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Pennsylvania's 2010 Trout Production Valued at \$16.9 Million

HARRISBURG, PA, February 25, 2011 --- Pennsylvania's trout growers produced trout valued at \$16.9 million in 2010. Commercial trout producers sold 1.59 million pounds of trout, valued at \$5.2 million during 2010, ranking third nationally behind Idaho and North Carolina. Pennsylvania farmers also produced trout valued at \$11.7 million for conservation and recreational purposes.

Pennsylvania remains first for the value of trout distributed for conservation and recreational purposes, ahead of California's \$11.4 million. Pennsylvania accounts for 11.2 percent of the nation's distributed trout value. These trout were produced primarily by the state fish commission, its cooperative nurseries, and private fishing clubs. These conservation related producers grew 55,000 fish 12 inches or longer, and 4.5 million 6-12" fish, compared to 4.2 million 6-12" fish a year ago.

Sales of food fish trout 12 inches or longer in Pennsylvania totaled 1.3 million pounds. Averaging \$3.13 per pound, compared to \$2.87 last year and \$1.39 nationally. The 12 inch and larger trout were valued at \$3.98 million.

Sales of food fish trout 6 to 12 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 660,000 fish or 304,000 pounds live weight during 2010. This was up 15,000 lbs from the same period a year ago. They were sold at an average of \$3.55 a pound, which is down \$0.59/lb from last year. Six to twelve inch trout in Pennsylvania were valued at \$1.1 million.

Sales of trout 1 to 6 inches long by Pennsylvania growers totaled 380,000 fish or 11,000 pounds live weight during 2010. These fish were sold at an average of \$514 per thousand fish, compared to \$367.00 last year and \$218.00 nationally. Total sales of 1 to 6 inch trout were valued at \$195,000. Total losses of all Pennsylvania trout intended for sale were 1,390,000 fish during 2010 or 180,000 pounds of fish.

Nationally, the total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 71.3 million dollars for 2010, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. Idaho accounted for 49 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2010 totaled 38.7 million fish, down 5 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.39, up 1 cent from 2009. The value of sales for the 2010 marketing year was 63.1 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2009. For trout 12 inches or longer, 64 percent were sold to processors and 17 percent were sold for recreational stocking.

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The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2010 totaled 5.27 million fish, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. The average price per pound was \$3.14 during 2010, up 26 cents from the 2009 price. The total value of sales was 6.34 million dollars during 2010, a 4 percent decrease from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 50 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 22 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2010 totaled 8.78 million, a 26 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$218 during 2010, down from \$232 in 2009. The total value of sales was 1.92 million dollars, up 18 percent from last year's total.

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.3 million 12" or longer fish, 65.0 million 6"- 12" fish, and 80.7 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 104.2 million dollars, up 4 percent from 2009.

Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 18.4 million fish during 2010. Disease accounted for 80 percent of these losses, followed by predators, which totaled 9 percent.

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