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This report contains part of the results from the *Catfish Production Survey* conducted during January 2015. The data are posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms> and in a more detailed report, *Catfish Production*, at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or interview for this survey.

Foodsize Catfish Inventory Up 2 Percent

Mississippi catfish producers had 85.6 million foodsize fish on January 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. The number of large foodsize fish on hand totaled 2.12 million, up 10 percent from January 1, 2014. Medium foodsize inventory, at 23.7 million, was down 4 percent from last year. Small foodsize, at 59.8 million, was up 5 percent from January 1, 2014. Mississippi catfish growers had foodsize fish sales of \$176 million during 2014, up 3 percent from 2013.

Catfish: Inventory and Live Weight by Type and Size, Mississippi, January 1, 2014-2015

Type & Size	Number			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight		
	2014	2015	% Change from '14	2014	2015	% Change from '14	2014	2015	
	1,000 Fish			1,000 Pounds			Pounds per Fish		
Broodfish	520	430	- 17	2,550	2,200	- 14	4.9	5.1	
All Foodsize	83,820	85,620	+ 2	110,600	113,200	+ 3	-	-	
Large	1,920	2,120	+ 10	6,400	6,800	+ 6	3.3	3.2	
Medium	24,800	23,700	- 4	47,100	44,400	- 6	1.9	1.9	
Small	57,100	59,800	+ 5	57,100	62,000	- 9	1.0	1.0	
	<i>Pounds per 1,000 Fish</i>								
All Stockers	186,800	147,800	- 21	37,400	31,800	- 15	-	-	
Large	61,800	61,400	- 1	24,400	23,800	- 2	395	388	
Small	125,000	86,400	- 31	13,000	8,000	- 39	104.0	92.6	
Fingerlings	285,000	342,000	+ 20	10,800	11,600	- 7	37.9	33.9	

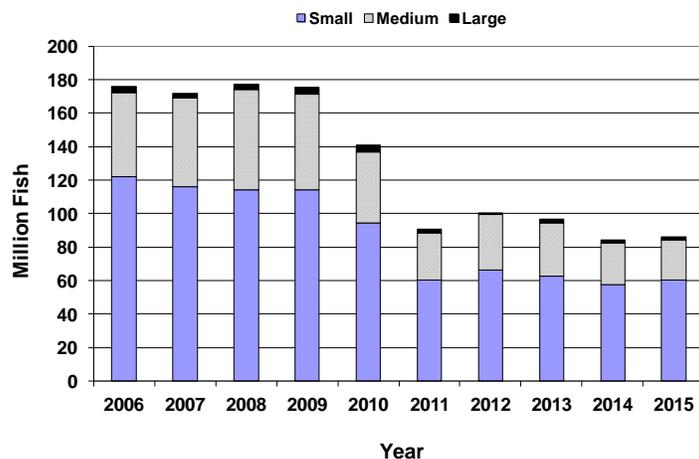
Catfish: Inventory and Live Weight by Type and Size, U.S., January 1, 2014-2015

Type & Size	Number			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight		
	2014	2015	% Change from '14	2014	2015	% Change from '14	2014	2015	
	1,000 Fish			1,000 Pounds			Pounds per Fish		
Broodfish	650	577	- 11	3,218	2,831	- 12	5.0	4.9	
All Foodsize	157,290	150,120	- 5	215,716	212,239	- 2	-	-	
Large	4,500	5,090	+ 13	15,363	17,909	+ 17	3.4	3.5	
Medium	50,600	48,220	- 5	98,770	93,029	- 6	2.0	1.9	
Small	102,190	96,810	- 5	101,583	101,301	-	1.0	1.0	
	<i>Pounds per 1,000 Fish</i>								
All Stockers	289,080	249,015	- 14	59,881	53,101	- 11	-	-	
Large	112,310	95,240	- 15	40,899	38,644	- 6	364	406	
Small	176,770	153,550	- 13	18,982	14,457	- 24	107.4	94.2	
Fingerlings	420,060	449,510	+ 7	14,817	14,701	- 1	35.3	32.7	

Definitions Used for Catfish Production

- Broodfish: Fish kept for egg production, including males, 3 to 10 lbs., or 4 to 6 years of age.
- Large foodsize: Over 3 lbs. per fish.
- Medium foodsize: 1 ½ to 3 lbs. per fish.
- Small foodsize: ¾ to 1 ½ lbs. per fish.
- Large Stockers: 180 to 750 lbs. per 1,000 fish.
- Small Stockers: 60 to 180 lbs. per 1,000 fish or over 6" in length.
- Fingerlings: 2 to 60 lbs. per 1,000 fish or 2" to 6" in length.

Mississippi Foodsize Catfish Inventory by Size, January 1, 2006-2015



Catfish: Sales by Size Category, Mississippi, 2013-2014

Size Category	Number		Live Weight Sold				Average Price per Pound		Total Sales	
			Average Weight		Total		2013	2014	2013	2014
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014				
	<i>1,000 Fish</i>		<i>Pounds per Fish</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Foodsize	106,000	97,900	1.7	1.7	175,300	161,500	0.98	1.09	171,794	176,035
Stockers	55,400	47,300	125	101	6,900	4,800	0.99	1.21	6,831	5,808
Fingerlings	132,000	141,000	28.8	34.8	3,800	4,800	2.06	1.55	7,828	7,440

Catfish: Water Surface Acres, Mississippi and U.S., January 1, 2014-2015

Item	Unit	Mississippi			United States		
		2014	2015	% Change from '14	2014	2015	% Change from '14
Water Surface Used for Catfish Production	Acres	44,700	41,000	- 8	77,725	69,910	- 10
For Foodsize	Acres	30,300	28,800	- 5	59,075	53,510	- 9
For Fingerlings	Acres	7,500	7,000	- 7	10,320	9,420	- 9
For Broodfish	Acres	1,300	1,500	+ 15	1,965	2,155	+ 10