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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF MAY 15, 1941

Cold storage holdings of frozen domestic and imported fishery products in the United States amounted to 41,435,000 pounds on May 15, 1941, according to summaries released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1426 by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, based on statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

When compared with the (revised) total of 35,757,000 pounds in cold storage on April 15, 1941, this represents an increase of 5,678,000 pounds, or 16 percent. It also indicates an increase of 7,679,000 pounds over the May 15, 1940, figure of 33,756,000 pounds; and of 23 percent over the five-year average of 37,976,000 pounds at this date.

The quantity of fish frozen during the month ended May 15, 1941, amounted to 18,502,000 pounds, which is 6,730,000 pounds, or 57 percent, more than the production during the same period a year ago, and 3,955,000 pounds, or 27 percent, above the five-year average of 14,547,000 pounds.

Heaviest holdings by species show halibut in the lead with 4.5 million pounds, followed by haddock fillets (3.2 million pounds); rosefish fillets

(2.6 million pounds); bait and animal food (2.3 million pounds); and smelts (including lake smelt) with 2 million pounds. Among frozen shellfish, shrimp (1.4 million pounds) predominated, followed by scallops, with 462,000 pounds. Spiny lobster tails (232,000 pounds) were in third place.

Greatest holdings by sections show New England leading with 9.9 million pounds; the Middle Atlantic section (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) with 8.7 million pounds, in second place; followed by the Pacific area (8.6 million pounds); and the North Central East region (7.8 million pounds).

Other items in the bulletin give 19.8 million pounds of cured herring, and 1.6 million pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of May 15, 1941.

Included also is a note stating that the Dominion of Canada report shows that the following species and amounts of fresh frozen fish were on hand as of May 1, 1941: halibut--2,046,019 pounds; mackerel--221,899 pounds; salmon--1,954,874 pounds; sea herring--3,509,317 pounds; whitefish--701,211 pounds; cod fillets--3,408,681 pounds; all other varieties--5,818,592 pounds.

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