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Mississippi Catfish growers had sales of 241 million dollars during 2007, down 8 percent from the previous year. Producers sold 290 million pounds of foodsize catfish in 2007, with a value of 212 million dollars. The average price received by farmers was 73 cents per pound, down 4 cents per pound from 2006. Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 162 million foodsize fish on hand January 1, 2008, down 5 percent

from the previous year. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 2.80 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 49.0 million medium foodsize (over 1 ½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 110 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1 ½ pounds per fish). The number of stockers on hand January 1, 2008, totaled 354 million fish, down 7 percent from the previous year. Fingerlings totaled 641 million fish, down 10 percent from January 1, 2008; and producers had 500,000 broodfish on hand January 1, 2008, down 17 percent.

Data for catfish production are collected from all known catfish producers 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.

Special Note: Catfish Production tables have been expanded to include a U.S. rather than an 11 States total. This includes an "Other States" category to represent those States not listed individually in the tables. Previous year data has been revised to allow consistency and comparability of the data.

Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surfaces Acres Used for Production, 2007-2008 and Total Sales, 2006-2007, by State and United States

State	Number of Operations on January		Water Surface Acres Used For Production During January 1 - June 30		Total Sales	
	2007 ¹	2008	2007 ¹	2008	2006 ¹	2007
	Number		Acres		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama	199	185	23,700	22,000	98,969	94,492
Arkansas	137	128	30,400	29,900	79,586	71,544
California	37	38	1,500	1,500	7,318	8,335
Louisiana	20	17	6,300	5,500	12,625	9,918
Mississippi	370	350	94,000	87,300	262,510	240,666
North Carolina	44	38	2,000	2,000	7,213	6,680
Texas	57	61	1,700	2,900	5,910	9,209
Other States	376	247	4,076	3,532	9,711	3,806
United States	1,240	1,064	163,676	154,632	483,842	444,650

¹ Revised.

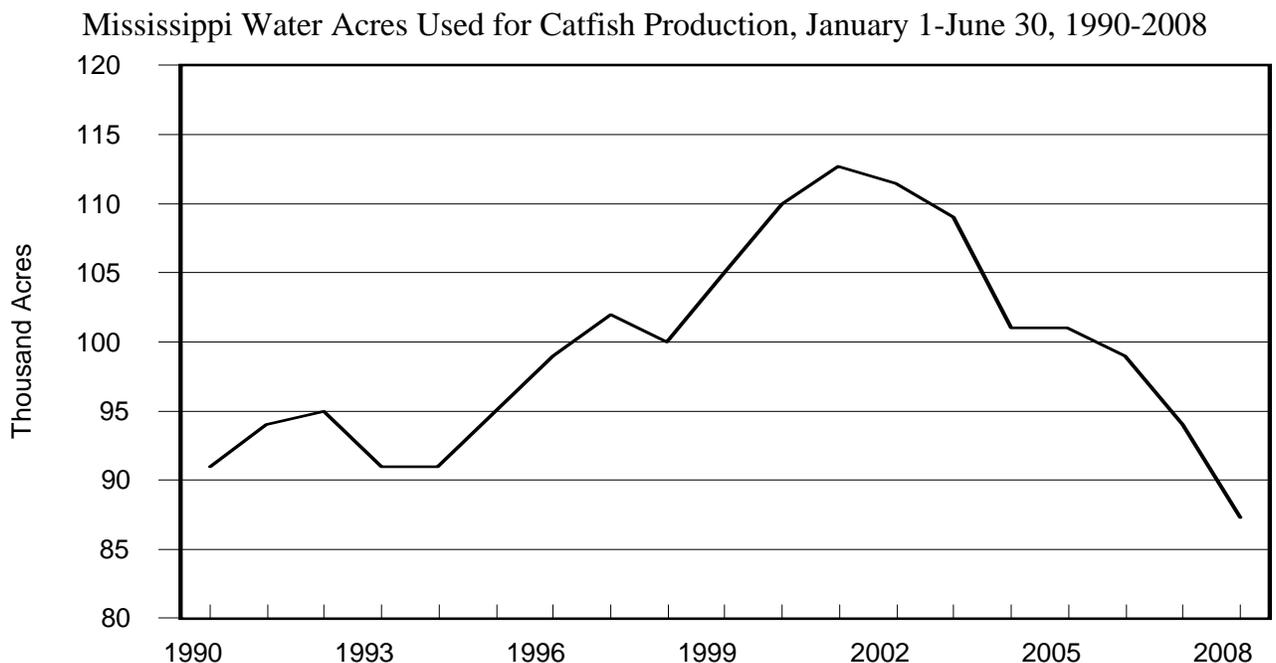
² Other States include State estimates not shown and States suppressed due to disclosure.

Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage, by State and United States, 2007-2008

State	Acres Intended for Utilization January 1 – June 30 for:					Acres Taken out of Production During Jul 1 – Dec 31, Previous Year
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for-		
				Renovation	New Construction	
Acres						
2007 ¹						
Alabama	21,800	1,300	400	860	110	690
Arkansas	25,500	4,200	560	530	*	950
California	1,180	180	90	90		*
Louisiana	5,300	820	120	570	*	160
Mississippi	73,500	15,800	2,400	2,900	500	2,100
North Carolina	1,800	90	40	*	30	30
Texas	1,500	*	110	100	100	65
Other States	2,891	859	183	153	135	240
United States	133,471	23,249	3,903	5,203	875	4,235
Acres						
2008						
Alabama	20,900	700	300	145	115	465
Arkansas	24,000	4,400	500	790	*	1,790
California	1,170	260	80	*	*	110
Louisiana	4,800	630	*	430		115
Mississippi	67,700	14,000	2,300	1,800	110	5,300
North Carolina	1,650	290	50	10	10	50
Texas	2,700	130	50	200	*	*
Other States	2,446	823	229	234	265	334
United States	125,366	21,233	3,509	3,609	500	8,164

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**Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales, by Category, States (Published)
and United States, 2006-2007**

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight Total		Value of Sales		Average Price Per Pound	
	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007
	1,000		Pounds		1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
Foodsizes								
Alabama	71,000	85,900	131,000	124,000	98,250	93,000	0.75	0.75
Arkansas	56,500	57,600	99,200	90,400	75,392	67,800	0.76	0.75
California	1,680	2,300	3,050	3,380	7,137	8,146	2.34	2.41
Louisiana	10,800	10,500	15,700	13,400	12,560	9,782	0.80	0.73
Mississippi	215,000	180,000	313,000	290,000	241,010	211,700	0.77	0.73
North Carolina	4,600	3,800	8,600	7,700	6,966	6,160	0.81	0.80
Texas	4,450	7,490	7,250	11,900	5,800	8,806	0.80	0.74
Other States	6,842	5,061	9,281	7,617	7980	3,356	0.86	0.44
United States	370,872	352,651	587,081	548,397	455,095	408,750	0.78	0.75
Broodfish								
Alabama	5	5	20	20	23	44	1.15	2.20
Arkansas	*	20	*	100	*	110	*	1.10
California	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Louisiana	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mississippi	120	190	600	700	456	518	0.76	0.74
North Carolina	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Texas	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	51	37	175	125	198	98	1.13	0.78
United States	176	252	795	945	677	770	0.84	0.82
Stockers								
Alabama	840	760	80	100	96	210	1.20	2.10
Arkansas	*	12,000	*	1,240	*	1,426	*	1.15
California	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mississippi	41,000	36,000	3,500	8,000	4,480	13,280	1.28	1.66
North Carolina	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Texas	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	10,561	1,570	1,993	398	2,342	214	1.18	0.54
United States	52,401	50,330	5,573	9,738	6,918	15,130	1.24	1.55
Fingerlings & Fry								
Alabama	16,000	13,000	500	550	600	1,238	1.20	2.25
Arkansas	127,000	89,300	1,350	1,220	2,835	2,208	2.10	1.81
California	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Louisiana	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mississippi	412,000	351,000	10,100	7,900	16,564	15,168	1.64	1.92
North Carolina	2,800	4,900	115	280	246	504	2.14	1.80
Texas	240	1,790	8	100	27	322	3.41	3.22
Other States	14,394	28,796	497	644	1,012	560	2.04	0.86
United States	572,434	488,786	12,570	10,694	21,284	20,000	1.69	1.87

