



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## INFORMATION SERVICE

### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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#### LANDINGS AT CERTAIN NEW ENGLAND PORTS, APRIL, 1942

Landings by fishing vessels at the ports of Boston and Gloucester, Massachusetts, and Portland, Maine, during April totaled 39,924,586 pounds, valued at \$1,695,084, according to figures released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior. This is an increase of 8 percent in volume, but a decrease of 8 percent in value, as compared with the previous month. In 875 trips, the 234 vessels of 5 net tons or over which operated during the month were absent from port 3,990 days. Of the total fares, 26,375,443 pounds, valued at \$1,276,499 were landed at Boston; 11,298,240 pounds, valued at \$336,140 at Gloucester; and 2,250,903 pounds, valued at \$82,445 at Portland.

Although the April receipts of rosefish decreased over 2,000,000 pounds as compared with March, landings of haddock increased 3,420,000 pounds, and gains were also noted in the deliveries of cod, pollock, wolffish, and scallops. As a result of reduced landings in each of the first four months of 1942, except March, the receipts during this four-month period show a decline of 39 percent as compared with the corresponding period in 1941.

The over-all weighted average price per pound for the April landings averaged 4.25 cents as compared with 4.97 cents during March, while that for the four months of 1942 was 4.60 cents as compared to 3.39 for the same period last year.

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#### CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR JUNE

About 5,876,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during June 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 last month's arrivals (revised) of 4,793,000 pounds, this represents an increase of 1,083,000 pounds, or 23 percent. An increase of 969,000 pounds is also shown compared with the June 1941 figure of only 4,907,000 pounds.

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During June 1942, 82 classifications of seafood—fish and shellfish, fresh and salt-water—from 24 states and 7 provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,763,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 2,175,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 938,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 4,271,000 of the total June receipts; 1,605,000 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—in bond, which sent in 826,000 pounds, mostly fresh and frozen halibut.

Fresh-water species—fresh and frozen—received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during June were lake trout (576,000 pounds); whitefish (348,000 pounds, all fresh); and sheephead (291,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were fresh and frozen halibut (955,000 pounds) and frozen rosefish fillets (440,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 767,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp, and 30,000 pounds of lobsters.

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