

# CATFISH PRODUCTION SURVEY - January 1, 2026

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## Section 1 - Identification

1. On land operated by the farm, ranch or individual(s) listed on the label:

a. Will there be any water area used on this operation to produce catfish at any time during 2026?

2373      1  Yes - Go to Section 2      3  No - Continue

b. Will there be any hatchery or foodsize production inventory on this operation at any time during 2026?

2374      1  Yes - Go to Section 2      3  No - Continue

c. Were any catfish sold from this operation during 2025?

372      1  Yes - Go to Section 2      3  No - Continue

d. Will any catfish be produced on this operation in the future?

2378      1  Yes - Go to Section 5      3  No - Go to Section 5      2  Don't Know - Go to Section 5

## Section 2 - Water Area

		Acres
1. What is the total <b>water area</b> used and to be used by this operation to produce catfish during the period of January 1 - June 30, 2026? .....		259
EXCLUDE areas of new facilities under construction		
a. How many of the total acres are currently being or will be <b>renovated</b> during the period of January 1 - June 30, 2026? .....		260
b. How many of the total acres are used for <b>broodfish</b> production? .....		261
c. How many of the total acres are used for <b>foodsize</b> production? .....		266
d. How many of the total acres are used exclusively for <b>fingerlings</b> ? .....		262
2. What is the water area of new <b>facilities</b> under construction or to be constructed for use during the period of January 1 - June 30, 2026? .....		263
3. What is the water area of <b>facilities</b> taken out of <b>production</b> during the period of July 1 - December 31, 2025? .....		264
EXCLUDE acres reported in Item 1		

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1 = Inc. Has Water Area 2 = Acres Unknown 3 = Valid Zero
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## Section 3 - Inventory

1. On January 1, 2026, what was your estimated inventory of catfish by the following size categories?

Size Category	Total		Average Pounds		
	Number	OR	Total Pounds	Per Fish	Per 1000 Fish
a. <b>Broodfish</b> (fish being used or to be used for breeding) .....	721	720	722	. ____	
b. <b>Large foodsize</b> (over 3 lbs.) .....	724	723	725	. ____	
c. <b>Medium foodsize</b> (over 1½ lbs. to 3 lbs.) .....	727	726	728	. ____	
d. <b>Small foodsize</b> (over ¾ lbs. to 1½ lbs.) .....	730	729	731	. ____	
e. <b>Large stockers</b> (over 180 lbs. to 750 lbs. per 1000 fish) .....	733	732		735	
f. <b>Small stockers</b> (over 60 lbs. to 180 lbs. per 1000 fish) .....	737	736		739	
g. <b>Fingerlings</b> (2 to 6 inches) or (2 to 60 lbs. per 1000 fish) .....	741	740		742	

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## Section 4 - Sales

1. During 2025, what were your total catfish sales for the following size categories?

Fish Sold As:	Total Number Sold	Total Pounds Live Weight	Total Sales ** (Dollars)
a. <b>Broodfish</b> (fish being used or to be used for breeding) .....	610	609	611 \$ .00
b. <b>Broodfish</b> (previously used for breeding) .....	613	612	614 \$ .00
c. <b>All Foodsize</b> (over ¾ lbs. per fish) .....	616	615	617 \$ .00
d. <b>Stockers</b> (over 6 inches) <b>or</b> (over 60 lbs. to 750 lbs. per 1000 fish) ....	619	618	620 \$ .00
e. <b>Fingerlings</b> (2 to 6 inches) <b>or</b> (2 lbs. to 60 lbs. per 1000 fish) .....	622	621	623 \$ .00
f. <b>Fry</b> (under 2 inches) <b>or</b> (less than 2 lbs. per 1000 fish) .....	625	624	626 \$ .00

\*\* Live weight price - EXCLUDE cleaning charges

2. During 2025, what percent of the value of sales for foodsize, including broodfish, and stockers reported in Item 1 was sold to each of the following Sales Outlets?

Point Of First Sale Outlet	Percent of Total Value of Sales for Fish Sold as:	
	Foodsize (over ¾ lbs.) INCLUDE broodfish	Stockers (usually 6 inches in length to ¾ lbs.)
a. Live haulers/brokers .....	630 %	631 %
b. Recreational stocking - (private lakes and ponds) .....	632 %	633 %
c. Wholesale to other producers (to stock commercial and fee fishing operations) .....	634 %	635 %
d. Government agencies .....	636 %	637 %
e. Direct to consumers - (farmers market, on-farm fee fishing) .....	638 %	
f. Processors INCLUDE fish processed on the operation .....	640 %	
g. Retail outlets - (restaurants, grocery stores, etc.) .....	642 %	
h. Export .....	646 %	647 %
i. Other, Specify: _____ ...	644 %	645 %
<b>Total</b>	100%	100%

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**Section 5 - Change in Operation**

1. Has this operation (name on label) been sold, or turned over to someone else?

1  Yes - Identify the new operator(s)3  No - Go to Section 6

Operation Name _____	Operator Name _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____	Check if Cell phone <input type="checkbox"/>

**Section 6 - Conclusion**

1. Do you make day-to-day decisions for another catfish operation?

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1  Yes - Identify the other operation(s) below3  No - Continue

Operation Name _____	Operator Name _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____	Check if Cell phone <input type="checkbox"/>

2. Comments related to the information you reported:

3. Contact Information:

Operator Email:

Operator Phone:

9929	Check to receive results by email <input type="checkbox"/>	9918 (_____) _____	Check if cell phone <input type="checkbox"/>
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Operation Email: (if different from above)

Operation Phone: (if different from above)

9937	Check to receive results by email <input type="checkbox"/>	9936 (_____) _____	Check if cell phone <input type="checkbox"/>
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Respondent Name:

Respondent Phone: (if different from above)

9912	9911 (_____) _____	Check if cell phone <input type="checkbox"/>	9910 MM DD YY Date: ____ - ____ - ____
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This completes the survey. The results will be available on the release date at [nass.usda.gov/results](http://nass.usda.gov/results).  
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Response	Respondent	Mode	Enum.	Eval.	R. Unit	Change	Office Use for POID				
1-Comp 2-R 3-Inac 4-Office Hold 5-R - Est 6-Inac - Est 7-Off Hold - Est	9901 1-Op/Mgr 2-Spouse 3-Acct/Bkpr 4-Partner 9-Other	9902 1-PASI (Mail) 2-PATI (Tel) 3-PAPI (Face-to-Face) 6-Email 7-Fax 19-Other	9903	9998	9900	9921	9985	9989 ____ - ____ - ____			
							Optional Use				
							9907	9908	9906	9916	
S/E Name _____											