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### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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#### HOLDINGS OF FROZEN FISH DECLINE

Reversing the upward trend usual at this season, holdings of frozen fish and shellfish declined five million pounds during September to reach a total of 147,415,555 pounds on October 1, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior reported today.

Last year, during the same period, holdings increased 18 million pounds, according to the Service.

Another indication of the heavy consumption of fish was the small quantity frozen, 27,084,400 pounds, compared with 37,940,331 in August. In September, 1945, some 33,256,812 pounds were frozen.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials said that the decline in frozen fish inventories had been very generally distributed throughout the country, and among the various kinds of fish in storage.

Holdings on October 1 consisted of 125,011,686 pounds of salt water fish, 8,774,057 pounds of lake and river fish and 13,629,812 pounds of shellfish.

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