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FEBRUARY WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS IN CHICAGO

About 5,476,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during February 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 January 1942--amounting to 5,781,000 pounds--this represents a decrease of 305,000 pounds. A decrease of 400,000 pounds is also shown compared with February 1941 figure of 5,876,000 pounds.

During February 1942, 79 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh and salt-water--from 23 states, 7 provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,963,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 1,918,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 595,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,141,000 of the total February receipts; 2,336,000 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 Manitoba, which sent in 1,030,000 pounds, mostly sauger.

Fresh-water species--fresh and frozen--received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during February were sauger (640,000 pounds); whitefish (346,000 pounds); lake trout (370,000 pounds); carp (251,000 pounds); and buffalofish (204,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were frozen halibut (989,000 pounds) and frozen rosefish fillets (207,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 300,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 97,000 pounds of shell and 68,000 pounds of shucked oysters, 74,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails; and 23,000 pounds of lobster meat.

Wisconsin (624,000 pounds); Massachusetts (587,000 pounds); Michigan (439,000 pounds); Minnesota (320,000 pounds); Washington (255,000 pounds); Texas (224,000 pounds), and New York, with 198,000 pounds, were the leading states sending fishery products to the Chicago Market. Alaska contributed no fish to the summary.

A total of 3,002,000 pounds of fish and shellfish was delivered to Chicago by freight during February; 1,787,000 pounds by truck; and the remainder, 688,000 pounds, by express.