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LANDINGS AT BOSTON FISH PIER IN SEPTEMBER

An average price of \$7.49 per hundred pounds was paid for the 14,399,000 pounds of fish and shellfish—spread among 20 classifications—landed during September at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange.

These figures show a decrease in volume of 2,380,000 pounds, but an increase in average price of \$0.62 per hundredweight, compared with the previous month, according to the September summary released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

When compared with the total catch for the corresponding period in 1941, the figures for September 1942 indicate a decrease of 13,148,000 pounds in volume. The average price, however, of \$7.49 per hundredweight, was \$3.45 higher than for September of last year.

The September 1942 catch, which was the result of 285 trips to inshore and offshore banks, was worth about \$1,078,000 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1941 the catch—landed in 625 trips—was worth \$35,000 more, however, or about \$1,113,000.

In 168 trips, offshore vessels brought in 12,048 pounds of the total, in 19 classifications, at an average price of \$7.79 per hundredweight. Inshore craft, in 117 trips, landed about 2,350,000 pounds, consisting of 16 classifications, bringing \$5.90 for an average.

From offshore vessels, dressed and round scrod haddock (4,894,000 pounds at an \$6.88 per hundredweight average), drawn haddock (3,870,000 pounds, at an \$8.06 per hundredweight average), drawn market cod (1,021,000 pounds, at an \$7.03 per hundredweight average), and round mackerel (906,000 pounds, at an \$7.59 per hundredweight average), were the most abundant species during September.

For inshore craft, the leader was dressed, round, and steak whiting, with 1,608,000 pounds, for an average of \$5.56 per hundredweight. Rosefish (round), drawn haddock, and drawn market cod followed.

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Dressed swordfish brought the month's highest average price—from offshore landings— at \$36.95; shucked sea scallops—offshore—at \$35.68, was second; and drawn halibut—offshore—third, at \$19.06.

Peak of arrivals and landings in Boston occurred on Wednesday, September 16, when 31 vessels landed 1,319,000 pounds of fish, bringing an average price of \$7.47 per hundredweight.