

# Trout, 2003

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Pennsylvania's 46 commercial trout growers sold 1.68 million pounds of trout, valued at \$4.68 million during 2003, ranking fifth nationally behind Idaho, North Carolina, Washington, and California. This was up from the 1.61 million pounds valued at \$4.87 million sold in 2002. Pennsylvania ranks second in the nation for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes. With an estimated value of \$6.9 million, Pennsylvania accounts for 11.5 percent of the nation's distributed trout. This includes trout released by state hatcheries, cooperative nurseries, and private fishing clubs. Distributed fish were released by 16 operations in Pennsylvania, but this count excludes cooperative nurseries under contract to state hatcheries.

Sales of trout 12 inches or longer by the State's growers totaled 1.46 million pounds, or 87 percent of the total production sold during the period. Averaging \$2.60 per pound, the trout were valued at \$3.80 million. Fee fishing/recreational sales accounted for 62 percent of the production, and sales to other producers accounting for 13 percent.

Sales of trout 6"-12" long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 500,000 fish, or 211,000 pounds live weight during the period. At an average of \$3.80 a pound, sales were valued

at \$802 thousand, with 74 percent of the volume sold to fee and recreational establishments.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 5.15 million 6"-12" fish.

Commercial trout growers in the Commonwealth lost 167,000 pounds of trout due to various causes. These causes included disease, theft, chemicals, flood and predators.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service surveyed all known commercial trout growers in Pennsylvania and 19 other states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

For the 20 selected states, all trout sales during the year ending December 31, 2003, totaled 53.2 million pounds valued at \$62.3 million. Sales of trout 12 inches or longer accounted for 95 percent of the pounds sold, with 68 percent of that amount purchased by processors.

## Pennsylvania: Trout Sales, 2002-2003

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003
	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
12" or longer	1,360	1,380	1,360	1,460	3,876	3,796	2.85/lb.	2.60/lb.
6" - 12"	600	500	236	211	873	802	3.70/lb.	3.80/lb.
1" - 6"	420	270	17	8	116	80	275.00/thou	295.00/thou
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>4,865</b>	<b>4,678</b>	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

## United States: Trout Sales, 2002-2003

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003
	<i>1,000</i>				<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
12" or longer	50,191	45,941	54,401	50,716	58,492	55,361	1.08/lb.	1.09/lb.
6" - 12"	7,386	6,328	2,185	2,271	5,523	5,661	2.53/lb.	2.49/lb.
1" - 6"	9,163	7,337	174	182	1,474	1,233	161.00/thou	168.00/thou
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,740</b>	<b>59,606</b>	<b>56,760</b>	<b>53,169</b>	<b>65,489</b>	<b>62,255</b>	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

## United States: Number & Value of Egg Sales, 2002-2003

Item	Number Sold		Value of Sales		Average Value Per 1,000	
	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Eggs	298,225	263,545	4,446	4,176	14.90	15.80

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

