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Production of fresh and frozen packaged fish at primary plants in this country during 1939 amounted to 131,316,419 pounds, valued at \$13,030,258, according to Statistical Bulletin No. 1398, released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This production (from 15 states reporting) represents increases of 12 percent in volume and 20 percent in value over that of the previous year.

Most important among the 27 species listed as packaged during 1939 were (1) haddock, 38.2 million pounds, worth \$3.8 million; (2) rosefish, 24.1 million pounds, worth \$2.4 million; and (3) cod, with 19.4 million pounds, valued at \$1.9 million. Both whiting and pollock, at over 13 million pounds each, were runners-up in volume. Others with over a million pounds volume were: flounders, 8.2 million; blue pike and hake, about 2.7 million each; cusk and sauger, at 2.0 and 1.8 million pounds, respectively.

Of the total volume of the output of packaged fish produced during the year, frozen fillets (mainly haddock and cod) contributed 54 percent (71.7 million pounds, valued at \$6.3 million); fresh fillets, 38 percent (49.6 million pounds, valued at \$6.1 million).

The total production of fresh packaged-fish amounted to 52,374,009 pounds, valued at \$6,410,470; and frozen packaged-fish, 78,942,410 pounds, valued at \$6,619,788.

Massachusetts (107.5 million pounds, worth \$9.7 million); New York (7.8 million pounds, worth \$1.1 million); and Maine (3.6 million pounds, valued at about 1/3 million dollars) in that order, were the heaviest producing states. Maine was exceeded in value of products, however, by Ohio, Illinois, and New Jersey.

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