

Proposed Resolution Catfish Feed Assistance

Escalating feed costs and a flood of Asian imports of inferior fish products have translated into the loss of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of investment in the Mississippi Delta. Delta Council considers the administration of catfish feed assistance, similar to the 2003 emergency program initiated by Congress in response to the Vietnam fish dumping and anti-trust case, to be the highest priority for our farm policy legislative agenda in 2008-2009. Without immediate attention focused on the economic stability of the U.S. farm-raised catfish industry, this major employer and economic force in the Mississippi Delta will continue to diminish.

