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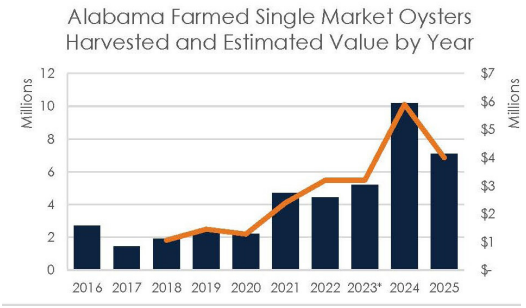
Alabama Shellfish Aquaculture Update: Production Year 2025

► Alabama's shellfish aquaculture industry produces eastern oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) through off-bottom farming techniques, including adjustable long-line and floating cage systems. The 2025 Alabama oyster production trends and industry activity are summarized in this report.

Highlights for 2025

- Thirteen commercial oyster aquaculture operations reported harvests in Alabama, which was the same as 2024.
- Nine operations provided 2025 harvest numbers and prices, down one from 2024.
- An estimated 7.1 million farmed single market oysters were harvested, a reduction of approximately 3 million from the previous year.
- Price realized ranged from 25 cents to 67 cents each with an average of 49 cents each, down 7 cents from 2024.
- An estimated value of $4.0 million for Alabama oyster aquaculture based on the 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 an estimated 57 acres used in production.





This update is based on data obtained from participating commercial farms, the Auburn University Shellfish Lab, and the Alabama State Lands Division Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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

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