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**Southern Region 2015 Catfish and Trout Sales**

Catfish growers in the United States had sales of 361 million dollars during 2015, up 3 percent from 352 million dollars the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas) accounted for 96 percent of the United States total sales.

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 104 million dollars for 2015, an increase of 1 percent from 2014. Georgia sales of trout totaled \$483,000 in 2015.

**Catfish Water Acres and Inventory — Alabama and United States: January 1, 2015 and 2016**

Item	Alabama				United States			
	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>Water acres .....</b>	15.3	15.0	(NA)	(NA)	69.9	62.5	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Food size, total</b>	40,700	39,500	62,300	56,200	150,120	150,145	212,189	199,144
Large .....	1,500	1,500	5,600	5,600	5,090	3,520	17,859	12,574
Medium.....	15,900	13,100	31,500	25,300	48,220	45,775	93,029	85,941
Small .....	23,300	24,900	25,200	25,300	96,810	100,850	101,301	100,629
<b>Stockers, total</b>	34,500	45,400	10,420	13,100	248,790	204,800	53,101	40,767
Large .....	21,700	19,000	9,050	10,200	95,240	67,525	38,644	26,165
Small .....	12,800	26,400	1,370	2,900	153,550	137,275	14,457	14,602
<b>Fingerlings .....</b>	59,000	63,200	1,680	1,980	449,510	328,570	14,701	10,429
<b>Broodfish.....</b>	20	10	55	24	580	520	2,831	2,576

(NA) Not available.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Catfish Production*, February 2016

**Trout Production and Sales — Georgia and United States: 2014 and 2015**

Item	Number of fish		Live weight		Sales	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
<b>Georgia, total .....</b>					455	483
12 inches or longer .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
<b>United States, total .....</b>					103,216	104,393
12 inches or longer .....	48,285	45,350	60,733	57,947	95,741	96,437
6 to 12 inches .....	5,165	4,900	1,781	1,833	5,858	6,422
1 to 6 inches .....	8,350	8,470	206	224	1,617	1,534

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operators.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Trout Production*, February 2016