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FISH AND SHELLFISH LANDINGS AT GULF PORTS DURING JULY

During July, 6,750 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.

Compared with the June total of 23,658 barrels, this represents a decrease of 16,908 barrels. The entire production for July was either frozen or used fresh, none of it being utilized for canning.

Total production of shrimp for the first seven months of 1941 amounts to 105,671 barrels.

A total of 1,134 barrels of oysters was harvested during July and sold fresh. For the first seven months of 1941, production of oysters totals 705,115 barrels.

Additional fishery products include hard crabs (1,928,980 pounds); crab meat (181,625 pounds); soft crabs (2,496 dozen); other shellfish, mainly frogs and fresh-cooked crab meat, 26,360 pounds.

Salt-water fish landings, mainly red snapper, mullet, grouper, spotted sea trout, and red drum in July, amounted to 362,655 pounds--a decrease of 50,405 pounds compared with the June figure of 413,060 pounds.

Fresh-water fish landings, mainly catfish and buffalofish, totaled 59,790 pounds—a decrease of 19,440 pounds when compared with the June landings of 79,230 pounds.

For the first seven months of 1941, salt-water fish landings total 2,697,354 pounds, while fresh-water fish landings amount to 622,050 pounds.