

Trout and Aquaculture Census, 2008

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Pennsylvania's trout growers produced trout valued at \$20.12 million in 2008. Food fish trout producers sold 1.67 million pounds of trout, valued at \$5.43 million during 2008, ranking fifth nationally behind Idaho, California, North Carolina, and Washington. Farmers also produced trout valued at \$14.7 million for conservation and recreational purposes.

Pennsylvania ranks second behind California for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes. Pennsylvania accounts for 14.3 percent of the nation's distributed trout value. These trout were produced primarily by the state fish commission, its cooperative nurseries and private fishing clubs. These conservation related producers grew 240,000 fish 12 inches or longer, and 5.5 million 6-12" fish, compared to 9.2 million 6-12" fish a year ago. Sales of food fish trout 12 inches or longer in Pennsylvania totaled 1.46 million pounds, averaging \$2.97 per pound, compared to \$2.86 last year and \$1.38 nationally. The 12 inch and larger trout were valued at \$4.34 million.

Sales of food fish trout 6 to 12 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 540,000 fish or 202,000 pounds live weight during 2008. This was down 2,000 lbs., from the same period a year ago. They were sold at an average of \$4.41 a pound, which is down \$.69/lb from last year, yet the national average

price remained the same. Six to twelve inch trout in Pennsylvania were valued at \$891,000.

Sales of trout 1 to 6 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 540,000 fish or 6,000 pounds live weight during 2008. These fish were sold at an average of \$370.00 per thousand fish, compared to \$348.00 last year and \$157.00 nationally. Total sales of 1 to 6 inch trout were valued at \$200,000. Total losses of all Pennsylvania trout intended for sale were 334,000 fish during 2008 or 161,000 pounds of fish

The National Agricultural Statistics Service surveyed all known commercial trout growers in Pennsylvania and 24 other states: Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

Nationally, trout value of sales decreased 9 percent from 2007. The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 79.7 million dollars for 2008, a decrease of 9 percent from 2007. Idaho accounted for 44 percent of the total value of fish sold.

Pennsylvania and U.S.: Trout Sales and Value by Size, 2007-2008

Size Category	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
Pennsylvania								
12" or longer	1,040	1,340	1,360	1,460	3,903	4,336	2.87/lb	2.97/lb
6" - 12"	400	540	200	202	1,022	891	5.11/lb	4.41/lb
1" - 6"	380	540	10	6	132	200	348/thou	370/thou
Total	1,820	2,420	1,570	1,668	5,057	5,427	-	-
United States								
12" or longer	59,729	40,401	69,343	52,410	80,013	72,432	1.15/lb	1.38/lb
6" - 12"	4,994	4,608	1,978	1,912	5,838	5,777	2.95/lb	3.02/lb
1" - 6"	9,563	9,525	237	197	1,698	1,500	177/thou	157/thou
Total	74,286	54,534	71,558	54,519	87,546	86,356	-	-

Pennsylvania. Trout Sales and Value, 1996-2006

State and Year	Number of Fish	Total Pounds Sold	Total Value of Sales	Average Value 6" - 12"
	1,000		1,000 Dollars	Dollars/lb
Pennsylvania				
1996	3,203	2,074	5,219	2.77
1997	3,226	2,264	5,972	3.09
1998	3,350	2,009	5,447	3.11
1999	3,180	1,897	5,385	3.35
2000	2,620	1,850	5,032	3.30
2001	2,500	1,878	4,894	3.20
2002	2,380	1,613	4,865	3.70
2003	2,150	1,679	4,678	3.80
2004	1,800	1,371	4,223	3.80
2005	2,070	1,515	4,807	4.00
2006	2,290	1,610	4,790	4.65