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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

Item	Alabama				United States			
	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	39,160	66,050	62,100	157,020	139,530	215,183	208,369
Large	1,720	1,660	6,750	6,400	4,275	4,020	15,816	14,759
Medium	15,700	18,100	31,600	36,100	52,275	59,565	98,892	115,001
Small	27,700	19,400	27,700	19,600	100,470	75,945	100,475	78,609
Stockers, total	97,200	44,400	18,850	11,860	345,350	224,445	62,819	42,176
Large	46,400	25,200	14,400	10,000	126,810	80,220	41,141	28,532
Small	50,800	19,200	4,450	1,860	218,540	144,225	21,678	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

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

(X) Not applicable.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Catfish Production](#), February 2024

Foodsize Catfish Sales – Alabama: 2014-2023

Million dollars

