

Trout

Virginia's 2002 Commercial Trout Production

was valued at 1.26 million dollars. This is down 5 percent from 1.32 million dollars in 2001. This decrease in production was due to the decline in the number of operations, and death loss due to disease and predators. Virginia ranks 9th nationally in value of trout sold (excluding eggs).



value per pound for foodsize trout increased 9 cents from 2001 to \$2.02. Foodsize trout account for 93 percent of the Commonwealths trout sales.

Recreational and fee fishing was the biggest sales outlet for foodsize trout. There were 211,000 trout lost in 2002. Disease, drought, and predators were the top killers of Virginia commercial trout, accounting for 93 percent of the losses.

Foodsize trout sold totaled 578,000 pounds, down 8 percent from 630,000 pounds in 2001. The average

TROUT SALES, 2001-2002

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Average Value/Pound ^{5/}		Total Value of Sales	
	2001 ^{1/}	2002	2001 ^{1/}	2002	2001 ^{1/}	2002	2001 ^{1/}	2002
	-thousand-		-thousand -		-thousand dollars-		-dollars-	
Foodsize 2/	676	670	630	578	1.93	2.02	1,215	1,168
Stocker 3/	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fingerlings 4/	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,318	1,259

^{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.

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

TROUT REGIONAL AND U.S. EGG SALES, 2001-2002

Region ^{1/}	Number of Eggs		Average Value /000 Eggs		Total Value of Sales	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	-thousand-		-thousand dollars-		-dollars-	
North East	1,100	1,210	22.70	22.30	25	27
South and Central	595	715	18.50	21.00	11	15
West	336,530	296,300	15.10	14.90	5,077	4,404
WA	317,000	287,000	15.00	15.00	4,755	4,305
US	338,225	298,225	15.10	14.90	5,113	4,446

^{1/} 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, and WA.