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July 1 Catfish Inventory

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Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 150 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2007, down 10 percent from the July 1, 2006, total. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 3.00 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 37.2 million medium foodsize (over 1½ to 3 pounds per fish), and

110 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1½ pounds per fish). The number of stockers on hand July 1, 2007, totaled 426 million fish, up 8 percent from a year ago. Of the total number of stockers, 204 million were large (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 222 million were small (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 1.11 billion fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2007, up 6 percent from the 1.05 billion on hand July 1, 2006.

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, 2006-2007

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	
	Acres					
2007						
Alabama	21,700	680	420	380	115	750
Arkansas	26,000	3,800	*	280	*	670
Louisiana	4,800	610	*	370	*	140
Mississippi	69,700	16,000	2,600	3,100	300	2,300
Four-State Total	122,200	21,090	3,640	4,130	495	3,860
2006						
Alabama	21,800	1,200	400	950	330	410
Arkansas	24,500	4,100	560	630	*	940
Louisiana	4,900	600	100	140		730
Mississippi	73,000	17,500	2,800	4,000	200	2,400
Four-State Total	124,200	23,400	3,860	5,720	*	4,480

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

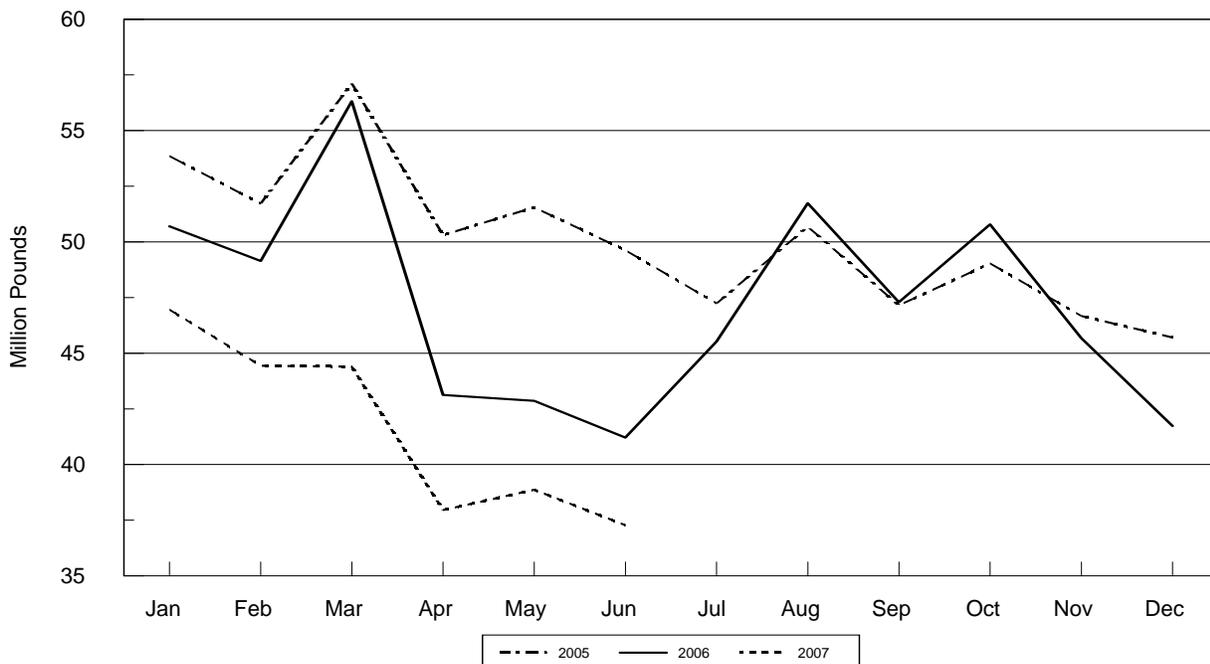
Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2006-2007

Category State and Size	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	3,400	1,500	11,700	5,200	3.4	3.5
Arkansas	1,230	1,520	4,500	5,200	3.7	3.4
Louisiana	195	171	670	571	3.4	3.3
Mississippi	2,300	3,000	8,000	10,100	3.5	3.4
Four-State Total	7,125	6,191	24,870	21,071	3.5	3.4
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	18,100	11,800	34,100	22,800	1.9	1.9
Arkansas	13,200	17,100	25,600	34,000	1.9	2.0
Louisiana	1,860	1,230	3,250	2,700	1.7	2.2
Mississippi	40,500	37,200	73,500	69,600	1.8	1.9
Four-State Total	73,660	67,330	136,450	129,100	1.9	1.9
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	47,200	31,400	44,900	30,000	1.0	1.0
Arkansas	34,900	37,100	34,800	37,200	1.0	1.0
Louisiana	3,950	8,110	3,450	8,100	0.9	1.0
Mississippi	124,000	110,000	125,000	108,000	1.0	1.0
Four-State Total	210,050	186,610	208,150	183,300	1.0	1.0
Total Foodsize						
Alabama	68,700	44,700	90,700	58,000	1.3	1.3
Arkansas	49,330	55,720	64,900	76,400	1.3	1.4
Louisiana	6,005	9,511	7,370	11,371	1.2	1.2
Mississippi	166,800	150,200	206,500	187,700	1.2	1.2
Four-State Total	290,835	260,131	369,470	333,471	1.3	1.3
Broodfish						
Alabama	80	*	360	*	4.5	*
Arkansas	130	108	590	489	4.5	4.5
Louisiana	20	*	100	*	5.0	*
Mississippi	700	600	3,300	3,000	4.7	5.0
Four-State Total	930	791	4,350	3,829	4.7	4.8

Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2006-2007—Cont

Category State and Size	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per 1,000 Fish	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Stockers						
Alabama	72,100	82,400	26,900	31,300	373	380
Arkansas	37,500	31,800	12,000	10,700	320	337
Louisiana	2,290	1,850	1,140	837	498	452
Mississippi	189,000	204,000	76,600	90,000	405	441
Four-State Total	300,890	320,050	116,640	132,837	388	415
Small Stockers						
Alabama	67,700	54,600	7,000	7,100	103.0	130.0
Arkansas	60,700	48,400	5,830	4,500	96.0	93.0
Louisiana	3,420	1,290	315	175	92.1	136.0
Mississippi	204,000	222,000	197,000	21,600	96.6	97.3
Four-State Total	335,820	326,290	32,845	33,375	97.8	102.0
Fingerlings and Fry						
Alabama	74,000	73,200	1,100	1,300	14.9	17.8
Arkansas	299,000	239,000	5,000	3,700	16.7	15.5
Louisiana	34,100	29,000	277	282	8.1	9.7
Mississippi	1,050,000	1,111,500	16,800	15,000	16.0	13.5
Four-State Total	1,457,100	1,452,700	23,177	20,282	15.9	14.0

Catfish: Quantity Processed by Processors, United States, by Month, 2005-2007



**Catfish: Number of Operations, and Water Surface Acres Used for
Production, by State Surveyed, 2006-2007**

State	Number of Operations on July 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During July 1-December 31	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Number		Acres	
Alabama	217	203	24,300	23,000
Arkansas	132	131	30,000	30,400
Louisiana	24	19	5,700	5,500
Mississippi	380	360	96,000	92,500
Four-State Total	753	713	156,000	151,400

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