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MANUFACTURED FISHERY PRODUCTS OF THE U. S. AND ALASKA, 1940

Based on surveys for 1940 in all sections of the United States and Alaska except the Mississippi River area, and for 1931 in that region, the total production of manufactured products was valued at \$171,719,000 as compared with \$175,687,000 in 1939, according to Current Fishery Statistics No. 30, released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

The production of canned fishery products in the United States and Alaska during 1940 amounted to 708,930,000 pounds, valued at \$94,182,000; the output of by-products was valued at \$30,554,000; the production of frozen fishery products, excluding packaged products, amounted to 99,907,000 pounds, estimated to be valued at \$7,400,000; and the yield of fresh and frozen packaged fish and shellfish amounted to 236,699,000 pounds, valued at \$32,748,000.

Based on surveys for 1940 in all sections except the Mississippi River area, and for 1931 in that area, the production of cured fishery products amounted to 97,326,000 pounds, valued at \$14,234,000. It is estimated that about 690,000,000 pounds of fresh fishery products (excluding packaged fish and shellfish), valued at \$59,000,000, were marketed during 1940. The total marketed value to domestic primary handlers of all fishery products in 1940 is estimated at \$238,000,000.

A comparison of the value of manufactured fishery products in 1940 as compared with the previous year shows that the value of the pack of canned fishery products in all sections decreased 3 percent as compared with 1939. Byproducts decreased 10 percent, while the value of packaged fish and shellfish increased 6 percent and the value of the cured products increased less than 1 percent.

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS AS OF MAY 15, 1942

Cold-storage holdings of fishery products in domestic public freezers on May 15, 1942, amounted to 54,255,000 pounds, according to Current Fishery Statistics

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No. 31, containing data collected by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, and published by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

As compared with the holdings of 41,878,000 pounds on May 15, 1941, and the 5-year average of 39,501,000 pounds, the May 15, 1942, stocks were 30 percent and 37 percent greater respectively.

The quantity of fish and shellfish frozen during the month ended May 15, 1942, amounted to 21,496,000 pounds, which was 14 percent above the amount frozen during the same period in 1941, and 44 percent greater than the 5-year average of 14,904,000 pounds.

Inventories of cured herring in cold-storage on May 15, 1942, totaled 13,766,000 pounds, as compared with 19,798,000 pounds on the corresponding date of the previous year. Stocks of mild-cured salmon amounted to 3,267,000 pounds, as compared with 1,617,000 pounds a year ago. Smoked fish in cold-storage amounted to 964,000 pounds.

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