Producers ship live fish to 15 other states on average. Some producers ship to all 50 states.

This breaks down to an average cost of $107,000/farm, or $627/acre.

On average producers are faced with 19 permit and license renewals per year. Some report in excess of 150 annual renewals.

Regulations account for about 13% of farm costs.

- Small farms <50 acres: $745
- Medium farms 51-499 acres: $452
- Large farms >500 acres: $286

Permits and licenses account for only 2% of regulatory costs. 98% of costs are indirect costs of compliance.

Average Regulatory Cost per Acre