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FISH AND SHELLFISH LANDINGS AT GULF PORTS DURING APRIL

During April, 8,071 barrels of shrimp were landed at the principal production points in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, according to figures supplied to the New Orleans Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, and released today in their monthly summary report.

Compared with the March total of 3,203 barrels, this represents an increase of 4,868 barrels. Of the April total, 117 barrels were reported used for canning purposes, while the remainder--7,954 barrels--was either frozen or used fresh.

Total shrimp production for the first four months of 1941 amounts to 50,239 barrels.

A total of 163,369 barrels of oysters was harvested during April. When compared with the March figure of 182,537 barrels, this represents a decrease of 19,168 barrels, or 11 percent. Of the April total, 149,469 barrels were utilized for canning and the remainder of 13,900 barrels was

sold fresh. For the first four months of 1941, production of oysters totals 669,488 barrels.

Oysters are listed in State barrels of the respective States, capacities of which are: Alabama and Mississippi, 8,478.6 cubic inches; Louisiana, 6,445.4 cubic inches; and Texas, 8,100.0 cubic inches. Shrimp, according to the summary, are listed with heads on in 210-lb. barrels, the equivalent of 125 pounds with heads off.

Additional fishery products landed include hard crabs (1,178,050 pounds); crab meat (119,830 pounds); soft crabs (4,072 dozen); other shellfish, mainly crayfish and turtle, 39,940 pounds.

Salt-water fish landings, mainly red snapper, mullet, and grouper, amounted to 365,520 pounds--an increase of 59,220 pounds when compared with the landings for March.

Fresh-water fish landings, mainly catfish and buffalofish, during April, totaled 129,950 pounds--an increase of 20,340 pounds over the March figure.

For the first four months of 1941, salt-water fish landings total 1,428,690 pounds, while fresh-water fish landings amount to 384,590 pounds.

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