Pennsylvania Ranks Third Nationally in Trout Value of Sales

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in Pennsylvania totaled $7.13 million for 2021, an increase of 17% from 2020. Pennsylvania accounted for 7% of the total value of fish sold in the United States, ranking Pennsylvania third nationally behind Idaho and North Carolina, according to King Whetstone, Regional Director of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Office.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2021 totaled 1.28 million fish, up 29% from the previous year. The average price per pound was $4.54, down 3 cents from 2020. The value of sales for the 2021 marketing year was $6.22 million, up 17% from 2020.

Distributed Trout

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 640 thousand 12” or longer fish, 5.73 million 6”- 12” fish, and 640 thousand 1”- 6” fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled $13.5 million, up 12% from 2020.

Trout Losses

Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 484 thousand fish during 2021.

The complete ‘Trout Production’ report is available online at https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/t722h882h

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