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July 1 Catfish Inventory

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Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 162 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2005, down 10 percent from the July 1, 2004 total. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 2.90 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 31.0 million medium foodsize (over 1½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 128 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1½ pounds per fish). The number of stockers

on hand July 1, 2005, totaled 379 million fish, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of the total number of stockers, 182 million were large (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 197 million were small (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 962 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2005, up 2 percent from the 940 million on hand July 1, 2004.

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, 2004-2005

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	
2005						
Alabama	21,600	1,100	330	660	95	450
Arkansas	23,500	4,500	570	560	330	670
Louisiana	6,100	1,100	125	670	*	420
Mississippi	76,300	16,000	2,800	3,600	400	4,400
Four-State Total	127,500	22,700	3,825	5,490	*	5,940
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

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

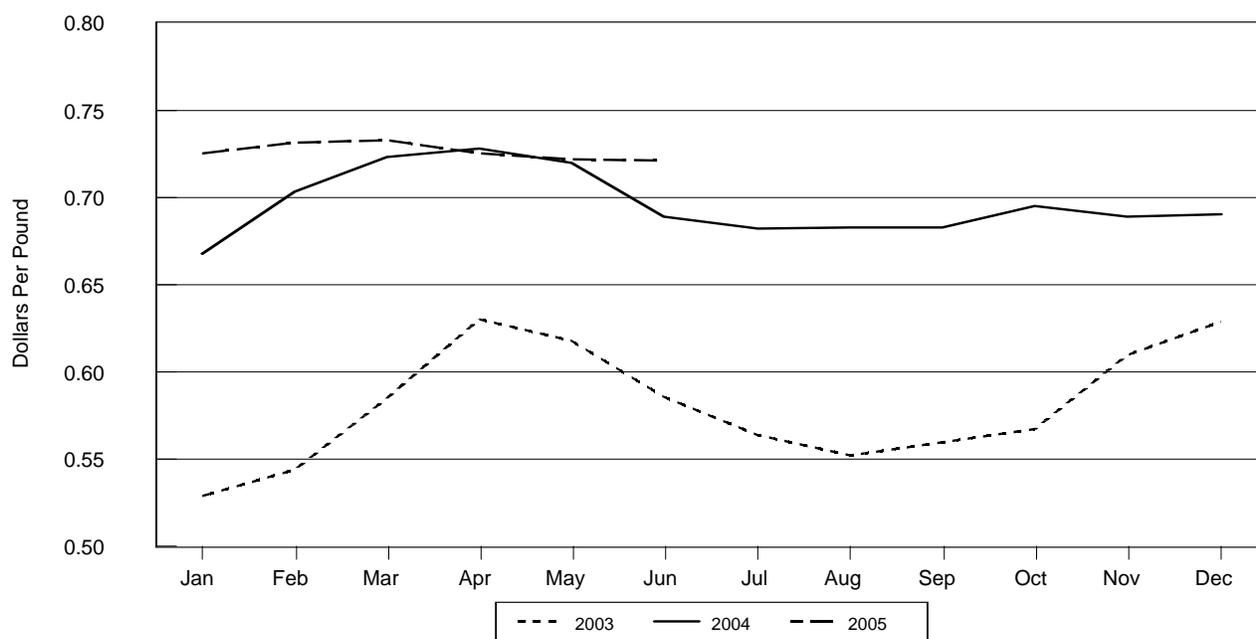
Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2004-2005.

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	3,100	2,300	10,400	8,200	3.4	3.6
Arkansas	1,210	1,360	4,100	5,000	3.4	3.7
Louisiana	690	660	2,490	2,400	3.6	3.6
Mississippi	2,800	2,900	9,800	9,800	3.5	3.4
Four-State Total	7,800	7,220	26,790	25,400	3.4	3.5
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	17,300	22,000	33,100	42,900	1.9	2.0
Arkansas	16,400	15,600	30,500	29,800	1.9	1.9
Louisiana	4,970	3,800	9,800	7,200	2.0	1.9
Mississippi	39,800	31,000	77,000	57,000	1.9	1.8
Four-State Total	78,470	72,400	150,400	136,900	1.9	1.9
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	40,500	42,500	40,600	42,400	1.0	1.0
Arkansas	45,700	35,400	45,600	35,900	1.0	1.0
Louisiana	6,700	6,100	6,600	5,450	1.0	0.9
Mississippi	138,000	128,000	136,000	126,000	1.0	1.0
Four-State Total	230,900	212,000	228,800	209,750	1.0	1.0
Total Foodsize						
Alabama	60,900	66,800	84,100	93,500	1.4	1.4
Arkansas	63,310	52,360	80,200	70,700	1.3	1.4
Louisiana	12,360	10,560	18,890	15,050	1.5	1.4
Mississippi	180,600	161,900	222,800	192,800	1.2	1.2
Four-State Total	317,170	291,620	405,990	372,050	1.3	1.3
Broodfish						
Alabama	130	100	730	460	5.6	4.6
Arkansas	110	120	590	580	5.4	4.8
Louisiana	23	29	133	115	5.8	4.0
Mississippi	650	780	3,100	3,700	4.8	4.7
Four-State Total	913	1,029	4,553	4,855	5.0	4.7

Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2004-2005—Cont

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Stockers						
Alabama	69,300	56,800	25,800	19,600	372	345
Arkansas	47,400	32,400	16,800	13,900	354	429
Louisiana	8,970	3,960	2,850	1,480	318	374
Mississippi	174,000	182,000	71,000	77,000	408	423
Four-State Total	299,670	275,160	116,450	111,980	389	407
Small Stockers						
Alabama	43,900	64,500	4,200	7,500	95.0	116.0
Arkansas	55,000	34,900	5,550	3,540	101	101
Louisiana	5,750	6,820	630	720	110	106
Mississippi	220,000	197,000	21,500	19,000	97.7	96.4
Four-State Total	324,650	303,220	31,880	30,760	98.2	101.0
Fingerlings and Fry						
Alabama	91,000	48,000	1,220	900	13.4	18.8
Arkansas	220,000	342,000	3,000	3,610	13.6	10.6
Louisiana	49,000	98,000	570	484	11.6	4.9
Mississippi	940,000	962,000	12,100	10,500	12.9	10.9
Four-State Total	1,300,000	1,450,000	16,890	15,494	13.0	10.7

Catfish: Prices Paid to Producers by Processors, United States, by Month 2003-2005



Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface Acres Used for
Production, by State Surveyed, 2004-2005

State	Number of Operations on July 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During July 1-December 31	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Number		Acres	
Alabama	250	210	25,700	23,700
Arkansas	158	124	33,000	29,000
Louisiana	48	32	8,400	7,400
Mississippi	430	400	103,000	98,000
Four-State Total	886	766	170,100	158,100