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2023 Census of Aquaculture results available

TRENTON, NJ – USDA/NASS published the 2023 Census of Aquaculture results. The Census of Aquaculture supplies detailed information relating to production volume and methods, surface water acres and sources, sales, point of first sale outlets, and aquaculture distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes.

“Aquaculture sales from New Jersey farmers increased to \$13.1 million, up from \$7.2 million from the last Aquaculture Census in 2018,” said NASS New Jersey State Statistician Bruce Eklund. Mollusk sales led with \$11.8 million, up from \$6.4 million in 2018.

In 2023, there were 3,453 aquaculture farms with sales in the United States, up 18% from 2018. Five states – Mississippi, Washington, Louisiana, Florida and Alabama – accounted for 55% of aquaculture sales and 49% of aquaculture farms in 2023.

The 2023 Census of Aquaculture, conducted every 5 years, expands on the data collected during the 2022 Census of Agriculture providing up to date detailed information about the production and marketing practices in the aquaculture industry. To access the 2023 Census of Aquaculture results, visit [USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service - Surveys - Census of Aquaculture](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Census_of_Aquaculture/).

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