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FISH AND SHELLFISH LANDINGS AT GULF PORTS DURING JULY

During July, 11,008 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 22,020 barrels, this represents a decrease of 11,012 barrels. Almost the entire production for July was either frozen or used fresh, only 647 barrels of it being utilized for canning.

Total production of shrimp for the first seven months of 1942 amounts to 111,405 barrels.

A total of 2,913 barrels of oysters was harvested during July and sold fresh. For the first seven months of 1942, production of oysters totals 701,637 barrels.

Additional fishery products include hard crabs (2,694,226 pounds); fresh-cooked crab meat (255,854 pounds); soft crabs (3,637 dozen); other shellfish, mainly processed crab meat, 39,320 pounds.

Salt-water fish landings, mainly red snapper, mullet, and spotted sea trout in July, amounted to 518,440 pounds—an increase of 84,490 pounds over the June figure.

Fresh-water fish landings, mainly catfish, totaled 49,430 pounds—an increase of 13,240 pounds when compared with the June landings.

For the first seven months of 1942, salt-water fish landings totaled 3,345,140 pounds, while fresh-water fish landings amounted to 312,945 pounds.

The summary indicates a 50 percent decline in fresh-water fish but appreciable rises in three of the classifications reported, for the first seven months of the current year compared with the same period in 1941.

<u>Classification</u>		<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Shrimp	Bbls.	111,405	105,671	+ 5
Oysters	"	701,637	705,115	0
Hard crabs	Lbs.	8,445,272	9,003,020	- 6
Soft crabs	Doz.	21,816	15,285	+43
Crab meat	Lbs.	841,799	837,445	+ 1
Other shellfish	"	220,900	136,370	+62
Salt-water fish	"	3,345,140	2,697,365	+24
Fresh-water fish	"	312,945	622,050	-50