

# Ag Report

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## Foodsize Inventory Up From Last Year

### Catfish Report

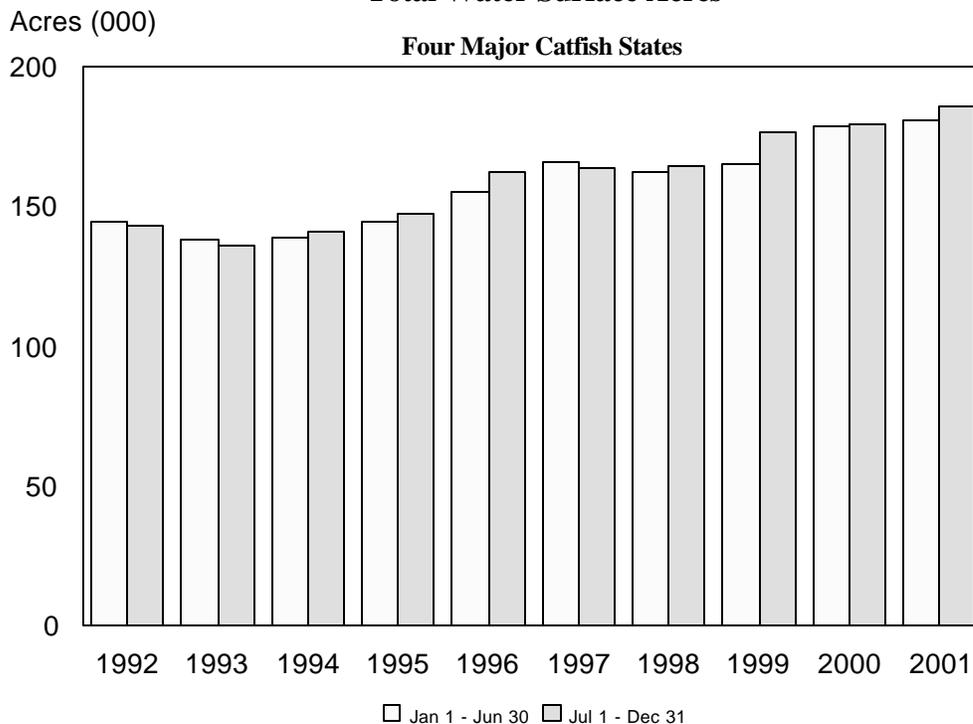
This report contains results of the Catfish Growers Survey, July 2001.

We appreciate the cooperation of the Mississippi catfish growers with this survey.

**Major Producing States:** Commercial catfish operations in the four major producing States (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi) had 370 million foodsize fish on hand on July 1, 2001, up 29 percent from the July 1, 2000 total of 288 million. The breakouts of foodsize fish inventory numbers on July 1, 2001, with their respective percent change from the previous year are: large foodsize, 6.17 million, up 54 percent; medium foodsize, 76.1 million, up 46 percent; and small foodsize, 287 million, up 24 percent. The **water surface area** to be used for catfish production during July 1 through December 31, 2001, totaled 185,700 acres, up 4 percent from a year ago. Acres used for foodsize fish totaled 151,700 acres, up 5 percent from July 2000.

**Mississippi:** Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 229 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2001, up 30 percent from the July 1, 2000 total of 176 million fish. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 2.44 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 33.2 million medium foodsize (over 1½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 193.5 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1½ pounds per fish). The number of stockers on hand July 1, 2001, totaled 525 million fish, down 6 percent from a year ago. Of the total number of stockers, 225 million were large (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 300 million were small (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 1.25 billion fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2001, down 1 percent from the 1.26 billion on hand July 1, 2000.

