



CATFISH

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There were 43 catfish operations in Florida on January 1, 2007. Total water surface area was 530 acres, an increase of 10 acres from 2006. Most of the acreage was for foodsize fish (415 acres). Total sales in Florida in 2006 were \$1,761,000. The majority of the sales were to processors.

UNITED STATES

Catfish growers in the 11 selected States had sales of 481 million dollars during 2006, down slightly from the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana) accounted for 94 percent of the U.S. total sales. The 11 State sales total of all foodsize fish increased slightly from 2005 to 452 million dollars. Fingerling and fry sales totaled 21.2 million dollars, a decrease of 12 percent from 2005. Sales of stockers totaled 6.91 million dollars in 2006, a 15 percent increase from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 95.7 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish compared with 94.9 percent from the previous year. Direct sales to other producers accounted for 85.0 percent of the stocker sales compared with 87.1 percent from 2005.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2007 totaled 163 thousand acres, down 5 percent from the 170 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 5.17 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2007. An additional 870 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2007. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2006, the area taken out of production totaled 4.21 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2007, foodfish were produced on 133 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 23.1 thousand, and 3.88 thousand acres were being used for broodfish production..

Catfish producers had 897 thousand broodfish on hand January 1, 2007, down 19 percent from January 1, 2006. Large foodsize fish on hand totaled 8.35 million on January 1, 2007, a decrease of 23 percent from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize fish decreased 5 percent to 97.8 million, while small foodsize fish numbers decreased 4 percent to 205 million. Large stockers on hand January 1, 2007, at 279 million fish, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Small stocker numbers decreased 17 percent to 293 million. There were 959 million fingerlings on hand January 1, 2007, down 8 percent from January 1, 2006.

CATFISH: Water Surface Acres Utilization of Acres January 1, 2006 and 2007 and acres taken out of production July 1-December 31, 2006, and number of operations and annual sales, by State

State	Water surface acres		Utilization of acres, 2007			Taken out of Production in 2007	January 1 operations		Annual sales	
	January 1, 2006	January 1, 2007	Renovated	New construction	Used for Brood-fish		2006	2007	2005	2006
<i>Thousand dollars</i>										
AL	23,500	23,700	860	110	320	690	194	199	97,602	98,969
AR	32,600	30,400	530	--	570	950	132	137	77,556	79,586
FL	520	530	*	10	10	20	31	43	1,435	1,761
LA	6,600	6,300	570	--	--	160	28	20	14,936	12,625
MS	99,000	94,000	2,900	500	3,500	2,100	390	370	268,158	262,510
MO	1,360	1,100	40	*	25	50	24	21	1,723	2,060
Oth ^{1/}	6,790	6,670	240	130	355	115	236	233	20,885	23,309
Total	170,370	162,700	5,172	870	4,780	4,210	1,035	1,023	482,295	480,820

^{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	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Thousand dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
AL	78,000	71,000	142,000	131,000	92,300	98,250	0.65	0.75
AR	64,000	56,500	104,000	99,200	73,840	75,392	0.71	0.76
FL	1,400	1,350	2,100	1,810	1,248	1,665	0.59	0.92
LA	14,800	10,800	21,100	15,700	14,770	12,560	0.70	0.80
MS	235,000	215,000	348,000	313,000	247,080	241,010	0.71	0.77
MO	510	960	1,500	1,360	1,230	1,156	0.82	0.85
Other ^{1/}	11,700	13,050	20,185	21,510	19,710	22,051	0.98	1.03
Total	405,410	368,660	638,885	583,580	450,178	452,084	0.70	0.77

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

**CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of broodfish,
January 1**

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousands</i>			
AL	100	70	400	320
AR	110	120	530	612
FL	8	6	45	40
MS	820	600	4,000	3,100
Other ^{1/}	68	93	340	475
Total	1,106	897	5,315	4,587

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

**CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of fingerling,
January 1**

State	Total number of fish		Total liveweight of fish	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousands</i>			
AL	166,000	59,500	6,000	2,300
AR	184,000	156,000	5,200	5,200
FL	85	1,400	2	52
LA	18,400	7,550	635	197
MS	641,000	714,000	21,800	21,400
MO	3,750	3,800	109	55
Other ^{2/}	26,180	15,150	900	550
Total	1,039,415	959,060	34,646	29,733

^{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	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousands</i>			
AL	66,700	60,800	90,900	80,100
AR	59,130	53,300	79,300	69,610
FL	740	730	1,290	1,110
LA	11,110	10,480	18,300	15,970
MS	175,400	171,200	228,500	218,400
Other ^{1/}	14,600	14,695	21,635	24,600
Total	327,680	311,205	439,925	409,790

^{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	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousands</i>			
AL	148,400	94,200	25,600	24,900
AR	100,600	75,800	20,100	15,000
LA	12,160	8,480	2,185	1,442
MS	346,000	381,000	84,700	97,000
Other ^{2/}	15,645	12,720	3,607	3,031
Total	622,805	572,200	136,192	141,373

^{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	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Thousand dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
AL	34,600	16,000	830	500	1,162	600	1.40	1.20
AR	121,000	127,000	1,260	1,350	2,356	2,835	1.87	2.10
MS	511,000	412,000	13,600	10,100	19,448	16,564	1.43	1.64
Other ^{1/}	13,040	11,550	534	483	1,141	1,024	2.14	2.12
Total	679,640	569,020	16,224	12,495	24,122	21,157	1.49	1.69

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