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US Catfish Value of Sales Up 12 Percent

Catfish growers in the United States had sales of 421 million dollars during 2021, up 12 percent from 377 million dollars 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 103 million dollars, up 5 percent from the previous year.

Catfish Water Acres and Inventory – Alabama and United States: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Item	Alabama				United States			
	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Water acres	15.6	14.9	(NA)	(NA)	60.1	58.3	(NA)	(NA)
Food size, total	46,490	47,270	69,300	67,050	156,615	146,085	210,944	196,655
Large	3,390	2,270	12,200	8,650	5,525	4,160	19,617	15,232
Medium.....	15,000	14,500	29,000	29,200	46,945	44,175	87,384	82,693
Small	28,100	30,500	28,100	29,200	104,145	97,750	103,943	98,730
Stockers, total	63,100	68,800	16,700	16,550	313,055	305,830	69,161	68,477
Large	33,200	36,800	14,000	13,500	116,535	117,950	48,173	48,871
Small	29,900	32,000	2,700	3,050	196,520	187,880	20,988	19,606
Fingerlings	22,100	(D)	1,080	(D)	221,850	283,775	8,429	9,712
Broodfish.....	5	5	20	18	640	730	3,491	3,777

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

(NA) Not available.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Catfish Production](#), February 2022

Foodsize Catfish Sales – Alabama: 2012-2021

Million dollars

