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LANDINGS AT BOSTON FISH PIER IN JULY

An average price of \$6.58 per hundred pounds was paid for the 17,055,000 pounds of fish and shellfish—spread among 20 classifications—landed during July at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange.

These figures show a decrease in volume of 3,131,000 pounds, but an increase in average price of \$0.30 per hundredweight, compared with the previous month, according to the July 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 July indicate a decrease of 10,654,000 pounds in volume. The average price for July 1941, however, of \$3.79 per hundredweight, was \$2.79 lower than for July of this year.

The July 1942 catch, which was the result of 383 trips to inshore and off-shore banks, was worth about \$1,122,000 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1941 the catch—landed in 650 trips—was worth \$72,000 less, however, or about \$1,050,000.

In 225 trips, offshore vessels brought in 14,156,000 pounds of the total, spread among 20 classifications, at an average price of \$6.87 per hundredweight. Inshore craft, in 158 trips, landed about 2,899,000 pounds, consisting of 18 classifications, bringing \$5.15 for an average.

From offshore vessels, dressed and round scrod haddock (4,627,000 pounds at a \$6.62 per hundredweight average), drawn haddock (4,479,000 pounds, at a \$7.51 per hundredweight average), round mackerel (2,284,000 pounds, at a \$5.21 per hundredweight average), and drawn market cod (1,112,000 pounds, at a \$6.34 per hundredweight average), were the most abundant species during July.

For inshore craft, the biggest leader was dressed, round, and steak whiting, with 2,111,000 pounds, for an average of \$4.86 per hundredweight. Round yellow-tails, drawn haddock, dressed and round scrod haddock, and drawn market cod, followed.

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Dressed swordfish brought the month's highest average—from offshore landings—at \$35.06; shucked sea scallops—offshore—at \$32.70, was second; and drawn halibut—inshore—third, at \$30.00.

Peak of arrivals in Boston occurred on Tuesday, July 28, when 25 vessels landed 809,000 pounds of fish, bringing an average price of \$7.11 per hundredweight; peak of landings was on Wednesday, July 1, when 18 vessels brought in 1,211,000 pounds for an average of \$5.92 per hundredweight.

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