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PACKERS VALUE CANNED FISHERY PRODUCTS IN 1952 AT \$306 MILLION

More than 815 million pounds of canned fishery products valued at \$306 million to the packers were produced in the United States, Alaska, and Hawaii in 1952, according to a Fish and Wildlife Service report released today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

In addition, fishery byproducts, valued at \$68 million, were processed.

Compared with 1951, the 1952 production of canned products was slightly larger both in quantity and value. These increases resulted principally from larger packs of tuna and Maine sardines.

Tuna worth \$113 million, headed the list as the most valuable canned item, followed by canned salmon at \$98 million, and sardines at \$22 million.

The value of byproducts in 1952 was about 2 percent less than in the previous year. Fish meal, which is used largely in poultry feed, was the most valuable byproduct, worth \$27 million.

California and Alaska accounted for about 57 percent of the total value of canned fishery products and byproducts in 1952. Canned products were packed in 445 plants in 25 States, Alaska and Hawaii. Byproducts were processed in 255 plants in 25 States and Alaska.

Since 1921 the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries has gathered annual statistics on the domestic production of canned fishery products and byproducts. The data collected and published in the annual summary report include statistics on the production and value of each canned commodity by can sizes and trade classifications. The value shown for the product constitutes the gross amount received by the producer at the production point with no deductions being made for commission or expenses.

Copies of this 19-page annual summary report, Canned Fish and Byproducts--1952 (C.F.S. No. 882), may be obtained from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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