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FISH AND SHELLFISH LANDINGS AT GULF PORTS DURING AUGUST

During August, about 36,000 barrels of shrimp were landed at the principal production points in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, according to figures supplied to the New Orleans Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, and released today in their monthly summary.

Compared with the July total of 11,000 barrels, this represents an increase of 230 percent. Almost 12,000 barrels of the entire production for August was either frozen or used fresh, with the remainder being utilized for canning.

Total production of shrimp for the first eight months of 1942 amounts to 147,000 barrels.

A total of about 4,000 barrels of oysters was harvested during August and sold fresh. For the first eight months of 1942, production of oysters totals 706,000 barrels.

Additional fishery products included hard crabs (1,765,000 pounds); fresh-cooked crab meat (187,000 pounds); soft crabs (2,000 dozen); other shellfish, mainly processed crab meat, 33,000 pounds.

Salt-water fish landings, mainly red snapper, mullet, and grouper in August, amounted to 402,000 pounds—a decrease of 117,000 pounds compared with the July figure.

Fresh-water fish landings, mainly catfish, totaled 65,000 pounds—an increase of about 16,000 pounds when compared with the July landings.

For the first eight months of 1942, salt-water fish landings totaled 3,747,000 pounds, while fresh-water fish landings amounted to 378,000 pounds.

The summary indicates appreciable increases in production of salt-water fish, soft crabs, crab meat and other shellfish, with the greatest decline in fresh-water

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fish, for the first eight months of the current year compared with the same period in 1941

| <u>Classification</u> | | <u>1942</u> | <u>1941</u> |
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| Shrimp | Bbls. | 147,188 | 140,075 |
| Oysters | " | 705,722 | 706,452 |
| Hard crabs | Lbs. | 10,210,242 | 10,388,850 |
| Soft crabs | Doz. | 23,925 | 16,675 |
| Crab meat | Lbs. | 1,028,339 | 990,060 |
| Other shellfish | " | 253,620 | 145,337 |
| Salt-water fish | " | 3,746,900 | 3,167,175 |
| Fresh-water fish | " | 378,075 | 676,750 |