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FISH AND SHELLFISH LANDINGS AT GULF PORTS DURING JUNE

During June, 23,658 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 May total of 25,424 barrels, this represents a decrease of 1,766 barrels. Of the June total, 975 barrels were utilized for canning while the remainder of 22,683 barrels was either frozen or used fresh.

Total production of shrimp for the first six months of 1941 now amounts to 98,921 barrels.

A total of 1,407 barrels of oysters was harvested during June and sold fresh. For the first six months of 1941, production of oysters totals 703,981 barrels.

Additional fishery products include hard crabs (2,328,720 pounds); crab meat (219,000 pounds); soft crabs (3,168 dozen); other shellfish, mainly frogs, 11,620 pounds.

Salt-water fish landings, mainly red snapper and grouper in June, amounted to 413,060 pounds—a decrease of 79,950 pounds compared with the May figure of 493,010 pounds.

Fresh-water fish landings, mainly catfish and buffalofish, totaled 79,230 pounds—a decrease of 19,210 pounds when compared with the May landings of 98,440 pounds.

For the first six months of 1941, salt-water fish landings total 2,334,710 pounds, while fresh-water fish landings amount to 562,260 pounds.

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