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Decline in food fish production by 3.1% in 2024

5 008 tonnes of fish sold, of which 493 tonnes were organic

Vienna, 2025-12-22 – A total of 5 008 tonnes of fish for human consumption was produced in Austrian aquaculture facilities in 2024, as Statistics Austria reports. This represents a decrease of 3.1% or 162 tonnes compared to 2023. The number of enterprises active in this area remained almost unchanged at 544 (–0.2%).

The most significant produced and marketed fish species from domestic aquaculture in the food fish sector in 2024 were rainbow and salmon trout (–8.9% to 1 749 tonnes), followed by brook trout (+0.2% to 681 tonnes), brown and lake trout (+6.3% to 589 tonnes), common carp (–3.4% to 539 tonnes), African catfish (+3.4% to 511 tonnes), elsässer char (–1.2% to 480 tonnes) as well as arctic char (+0.1% to 264 tonnes).

Of the 5 008 tonnes of food fish sold, 9.8% or 493 tonnes were organic. In terms of organic fish, demand in 2024 was particularly high for brook trout (+32.7% to 137 tonnes), followed by common carp (–25.1% to 98 tonnes), rainbow and salmon trout (+10.1% to 82 tonnes), brown and lake trout (–4.4% to 80 tonnes) as well as arctic char (+5.3% to 74 tonnes).

Furthermore, around 9.0 million eggs (–25.7%) and 33.7 million juveniles of all ages (–9.3%) were sold in 2024. Salmonids were the most represented fish species, such as rainbow and salmon trout (1.6 million eggs and 4.8 million juveniles), brown and lake trout (4.0 million eggs and 3.4 million juveniles) as well as brook trout (2.2 million eggs and 1.8 million juveniles).

Aquaculture producers also mentioned production losses, mainly due to predators such as otters, herons and cormorants, followed by environmental factors like floods, water shortage or heat waves and associated problems with water quality.

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

Table 1: Production of fish for human consumption¹ in tonnes 2022 to 2024

Year	Salmonidae	Cyprinidae	Others	Total production
2024	3 789.7	603.1	614.9	5 007.8
2023	3 933.1	621.4	615.7	5 170.2
2022	3 565.2	617.0	536.5	4 718.7

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Aquaculture production. – Rounding differences are not equalised.

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

Table 2: Thereof production of organic fish for human consumption¹ in tonnes 2023 to 2024

Year	Salmonidae	Cyprinidae	Others	Total production
2024	383.0	107.0	3.2	493.2
2023	342.3	138.2	2.8	483.2

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

Table 3: Production of fish eggs in 1 000 pieces 2022 to 2024

Year	Salmonidae	Cyprinidae	Others	Total production
2024	9 008.3	2.3	0.8	9 011.4
2023	11 540.0	456.0	140.0	12 136.0
2022	15 978.6	1 245.7	45.9	17 270.2

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Table 4: Production of juvenile fish in 1 000 pieces 2022 to 2024

Year	Salmonidae	Cyprinidae	Others	Total production
2024	15 642.8	488.8	17 563.4	33 695.0
2023	26 081.3	522.3	10 558.1	37 161.7
2022	19 560.8	837.9	10 191.6	30 590.4

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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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