

Catfish

STUDENT ACTIVITY

Instructions: After watching the Farming Feeds Alabama video about Catfish, answer the following questions. Listen to and watch the video carefully as most questions can be answered based on what the farmers say or the images shown. Questions marked with an * may require additional research.

1. What area of the state has the most catfish farms?*
2. What makes U.S. catfish better than catfish products from other countries?
3. The machines that churn water in catfish ponds are called aerators. Why do catfish farmers use these?*
4. Which government organization is responsible for inspecting catfish?
5. How many people are employed in the Alabama catfish industry?
6. What is the catfish industry's economic impact to the state?
7. What are some different careers in the catfish industry?

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TEACHERS KEY

Access the Catfish video at www.FarmingFeedsAlabama.com or through the jump drive provided in your Farming Feeds Alabama Teacher Resource Guide.

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1. What area of the state has the most catfish farms?*

 - West Alabama or the Black Belt

2. What makes U.S. catfish better than catfish products from other countries?
 - The way it's raised, controlling water and giving fish the best diet possible. U.S. farmers don't use chemicals other countries still allow.
3. The machines that churn water in catfish ponds are called aerators. Why do catfish farmers use these?*

 - Fish need oxygen to survive. Aerators provide oxygen to the water to keep catfish healthy.

4. Which government organization is responsible for inspecting catfish?
 - USDA or U.S. Department of Agriculture
5. How many people are employed in the catfish industry?
 - About 6,000
6. What is the economic impact to the state?
 - Approximately \$160 million
7. What are some of the different careers in the catfish industry?
 - Processing plant, trucking jobs, seine (or net) crews, feed mills