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This report contains the results from the **January 2021 Catfish Production Survey**. Our thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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### US Catfish Value of Sales Down 2 Percent

Catfish growers in the United States had sales of \$371 million during 2020, down 2 percent from \$380 million the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, and Arkansas) accounted for 97 percent of the United States total sales. Alabama growers had foodsize fish sales of \$99 million, up 1 percent from the previous year.

### Catfish Water Acres and Inventory – Alabama and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Item	Alabama				United States			
	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>Water acres.....</b>	15.9	15.6	(NA)	(NA)	61.2	59.3	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Food size, total</b>	49,780	41,200	77,900	61,900	158,020	138,640	223,289	186,036
Large.....	3,180	3,000	11,800	10,900	5,145	4,840	18,445	17,410
Medium.....	19,400	12,800	38,900	25,900	59,790	40,665	112,047	76,768
Small.....	27,200	25,400	27,200	25,100	93,085	93,135	92,797	91,858
<b>Stockers, total</b>	58,700	56,300	16,250	14,900	288,510	276,915	63,119	58,930
Large.....	34,200	29,600	14,000	12,500	118,570	99,365	44,778	40,115
Small.....	24,500	26,700	2,250	2,400	169,940	177,550	18,341	18,815
<b>Fingerlings.....</b>	21,800	22,100	1,110	1,080	222,935	221,380	7,882	8,411
<b>Broodfish .....</b>	10	5	40	20	500	435	2,393	2,269

(NA) Not available.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Catfish Production](#), February 2021

### Foodsize Catfish Sales – Alabama: 2011-2020

Million dollars

