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Pennsylvania's 32 commercial trout growers sold 2.09 million pounds of trout valued at \$5.42 million during the 12-month period ending August 31, 1998.

Sales of foodsize trout (usually 12 inches or longer) by the State's growers totaled 1.39 million pounds, or 67 percent of the total production sold during the period. Averaging \$2.37 per pound, the foodsize trout were valued at \$3.30 million. Fee fishing/recreational sales and restaurant/retail each accounted for 42 percent of the foodsize production sales.

Sales of stocker trout (usually 6 to 12 inches long) by Pennsylvania growers totaled 1,982,000 fish, or 672,000 pounds live weight during the period. At an average of \$2.86 a pound, stocker sales were valued at \$1.93 million, with 89 percent of the volume sold to fee and recreational establishments.

Commercial trout growers in the Commonwealth lost 405,000 pounds of trout due to various causes. These causes included disease, theft, chemicals, drought, flood and predators.

The *National Agricultural Statistics Service* surveyed all known commercial trout growers in Pennsylvania and 17 other states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

For the 18 selected states, all trout sales during the year ending August 31, 1998, totaled 60.6 million pounds valued at \$73.8 million. Foodsize trout sales accounted for 91 percent of the pounds sold, with 59 percent of that amount purchased by processors.

Pennsylvania: Trout Sales, September 1, 1997-August 31, 1998

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value/Pound	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	(000)		(000)		(000) Dollars		Dollars	
Foodsize ¹	1,680	1,238	1,834	1,393	4,557	3,302	2.48	2.37
Stocker ²	1,117	1,982	408	672	1,259	1,925	3.09	2.86
Fingerlings ³	429	488	22	20	156	193	7.09	9.65

¹ Foodsize fish are defined as being 12 inches or longer. ² Stockers are defined as being from 6-12 inches in length. ³ Fingerlings are defined as being from 2-6 inches in length.

United States: Trout Sales, September 1, 1997-August 31, 1998

Type	Number of Fish		Total Pounds Sold		Total Value of Sales		Average Value/Pound	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	(000)		(000)		(000) Dollars		Dollars	
Foodsize ¹	59,292	57,066	56,947	55,103	60,693	59,710	1.07	1.08
Stocker ²	10,852	11,592	4,920	4,475	12,481	10,344	2.54	2.31
Fingerlings ³	8,330	22,727	176	1,042	1,170	3,780	6.65	3.63

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United States: Number & Value of Egg Sales, September 1, 1997-August 31, 1998

	Number Sold		Value of Sales		Average Value Per 1,000	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	(000)		(000) Dollars		Dollars	
Eggs	368,198	330,462	5,421	5,077	14.72	15.36