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LANDINGS AT BOSTON FISH PIER IN APRIL

An average price of \$4.85 per hundred pounds was paid for the 27,396,000 pounds of fish and shellfish—spread among 19 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 3,775,000 pounds, but a decrease in average price of \$0.99 per hundredweight, 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 1941, the figures for April indicate a decrease of 1,254,000 pounds in volume. The average price for April 1941, however, of \$2.98 per hundredweight, was \$1.87 lower than for April of this year.

The April 1942 catch, which was the result of 355 trips to inshore and offshore banks, was worth about \$1,328,000 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1941, the catch—landed in 537 trips—was worth \$474,000 less, however, or about \$854,000.

In 219 trips, offshore vessels brought in 26,174,000 pounds of the total, spread among 19 classifications, at an average price of \$4.89 per hundredweight. Inshore craft, in 136 trips, landed about 1,223,000 pounds, consisting of 16 classifications, bringing \$3.97 for an average.

From offshore vessels, drawn haddock (8,988,000 pounds at a \$5.24 per hundredweight average), drawn and round scrod haddock (6,396,000 pounds, at a \$4.66 per hundredweight average), drawn large cod (4,281,000 pounds, at a \$4.83 per hundredweight average), and drawn market cod (3,404,000 pounds, at a \$4.42 per hundredweight average), were the most abundant species during April.

For inshore craft, the biggest leader by far was round rosefish, with 532,000 pounds, for an average of \$2.46 per hundredweight. Drawn haddock, drawn large cod, and round gray sole, followed.

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Drawn halibut brought the month's highest average—~~from inshore landings~~—at \$37.03; with sea scallops—~~offshore~~—second, at \$28.81; and drawn halibut—~~off-shore~~—third, at \$18.88.

Peak of arrivals in Boston occurred on Monday, April 27, when 38 vessels landed 2,086,000 pounds of fish, bringing an average price of \$4.10 per hundredweight; peak of landings was on Monday, April 20, when 27 vessels brought in 2,688,000 pounds for an average of \$4.33 per hundredweight.