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## USDA TO SURVEY TROUT PRODUCERS IN NEW ENGLAND

Concord, New Hampshire – What was the value of trout raised and sold in New England's major producing states in 2008? How many fish were distributed for conservation and restoration this past year? These are just some of the critical questions the New England Field Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be asking trout producers region wide as part of the annual Trout Production Survey.

"The Trout Survey is conducted by NASS each year at the request of the aquaculture industry," explained Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office. "This survey is the basis for official USDA estimates of trout sales in the United States in 2008."

"Data from the Trout Production Survey benefits trout producers by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical business decisions and evaluate the success of the past year," added Keough.

During January, 2009, NASS will contact producers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire by mail or telephone and ask them to provide information on trout raised on their operation in 2008. The information will be compiled and then published in the annual *Trout Production* summary scheduled for release on February 26, 2009.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Keough.

All reports are available on the NASS web site: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS New England Field Office at 1-800-642-9571.