

1998 CENSUS OF AQUACULTURE

For the complete report see <http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/census97/aquaculture/aquaculture.htm>

The census of aquaculture contains statistics about the Nation's aquaculture production and presents information on the structure of the aquaculture industry at the national, regional and state levels. The aquaculture census collected detailed information relating to on-farm aquaculture practices, size of operation based on water area, production, sales, method of production, sources of water, point of first sale outlets, cooperative agreements and contracts, and aquaculture distributed for restoration or conservation purposes.

The Nation's first census of aquaculture revealed that the industry is indeed one of agriculture's fastest growing sectors. The value of aquacultural products sold continues to grow, increasing over 20 percent from 1997 to 1998; sales totaled \$807 million in 1997, then rose to \$978 million in 1998. With \$290 million, Mississippi topped the sales charts, accounting for nearly 30 percent of domestic aquaculture produced in 1998. Maine, at \$66.6 million, ranked fourth in sales. If the six New England States were treated as one state, their total of \$91.2 million in sales would rank second in the Nation.

AQUACULTURE: Value of Products Sold by Type, 1998 ^{1/}

STATE	Total		Food Fish ^{2/}		Baitfish		Ornamental Fish	
	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)
Connecticut	23	17,638	7	202	--	--	--	--
Maine	65	66,610	20	64,625	28	109	3	3
Massachusetts	111	5,938	10	1,898	4	17	3	(D)
New Hampshire	8	844	7	841	2	(D)	--	--
Rhode Island	3	(D)	--	--	--	--	1	(D)
Vermont	8	155	7	(D)	--	--	--	--
Northeast ^{3/}	436	127,393	209	85,558	62	(D)	34	5,130
U. S.	4,028	978,012	2,168	691,714	275	37,482	345	68,982

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} Food fish are fish reported as farm raised for food or food/sport such as carp, catfish, perch, salmon, etc.

^{3/} Northeast includes CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT and WV.

-- Represents zero.

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AQUACULTURE: Value of Products Sold by Type, 1998 ^{1/}

STATE	Sport or Game Fish		Other Fish		Crustaceans		Mollusks		Other Animal Aquaculture ^{2/}	
	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)	Farms	Sales (\$1,000)
Connecticut	3	14	--	--	--	--	15	17,423	--	--
Maine	--	--	--	--	1	(D)	15	1,459	3	(D)
Massachusetts	2	(D)	1	(D)	3	(D)	94	3,924	1	(D)
New Hampshire	1	(D)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rhode Island	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	(D)	1	(D)
Vermont	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	(D)
Northeast ^{3/}	37	550	4	(D)	22	2,361	150	26,758	20	5,619
U. S.	204	7,390	11	267	837	36,318	535	89,128	216	46,734

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} Other animal aquaculture includes algae and sea vegetables.

^{3/} Northeast includes CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, and WV.

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