

CATFISH GROWERS SURVEY

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This survey is being conducted to obtain basic data on COMMERCIAL CATFISH PRODUCTION. These data will be used as a basis for estimates of inventory to be published in the **July 26, 2007 Catfish Production Report**. Response to this survey is **voluntary** and not required by law. Information you provide is **confidential** and will be used only by the Agricultural Statistics Board for statistical purposes. Your cooperation is extremely important in order to accurately estimate production to provide unbiased data for proper evaluation of the Catfish Industry and its continued orderly development.

Please make corrections to name, address and Zip Code, if necessary.

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

1. On land operated by the farm, ranch or individual(s) listed on the label:
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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| a. Has or will there be any water area used on this operation to produce catfish for commercial purposes at any time during 2007? | <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ³ No | IF NO FOR ALL QUESTIONS GO TO SECTION 4 |
| b. Has or will there be hatchery or foodsize production inventory on this operation at any time during 2007? | <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ³ No | |
| c. Has or will there be any catfish sold from this operation during 2007? | <input type="checkbox"/> ¹ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ³ No | |

SECTION 2: WATER AREA

	Acres
1. What is the total WATER AREA used and to be used in this operation to produce CATFISH for COMMERCIAL purposes during the period July 1 – December 31, 2007? (Exclude areas of new facilities under construction.).....	259
a. How many of the total acres are currently being or will be RENOVATED during the period of July 1 – December 31, 2007?.....	260
b. How many of the total acres are USED FOR BROODFISH production?.....	261
c. How many of the total acres are USED FOR FOODSIZE production?.....	266
d. How many of the total acres are USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR FINGERLINGS ?.....	262
2. What is the water area of NEW FACILITIES under construction or to be constructed for use during the period of July 1 – December 31, 2007?.....	263
3. Of the facilities previously used to produce catfish, how much water area was TAKEN OUT OF PRODUCTION during the period January 1, through June 30, 2007? (Exclude acres reported in item 1.).....	264

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1 = Inc. Has Water Area
 2 = Acres Unknown
 3 = Valid Zero

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SECTION 3: INVENTORY

1. On July 1, 2007, what was your estimated catfish inventory for the following size categories?

SIZE CATEGORY	Total Number	O R	Total Pounds	Average Pounds	
				Per Fish	Per 1000 Fish
Broodfish (fish being used or to be used for breeding)	721		720	722	_____
Large Foodsize (over 3 lbs)	724		723	725	_____
Medium Foodsize (over 1½ to 3 lbs)	727		726	728	_____
Small Foodsize (over ¾ to 1½ lbs)	730		729	731	_____
Large Stockers (over 180 to 750 lbs per 1000 fish)	733		732		735
Small Stockers (over 60 to 180 lbs per 1000 fish)	737		736		739
Fingerlings (2 to 6 inches) or (2 to 60 lbs per 1000 fish)	741		740		742
Fry (under 2 inches) or (less than 2 lbs per 1000 fish)	744		743		745

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3 = Valid Zero
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SECTION 4: CHANGE IN OPERATION

1. Has this operation (name on label) been sold, or turned over to someone else?

- Yes - Identify the new operator(s) below No - Go to Section 5

Operation Name: _____
 Operator Name: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

SECTION 5: CONCLUSION

1. Do you make day-to-day decisions for another catfish farm?

- Yes -- List other operation(s) _____ No

2. Would you like to receive a free copy of the results of this survey in the mail?

(The survey results will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov> after 3:00pm ET on July 26, 2007.)

- Yes = 1..... 099

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Respondent's Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

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Response	Respondent	Mode	Enum.	Eval.	Office Use for POID	9910	MM	DD	YY	Optional Use	
9901	9902	9903	098	100	789					407	408
S/E Name											

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