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LANDINGS AT BOSTON FISH PIER IN MARCH

An average price of \$5.84 per hundred pounds was paid for the 23,622,000 pounds of fish—spread among 16 classifications--landed during March at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange.

These figures show an increase in volume of 16,184,000 pounds, but a decrease of \$1.81 per hundredweight, compared to the previous month (both factors due, of course, to the tie-up of vessels during February), according to the March 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 1941, the figures for March indicate a decrease of 2,901,000 pounds in volume. The average price for March 1941, however, of \$3.82 per hundredweight, was \$2.02 lower than for March of this year.

The March 1942 catch, which was the result of 419 trips to inshore and offshore banks, was worth about \$1,380,000 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1941, the catch--landed in 500 trips--was worth \$367,000 less, however, or about \$1,013,169.

In 219 trips, offshore vessels brought in 21,481,000 pounds of the total, spread among 15 classifications, at an average price of \$5.94 per hundredweight. Inshore craft, in 200 trips, landed about 2,141,000 pounds, consisting also of 15 classifications, bringing \$4.84 for an average.

From offshore vessels, drawn haddock (7,384,000 pounds at a \$6.69 per hundredweight average), large cod (6,026,000 pounds at a \$4.79 per hundredweight average), scrod haddock (4,301,000 pounds, at a \$6.39 per hundredweight average), and drawn market cod (1,640,000 pounds, at a \$5.50 per hundredweight average), were the most abundant species during March.

For inshore craft, the biggest leader by far was rosefish, with 1,068,000 pounds, for an average of \$3.20 per hundredweight. Drawn haddock, drawn market cod, and scrod haddock, followed.

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Sea scallops brought the month's highest average--from offshore landings--at \$35.92; with drawn halibut second, at \$20.77; and lemon sole, third, at \$13.94. For inshore vessels in that order, came drawn halibut, at \$28.50; blackbacks, at \$8.18; and drawn haddock, at \$7.22.

Peak of fares in Boston occurred on Monday, March 30, when 34 vessels landed with 1,630,000 pounds of fish, bringing an average price of \$5.79 per hundredweight; peak of landings was on Monday, March 23, when 21 vessels brought in 1,828,000 pounds for an average of \$5.29 per hundredweight.

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MANUFACTURED FISHERY
PRODUCTS DECREASED
2 PERCENT IN 1940

Fishery products, valued at \$171,719,000 were manufactured during 1940 in the United States and Alaska.

These consisted of 236,699,000 pounds of fresh and frozen packaged products, valued at \$32,748,000; 97,326,000 pounds of cured products, valued at \$14,235,000; 708,930,000 pounds of canned products, valued at \$94,182,000; and \$30,554,000 worth of byproducts, according to information released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, in Current Fishery Statistics No. 30.

Compared with the revised figure for the previous year, the 1940 total represents a decrease of 3,969,000, or 2 percent.

Some of the products listed in the report have been manufactured from raw products imported from another country; therefore, they cannot be correlated directly with the catch within the United States and Alaska. The imported percentage, however, is very small compared to the domestic totals.

Leading products in volume were salmon, 269,040,000 pounds; sardines, 169,346,000 pounds; and tuna, 100,523,000 pounds. Most valuable items were the 2,925,000 cases of pink salmon, worth \$15,709,000; the 2,092,000 cases of yellowfin tuna, worth \$11,792,000; and the 1,056,000 cases of blueback, red, or sockeye salmon, worth \$10,789,000.

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APRIL WHOLESAL FISH
MARKET RECEIPTS IN CHICAGO

About 4,995,000 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 1942--amounting to 6,119,000 pounds--this represents a decrease of 1,124,000 pounds, or 18 percent. A slight increase of 88,000 pounds is shown compared with the April 1941 figure of about 4,907,000 pounds.

During April 1942, 74 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, 3,304,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 1,104,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 587,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 4,466,000 of the total April receipts; 529,000 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 Nova Scotia, which sent in 144,000 pounds, mostly sea herring (sardines).

Fresh-water species--fresh and frozen--received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during April were lake trout (fresh only) (688,000 pounds); smelt (596,000 pounds); and (fresh only) lake herring (313,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish was frozen rosefish fillets (482,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 429,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 45,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails; and 44,000 pounds of shell oysters.

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