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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER

Approximately 5,914,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during December at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 5,837,000 pounds of arrivals in November, and 4,356,000 pounds in December 1939. Receipts for the entire year of 1940 now amount to 59,433,000 pounds--a 23 percent increase over 1939 when the year's total receipts amounted to 48,419,000 pounds.

During December, 82 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 25 States, Alaska, and seven Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 3,003,000 pounds were fresh-water fish; 1,388,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 1,523,000 pounds were shellfish--including frog legs.

Domestic catch accounted for 4,377,000 pounds of the total December receipts; 1,536,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from Manitoba, which sent in 829,000 pounds. Next largest import--489,000 pounds--

came from British Columbia, mostly halibut; of this total, 395,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Most abundant fresh-water species received at the Chicago Market during December were lake herring (588,000 pounds); lake trout, (389,000 pounds); sauger (377,000 pounds); and yellow perch (289,000 pounds).

Predominant salt-water species were frozen halibut (593,000 pounds); frozen rosefish fillets (157,000 pounds); and frozen silver salmon (111,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish sent to this market included 794,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 248,000 pounds of shucked oysters; 163,000 pounds of spiny lobster tails; and 153,000 pounds of shell oysters.

Wisconsin (700,000 pounds); Louisiana (687,000 pounds); Massachusetts (583,000 pounds); and Illinois (393,000 pounds) were the leading States supplying the Chicago Market with fishery products.

A total of 2,567,000 pounds came into Chicago by freight; 2,500,000 pounds by truck; and the remainder, 846,000 pounds, by express.

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