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WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL TROUT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – The total value of fish sold for 2019 was 1.12 million dollars, an increase of 11 percent from the 2018 total value of 1.01 million dollars.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2019 totaled 400,000 fish, down from 450,000 fish in 2018. The average price per pound was \$2.62, up from \$2.31 per pound in 2018. The value of sales for the 2019 marketing year was 1.07 million dollars, up from 1.01 million dollars in 2018. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

The number of distributed trout 12 inches and longer during 2019 totaled 570,000 fish, up from 380,000 fish in 2018. The average value per pound was \$3.06 in 2019, up from \$3.04 per pound in 2018. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 1.76 million dollars for 2019, up from 1.17 million dollars in 2018.

The number of distributed trout 6" - 12" during 2019 totaled 340,000 fish. The average value per pound was \$5.15 in 2019. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 942 thousand dollars for 2019. Data for 2018 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

The number of distributed trout 1" - 6" during 2019 totaled 145,000 fish. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$1,500 in 2019. The estimated value of fish distributed was 218 thousand dollars. Data for 2018 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Trout losses in 2019 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Trout losses in 2018 totaled 11,000 pounds. The number of trout lost in 2018 totaled 91,000 fish.

United States – The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 95.6 million dollars for 2019, a decrease of 6 percent from 2018. Idaho accounted for 39 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2019 totaled 32.4 million fish, down 10 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.96, a 2 percent increase from the previous year. The value of sales for the 2019 marketing year was 85.8 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2018. For trout 12 inches or longer, 55 percent were sold to processors.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2019 totaled 9.10 million fish, an increase of 13 percent from 2018. The average price per pound was \$3.86 during 2019, up 4 percent from the 2018 price. The total value of sales was 8.42 million dollars during 2019, a 3 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 24 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2019 totaled 5.74 million, a decrease of 15 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$228 during 2019, up from \$206 in 2018. The total value of sales was 1.31 million dollars, down 5 percent from last year's total.

Distributed Trout - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.41 million 12" or longer fish, 66.1 million 6"- 12" fish, and 48.0 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 136 million dollars, up 6 percent from 2018.

Trout Losses - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 32.0 million fish during 2019. Disease accounted for 88 percent of these losses.

TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2018-2019

State	12" and longer		6"- 12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	Thousand Dollars							
AR ^{1/}								
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CO	2,695	*	*	*	*	*	2,978	2,085
GA	*	*	45	*	*	0	*	*
ID	39,960	37,250	*	*	*	*	40,290	37,416
MI	*	*	156	252	*	*	1,558	1,636
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	214	154	*	*	736	714
NC	7,600	*	*	*	*	*	8,790	7,627
OR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	5,136	5,280	1,454	1,092	95	85	6,685	6,457
UT	939	1,336	*	*	*	*	997	1,629
VA	1,577	1,453	*	30	*	0	1,733	1,483
WA	*	*	*	2,226	*	*	*	*
WV	1,005	1,074	*	*	*	*	1,005	1,116
WI	1,339	1,410	*	111	*	4	1,493	1,525
Other States ^{2/}	31,508	38,039	6,283	4,554	1,288	1,222	35,029	33,884
United States	91,759	85,842	8,152	8,419	1,383	1,311	101,294	95,572
^{1/} Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales. ^{2/} Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. * Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.								