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This report contains part of the results from the *Catfish Production Survey* conducted during January 2016. 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 4 Percent

Mississippi catfish producers had 89.4 million foodsize fish on January 1, 2016, up 4 percent from a year ago. The number of large foodsize fish on hand totaled 910,000, down 57 percent from January 1, 2015. Medium foodsize inventory, at 23.1 million, was down 3 percent from last year. Small foodsize, at 65.4 million, was up 9 percent from January 1, 2015. Mississippi catfish growers had foodsize fish sales of \$191 million during 2015, up 8 percent from 2014.

Catfish: Inventory and Live Weight by Type and Size, Mississippi, January 1, 2015-2016

Type & Size	Number			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight	
	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2015	2016
	1,000 Fish			1,000 Pounds			Pounds per Fish	
Broodfish	430	380	- 12	2,200	1,960	- 11	5.1	5.2
All Foodsize	85,620	89,410	+ 4	113,200	109,600	- 3	-	-
Large	2,120	910	- 57	6,800	3,100	- 54	3.2	3.4
Medium	23,700	23,100	- 3	44,400	41,700	- 6	1.9	1.8
Small	59,800	65,400	+ 9	62,000	64,800	+ 5	1.0	1.0
	<i>Pounds per 1,000 Fish</i>							
All Stockers	147,800	109,200	- 26	31,800	19,050	- 40	-	-
Large	61,400	37,100	- 40	23,800	11,700	- 51	388	315
Small	86,400	72,100	- 17	8,000	7,350	- 8	92.6	101.9
Fingerlings	342,000	220,000	- 36	11,600	7,050	- 39	33.9	32.0

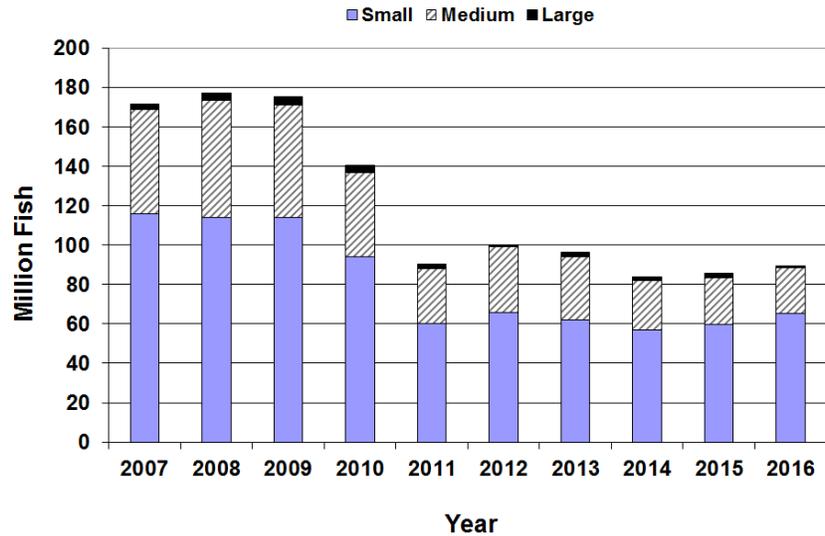
Catfish: Inventory and Live Weight by Type and Size, U.S., January 1, 2015-2016

Type & Size	Number			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight	
	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2015	2016	% Change from '15	2015	2016
	1,000 Fish			1,000 Pounds			Pounds per Fish	
Broodfish	580	520	- 10	2,831	2,576	- 9	4.9	5.0
All Foodsize	150,120	150,145	-	212,189	199,144	- 6	-	-
Large	5,090	3,520	-31	17,859	12,574	- 30	3.5	3.6
Medium	48,220	45,775	- 5	93,029	85,941	- 8	1.9	1.9
Small	96,810	100,850	+ 4	101,301	100,629	- 1	1.0	1.0
	<i>Pounds per 1,000 Fish</i>							
All Stockers	248,790	204,800	- 18	53,101	40,767	- 23	-	-
Large	95,240	67,525	- 29	38,644	26,165	- 32	406	387
Small	153,550	137,275	- 11	14,457	14,602	- 1	94.2	106.4
Fingerlings	449,510	328,570	- 27	14,701	10,429	- 29	32.7	31.7

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, 2007-2016



Catfish: Sales by Size Category, Mississippi, 2014-2015

Size Category	Number		Live Weight Sold				Average Price per Pound		Total Sales	
			Average Weight		Total		2014	2015	2014	2015
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015				
	<i>1,000 Fish</i>		<i>Pounds per Fish</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Foodsize	97,900	110,000	1.6	1.6	161,500	171,700	1.09	1.19	176,035	190,587
Stockers	47,300	33,400	101	109	4,800	3,650	1.21	1.29	5,808	4,709
Fingerlings	141,000	101,000	34.0	35.6	4,800	3,600	1.55	1.59	7,440	5,724

Catfish: Water Surface Acres, Mississippi and U.S., January 1, 2015-2016

Item	Unit	Mississippi			United States		
		2015	2016	% Change from '15	2015	2016	% Change from '15
Water Surface Used for Catfish	Acres	41,000	36,100	- 12	69,910	62,540	- 11
For Foodsize	Acres	28,800	26,700	- 7	53,510	49,435	- 8
For Fingerlings	Acres	7,000	6,200	- 11	9,420	8,675	- 8
For Broodfish	Acres	1,500	1,300	- 13	2,155	1,910	- 11