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JANUARY SHIPMENTS OF FLORIDA FISHERY PRODUCTS

Truck shipments of 4,332,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products from areas east of Cedar Keys, spread among 42 classifications, were reported during January, according to summaries released today by the Jacksonville Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 3,168,000 pounds, produced or loaded in Florida, and shipped by truck, for a similar period last year.

Of the January 1942 total, 1,772,000 pounds originated on the West Coast of the State and consisted principally of fresh mullet (1,499,000 pounds). Of the total fresh mullet truck shipments (1,584,000 pounds), the bulk was destined for Georgia (1,138,000), North Carolina (105,000 pounds), Virginia (39,000 pounds), South Carolina (84,000 pounds), and home consumption (50,000 pounds).

Spanish mackerel, with shipments of 644,000 pounds, most of it destined for New York (290,000 pounds) and Virginia (108,000 pounds) ranked second in output.

Fresh shrimp, with East Coast shipments of 600,000 pounds (almost all destined for the New York market), ranked third.

Of the total truck shipments, 1,724,000 pounds (of which 1,592,000 were salt-water fish and 57,000 shellfish) went to Georgia; 1,352,000 pounds (800,000 of which were salt-water fish and 540,000 were shellfish) to New York; 305,000 pounds were shipped to Virginia; 294,000 pounds went to North Carolina; and 227,000 pounds to South Carolina.

Other items in the summaries show that 18 carloads of fresh fish were shipped by freight during January from Florida to Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, Illinois, Virginia, New York, and New Jersey, and 2 carloads of frozen fish (East Coast origin) went to Indiana and Missouri.

Express shipments (of less than carload lots) included a total 7,551 packages (barrels, boxes, kegs, cartons, and tubs), spread among 12 classifications of fresh and frozen fish and shellfish. The bulk of this item—6,293 barrels and boxes of fresh fish—was destined for western, central, and eastern States of the country.

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