

Trout, 2002

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Pennsylvania's 61 commercial trout growers sold 1.64 million pounds of trout valued at \$4.56 million during the 12-month period ending December 31, 2002, ranking fifth nationally behind Idaho, North Carolina, Washington and California. In addition to those sold, an estimated \$5.9 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 1.41 million pounds, or 86 percent of the total production sold during the period. Averaging \$2.64 per pound, the trout were valued at \$3.72 million. Fee fishing/recreational sales accounted for 63 percent of the sales, with restaurant and retail sales accounting for 19 percent.

Sales of trout 6"-12" long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 550,000 fish, or 221,000 pounds live weight during the period. At an average of \$3.50 a pound, sales were valued at \$774 thousand, with 75 percent of the volume sold to fee and recreational establishments.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 5.61 million 6"-12" fish.

Commercial trout growers in the Commonwealth lost 1.02 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, 2002, totaled 56.8 million pounds valued at \$65.2 million. Sales of trout 12 inches or longer accounted for 96 percent of the pounds sold, with 69 percent of that amount purchased by processors.

Pennsylvania: Trout Sales, 2001-2002

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
12" or longer	1,740	1,400	1,640	1,410	4,100	3,722	2.50/lb.	2.64/lb.
6" - 12"	540	550	232	221	742	774	3.20/lb.	3.50/lb.
1" - 6"	220	220	6	7	52	66	237.00/thou	298.00/thou
Total	2,500	2,170	1,878	1,638	4,894	4,562	-	-

United States: Trout Sales, 2001-2002

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
12" or longer	54,521	50,231	56,878	54,451	64,396	58,334	1.13/lb.	1.07/lb.
6" - 12"	7,752	7,343	2,263	2,167	5,442	5,420	2.40/lb.	2.50/lb.
1" - 6"	9,023	8,963	205	163	1,290	1,397	143.00/thou	156.00/thou
Total	71,296	66,537	59,346	56,781	71,128	65,151	-	-

United States: Number & Value of Egg Sales, 2001-2002

Item	Number Sold		Value of Sales		Average Value Per 1,000	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000		1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
Eggs	338,225	298,225	5,113	4,446	15.10	14.90