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Southern Region News Release Catfish Production



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US Catfish Value of Sales Down 21 Percent

Catfish growers in the United States had sales of 358 million dollars during 2024, down 21 percent from 454 million dollars the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas) accounted for 95 percent of the United States total sales. Alabama growers had foodsize fish sales of 94.4 million dollars, down 16 percent from the previous year.

Catfish Water Acres and Inventory - Alabama and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

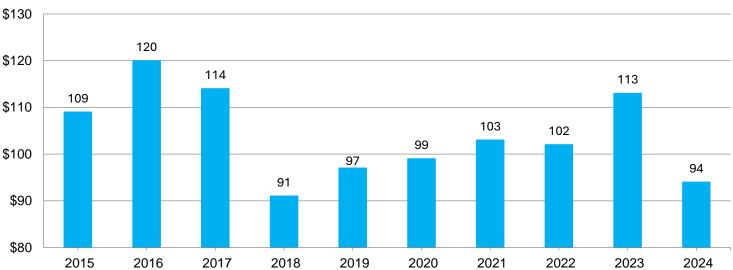
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	Alabama				United States			
Item	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Water acres	13.7	12.1	(X)	(X)	53.5	52.1	(X)	(X)
Foodsize, total	41,950 1,750	29,850 1,450	66,350 6,850	45,300 5,200	145,200 4,190	122,000 3,730	220,519 15,509	179,441 13,352
Medium	19,300 20,900	12,000 16,400	38,600 20,900	24,100 16,000	62,465 78,545	47,350 70,920	121,601 83,409	93,400 72,689
Stockers, total	47,400	35,600	12,690	7,400	236,145	191,270	44,406	36,519
Small	26,900 20,500	11,200 24,400	10,700 1,990	5,000 2,400	84,320 151,825	58,655 132,615	30,032 14,374	22,603 13,916
Fingerlings	16,200	6,430	877	348	198,820	223,765	6,457	7,422
Broodfish	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	780	776	4,991	4,501

⁽D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - <u>Catfish Production</u>, February 2025

Foodsize Catfish Sales - Alabama: 2015-2024

Million dollars



⁽X) Not applicable.