



Wisconsin Ag News – Trout Production

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Wisconsin's trout producers reported \$660,000 in trout sales during 2021 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Trout Production* report, down 54 percent from 2020. Sales of trout greater than 12 inches long totaled \$571,000, down 56 percent from 2020.

The number of trout sold greater than 12 inches long were down 190,000 fish to 120,000 fish. The total live weight of trout sold in this size category was 123,000 pounds, 58 percent lower than a year ago. Producers received an average of \$4.64 per pound in this size class in 2021, 13 cents above 2020.

Trout Production – Wisconsin and United States: 2020-2021

	Wisconsin		United States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Trout 12 inches and longer				
Number sold 1,000	310	120	25,855	26,340
Pounds sold 1,000	291	123	44,513	44,814
Value of sales \$1,000	1,312	571	88,565	89,956
Average value per pound dollars	4.51	4.64	1.99	2.01
Trout 6-12 inches in length				
Number sold 1,000	(D)	(D)	6,775	4,890
Pounds sold 1,000	(D)	(D)	1,833	1,431
Value of sales \$1,000	(D)	(D)	6,668	6,159
Average value per pound dollars	(D)	(D)	3.64	4.30
Trout 1-6 inches long				
Number sold 1,000	(D)	(D)	4,785	5,025
Pounds sold 1,000	(D)	(D)	107	112
Value of sales \$1,000	(D)	(D)	1,011	1,209
Average per 1,000 fish dollars	(D)	(D)	211	241
Total sales (excluding eggs) \$1,000	1,424	660	96,244	97,324
Trout lost to various causes				
Total number	244	(D)	12,442	8,090
Total pounds	63	(D)	9,310	7,891
Distributed for conservation and restoration				
Trout 12 inches or longer 1,000 fish	20	15	6,535	5,815
Trout 6-12 inches long 1,000 fish	1,650	1,240	66,340	64,900
Trout 1-6 inches in length 1,000 fish	2,320	2,450	47,965	46,850
Total value \$1,000	1,560	3,172	135,325	138,987

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

UNITED STATES TROUT PRODUCTION

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.

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.

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