



# Wisconsin Ag News – Trout Production

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Wisconsin's trout producers reported \$1,752,000 in trout sales during 2022 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Trout Production* report, up 3 percent from 2021. Sales of trout 12 inches and longer totaled \$1,671,000, up 4 percent from 2021.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2022 was down 20,000 to 250,000 fish. The total live weight of trout sold in this size category was 257,000 pounds, 6 percent lower than a year ago. Producers received an average of \$6.50 per pound in this size class in 2022, 60 cents above 2021.

## Trout Production – Wisconsin and United States: 2021-2022

	Wisconsin		United States	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
<b>Trout 12 inches and longer</b>				
Number sold ..... 1,000	270	250	26,480	27,205
Pounds sold ..... 1,000	272	257	44,931	43,255
Value of sales ..... \$1,000	1,605	1,671	91,564	94,749
Average value per pound ..... dollars	5.90	6.50	2.04	2.19
<b>Trout 6-12 inches in length</b>				
Number sold ..... 1,000	(D)	(D)	4,860	5,005
Pounds sold ..... 1,000	(D)	(D)	1,388	1,571
Value of sales ..... \$1,000	(D)	(D)	6,062	6,891
Average value per pound ..... dollars	(D)	(D)	4.37	4.39
<b>Trout 1-6 inches long</b>				
Number sold ..... 1,000	(D)	(D)	5,020	5,210
Pounds sold ..... 1,000	(D)	(D)	112	137
Value of sales ..... \$1,000	(D)	(D)	1,212	1,280
Average per 1,000 fish ..... dollars	(D)	(D)	241	246
<b>Total sales (excluding eggs) ..... \$1,000</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>98,838</b>	<b>102,920</b>
<b>Trout lost to various causes</b>				
Total number .....	(D)	(D)	8,170	10,088
Total pounds .....	(D)	(D)	7,939	9,588
<b>Distributed for conservation and restoration</b>				
Trout 12 inches or longer ..... 1,000 fish	5	(D)	5,880	5,725
Trout 6-12 inches long ..... 1,000 fish	1,240	1,660	65,760	64,780
Trout 1-6 inches in length ..... 1,000 fish	2,450	(D)	46,965	45,105
<b>Total value ..... \$1,000</b>	<b>3,139</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>138,716</b>	<b>139,197</b>

(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 103 million dollars for 2022, up 4 percent from 2021.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2022 totaled 27.2 million fish, up 3 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$2.19, up 7 percent from the previous year. The value of sales for the 2022 marketing year was 94.7 million dollars, up 3 percent from 2021. For trout 12 inches or longer, 69.3 percent were sold to processors.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2022 totaled 5.01 million fish, up 3 percent from 2021. The average price per pound was \$4.39 during 2022, up slightly from the 2021 price. The total value of sales was 6.89 million dollars during 2022, up 14 percent from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 53.7 percent of total sales.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2022 totaled 5.21 million, up 4 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$246 during 2022, up from \$241 in 2021. The total value of sales was 1.28 million dollars, up 6 percent from last year's total.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 5.73 million 12" or longer fish, 64.8 million 6"- 12" fish, and 45.1 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 139 million dollars, up slightly from 2021.

Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 10.1 million fish during 2022. Disease accounted for 66 percent of these losses.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).