Tapping the Potential for U.S. Aquaculture

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Aquaculture farms and product sales, adjusted for inflation

Aquaculture farms in the United States, 2018

Aquaculture sales in the United States, 2018

Note: All aquaculture sales are in nominal million dollars and all States with (D) indicate non-disclosure.
World Fisheries and Aquaculture Production

NOTE: Excludes aquatic mammals, crocodiles, alligators and caimans, seaweeds and other algae.

SOURCE: FAO.
Per Capita Food Availability

Seafood has roughly doubled over 50 years and now exceeds 20 lbs per person.

U.S. per capita availability of beef, pork, chicken, and fish/shellfish, 1910–2021

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¹Calculated on the basis of raw and edible meat in boneless, trimmed (edible) weight. Excludes edible offals, bones, viscera, and game from red meat. Includes skin, neck, and giblets from chicken. Excludes use of chicken for commercially prepared pet food.

*Fish and shellfish data are only available through 2019.

U.S. Seafood Trade Deficit was $24 billion in 2022

Update – 2023 figure is $20 b
Transition to Speakers
Breaking Federal News

Hot off the press today! The Subcommittee on Aquaculture seeks public comment on two documents:

• National Aquaculture Development Plan Overview
• Strategic Plan for Aquaculture Economic Development

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To find both plans, and other related documents: www.ars.usda.gov/SCA/