

CATFISH GROWERS SURVEY January 2007



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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 **January 31, 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:
 - a. Will there be any water area used on this operation to produce catfish for commercial purposes at any time during 2007?
..... Yes No
 - b. Will there be hatchery or foodsize production inventory on this operation at any time during 2007?
..... Yes No
 - c. Were any catfish sold from this operation during 2006? Yes No

**IF NO FOR ALL
QUESTIONS
GO TO
SECTION 5.**

SECTION 2: WATER AREA

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| 1. What is the total WATER AREA used and to be used in this operation to produce CATFISH for COMMERCIAL purposes during the period of January 1 – June 30, 2007?
(Exclude areas of new facilities under construction).
.. | Acres
259 |
| a. How many of the total acres are currently being or will be RENOVATED during the period of January 1 – June 30, 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 January 1 – June 30, 2007? | 263 |
| 3. Of the facilities previously used to produce catfish, how much water area was TAKEN OUT OF PRODUCTION during the period of July 1 – December 31, 2006? | 264 |

Office Use
1 = Inc. Has Water Area
2 = Acres Unknown
3 = Valid Zero
270

SECTION 3: INVENTORY

On January 1, 2007, what was your estimated inventory of catfish by the following size categories?

SIZE CATEGORY	Total		Average Pounds	
	Number	OR	Pounds	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 lbs to 3 lbs)	727	726	728	. _____
Small Foodsize (over ¾ lbs to 1½ lbs)	730	729	731	. _____
Large Stockers (over 180 lbs to 750 lbs per 1000 fish). . .	733	732		735
Small Stockers (over 60 lbs 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

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3 = Valid Zero

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SECTION 4: SALES

1. During 2006, what were your Total Catfish Sales by the following size categories?

FISH SOLD AS:	Total Number Sold	Total Pounds Live Weight	Total Sales (Dollars)
Broodfish (fish being used or to be used for breeding)	610	609	611
Broodfish (previously used for breeding)	613	612	614
All Foodsize (over 3/4 lbs per fish)	616	615	617
Stockers (over 6 inches) or (over 60 lbs to 750 lbs per 1000 fish)	619	618	620
Fingerlings (2 to 6 inches) or (2 lbs to 60 lbs per 1000 fish)	622	621	623
Fry (under 2 inches) or (less than 2 lbs per 1000 fish)	625	624	626

2. What percent of the total catfish value of sales reported in item 1 was sold to each of the following **SALES OUTLETS** from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006?

POINT OF FIRST SALE OUTLET	Percent of value of Fish Sold to Outlet as:	
	FOODSIZE (over 3/4 pound) (Include broodfish)	STOCKERS (usually 6 inches in length to 3/4 lbs)
Live Haulers.	630 %	631 %
Fee Fishing and Recreational Use.	632 %	633 %
Other Producers	634 %	635 %
Government Agencies.	636 %	637 %
Direct to Consumers.	638 %	
Processors.	640 %	
Retailers (restaurants, food stores, etc.)	642 %	
Other, (Specify _____)	644 %	645 %
TOTAL	100%	100%

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1 = Inc. Has Catfish 2 = Sales Unknown 3 = Valid Zero
650

SECTION 5: CHANGE IN OPERATION

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

- NO** [Go to Section 6.] **YES** – Identify the new operator(s)

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

SECTION 6: CONCLUSION

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

- NO YES -- List other operation(s) _____

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 3:00 pm ET on January 31, 2007.)

Yes = 1. 099

Respondent Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

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Date:	___	___	___

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

OFFICE USE

Response		Respondent		Mode		Enum.	Eval.	Office Use for POID	
1-Comp	9901	1-Op/Mgr	9902	1-Mail	9903	098	100	789	
2-R		2-Sp		2-Tel					
3-Inac		3-Acct/Bkpr		3-Face-to-Face					
4-Office Hold		4-Partner		4-CATI					
5-R – Est		9-Oth		5-Web					
6-Inac – Est				6-e-mail					
7-Off Hold – Est				7-Fax					
8-Known Zero				8-CAPI					
				19-Other					
S/E Name									
								Optional Use	
								895	896

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