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BOSTON FISH PIER LANDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1940

An average of \$3.55 per hundred pounds was paid for the 23.2 million pounds of fish landed during September at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Although these figures indicate a decrease of 3.4 million pounds in volume under the previous month, the increase in value amounts to 55 cents per hundred-weight.

When compared with the total catch of 23.2 million pounds for the corresponding period of 1939, the figures for September 1940 show no change. The average for September last year--\$2.86 per hundred pounds--as against the current \$3.55 average, indicates an increase of \$0.69 per hundred pounds, or 24 percent, for this year. The average price of \$3.41 for the first nine months of 1940 is \$0.73 higher than for the comparable period of 1939.

The September catch, which was the result of 756 trips to inshore and off-shore banks, was worth about \$823,600 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1939, 714 fares landed with about 8,000 pounds more of fish; they were valued at \$159,900 less, however, or about \$663,700.

In 310 trips, offshore vessels brought in 19.4 million pounds of the total, spread among 19 classifications, at an average price of \$3.73 per hundredweight. Inshore craft, in 446 trips, landed about 3.8 million pounds, consisting of 17 classifications, bringing \$2.65 for an average.

From offshore vessels, haddock (6.3 million pounds at \$3.92 per hundredweight); haddock scrod (4.2 million pounds at \$3.36); market cod (2.2 million pounds at \$3.13); mackerel (2.0 million pounds at \$2.62); and large cod (1.7 million pounds at \$3.90) were the most abundant species during September. Pollock (703,000 pounds at \$2.47); rosefish (582,200 pounds at \$1.66 per hundredweight); and cusk (428,600 pounds at \$2.75) followed in that order.

The month's highest average price was again brought by swordfish, at \$21.48 per hundredweight; scallops, second, at \$16.74; and halibut was third with \$15.39.

Inshore craft landed 1.5 million pounds of whiting (at \$1.30 per hundredweight) in greatest quantity. Haddock (498,300 pounds at \$4.95); rosefish (262,700 pounds at \$1.73); yellowtails (398,900 pounds at \$1.66); and hake (242,000 pounds at \$3.74) followed.

Peak of vessel traffic into Boston occurred on Monday, September 16, when 55 vessels landed with 1.9 million pounds of fish; the highest average price was paid on Saturday, September 7, when only 125,500 pounds landed sold at \$4.59 per hundredweight.