

Trout, 2001

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Pennsylvania's 60 commercial trout growers sold 1.88 million pounds of trout valued at \$4.89 million during the 12-month period ending December 31, 2001, ranking fifth nationally behind Idaho, North Carolina, Washington and California. In addition to those sold, an estimated \$10.8 million worth of trout were distributed for conservation and recreational purposes throughout the state, primarily by state hatcheries and private fishing clubs.

Sales of trout 12 inches or longer by the State's growers totaled 1.64 million pounds, or 87 percent of the total production sold during the period. Averaging \$2.50 per pound, the trout were valued at \$4.10 million. Fee fishing/recreational sales accounted for 55 percent of the sales, with restaurant and retail sales accounting for 24 percent.

Sales of trout 6"-12" long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 540,000 fish, or 232,000 pounds live weight during the period. At an average of \$3.20 a pound, sales were valued at \$742 thousand, with 73 percent of the volume sold to fee and recreational establishments.

Trout distributed for restoration or conservation purposes, primarily by the state fish commission but also by private

fishing clubs, included 1.06 million 12" or longer fish, 5.35 million 6"-12" fish, and 50,000 fish less than 6" long. Pennsylvania ranks first in the nation in the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes.

Commercial trout growers in the Commonwealth lost 1.40 million pounds of trout due to various causes. These causes included disease, theft, chemicals, drought, flood and predators.

The *National Agricultural Statistics Service* surveyed all known commercial trout growers in Pennsylvania and 19 other states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

For the 20 selected states, all trout sales during the year ending December 31, 2001, totaled 59.4 million pounds valued at \$71.2 million. Sales of trout 12 inches or longer accounted for 96 percent of the pounds sold, with 68 percent of that amount purchased by processors.

Pennsylvania: Trout Sales, 2000-2001

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001	2000 ¹	2001	2000	2001
	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
12" or longer	1,510	1,740	1,517	1,640	3,853	4,100	2.54/lb.	2.50/lb.
6" - 12"	760	540	319	232	1,053	742	3.30/lb.	3.20/lb.
1" - 6"	350	220	14	6	126	52	360.00/thou	237.00/thou
Total	2,620	2,500	1,850	1,878	5,032	4,894	-	-

¹ Revised.

United States: Trout Sales, 2000-2001

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
12" or longer	58,531	54,565	59,161	56,908	63,675	64,482	1.08/lb.	1.13/lb.
6" - 12"	7,551	7,748	3,151	2,263	6,683	5,428	2.12/lb.	2.40/lb.
1" - 6"	9,832	9,020	248	205	1,393	1,287	142.00/thou	143.00/thou
Total	75,914	71,333	62,560	59,376	71,751	71,197	-	-

United States: Number & Value of Egg Sales, 2000-2001

Item	Number Sold		Value of Sales		Average Value Per 1,000	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Eggs	286,837	338,223	4,029	5,113	14.00	15.10