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Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey

Louisiana's commercial catfish growers had sales of 12.6 million dollars during 2006, down 15 percent from the previous year. Water surface acres totaled 6,300, of which 5,300 were being used for foodsize fish, 820 for fingerlings and 120 for broodfish. In 2005 water surface acres totaled 6,600.

United States Catfish Growers Survey

Catfish growers in the 11 selected states had sales of 481 million dollars during 2006, down slightly from the previous year. The top four states (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana) accounted for 94 percent of the total U.S. sales. The 11 state sales total for all foodsize fish increased slightly from 2005, to

452 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 21.2 million dollars, a decrease of 12 percent from 2005. Sales of stockers totaled 6.91 million dollars in 2006, a 15 percent increase from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 95.7 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish compared with 94.9 percent from the previous year. Direct sales to other producers accounted for 85.0 percent of the stocker sales compared with 87.1 percent from 2005.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2007, totaled 162,700 acres, down 4 percent from the 170,370 acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 5,172 are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2007. An additional 870 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2007. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2006, the area taken out of production totaled 4,210 acres. As of January 1, 2007, foodfish were produced on 132,675 acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 23,110 acres and 3,880 acres were being used for broodfish production.

Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface and Total Sales

Selected States	Operations		Water Surface		Total Sales – All Sizes	
	January 1 2006	January 1 2007	January 1 2006	January 1 2007	During 2005 ¹	During 2006
	-----Number-----		-----Acres-----		-----1,000 dollars-----	
Alabama	194	199	235,00	23,700	97,602	98,969
Arkansas	132	137	32,600	30,400	77,556	79,586
California	36	37	1,500	1,500	7,308	7,318
Florida	31	43	520	530	1,435	1,761
Georgia	60	60	1,300	1,100	2,066	2,019
Kentucky	34	35	390	370	887	847
Louisiana	28	20	6,600	6,300	14,936	12,625
Mississippi	390	370	99,000	94,000	268,158	262,510
Missouri	24	21	1,360	1,100	1,723	2,060
North Carolina	49	44	2,100	2,000	6,077	7,213
Texas	57	57	1,500	1,700	4,547	5,910
United States²	1,035	1,023	170,370	162,700	482,295	480,820

¹ Revised

² 11 State total.

Pecan: Production, Price and Value of Production

State	All Pecan Production			Utilized Production for 2006 Crops		2006	2006
	Final 2004	Final 2005	Ind 2006	Improved	Native & Seedling	Average Price per Pound, all Pecans	Value of Production
	-----1,000 Pounds-----			-----1,000 Pounds-----		-----Dollars-----	-1,000 Dollars-
Alabama	1,100	4,000	6,000	5,100	900	1.470	8,817
Arizona	14,000	22,000	14,000	14,000	---	1.700	23,800
Arkansas	1,700	2,300	1,800	950	850	1.250	2,242
California	3,500	3,950	3,700	3,700	---	1.600	5,920
Florida	2,500	1,000	500	200	300	1.620	810
Georgia	45,000	80,000	40,000	36,000	4,000	1.570	62,960
Kansas	1,800	3,200	2,000	---	2,000	1.370	2,740
Louisiana	9,000	5,000	19,000	4,000	15,000	.945	17,940
Mississippi	1,000	1,000	2,500	2,000	500	1.260	3,150
Missouri ¹	---	2,600	1,300	160	1,140	1.320	1,713
New Mexico	39,000	65,000	46,000	46,000	---	1.850	85,100
North Carolina	100	2,000	600	500	100	1.250	750
Oklahoma	28,000	21,000	14,000	5,000	9,000	1.520	21,300
South Carolina	1,100	2,200	1,500	1,000	500	1.730	2,600
Texas	40,000	65,000	36,000	25,000	11,000	1.710	61,390
United States	185,800	280,250	188,900	143,610	45,290	1.590	301,242

¹Estimates began in 2005

U.S. Pecan Production

The February end-of-season estimate for the 2006 U.S. pecan crop is 188.9 million pounds, down 33 percent from the 2005 crop. Improved varieties are expected to account for 144 million pounds of the total while native and seedling varieties account for the difference. The 2006 average U.S. all pecan price is \$1.59 per pound (in-shell basis), up from 2005's average of \$1.45. Total value of utilized production is 301 million dollars, down 26 percent from last season. Louisiana pecan production is estimated at 19.0 million pounds, compared to 5.0 million pounds produced in 2005.

