2005 ALABAMA AQUACULTURE FACTSHEET
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PRODUCTION

✓ There are over 25,000 water acres of fish farms in Alabama and approximately 250 producers, with 200 considered as “large-scale”.

✓ All Alabama counties are engaged in commercial aquaculture.

✓ Alabama commercially produces approximately 20 aquatic species.

✓ Over 142 million pounds of catfish were produced in 2005.

✓ Overall, the last twenty-three (23) years, the industry has grown by a 13x factor.

✓ Alabama catfish production is second only to Mississippi with Hale county ranked 6th nationally.

✓ Alabama has the land/water resources to support an industry 10 times its current size.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

✓ Alabama aquaculture is worth $105 million to producers.

✓ Catfish farming alone is worth over $98+ million to Alabama producers.

✓ Approximately 3,000 (job) Alabamians are directly engaged in catfish production/processing.

✓ Alabama large-scale processors sell approximately $170 million worth of catfish to all 50 states and internationally.

✓ Annual sales to catfish farmers by allied industries is approximately $80 million for feed, utilities, equipment, services, etc.