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4 920 tonnes of edible fish were produced in Austria in 2021

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Vienna, 2022-12-16 – According to Statistics Austria, a total of 4 920 tonnes of fish for human consumption was produced in Austrian aquaculture facilities in 2021. Compared to the previous year, this represents an increase of 8.7 %. The number of companies active in this area rose in the same period by 3.0 % to a total of 542.

The total sales volumes of salmonids or other fish species increased significantly compared to 2020, while they decreased slightly for carp species. In terms of volume, the most important fish species from domestic aquaculture were: rainbow and salmon trout (+13.9 % to 1 736 tonnes), brook trout (+11.0 % to 685 tonnes), common carp (-0.6 % to 617 tonnes), brown and lake trout (+4.0 % to 503 tonnes), african catfish (-0.9 % to 494 tonnes), elsässer char (+8.0 % to 394 tonnes) as well as arctic char (+4.5 % to 281 tonnes).

The production in hatcheries and nurseries amounted to 32.9 million eggs (+40.9 %) and 25.0 million juveniles of all ages (+17.8 %) in 2021. Among juvenile fish, salmonids were most represented – with rainbow and salmon trout (2.4 million eggs and 4.9 million juveniles), brown and lake trout (3.8 million eggs and 3.4 million juveniles) as well as brook trout (2.6 million eggs and 2.3 million juveniles).

Similar to the year before, aquaculture producers mentioned predators (such as otters, herons and cormorants), the lack of water, storm damage as well as sales difficulties due to Corona restrictions as the main reasons for production losses in 2021.

For detailed results and further information on aquaculture production please refer to [website](#).

Table 1: Production of fish for human consumption¹ in tonnes 2019 to 2021

Year	Salmonidae	Cyprinidae	Others	Total production
2021	3 611.2	679.6	629.7	4 920.4
2020	3 271.8	687.1	568.0	4 526.9
2019	3 058.1	691.6	500.3	4 250.0

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1) Meaning of ready-to-eat, under market conditions, independent of the actual further use; in live weight.

Table 2: Production of fish eggs in pieces 2019 to 2021

Year	Salmonidae	Cyprinidae	Others	Total production
2021	16 920.8	5 953.4	10 046.4	32 920.6
2020	18 505.5	778.1	4 085.4	23 369.0
2019	19 100.8	1 085.0	180.0	20 365.8

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Table 3: Production of juvenile fish in pieces 2019 to 2021

Year	Salmonidae	Cyprinidae	Others	Total production
2021	22 405.0	1 452.0	1 124.7	24 981.7
2020	18 502.2	1 460.6	1 241.9	21 204.6
2019	18 798.1	1 108.8	1 147.5	21 054.4

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Information on methodology, definitions: The survey on aquaculture production is based on Ordinance Federal Law Gazette II No. 344/2012 (available in German only) issued by the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Water Management.

Aquaculture refers to the rearing or keeping of aquatic animals (fish, crustaceans, shrimp etc.) with the aim of increasing production beyond what is possible under natural conditions using appropriate techniques. The aquatic animals in question remain the property of a natural or legal person or the subject of legal claims arising from contractual obligations (e.g. in connection with the stocking of wild waters) throughout the rearing or keeping process, including harvesting or catching.

Aquaculture production means the quantity of fish, crabs, shrimp etc., produced under the previously mentioned circumstances and sold or delivered (live, raw or processed). Quantities for self-supply, trade (purchase and direct resale) as well as quantities from fishing (incl. angling/sport fishing) do not count as aquaculture production and are therefore excluded from the survey.

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