

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.