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, Selected States and United States
January 1, 2007-2008**

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2007 ¹	2008	2007 ¹	2008	2007 ¹	2008
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	2,300	2,000	7,600	6,560	3.3	3.3
Arkansas	1,600	2,000	5,410	7,000	3.4	3.5
California	420	70	1,400	220	3.3	3.1
Louisiana	310	370	1,020	1,210	3.3	3.3
Mississippi	3,000	2,800	9,900	9,000	3.3	3.2
North Carolina	220	300	720	1,000	3.3	3.3
Texas	350	60	1,120	210	3.2	3.5
Other States	200	154	696	534	3.4	3.4
United States	8,400	7,754	27,866	25,734	3.3	3.3
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	17,300	17,300	32,700	34,000	1.9	2.0
Arkansas	14,400	13,500	28,800	28,000	2.0	2.1
California	570	520	1,160	890	2.0	1.7
Louisiana	5,960	3,330	10,100	6,550	1.7	2.0
Mississippi	52,200	49,000	93,500	88,500	1.8	1.8
North Carolina	2,600	2,400	5,000	4,400	1.9	1.8
Texas	3,130	2,520	6,150	5,100	2.0	2.0
Other States	2,247	1,815	4,293	3,438	1.9	1.8
United States	98,407	90,385	181,703	170,878	1.8	1.8
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	41,200	36,300	39,800	34,800	1.0	1.0
Arkansas	37,300	30,900	35,400	30,200	0.9	1.0
California	720	1,740	760	1,520	1.1	0.9
Louisiana	4,210	3,530	4,850	3,650	1.2	1.0
Mississippi	116,000	110,000	115,000	112,000	1.0	1.0
North Carolina	2,200	2,800	2,400	2,700	1.1	1.0
Texas	1,920	7,620	1,720	7,530	0.9	1.0
Other States	2,709	2,819	2,742	2,793	1.0	0.9
United States	206,259	195,709	202,672	195,193	0.9	1.0
Broodfish						
Alabama	70	80	320	330	4.6	4.1
Arkansas	120	100	612	490	5.1	4.9
California	9	12	50	70	5.6	5.8
Louisiana	24	*	107	*	4.5	*
Mississippi	600	500	3,300	2,500	5.5	5.0
North Carolina	10	10	70	50	7.0	5.0
Texas	30	10	158	60	5.3	6.0
Other States	39	48	196	195	5.0	4.0
United States	902	760	4,813	3,695	5.3	4.8

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**Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State and United States
January 1, 2007-2008**

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight				
			Total		Average Per 1,000 Fish		
	2007 ¹	2008	2007 ¹	2008	2007 ¹	2008	
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds		
Large Stockers							
Alabama	42,400	48,400	19,000	19,500	448	403	
Arkansas	31,200	33,400	10,800	13,200	346	395	
California	1,150	340	630	130	548	382	
Louisiana	3,180	3,500	1,020	1,110	321	317	
Mississippi	198,000	179,000	78,500	72,700	396	406	
North Carolina	1,100	1,700	670	1,100	609	647	
Texas	360	*	140	*	389	*	
Other States	3,464	4,736	1,300	1,661	375	351	
United States	280,854	271,076	112,060	109,401	399	404	
Small Stockers							
Alabama	51,800	51,000	5,900	6,000	113.9	117.6	
Arkansas	44,600	56,700	4,200	6,100	94.2	107.6	
California	1,640	*	185	*	112.8	*	
Louisiana	5,300	6,550	422	710	79.6	108.4	
Mississippi	183,000	175,000	18,500	17,500	101.1	100.0	
North Carolina	2,400	1,500	340	220	141.7	146.7	
Texas	1,260	*	131	*	104.0	*	
Other States	4,773	8,621	480	899	100.6	104.3	
United States	294,773	299,371	30,158	31,429	102.3	105.0	
Fingerlings							
Alabama	59,500	63,300	2,300	2,750	38.7	43.4	
Arkansas	156,000	125,000	5,200	4,900	33.3	39.2	
California	8,130	3,340	255	120	31.4	35.9	
Louisiana	7,550	20,500	197	638	26.1	31.1	
Mississippi	714,000	641,000	21,400	19,200	30.0	30.0	
North Carolina	3,300	6,400	110	260	33.3	40.6	
Texas	*	4,380	*	230	*	52.5	
Other States	16,334	30,085	448	810	27.4	26.9	
United States	964,814	894,005	29,910	28,908	31.0	32.3	

