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LANDINGS AT BOSTON FISH PIER IN APRIL

An average price of \$2.98 per hundred pounds was paid for the 28,650,000 pounds of fish--spread among 18 classifications--landed during April at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange.

These figures show an increase in volume of 2,128,000 pounds but a decrease in value of 84 cents per hundred weight, compared with the previous month, according to the April summary report released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

When compared with the total catch for the corresponding period in 1940, the figures for April 1941 indicate an increase of 15,324,000 pounds in volume. The average price for April 1940, however, of \$4.32 per hundred pounds is \$1.34 higher than for April of this year.

The April 1941 catch, which was the result of 537 trips to inshore and off-shore banks, was worth about \$854,000 to the fishermen, while during the same period in 1940 the catch--landed in 555 trips--was worth \$278,000 less, however, or about \$576,000.

In 227 trips, offshore vessels brought in 26.4 million pounds of the total, spread among 17 classifications, at an average price of \$2.98 per hundred weight. Inshore craft, in 310 trips, landed about 2.2 million pounds, consisting of 18 classifications, also bringing \$2.98 for an average.

From offshore vessels, haddock (9.2 million pounds at an average price of \$3.33 per hundred weight); large cod (4.7 million pounds at \$2.33); market cod (4.5 million pounds at \$2.35); haddock scrod (4.3 million pounds at \$2.94); pollock (1.4 million pounds at \$2.19); and rosefish (1.2 million pounds at \$2.07), were the most abundant species during April.

Sea scallops brought the month's highest average—from offshore landings—at \$17.71, with halibut second at \$12.55, and lemon sole third at \$7.69.

Inshore craft landed 1.2 million pounds of rosefish (at \$2.18) in greatest quantity. Gray sole (195,000 pounds, at \$4.67); market cod (193,000 pounds, at \$3.41); large cod (173,000 pounds, at \$3.60); and haddock (155,000 pounds, at \$4.75), followed in that order.

As in offshore landings, sea scallops brought the month's highest average at \$24.83 per hundred pounds, for 304 pounds, landed by inshore vessels. Halibut was second, at \$20.95, for 5,000 pounds.

Peak of landings in Boston occurred on Monday, April 14, when 22 vessels landed with 2,341,000 pounds, bringing an average price of \$2.68 per hundred pounds.

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