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## WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL TROUT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia** – The total value of fish sold for 2017 was 1.07 million dollars. In 2016, the commercial trout producers in West Virginia had a total value of fish sold of 1.23 million dollars for the 12 month period from January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2017 totaled 590,000 fish, down from 630,000 fish in 2016. The average price per pound was \$2.03, down from \$2.15 per pound in 2016. The value of sales for the 2017 marketing year was 1.05 million dollars, down from 1.22 million dollars in 2016. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**The number of distributed trout 6" - 12"** during 2017 totaled 400,000 fish, down from the total of 480,000 in 2016. The average value per pound was \$3.00, down from \$3.71 per pound in 2016. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 636 thousand dollars, down from 957 thousand dollars in 2016. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 2.6 million dollars, data for 2016 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**Trout losses** in 2017 totaled 17,000 pounds, down from the 2016 total of 39,000 pounds. The number of trout lost in 2017 totaled 64,000 fish, up from the 2016 total of 35,000 fish.

**United States** – The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 109 million dollars for 2017, an increase of 4 percent from 2016. Idaho accounted for 46 percent of the total value of fish sold.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2017 totaled 40.3 million fish, down 13 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.89, up 15 percent from 2016. The value of sales for the 2017 marketing year was 101 million dollars, up 4 percent from 2016. For trout 12 inches or longer, 60 percent were sold to processors.

**The number of 6"- 12" trout** sold during 2017 totaled 6.43 million fish, an increase of 8 percent from 2016. The average price per pound was \$3.95 during 2017, up 2 percent from the 2016 price. The total value of sales was 7.45 million dollars during 2017, a 13 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 51 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 24 percent.

**The number of 1"- 6" trout** sold during 2017 totaled 6.47 million, an increase of 10 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$196 during 2017, down from \$220 in 2016. The total value of sales was 1.27 million dollars, down 2 percent from last year's total.

**Distributed Trout** - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 9.66 million 12" or longer fish, 64.2 million 6"- 12" fish, and 49.2 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 132 million dollars, up 2 percent from 2016.

**Trout Losses** - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 31.4 million fish during 2017. Disease accounted for 94 percent of these losses.

**TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2016-2017**

State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	Thousand Dollars							
AR <sup>1/</sup>								
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*	3,958	<b>3,854</b>
CO	1,923	<b>1,815</b>	*	*	*	*	2,196	<b>2,066</b>
GA	*	*	*	*	*	*	406	*
ID	50,022	<b>49,950</b>	*	*	*	*	50,298	<b>49,968</b>
MI	*	*	*	*	*	*	1,402	<b>1,492</b>
MO	1,879	<b>1,740</b>	*	*	*	*	2,686	<b>2,819</b>
NY	*	*	188	<b>122</b>	*	*	617	<b>569</b>
NC	7,656	<b>7,885</b>	*	*	*	*	8,563	<b>9,111</b>
OR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	4,949	<b>4,879</b>	894	<b>1,322</b>	66	<b>75</b>	5,909	<b>6,276</b>
UT	436	<b>550</b>	*	*	*	*	633	<b>694</b>
VA	1,204	<b>1,577</b>	*	*	*	*	1,442	<b>1,747</b>
WA	*	*	*	*	40	*	*	*
WV	1,223	<b>1,045</b>	*	*	*	*	1,231	<b>1,066</b>
WI	*	<b>1,569</b>	86	*	*	*	1,558	<b>1,694</b>
Other States <sup>2/</sup>	27,784	<b>29,637</b>	5,448	<b>6,008</b>	1,185	<b>1,194</b>	24,084	<b>28,012</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>97,076</b>	<b>100,647</b>	<b>6,616</b>	<b>7,452</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>104,983</b>	<b>109,368</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.								