

FLORIDA Catfish

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There were 31 catfish operations in Florida on January 1, 2006. Total water surface area was 520 acres, a decrease of 130 acres from 2005. Most of the acreage was for foodsize fish (480 acres). Total sales in Florida in 2005 were \$1,120,000. The majority of the sales were to processors.

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Catfish growers in the 11 selected States had sales of 482 million dollars during 2005, up slightly from the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana) accounted for 95 percent of the U. S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish decreased slightly from 2004 to 450 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 24.1 million dollars, an increase of 9 percent from 2004. Sales of stockers totaled 5.99 million dollars in 2005, a 4 percent decrease from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 95 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish while 87 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. Remaining sales were for recreational use, to live haulers, or for retail, government, or other uses.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2006, totaled 170 thousand acres, down 2 percent from the 174 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 6.62 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2006. An additional 1.33 thousand acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2006. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2005, the area taken out of production totaled 6.68 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2006, foodfish were produced on 139 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 22.8 thousand, and 4.78 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

Catfish producers had 1.11 million broodfish on hand January 1, 2006, up 7 percent from January 1, 2005. Large foodsize fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 10.8 million on January 1, 2006, an increase of 4 percent from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) increased 10 percent to 103 million, while small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers decreased 11 percent to 214 million. Large stockers (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2006, at 269 million fish, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers increased 35 percent to 509 million. There were 1.04 billion fingerlings on hand January 1, 2006, up 59 percent from January 1, 2005.

CATFISH: Water Surface Acres Utilization of Acres January 1, 2005 and 2006 and acres taken out of production July 1-December 31, 2005, and number of operations and annual sales, by State

State	Water surface acres		Utilization of acres, 2006			Taken out of Production in 2005	Number January 1 operations		Annual sales	
	January 1, 2005	January 1, 2006	Renovated	New construction	Used for Broodfish		2005	2006	2004	2005
	<i>Thousand dollars</i>									
AL	25,100	23,500	860	160	320	290	230	194	101,198	97,602
AR	31,500	32,600	760	100	570	4,800	153	132	66,618	77,556
FL	650	520	*	--	10	60	46	31	1,139	1,120
LA	7,600	6,600	550	--	--	730	38	28	14,316	14,936
MS	101,000	99,000	4,000	400	3,500	3,500	410	390	274,971	268,303
MO	1,320	1,360	65	*	25	*	24	24	1,358	1,723
Oth ^{1/}	6,420	6,790	380	670	355	165	257	236	20,575	20,885
Total	173,590	170,370	6,615	1,330	4,780	9,545	1,158	1,035	480,175	482,125

^{1/} Includes CA, GA, KY, NC, and TX. * Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of all foodsize

State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Thousand dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
AL	82,000	78,000	145,000	142,000	95,700	92,300	0.66	0.65
AR	58,000	64,000	103,000	104,000	63,860	73,840	0.62	0.71
FL	1,100	1,400	1,900	1,640	1,102	1,066	0.58	0.65
LA	15,800	14,800	23,000	21,100	14,260	14,770	0.62	0.70
MS	220,000	235,000	388,000	348,000	256,080	247,080	0.66	0.71
MO	650	510	1,130	1,500	904	1,230	0.80	0.82
Other ^{1/}	11,770	11,700	20,120	20,185	18,967	19,593	0.94	0.97
Total	389,320	405,410	682,150	638,425	450,873	449,873	0.66	0.70

^{1/} Includes CA, GA, IL, KY, NC, SC, and TX.



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CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of broodfish, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>Thousands</i>				
AL	100	100	500	400
AR	110	110	540	530
FL	16	8	85	45
MS	680	820	3,300	4,000
Other ^{1/}	128	68	650	340
Total	1,034	1,106	5,075	5,315

^{1/} Includes CA, GA, IL, KY, LA, MO, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of fingerling, January 1^{1/}

State	Total number of fish		Total liveweight of fish	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>Thousands</i>				
AL	51,500	166,000	1,700	6,000
AR	31,000	184,000	3,500	5,200
FL	720	85	25	2
LA	6,870	18,400	230	635
MS	439,000	641,000	14,300	21,800
MO	1,780	3,750	50	109
Other ^{2/}	23,790	26,180	900	900
Total	654,660	1,039,415	20,705	34,646

^{1/} Fingerling: Over 2 lbs to 60 lbs/1,000 fish. ^{2/} Includes CA, GA, IL, KY, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of all foodsizes, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>Thousands</i>				
AL	66,000	66,700	89,300	90,900
AR	61,930	59,130	83,730	79,300
FL	745	740	1,310	1,290
LA	15,910	11,110	22,100	18,300
MS	185,000	175,400	245,400	228,500
Other ^{1/}	14,500	14,600	21,325	21,635
Total	344,085	327,680	463,165	439,925

^{1/} Includes CA, GA, IL, KY, MO, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of total stockers, January 1^{1/}

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>Thousands</i>				
AL	143,600	302,400	29,500	38,200
AR	95,400	100,600	21,550	20,100
LA	10,040	12,160	2,337	2,185
MS	382,000	346,000	91,400	84,700
Other ^{2/}	12,240	17,045	2,281	3,607
Total	643,280	778,205	147,068	148,792

^{1/} Total stockers: Over 60 lbs to 750 lbs/ 1,000 fish. ^{2/} Includes CA, FL, GA, IL, KY, MO, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of fingerlings and fry

State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
		<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousand dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>			
AL	87,000	34,600	2,500	830	3,800	1,162	152	1.40	
AR	60,700	121,000	1,000	1,260	1,840	2,356	1.84	1.87	
MS	400,000	511,000	10,200	13,600	14,892	19,448	1.46	1.43	
Other ^{1/}	19,960	13,040	657	534	1,643	1,141	2.52	2.47	
Total	567,660	679,640	14,357	16,224	22,175	24,107	1.54	1.49	

^{1/} Includes CA, FL, GA, IL, KY, LA, MO, NC, SC, and TX.