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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

Item	Alabama				United States			
	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	29,850	66,350	45,300	145,200	122,000	220,519	179,441
Large	1,750	1,450	6,850	5,200	4,190	3,730	15,509	13,352
Medium	19,300	12,000	38,600	24,100	62,465	47,350	121,601	93,400
Small	20,900	16,400	20,900	16,000	78,545	70,920	83,409	72,689
Stockers, total	47,400	35,600	12,690	7,400	236,145	191,270	44,406	36,519
Large	26,900	11,200	10,700	5,000	84,320	58,655	30,032	22,603
Small	20,500	24,400	1,990	2,400	151,825	132,615	14,374	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.

(X) Not applicable.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Catfish Production](#), February 2025

Foodsize Catfish Sales – Alabama: 2015-2024

Million dollars

