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US Catfish Value of Sales Down 2 Percent

Catfish growers in the United States had sales of \$380 million during 2017, down 2 percent from \$386 million the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas) accounted for 96 percent of the United States total sales. Alabama growers had foodsize fish sales of \$114 million, down 5 percent from the previous year.

Catfish Water Acres and Inventory — Alabama and United States: January 1, 2017 and 2018

Item	Alabama				United States			
	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Water acres	15.0	14.8	(NA)	(NA)	60.8	61.9	(NA)	(NA)
Food size, total	40,010	36,830	60,500	55,300	132,090	151,490	191,335	215,850
Large	1,610	1,530	6,200	5,700	3,770	4,430	14,008	16,332
Medium.....	14,300	13,900	29,000	27,300	54,410	53,225	101,454	101,479
Small	24,100	21,400	25,300	22,300	73,910	93,835	75,873	98,039
Stockers, total	85,400	113,400	17,400	24,700	308,940	357,670	59,247	67,211
Large	36,800	52,200	12,800	19,300	102,235	115,410	39,796	44,598
Small	48,600	61,200	4,600	5,400	206,705	242,260	19,451	22,613
Fingerlings	35,200	15,900	1,670	790	269,420	211,810	8,513	8,101
Broodfish.....	20	(D)	51	(D)	595	670	2,996	3,586

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(NA) Not available.

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Alabama Foodsize Catfish Sales: 2011-2017

Million dollars