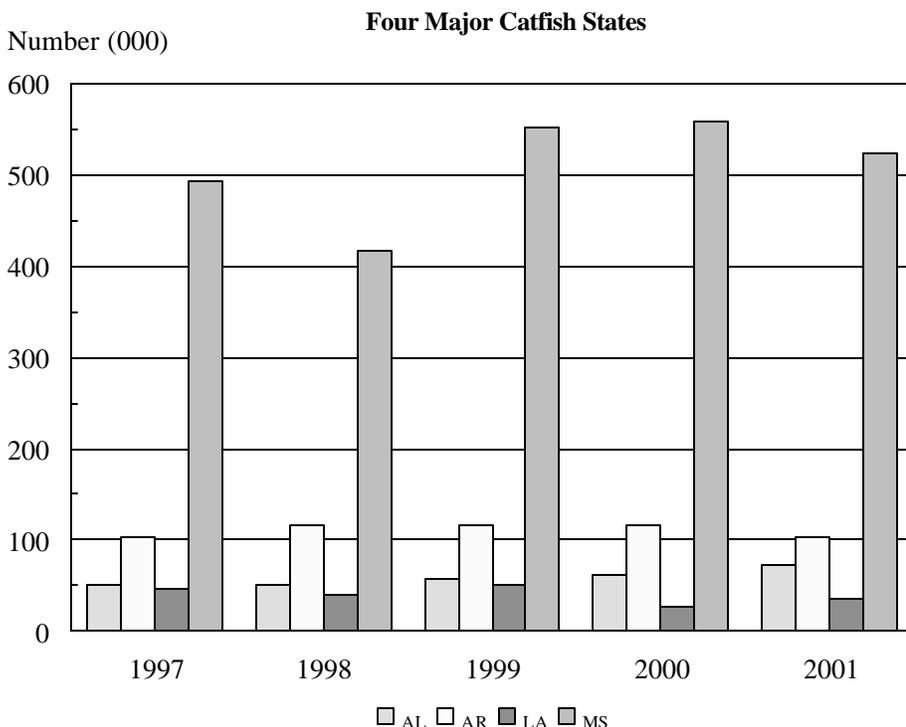
### Total Water Surface Acres



## Stockers on Hand

The number of stockers on hand July 1, 2000, in the four selected states totaled 734 million fish, down 4 percent from the 762 million fish on hand a year ago. Of the total number of stockers on hand, 331 million were large stockers, down 14 percent from the previous year. The remaining 403 million were small stockers, up 7 percent. Live weight totaled 171 million pounds for all stockers, down 12 percent from July 1 last year.

### Total Number of Stockers on Hand



Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Fingerlings and Fry, Selected States, July 1 <sup>1/</sup>

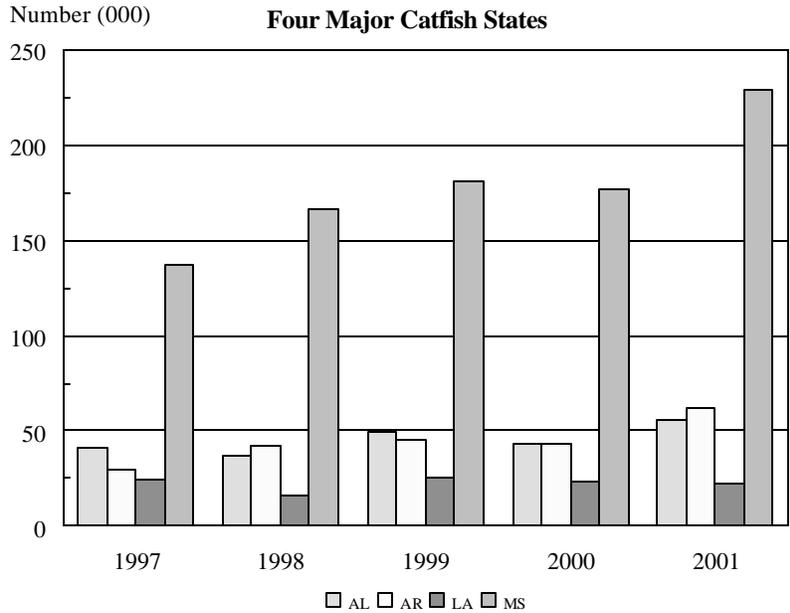
State	Number		Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Alabama	110,000	118,500	1,760	1,860
Arkansas	284,000	335,000	3,800	3,600
Louisiana	99,500	114,800	1,940	1,420
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1,266,000</b>	<b>1,248,000</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>15,100</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,759,500</b>	<b>1,816,300</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>21,980</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Over 2 lbs/1000 to 60 lbs/1000 fish.

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Broodfish, Selected States, July 1

State	Number		Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Alabama	150	160	840	890
Arkansas	220	160	1,100	830
Louisiana	64	50	280	292
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>3,900</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>5,970</b>	<b>5,912</b>

## Total Number of Foodsize Catfish



Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Large Foodsize, Selected States, July 1

State	Number		Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Alabama	870	1,170	2,790	3,900
Arkansas	980	1,700	3,400	5,600
Louisiana	790	860	2,520	2,750
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>8,200</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>6,170</b>	<b>13,410</b>	<b>20,450</b>

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Medium Foodsize, Selected States, July 1

State	Number		Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Alabama	10,600	14,800	20,000	27,400
Arkansas	8,800	19,800	17,400	36,500
Louisiana	8,350	8,300	14,100	15,700
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>24,350</b>	<b>33,200</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>60,400</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,100</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>94,400</b>	<b>140,000</b>

Catfish: Number and Live Weight of Small Foodsize, Selected States, July 1

State	Number		Live Weight	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Alabama	32,200	40,200	32,200	39,700
Arkansas	33,800	40,200	35,300	40,200
Louisiana	14,600	13,400	14,100	12,900
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>150,800</b>	<b>193,500</b>	<b>146,200</b>	<b>192,600</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>231,400</b>	<b>287,300</b>	<b>227,800</b>	<b>285,400</b>

# Catfish Processed United States 1999-2001

Million Pounds

