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PACKAGED FISH FOR 1941

Production of fresh and frozen packaged fish at primary plants in this country during 1941 amounted to 176,539,000 pounds, valued at \$22,700,000, according to Current Fishery Statistics No. 35, released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This production (from 16 States reporting) represents an increase of 39 percent in volume, and an increase of 65 percent in value over that of the previous year.

Most important among the 31 species listed as packaged during 1941 were (1) haddock, 46.9 million pounds, worth \$6.8 million; (2) rosefish, 41.8 million pounds, worth \$4.8 million; and (3) whiting, with 24.0 million pounds, valued at \$1.5 million. Both flounders and cod, at 19.1 and 16.9 million pounds, respectively, were runners-up in volume. Others with over a million pounds volume were: pollock, 14.0 million; sauger, 2.9 million; cusk, at 1.7 million; hake, 1.5 million; blue pike, 1.3 million; and mackerel, 1.2 million.

Of the total volume of the output of packaged fish produced during the year, frozen fillets (mainly rosefish, haddock, pollock, and cod) contributed 57 percent (101.4 million pounds, valued at \$12.4 million); fresh fillets, 30 percent (53.8 million pounds, valued at \$8.7 million).

The total production of fresh packaged-fish amounted to 56,035,000 pounds, valued at \$9,027,000; and frozen packaged-fish, 120,504,000 pounds, valued at \$13,674,000.

Massachusetts (146.2 million pounds, worth \$17.5 million); New York (8.9 million pounds, worth \$1.5 million); and Maine (6.4 million pounds, valued at about \$622,000) in that order, were the heaviest producing States. Washington and Oregon, combined, produced 5.4 million pounds, worth \$792,000.

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LANDINGS AT CERTAIN NEW
ENGLAND PORTS, JULY 1942

In 1,292 trips to the fishing banks, 234 vessels of 5 net tons capacity or over, landed 42,598,000 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$2,033,000, at the three ports of Boston and Gloucester, Mass.; and Portland, Maine, during July 1942.

Landings during the corresponding month in 1941 amounted to 43,298,000, valued at \$1,345,000, according to figures released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior. This compares with cumulative landings and values for the first seven months of each year of 201,533,000 pounds worth \$9,300,000; and 267,608,000 pounds worth \$8,171,000.

Landings at Boston for July of this year, amounted to 16,996,000 pounds, valued at \$1,117,000; those at Gloucester, 22,501,000 pounds, valued at \$820,000; and those at Portland, 3,101,000 pounds, valued at \$95,000. Landings during July of certain miscellaneous fishery products not included in the above table consisted of 191,000 pounds of livers valued at \$12,000; and about 4,000 pounds of spawn, worth \$118.

Top items among the 3 ports were--all fresh: rosefish (15,859,000 pounds, worth \$511,000), whiting (7,274,000 pounds, worth \$297,000); with haddock (large and scrod, at about 5.0 and 4.9 million pounds each), and mackerel (4.7 million pounds), following.

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