U.S. PRODUCTION OF *Macrobrachium* SPECIES

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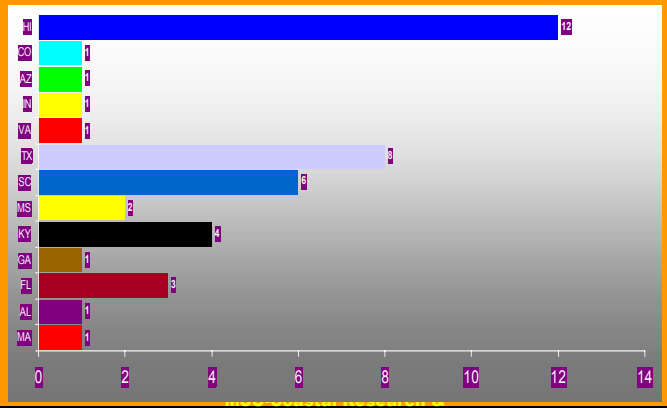
U.S. FWP PRODUCTION

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- U.S. Joint Sub-Committee on Aquaculture (JSA)
- U.S. Prawn and Shrimp Growers Association (PSGA)

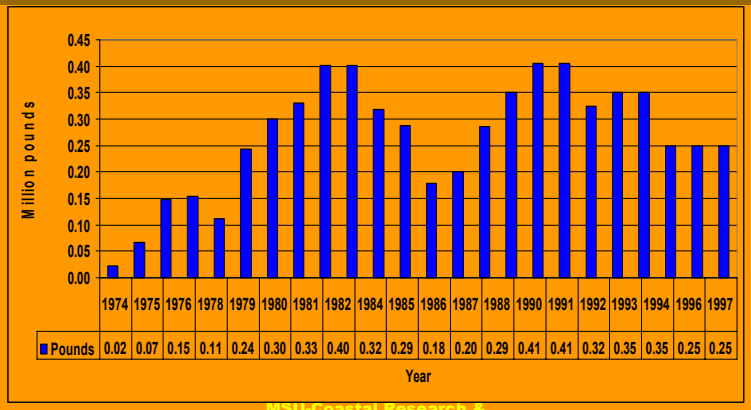
Freshwater Prawn Species

- **Market name**
  - Shrimp, Freshwater
- **Scientific name**
  - *Macrobrachium rosenbergii*
- **Common name**
  - Giant Freshwater Prawn

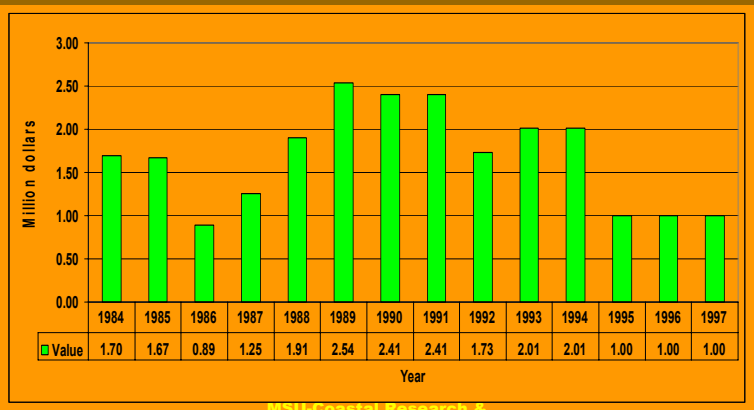
Number of U.S. Shrimp Farms, 1998 (USDA)



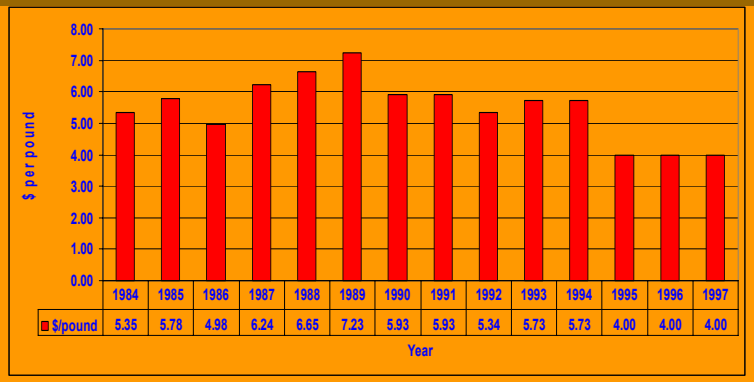
U.S. FWP Production (FAO, NMFS, JSA)



