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LANDINGS AT BOSTON FISH PIER IN AUGUST

An average price of \$6.87 per hundred pounds was paid for the 16,779,000 pounds of fish and shellfish--spread among 20 classifications--landed during August at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange,

These figures show a decrease in volume of 276,000 pounds, but an increase in average price of \$0.29 per hundredweight, compared with the previous month, according to the August summary 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 August indicate a decrease of 8,624,000 pounds in volume. The average price for August 1941, however, of \$4.15 per hundredweight, was \$2.72 lower than for August of this year.

The August 1942 catch, which was the result of 357 trips to inshore and off-shore banks, was worth about \$1,153,000 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1941 the catch--landed in 628 trips--was worth \$99,000 less, however, or about \$1,054,000.

In 214 trips, offshore vessels brought in 13,886,000 pounds of the total, in 19 classifications, at an average price of \$7.23 per hundredweight. Inshore craft, in 143 trips, landed about 2,893,000 pounds, consisting of 17 classifications, bringing \$5.14 for an average.

From offshore vessels, dressed and round scrod haddock (4,307,000 pounds at a \$6.75 per hundredweight average), drawn haddock (3,934,000 pounds, at a \$7.87 per hundredweight average), round mackerel (2,861,000 pounds, at a \$5.71 per hundredweight average), and drawn market cod (1,060,000 pounds, at a \$6.67 per hundredweight average), were the most abundant species during August.

For inshore craft, the leader was dressed, round, and steak whiting, with 2,645,000 pounds, for an average of \$5.03 per hundredweight. Round yellowtails, round dabs, and drawn haddock followed.

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Dressed swordfish brought the month's highest average--from offshore landings--at \$35.75; shucked sea scallops--offshore--at \$33.79, was second; and drawn halibut--inshore--third, at \$20.63.

Peak of arrivals and landings in Boston occurred on Monday, August 3, when 29 vessels landed 1,378,000 pounds of fish, bringing an average price of \$6.49 per hundredweight.

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