

TROUT

Virginia's 2000 commercial trout production was valued at more than 1.64 million dollars. This is down 18 percent from 1999's 1.99 million dollars. This drop in production was due to a decline in operations, and death loss due to disease, theft/vandalism, chemicals, drought, floods and predators. Virginia ranks 8th nationally in value of trout sold (excluding eggs).

Foodsize trout sold totaled 758,000 pounds, down 14 percent from 1999's 883,000 pounds. The average value per pound for foodsize trout declined 1 cent from 1999 to \$2.04. Foodsize trout account for 94 percent of Virginia's trout sales.

Recreational and fee fishing was the biggest sales outlet for foodsize trout. There were 190,000 trout lost in 2000 that were intended for sale making up 61,000 pounds. Disease, drought, and predators were the top killers of Virginia trout, accounting for 98 percent of the losses.

TROUT SALES, 1999-2000

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value/Pound	
	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000
	-thousand-		-thousand -		-thousand dollars-		-dollars-	
Foodsize ^{2/}	898	750	883	758	1,810	1,546	2.05	2.04
Stocker ^{3/}	125	*	69	*	161	*	2.34	*
Fingerlings ^{4/5/}	148	*	2	*	28	*	191.00	*
Total	*	*	*	*	1,999	1,644	*	*

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Foodsize fish are defined as being 12 inches or longer.

^{3/} Stockers are defined as being from 6-12 inches in length.

^{4/} Fingerlings are defined as being from 1-6 inches in length.

^{5/} Average per 1,000 fish/eggs.

^{6/} Average Value.

* Included with other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

TROUT REGIONAL AND U.S. EGG SALES, 1999-2000

Region ²	Number of Eggs		Total Value of Sales		Average Value /000 Eggs	
	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000
	-thousand-		-thousand dollars-		-dollars-	
North East	1,540	1,127	39	31	25.30	27.50
South & Central	604	940	13	19	21.50	20.20
West	309,620	284,770	4,893	3,979	15.80	14.00
U.S. Total	311,764	286,837	4,945	4,029	15.90	14.00

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Regions are defined as follows - North East: CT, MA, ME, NY, PA & WV; South: AR, GA, NC, TN & VA; Central: MI, MO, & WI; West: CA, CO, ID, OR, UT, and WA.