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## WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL TROUT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia** – The total value of fish sold for 2021 was 895 thousand dollars, an increase of 7 percent from the 2020 total value of 840 thousand dollars.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer** sold data during 2021 were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. In 2020, fish sold totaled 350,000 fish, the average price per pound was \$2.45, and the value of sales for the 2020 marketing year was 840 thousand dollars. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**The number of distributed trout 12 inches and longer** during 2021 totaled 460,000 fish, down from 470,000 fish in 2020. The average value per pound was \$3.21 in 2021, up from \$3.13 per pound in 2020. The value of fish distributed totaled 1.45 million dollars in 2021, up from 1.41 million dollars in 2020.

**The number of distributed trout 6" - 12"** during 2021 totaled 480,000 fish, down from 500,000 fish in 2020. The average value per pound was \$5.45 in 2021, down from \$5.57 per pound in 2020. The value of fish distributed totaled 1.40 million dollars in 2021, down from 1.50 million dollars in 2020.

**The number of distributed trout 1" - 6"** during 2021 totaled 260,000 fish, up from 185,000 fish in 2020. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$873 in 2021, down from \$1,500 in 2020. The value of fish distributed totaled 227 thousand dollars in 2021, down from 278 thousand dollars in 2020.

**Trout losses** of all trout intended for sale were 23 thousand fish during 2021, down 25,000 fish from the total of 48,000 fish in 2020.

**United States** – The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 97.3 million dollars for 2021, up 1 percent from 2020.

**The number of trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2021 totaled 26.3 million fish, up 2 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$2.01, up 1 percent from the previous year. The value of sales for the 2021 marketing year was 90.0 million dollars, up 2 percent from 2020. For trout 12 inches or longer, 67.3 percent were sold to processors.

**The number of 6"- 12" trout** sold during 2021 totaled 4.89 million fish, down 28 percent from 2020. The average price per pound was \$4.30 during 2021, up 18 percent from the 2020 price. The total value of sales was 6.16 million dollars during 2021, down 8 percent from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 52.4 percent of total sales.

**The number of 1" - 6" trout** sold during 2021 totaled 5.03 million, up 5 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$241 during 2021, up from \$211 in 2020. The total value of sales was 1.21 million dollars, up 20 percent from last year's total.

**Distributed Trout** - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 5.82 million 12" or longer fish, 64.9 million 6"- 12" fish, and 46.9 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 139 million dollars, up 3 percent from 2020.

**Trout Loss** - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 8.09 million fish during 2021. Disease accounted for 54 percent of these losses.

**TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2020-2021**

State	12" and longer		6"- 12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	Thousand Dollars							
AR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CO	3,297	3,382	*	*	*	*	3,466	3,611
GA	*	*	*	*	*	0	199	*
ID	*	33,635	*	*	0	*	*	33,715
MI	*	*	225	194	*	*	1,809	834
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	133	*	*	*	843
NC	*	6,486	608	*	*	*	7,535	7,520
OR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	5,301	6,220	*	827	*	87	6,106	7,134
UT	*	838	263	*	*	*	926	1,137
VA	1,878	2,090	*	*	*	*	1,977	2,309
WA	*	*	469	*	*	*	*	*
WV	840	*	*	*	*	*	840	895
WI	1,312	571	*	*	*	*	1,424	660
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	75,937	36,734	5,103	5,005	1,011	1,122	71,962	38,666
<b>United States</b>	88,565	89,956	6,668	6,159	1,011	1,209	96,244	97,324

<sup>1/</sup> Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. \* Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.