

Aquaculture



According to USDA's 2005 Census of Aquaculture, sales of aquatic products in Maryland in 2005 topped \$7.29 million. The greatest value of sales was reported by 11 freshwater aquaculture farms, which produce a variety of foodfish, sportfish, baitfish and ornamental species.

Production on these farms was valued at \$4.32 million. The largest number of producers sold crustaceans, with 70 operators reporting sales of \$2.78 million. Nearly all of these producers raise soft-shell crabs. An additional five producers reported sales of mollusks (clams and oysters) at a combined value of \$196,000.

2005 Aquaculture Production and Sales

| <i>Description</i> | <i>Number of Farms</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Sales(\$)</i> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | | <i>Thousand Dollars</i> |
| Freshwater species | 11 | 155 | 4,316 |
| Saltwater species | 75 ¹ | 238 | 2,976 |
| Crustaceans | 70 | | 2,780 |
| Mollusks | 6 | | 196 |
| Total | 86 ¹ | 393 | 7,292 |

¹ Finfish include hybrid striped bass, trout, tilapia, largemouth bass, bluegill, and minnows.