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All previous annual sales records were broken when the 1941 season's output of 746,457 pounds of fur-seal meal from the byproducts plant on St. Paul Island (Alaska) brought \$23,864.74, according to figures released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

As none of this meal was required by the Division of Fish Culture for fish food at the hatcheries, it was all offered for sale and bids thereon were opened at the Seattle (Wash.) office of the Service on September 25. Under the highest bid, 350,238 pounds were sold for \$11,482.89 to Carstens Packing Co., of Tacoma, Wash., the prices being \$67 for 25 tons, \$66 for 50 tons, and \$65 for 100 tons. The remainder of the output, amounting to 396,219 pounds, was sold to James Farrell & Co., Seattle, at \$62.50 a ton, or a gross sum of \$12,381.85.

In 1940 the bulk of the output was sold at \$36.25 per ton, the total sales amounting to 569,536 pounds at a gross sum of \$10,495.56.

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