81,617
AR	170	160	70,587	65,737
FL	22	38	1,110	1,296
LA	94	80	32,434	32,976
MS	405	400	294,876	300,303
MO	40	45	2,854	3,117
Oth ^{1/}	261	259	16,306	16,354
Total	1,252	1,252	489,291	501,400

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number and live weight of broodfish, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
Thousands				
AL	138	155	774	890
AR	260	210	1,170	950
FL	*	*	*	*
LA	*	*	*	*
MS	870	860	4,100	3,950
MO	*	10	*	45
Oth ^{1/}	109	92	551	469
Total	1,377	1,327	6,595	6,304

^{1/} Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number and live weight of all foodsizes, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
Thousands				
AL	39,120	46,990	49,890	60,100
AR	58,200	53,600	77,100	73,300
LA	19,270	21,040	27,950	27,350
MS	156,690	199,520	186,030	246,600
MO	1,870	2,495	2,565	3,450
Oth ^{1/}	7,843	10,808	12,735	16,182
Total	282,993	334,453	356,270	426,982

^{1/} Includes CA, FL, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Number and live weight of total stockers, January 1 ^{1/}

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
Thousands				
AL	55,440	60,000	13,120	16,500
AR	126,500	95,100	22,000	18,200
LA	32,400	27,700	6,900	5,430
MS	561,500	601,400	134,200	138,300
MO	930	4,500	375	810
Oth ^{2/}	13,913	101,487	2,880	2,099
Total	790,683	799,187	179,475	181,339

^{1/} Total stockers: Over 60 lbs to 750 lbs/ 1,000 fish. ^{2/} Includes CA, FL, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Number and live weight of fingerlings, January 1^{1/}

State	Total number of fish		Total liveweight of fish	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands			
AL	54,170	57,000	2,350	2,350
AR	131,000	167,000	5,600	3,900
FL	1,200	240	22	14
LA	36,600	39,400	1,030	1,910
MS	805,000	737,000	23,270	27,400
MO	*	7,400	*	148
Oth ^{2/}	25,330	15,493	692	508
Total	1,053,300	1,023,533	32,964	36,230

^{1/} Fingerling: Over 2 lbs to 60 lbs/1,000 fish. ^{2/} Includes CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. *Included in other States to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Foodsize percent sold by outlet type, 2000

State	Live-haul	Fee/Rec fishing	Process	Retail rest. & Fd. Stor	Other outlets
AL	0	1	98	0	1
AR	1	0	93	5	1
FL	13	1	85	0	1
LA	0	0	99	0	1
MS	0	0	99	0	1
MO	80	3	0	0	17
Wt. avg. ^{1/}	0.9	0.8	95.1	1.9	1.3

^{1/} Includes AL, CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Number, weight, and value of sales; all stockers

State	Number sold		Pounds sold		Sales		Average value per pound	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AR	4,000	15,200	800	3,000	928	2,850	1.16	0.95
MS	9,670	35,800	1,070	2,920	1,081	3,037	1.01	1.04
Oth ^{1/}	10,463	15,302	1,465	2,188	1,644	1,763	1.13	0.75
Total	24,133	66,302	3,335	8,138	3,653	7,650	1.10	0.94

^{1/} Includes AL, CA, FL, GA, KS, KY, LA, MO, NC, OK, TN, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Number, weight, and value of sales; all foodsize

State	Number sold		Pounds sold		Sales		Average value per pound	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AL	54,800	64,900	103,000	113,000	69,010	77,970	0.67	0.69
AR	50,000	48,000	87,500	80,000	64,750	59,200	0.74	0.74
LA	27,800	25,200	44,400	44,000	31,968	31,680	0.72	0.72
MS	283,100	271,500	385,000	380,000	281,050	281,200	0.73	0.74
MO	1,270	1,780	2,630	2,590	2,130	2,253	0.81	0.87
Oth ^{1/}	7,530	8,765	12,675	14,197	15,804	16,512	1.25	1.16
Total	424,500	420,145	635,205	633,787	464,712	468,815	0.73	0.74

^{1/} Includes CA, FL, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Number, weight, and value of sales; fingerlings and fry

State	Number sold		Pounds sold		Sales		Average value per pound	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AL	16,200	*	695	*	1,501	*	2.16	*
AR	97,000	111,000	2,250	2,100	4,613	3,570	2.05	17.0
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	*
LA	5,600	11,400	225	360	407	1,260	1.81	3.50
MS	523,300	577,800	6,200	8,130	11,222	14,878	1.81	1.83
Oth ^{1/}	15,790	53,140	416	1,776	1,168	3,735	3.72	2.07
Total	657,890	753,340	9,786	12,366	18,911	23,443	1.93	1.90

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