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SEPTEMBER WHOLESALE FISH
MARKET RECEIPTS IN CHICAGO

About 5,371,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during September 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 August--amounting to 4,336,000 pounds--this represents an increase of 985,000 pounds. An increase also is shown of 484,000 pounds over the September 1940 figure of 4,857,000 pounds.

Receipts for the first nine months of 1941 amount to 46,914,000 pounds--an increase of 5,224,000 pounds, or 13 percent, over the total of 41,690,000 pounds for the same nine months in 1940.

During September 1941, 81 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 24 States, Alaska, and 6 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,366,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 2,073,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 931,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,705,000 pounds of the total September receipts; 1,666,000 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 840,000 pounds, mostly halibut; of this total 663,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Fresh-water species received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during September were lake trout, fresh and frozen (562,000 pounds); sauger (310,000 pounds); yellow perch (262,000 pounds); whitefish (260,000 pounds); and yellow pike (201,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were fresh and frozen halibut (859,000 pounds) and frozen rosefish fillets (477,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 718,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 47,000 pounds of shell and 35,000 pounds of shucked oysters; 46,000 pounds of hard clams; 31,000 pounds of lobsters; 19,000 pounds of sea scallops; and 11,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails.

Massachusetts (934,000 pounds); Wisconsin (577,000 pounds); Texas (418,000 pounds); Michigan (372,000 pounds); and Louisiana with 276,000 pounds, were the leading States sending fishery products to the Chicago Market.

A total of 1,944,000 pounds of fish and shellfish was delivered to Chicago by truck during September; 1,828,000 pounds by express; and the remainder of 1,599,000 pounds by freight.

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