
Pennsylvania remains first for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes, ahead of California’s $11.4 million. Pennsylvania accounts for 11.2 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 55,000 fish 12 inches or longer, and 4.5 million 6-12” fish, compared to 4.2 million 6-12” fish a year ago.

Sales of food fish trout 12 inches or longer in Pennsylvania totaled 1.3 million pounds. Averaging $3.13 per pound, compared to $2.87 last year and $1.39 nationally. The 12 inch and larger trout were valued at $3.98 million.

Sales of food fish trout 6 to 12 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 660,000 fish or 304,000 pounds live weight during 2010. This was up 15,000 lbs from the same period a year ago.

They were sold at an average of $3.55 a pound, which is down $0.59/lb from last year. Six to twelve inch trout in Pennsylvania were valued at $1.1 million.

Sales of trout 1 to 6 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 380,000 fish or 11,000 pounds live weight during 2010. These fish were sold at an average of $514 per thousand fish, compared to $367.00 last year and $218.00 nationally. Total sales of 1 to 6 inch trout were valued at $195,000. Total losses of all Pennsylvania trout intended for sale were 1,390,000 fish during 2010 or 180,000 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, the total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 71.3 million dollars for 2010, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. Idaho accounted for 49 percent of the total value of fish sold.