

Alabama Shellfish Aquaculture Update: Production Year 2024

► Alabama’s shellfish aquaculture industry produces eastern oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) through off-bottom farming techniques, including adjustable long-line and floating cage systems.

Highlights for 2024

- Thirteen commercial oyster aquaculture operations reported harvests Alabama, ten of which provided 2024 harvest numbers and prices.
- An estimated 10.2 million farmed single market oysters were harvested.
- Price realized ranged from 43 cents to 65 cents each with an average of 56 cents each.
- An estimated value of \$5.9 million for Alabama oyster aquaculture based on number of oysters sold and average price realized.
- Two commercial hatcheries and two commercial nurseries were operational in Alabama.
- Sixty-seven acres were permitted for commercial oyster aquaculture with 57 acres used in production.



*2023 estimate based on meat pounds reported from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division.

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Alabama Farmed Single Market Oysters Harvested by Year