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**Catfish: Foodsize & Stockers Percent Sold by Point of First Sale,
by State and United States, 2006-2007**

State and Size Category	Processor		Fee-Fishing & Recreational Use		Live Haulers		Retail		Other	
	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007
Percent										
Foodsize										
Alabama	97	95	1	1	1	1	*		1	3
Arkansas	97	98	*	*	3	2	*	*	*	1
California	*		*	15	18	17	62	58	13	10
Louisiana	87	97	3						10	
Mississippi	99	98	*		*		*		1	2
Missouri	*		25		45		*		10	
North Carolina	95	93	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	5
Texas	78	86	1	4	20	8			1	2
Other States	42	40	19	24	32	30	3	3	4	4
United States	95.7	94.4	0.3	0.8	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3	2.3
State and Size Category	Other Producers		Fee-Fishing & Recreational Use		Live Haulers		Government		Other	
	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007
Percent										
Stocker										
Alabama	98	50	*	4	*	1				45
Arkansas	81	80			*	*	*	*		
California	*	*	*	*	*	*				*
Louisiana										
Mississippi	100	100	*							
North Carolina	*	*	*	*						
Texas		87		*	*	*			*	
Other States	42	42	19	19	32	30	3	3	4	4
United States	85.0	95.5	1.5	1.0	11.7	1.3	0.3	1.2	1.5	1.0

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Term and Definitions Used for Catfish Production Estimates

Broodfish – Fish kept for egg production, including males. Broodfish produce the fertilized eggs which go to hatcheries. The most desirable size is 3 to 10 pounds or 4 to 6 years of age.

Large foodsize – Fish weighing over 3 pounds.

Medium foodsize – Fish weighing over one and one-half pounds to 3 pounds.

Small foodsize – Fish weighing over three-fourths of a pound to one and one-half pounds.

Large stockers – Fish weighing over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish.

Small stockers – Fish weighing over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish or over 6 inches in length.

Fingerlings – Fish weighing 2 to 60 pounds per 1,000 fish or 2 to 6 inches in length.

Fry – Fish weighing less than 2 pounds per 1,000 fish or less than 2 inches in length.

United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, December 2006-2007

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price ¹		Ending Inventory	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,543	2,410	1.80	1.56	97	108
Fillets	3,579	3,410	3.25	2.90	347	275
Other	816	638	1.79	1.52	72	61
Total Fresh	6,938	6,458	2.55	2.26	516	4,44
Frozen						
Whole Fish	822	759	2.24	2.02	877	882
Fillets	8,829	7,514	3.03	2.75	12,381	11,173
Other	4,467	3,590	1.62	1.28	4,400	2,631
Total Frozen	14,118	11,863	2.54	2.26	17,658	14,686
Total Fresh & Frozen	21,056	18,321	2.54	2.26	18,174	15,130

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Received by Producers, United States, 2006-2007

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound ¹	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2006	2007
	2006	2007	2006	2007		
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars	
January	50,703	46,957	50,703	46,957	.727	.838
February	49,145	44,439	99,848	91,396	.729	.838
March	56,315	44,397	156,163	135,793	.745	.838
April	43,126	37,954	199,289	173,747	.785	.841
May	42,865	38,867	242,154	212,614	.796	.840
June	41,214	37,275	283,368	249,889	.807	.817
July	45,528	39,168	328,896	289,057	.812	.762
August	51,736	42,626	380,632	331,683	.811	.731
September	47,296	39,519	427,928	371,202	.832	.697
October	50,788	45,890	478,716	417,092	.836	.682
November ²	45,680	40,307	524,396	457,399	.837	.666
December	41,735	39,121	566,131	496,520	.838	.648

¹ Quantity processed by major processors and the prices received for fish delivered to the processing plant's door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Revised 2007 data only.

Farmed-Raised Catfish Processed, United States, 2005-2007

