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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS IN APRIL

About 4,907,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during April at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the arrivals in March--amounting to 6,241,000 pounds--this represents a decrease of 1,334,000 pounds. Receipts for April of this year exceed those of April 1940 by only 111,000 pounds. Receipts for the first four months of 1941 now amount to 22,512,000 pounds--an increase of 3,371,000 pounds, or 18 percent, over the total of 19,141,000 pounds for the same four months in 1940.

During April 1941, 78 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 25 States and 6 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 3,411,000 pounds were fresh-water fish; 1,198,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 298,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 4,014,000 pounds of the total April receipts; 893,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United

States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from British Columbia, which sent in 533,000 pounds, mostly halibut; of this total 347,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Fresh-water species received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during April were smelt (652,000 pounds); lake trout (647,000 pounds); yellow perch (324,000 pounds); lake herring (277,000 pounds); yellow pike (241,000 pounds); buffalofish (239,000 pounds); carp (222,000 pounds); and whitefish (214,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species were frozen rosefish fillets (305,000 pounds), and halibut, with 302,000 pounds.

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 121,000 pounds of shrimp; 47,000 pounds of shell oysters; 34,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails; 30,000 pounds of lobsters; 25,000 pounds of hard clams; and 19,000 pounds of shucked oysters.

Wisconsin (1,143,000 pounds); Michigan (886,000 pounds); Massachusetts (511,000 pounds); Ohio (329,000 pounds); Illinois (273,000 pounds); Iowa (240,000 pounds); and Minnesota (204,000 pounds), were the leading States sending in fishery products to the Chicago Market.

A total of 2,486,000 pounds of fish and shellfish were delivered to Chicago by truck; 1,703,000 pounds by express; and the remainder of 718,000 pounds by freight.

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