Louisiana: Season Average Price and Value of Production¹

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit		Value of Production	
		2005	2006	2005	2006
		----- Dollars -----		----- 1,000 Dollars -----	
Corn, Grain	bushel	2.25	2.80	100,980	113,680
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.470	2/ .474	247,709	2/ 284,400
Cottonseed	ton	87.50	97.00	31,850	41,225
Hay, All (baled)	ton	57.00	63.00	45,885	61,425
Rice, All	cwt	7.47	10.00	231,443	200,930
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	3.80	4.70	18,539	21,982
Soybeans, Beans	bushel	5.97	5.95	172,533	174,930
Sugarcane, All	ton	27.10	3/	282,382	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	16.20	17.80	39,933	39,658
Wheat, Winter	bushel	3.20	3.60	15,360	20,034
TOTAL FIELD & MISC. CROPS				1,186,614	1,276,554
TOTAL FRUITS & NUTS				6,875	18,902
TOTAL VALUE PRINCIPAL CROPS				1,193,489	1,295,456

United States: Season Average Price and Value of Production¹

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit		Value of Production	
		2005	2006	2005	2006
		----- Dollars -----		----- 1,000 Dollars -----	
Corn, Grain	bushel	2.00	3.20	22,198,472	33,837,454
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.497	2/ .496	5,695,217	2/ 5,175,723
Cottonseed	ton	96.00	110.00	779,500	842,941
Hay, All (baled)	ton	98.20	109.00	12,584,783	13,506,119
Rice, All	cwt	7.65	9.75	1,741,721	1,906,895
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	3.33	5.90	737,038	871,885
Soybeans, Beans	bushel	5.66	6.20	17,269,138	19,693,861
Sugarcane, All	ton	28.40	3/	754,529	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	18.00	18.10	282,548	298,367
Wheat, All	bushel	3.42	4.25	7,171,441	7,721,028
Wheat, Winter	bushel	3.32	4.20	4,954,276	5,397,432

¹ 2006 crops are preliminary. Marketing year average prices do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the CCC, crop deficiency payments or disaster payments. U.S. monthly prices for all crops in the monthly price estimating program are computed by weighting monthly state prices by monthly marketing for each state.

² Based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

³ Available June 11, 2007 in the "Crop Production" report.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2005-2007¹

Class	2005	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	-----1,000 Head-----	----1,000 Head----	----1,000 Head---	Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	6,135	6,230	6,185	99
Market	1,602	1,590	1,565	98
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,533	4,640	4,620	100
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	771	783	719	92
Ewes – One Year Old and Older	3,573	3,661	3,706	101
Rams – One Year Old	190	196	195	99
Lamb Crop	4,117	4,085	----	----

¹ May not add due to rounding

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 6.19 million head, down 1 percent from 2006 but still 1 percent above 2005. After two consecutive year-to-year increases, inventory growth was hampered by extremely dry weather in the Southwestern part of the United States.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.62 million head on January 1, 2007, down slightly from 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.71 million head, were 1 percent above last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2007, totaled 1.57 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2006. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65-84 pounds, 25 percent were 85-105 pounds and 36 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings.

The 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head, was down 1 percent from 2005. The 2006 lambing rate was 112 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2006, down 3 percent from 2005.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2006 was 36.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2005. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.85 million head, down 4 percent from 2005. The average price paid for wool sold in 2006 was \$0.68 per pound for a total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 7 percent from 26.3 million dollars in 2005.

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