

Agriculture Fact Sheet

Catfish 2025



- Mississippi ranks #1 in the United States for farm raised-catfish production, producing more than 65 percent of the nation's farm-raised catfish.
- In 2025, Mississippi had 129 catfish operations covering 28,100 water acres.
- The production value of catfish in 2025 was \$196 million.
- The typical annual production of catfish per acre is 5,000 pounds.
- The top three catfish producing counties include: Leflore, Sunflower and Noxubee.
- It takes about 18 months to two years to grow a 1-pound fish.
- The ideal weight for U.S. farm-raised catfish is 1.7 pounds.



Source: Mississippi State University & USDA-NASS



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