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During the 1940-1941 season, 117 carloads of fishery products were shipped from Florida, the Jacksonville (Fla.) Market News Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, reported.

These consisted of fresh fish--88 carloads; frozen fish--27 carloads; frozen shrimp and frozen lobster tails--each, 1 carload. Fifty carloads were shipped from the West Coast and 66 from the East Coast. Carload shipments numbered less than one-half the previous season's total when 236 carloads were reported of which 198 contained fresh fish, 35 frozen fish, 1 frozen shrimp, and 2 frozen fish and shrimp mixed. From the East Coast 106 more carloads of fresh fish were shipped during the 1939-1940 season than in 1940-1941.

Express shipments amounted to 67,633 packages consisting of 54,933 barrels, 11,523 boxes, and the remainder kegs, tubs, and cartons. (Generally, a fish barrel contains 200 pounds of fish, and a fish box 100 pounds.)

Truck shipments amounted to 18,514,166 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products for the period November 1940 to June 1941, or a monthly average of approximately 2,300,000 pounds, as compared with approximately 2,500,000 pounds during the same period last season. Truck shipments of salt-water fish were 2,400,000

pounds less than the previous season. Shellfish shipments were 200,000 pounds greater, due mainly to the greater amount of shrimp shipped.

Although complete information on production is not available for all localities, the production of fish, in general, was less than during the previous season. Particularly was this true of bluefish, Spanish mackerel, and kingfish (king mackerel).

The data summarized in the newly released report are compiled from the shipments of fishery products recorded in the daily report regularly issued by the Jacksonville Fishery Market News office, and consist of carload (freight), LCL (express), and truck shipments. All were reported as produced or loaded in Florida. Carload movements cover all shipments from the East Coast, Peninsula, and West Coast of Florida as far as Cedar Keys. LCL (express) movements include shipments from the East Coast, Peninsula, and most of West Coast of Florida to as far as Tarpon Springs. Truck movements cover shipments produced or loaded in Florida passing the Citrus Inspection Bureau Road Guard Stations of the State Department of Agriculture. Truck shipments loaded in areas west of Cedar Keys are incomplete as only a small part of these shipments passes the Road Guard Stations.

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