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This report contains the results from the **January 2023 Catfish Production Survey**. Our thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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### US Catfish Value of Sales Up 5 Percent

Catfish growers in the United States had sales of 447 million dollars during 2022, up 5 percent from 427 million dollars 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 102 million dollars, down 2 percent from the previous year.

### Catfish Water Acres and Inventory – Alabama and United States: January 1, 2022 and 2023

Item	Alabama				United States			
	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>Water acres .....</b>	14.9	14.1	(NA)	(NA)	58.3	55.9	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Foodsize, total</b>	49,760	39,080	72,350	57,250	157,855	136,290	210,722	188,309
Large .....	2,460	1,480	9,350	5,750	4,520	3,545	16,578	13,042
Medium .....	15,800	13,100	31,500	26,800	46,575	45,875	87,893	86,892
Small .....	31,500	24,500	31,500	24,700	106,760	86,870	106,251	88,375
<b>Stockers, total</b>	74,300	89,500	17,900	18,100	327,530	308,650	73,227	57,069
Large .....	39,700	46,100	14,600	14,300	126,050	117,510	52,271	38,141
Small .....	34,600	43,400	3,300	3,800	201,480	191,140	20,956	18,928
<b>Fingerlings .....</b>	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	283,775	281,055	9,712	10,484
<b>Broodfish.....</b>	5	5	18	18	730	890	3,777	4,748

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

(NA) Not available.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Catfish Production](#), February 2023

### Foodsize Catfish Sales – Alabama: 2013-2022

Million dollars