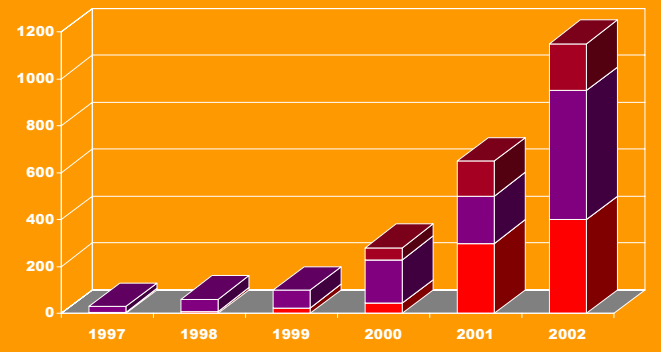
Value of U.S. FWP Production (FAO, NMFS, JSA)



Imputed FWP Final Prices Paid by U.S. Processors and Dealers



Estimated U.S. FWP Acreage (??)



U.S. SHRIMP AND PRAWN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

- January 22, 2002 Organizational Meeting
- Website will be created
- Membership:
  - Voting members - permitted growers
  - Associate members
- P.O. Box 537, Anguilla, MS 38721
- Tel: 662-686-2894

INVESTMENT AND OPERATING COSTS IN FWP POND PRODUCTION IN THE USA

- Hypothetical single enterprise farm
- Semi-intensive production system
- One crop per year, early May to late September
- 120 culture days
- 121 land acres available
- Juveniles and commercial feed are available
- Input prices are based on Mississippi situation
- Feed conversion ratio is 2.5:1
- Stocking density is 20,000 # per water acre
- Harvest size is 10 # per pound
- Prawn yield is 1,200 pounds per water acre
- Exp-Com yield gap is 8 percent

FWP Pond Production
Initial Investment Requirements

- 50 two-water-acre ponds, adequately sloped
- common or single harvesting sumps
- permanent aeration & electrical
- feeding equipment & storage
- well, pump and plumbing
- weed control equipment
- tractor, truck & storage building

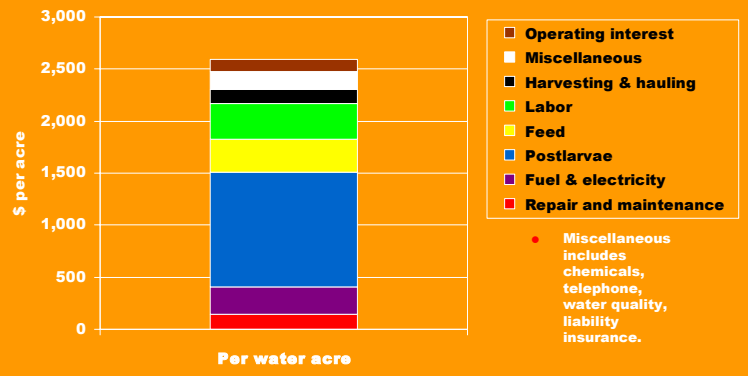
$329.5K per farm,
$6.6K per pond or
$3.2K per water acre

FWP Pond Construction Cost

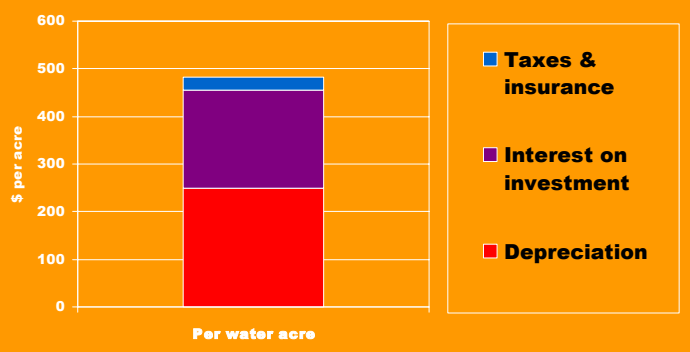
- Earth moving (adjacent ponds)
- Drainage structure
- Gravel
- Vegetative cover

$114.2 K per farm,
$2,283 per pond or
$1,142 per water acre

FWP Pond Production
Variable or Operating Costs



FWP Pond Production
Fixed or Ownership Costs



CONSTRAINTS FACING THE PWP INDUSTRY IN THE USA

- **Lack of local nurseries**
  - Less than half a dozen nurseries nationwide
  - High price for nursed juveniles
  - Stress during transport to distant sites
  - Need for on site nursery facilities
- **Low survival in grow-out**
  - Exp com grow out yield gap
  - Relatively low production, 800 lb/acre
- **Insufficient processing, transporting & marketing infrastructure**
  - Except in traditional shrimping areas
  - High transport mortality of live FWP