



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## INFORMATION SERVICE

### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Holdings of frozen fish and shellfish in freezers and cold storage establishments throughout the nation totaled approximately 85 million pounds on June 1, an increase of 10 million pounds since the first of May, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service reported today.

Officials of the Service pointed out that an upward trend in holdings of frozen fishery products normally sets in during the month of May. Present holdings, however, are 32 million pounds above the average for this season of the year, and are more than double the inventories of June 1, 1945.

Compared with last year, especially large increases were recorded in holdings of frozen fillets of groundfish such as cod and haddock. Holdings of cod fillets increased from 1.8 million pounds on June 1, 1945 to 7.0 million this year; haddock fillets from 0.9 million last year to 2.3 million pounds; flounder fillets from 0.4 million to 1.8 million pounds; and rosefish fillets from 1.8 million to 2.9 million pounds.

Holdings of frozen halibut now total 10 million pounds, compared with 6.7 million pounds last year.

The June 1 inventory included 65.7 million pounds of salt water fish, 7.8 million pounds of fresh water species, and 11.5 million pounds of shellfish.

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