

## **United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service**

# Southern Region News Release Catfish Production



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This report contains the results from the 2023 Census of Aquaculture. 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 437 million dollars during 2023, down 2 percent from 447 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 113 million dollars, up 11 percent from the previous year.

Catfish Water Acres and Inventory - Alabama and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

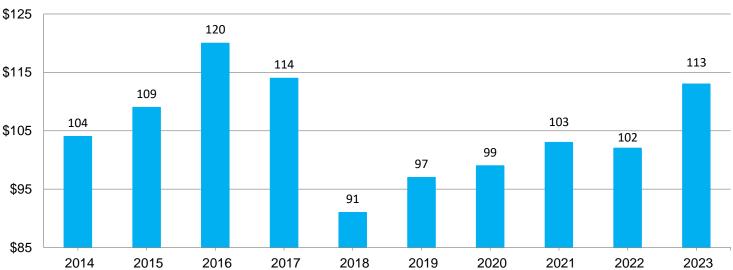
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	Alabama				United States			
Item	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Water acres	14.1	13.7	(X)	(X)	55.9	53.5	(X)	(X)
Foodsize, total	45,120 1,720	39,160 1,660	66,050 6,750	62,100 6,400	157,020 4,275	139,530 4,020	215,183 15,816	208,369 14,759
Medium Small	15,700 27,700	18,100 19,400	31,600 27,700	36,100 19,600	52,275 100,470	59,565 75,945	98,892 100,475	115,001 78,609
Stockers, total Large Small	97,200 46,400 50,800	44,400 25,200 19,200	18,850 14,400 4,450	11,860 10,000 1,860	345,350 126,810 218,540	224,445 80,220 144,225	62,819 41,141 21,678	42,176 28,532 13,644
Fingerlings	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	281,055	198,820	10,484	6,457
Broodfish	5	(D)	18	(D)	890	780	4,748	4,991

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - Catfish Production, February 2024

### Foodsize Catfish Sales - Alabama: 2014-2023

#### Million dollars



<sup>(</sup>X) Not applicable.