Arkansas producers spend an estimated $7.3 million per year on regulatory compliance. This breaks down to an average cost of $260,000/farm, or $420/acre.

On average Arkansas producers are faced with 20 permit and license renewals per year. Some report in excess of 100 annual renewals.

Arkansas producers ship live fish to 18 other states on average. Some producers ship to all 50 states.

Regulations account for about 18% of farm costs.

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

Environmental Management 65%
Legal and Labor Standards 13%
Fish Health 19%
Interstate Transport 2%
Culture of Commercially Harvested Species 1%
Fish Health Testing 6%
Manpower 11%

Cost of Regulatory Categories

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