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July 1 Catfish Inventory

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Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 181 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2004, down 2 percent from the July 1, 2003 total. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 2.80 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 39.8 million medium foodsize (over 1½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 138 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1½ pounds per fish). The number of stockers on hand July 1, 2004,

totaled 394 million fish, down 9 percent from a year ago. Of the total number of stockers, 174 million were large (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 220 million were small (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 940 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2004, down 15 percent from the 1.10 billion on hand July 1, 2003.

All known catfish operators in the four states surveyed were contacted during the first half of July by mail, telephone and personal interview. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage, by State Surveyed, 2003-2004

State	Acres Intended for Utilization During July 1 - December 31 for:					Acres Taken out of Production During Jan 1 - Jun 30
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for-		
				Renovation	New Construction	
2004						
Alabama	23,200	1,400	420	580	100	1,000
Arkansas	28,600	3,500	550	750		4,800
Louisiana	7,400	820	120	210		540
Mississippi	82,000	15,000	2,300	2,400	700	6,400
Four-State Total	141,200	20,720	3,390	3,940	800	12,740
2003						
Alabama	22,900	1,700	480	590	80	760
Arkansas	28,000	4,300	600	500	*	900
Louisiana	8,100	960	145	600	60	590
Mississippi	84,100	16,900	2,800	2,100	100	2,700
Four-State Total	143,100	23,860	4,025	3,790	*	4,950

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

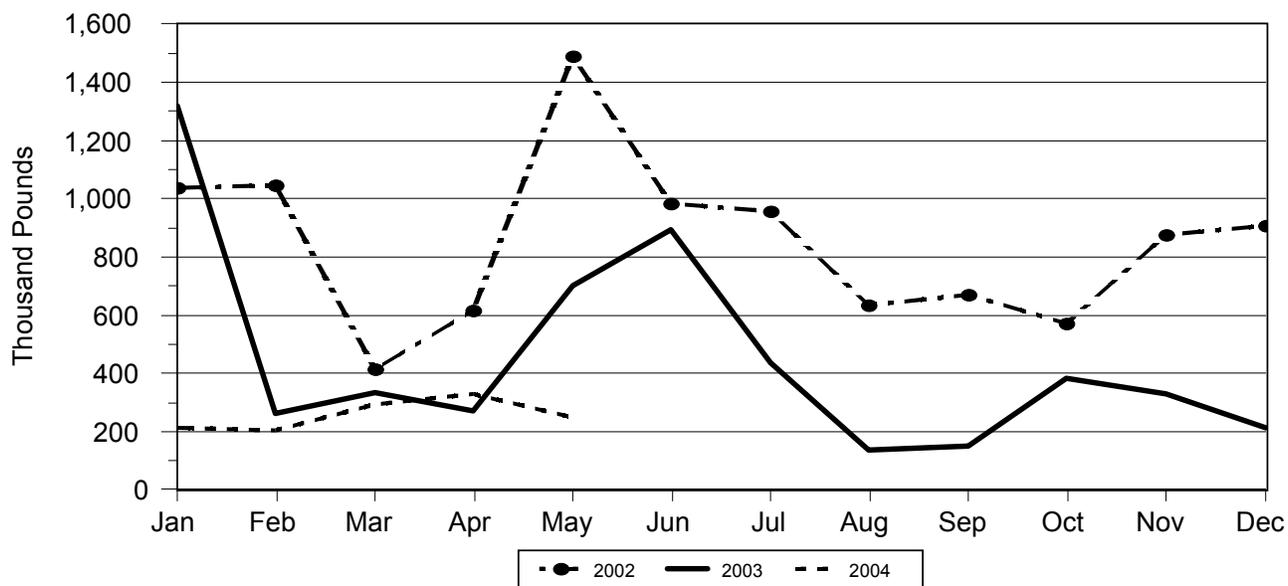
Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2003-2004

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	2,500	3,100	8,150	10,400	3.3	3.4
Arkansas	1,130	1,210	3,650	4,100	3.2	3.4
Louisiana	450	690	1,680	2,490	3.7	3.6
Mississippi	3,300	2,800	11,400	9,800	3.5	3.5
Four-State Total	7,380	7,800	24,880	26,790	3.4	3.4
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	19,200	17,300	34,100	33,100	1.8	1.9
Arkansas	20,300	16,400	38,600	30,500	1.9	1.9
Louisiana	8,900	4,970	15,600	9,800	1.8	2.0
Mississippi	36,800	39,800	68,000	77,000	1.8	1.9
Four-State Total	85,200	78,470	156,300	150,400	1.8	1.9
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	55,100	40,500	54,600	40,600	1.0	1.0
Arkansas	43,800	45,700	39,500	45,600	0.9	1.0
Louisiana	12,000	6,700	10,900	6,600	0.9	1.0
Mississippi	143,400	138,000	143,300	136,000	1.0	1.0
Four-State Total	254,300	230,900	248,300	228,800	1.0	1.0
All Foodsize						
Alabama	76,800	60,900	96,850	84,100	1.26	1.38
Arkansas	65,230	63,310	81,750	80,200	1.25	1.27
Louisiana	21,350	12,360	28,180	18,890	1.32	1.53
Mississippi	183,500	180,600	222,700	222,800	1.21	1.23
Four-State Total	346,880	317,170	429,480	405,990	1.24	1.28
Broodfish						
Alabama	65	130	400	730	6.2	5.6
Arkansas	110	110	570	590	5.2	5.4
Louisiana	19	23	100	133	5.3	5.8
Mississippi	700	650	3,200	3,100	4.6	4.8
Four-State Total	894	913	4,270	4,553	4.8	5.0

Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2003-2004—Cont.

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Stockers						
Alabama	54,300	69,300	20,000	25,800	368	372
Arkansas	45,600	47,400	16,000	16,800	351	354
Louisiana	6,800	8,970	3,000	2,850	441	318
Mississippi	207,000	174,000	84,600	71,000	409	408
Four-State Total	313,700	299,670	123,600	116,450	394	389
Small Stockers						
Alabama	36,500	43,900	3,600	4,200	98.6	95.7
Arkansas	63,500	55,000	6,000	5,550	94.5	101
Louisiana	10,100	5,750	1,230	630	222	110
Mississippi	225,000	220,000	21,200	21,500	94.2	97.7
Four-State Total	335,100	324,650	32,030	31,880	95.6	98.2
Fingerlings and Fry						
Alabama	92,500	91,000	1,430	1,220	15.5	13.4
Arkansas	220,000	220,000	3,600	3,000	16.4	13.6
Louisiana	85,300	49,000	1,400	570	16.4	11.6
Mississippi	1,104,000	940,000	15,900	12,100	14.4	12.9
Four-State Total	1,501,800	1,300,000	22,330	16,890	14.9	13.0

Catfish Imports, Monthly, United States, 2002-2004



**Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface Acres Used for
Production, by State Surveyed, 2003-2004**

State	Number of Operations on July 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During July 1 - December 31	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Alabama	220	250	26,000	25,700
Arkansas	150	158	33,500	33,000
Louisiana	50	48	9,400	8,400
Mississippi	405	430	106,000	103,000
Four-State Total	825	886	174,900	170,100

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