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Idaho Foodsize Trout Sales Decreased Slightly in 2003

Idaho foodsize trout sales during 2003 totaled \$29.1 million, down 3 percent from the \$29.9 million in 2002, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of foodsize fish sold was 34.0 million, down 11 percent from the 38.0 million sold a year ago. Total pounds sold a year ago were 34.6 million pounds, compared to 37.4 million pounds in 2002.

The number of foodsize trout sold during 2003 totaled 45.9 million fish, down 8 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound, at 1.09, increased 1 cent from 2002. The value of sales for the 2003 marketing year was 55.4 million dollars, down 5 percent from 2002. Based on the dollar value, 68 percent were sold to processors and 20 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The total value of all sales, both fish and eggs, received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled 66.4 million dollars during 2003, a decrease of 5 percent from 2002. Sales of fish totaled 62.3 million dollars for 2003, while egg sales totaled 4.18 million dollars. The State of Idaho accounted for 47 percent of the total value of fish sold.

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