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Report Highlights:

Shrimp production is expected at 2,400 MT in 2002. After falling for three consecutive years, due to an outbreak of the White Spot virus shrimp production is expected to increase by 111 percent this year.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Lima [PE1], PE

Production

Shrimp production in Peru today is a minor crop but one that seemed to have great potential few years ago. After falling for three consecutive years, 65 percent in 1999, 77 percent in 2000 and 21 percent in 2001, due to an outbreak of the White Spot virus shrimp production is expected to increase by 111 percent in 2002. But production this year will only be one sixth of the 1997.

In 1999, Peru had 3,500 hectares devoted to shrimp production. Due to the White Spot virus, which affects the immunological system causing death within hours, most producers have switched to an alternative source of income. Currently, there are about 500 hectares with average yields of 7 to 8 MT per year.

Shrimp is grown in the northern coastal departments of Tumbes and Piura. Once thought to be a major source of labor for the region, the shrimp industry currently employs no more than 5,000 workers, directly in production and processing.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Production (MT)	14,781	17,961	6,323	1,440	1,138	2,406
Exports (million \$)	69.1	70.7	32.7	7.2	9.4	16.0
Exporting companies	88	88	57	43	47	49

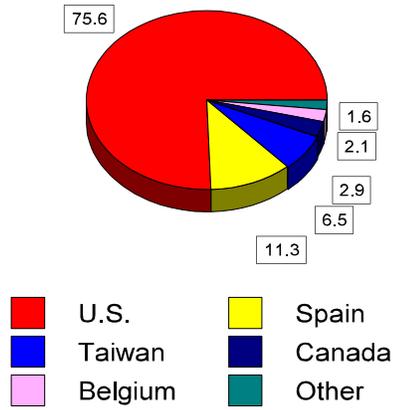
Trade

Shrimp exports could reach \$16 million in 2002. In the first four months of this year, shrimp exports reached \$4.2 million, an increase of 70 percent compared to the same period last year. Main markets for Peruvian shrimp are the U.S., Canada, Spain and Taiwan.

Producers have adopted two measures to prevent future White Spot attacks:

- They are improving the water quality on the ponds by installing equipment to pump oxygen in the water and using treated ground water. The cost of this system is about \$5,000 per hectare
- They are importing "Genetically Treated" baby shrimp, resistant to the White Spot virus.

Exports by Destination



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