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## WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL TROUT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia** – The total value of fish sold for 2020 was 840 thousand dollars, a decrease of 25 percent from the 2019 total value of 1.12 million dollars.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2020 totaled 350,000 fish, down from 400,000 fish in 2019. The average price per pound was \$2.45, down from \$2.62 per pound in 2019. The value of sales for the 2020 marketing year was 840 thousand dollars, down from 1.07 million dollars in 2019. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**The number of distributed trout 12 inches and longer** during 2020 totaled 470,000 fish, down from 570,000 fish in 2019. The average value per pound was \$3.13 in 2020, up from \$3.06 per pound in 2019. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 1.41 million dollars for 2020, down from 1.76 million dollars in 2019.

**The number of distributed trout 6" - 12"** during 2020 totaled 500,000 fish, up from 340,000 fish in 2019. The average value per pound was \$5.57 in 2020, up from \$5.15 per pound in 2019. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 1.50 million dollars for 2020, up from 942 thousand dollars in 2019.

**The number of distributed trout 1" - 6"** during 2020 totaled 185,000 fish, up from 145,000 fish in 2019. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$1,500 in 2020, unchanged from 2019. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 278 thousand dollars for 2020, up from 218 thousand dollars in 2019.

**Trout losses** in 2020 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Trout losses in 2019 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**United States** – The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 94.6 million dollars for 2020, a decrease of 13 percent from 2019.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2020 totaled 25.4 million fish, down 20 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.97, a 2 percent increase from the previous year. The value of sales for the 2020 marketing year was 87.0 million dollars, down 12 percent from 2019. For trout 12 inches or longer, 67 percent were sold to processors.

**The number of 6"- 12" trout** sold during 2020 totaled 6.76 million fish, down 26 percent from 2019. The average price per pound was \$3.54 during 2020, down 11 percent from the 2019 price. The total value of sales was 6.60 million dollars during 2020, a 24 percent decrease from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 48 percent of total sales.

**The number of 1"- 6" trout** sold during 2020 totaled 4.77 million, a decrease of 17 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$203 during 2020, down from \$228 in 2019. The total value of sales was 969 thousand dollars, down 26 percent from last year's total.

**Distributed Trout** - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 7.41 million 12" or longer fish, 64.8 million 6"- 12" fish, and 47.8 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 137 million dollars, up slightly from 2019.

**Trout Losses** - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 12.4 million fish during 2020. Disease accounted for 72 percent of these losses.

**TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2019-2020**

State	12" and longer		6" - 12" Size		1" - 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Thousand Dollars							
AR <sup>1/</sup>								
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CO	*	<b>2,487</b>	*	*	*	*	2,085	<b>2,656</b>
GA	*	*	*	*	0	*	*	<b>199</b>
ID	37,250	*	*	*	*	<b>0</b>	37,416	*
MI	*	*	252	<b>225</b>	*	*	1,636	<b>1,780</b>
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	154	*	*	*	714	*
NC	*	*	*	<b>608</b>	*	*	7,852	<b>7,535</b>
OR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	5,280	<b>5,027</b>	1,092	*	85	*	6,457	<b>6,043</b>
UT	1,336	*	*	<b>263</b>	*	*	1,629	<b>926</b>
VA	1,453	<b>1,419</b>	30	*	0	<b>0</b>	1,483	<b>1,553</b>
WA	*	*	2,226	<b>469</b>	*	*	*	*
WV	1,074	<b>840</b>	*	*	*	*	1,116	<b>840</b>
WI	1,410	<b>1,312</b>	111	*	4	*	1,525	<b>1,424</b>
Other States <sup>2/</sup>	50,711	<b>75,902</b>	4,779	<b>5,036</b>	1,222	<b>969</b>	46,556	<b>71,601</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>98,514</b>	<b>86,987</b>	<b>8,644</b>	<b>6,601</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>108,469</b>	<b>94,557</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales. <sup>2/</sup> Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. \* Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.