

# OTHER NOTES ON FISHERY MARKETING

## Purchases of Fish by Department of Agriculture

October purchases of fishery products by the U. S. Department of Agriculture showed a decline of \$1,342,433 as compared with September. Canned pilchards and salmon led all purchases.

Purchases of Fishery Products by USDA

Commodity	Unit	October 1945		January-October 1945	
		Quantity	F.O.B. Cost Dollars	Quantity	F.O.B. Cost Dollars
<b>FISH AND SHELLFISH</b>					
Herring, canned	Cases	6,954	32,856	75,061	401,964
Mackerel, "	"	68,770	335,044	215,982	1,163,555
Pilchards, "	"	330,791	1,274,833	1,241,381	4,930,273
Salmon, "	"	193,351	1,702,117	1,380,788	13,926,540
Sardines, "	"	103,339	461,933	1,363,638	5,455,002
Squid, "	"	-	-	307,500	1,491,375
Tuna and tuna-like fish, "	"	-	-	53,828	569,932
Fish, flaked, "	"	-	-	20,267	205,986
Fish, ground, "	"	-	-	125,887	365,506
Total ....	"	703,205	3,806,783	4,784,332	28,510,133
Fish, brine-cured	Pounds	-	-	40,000	8,000
" , dry-salted	"	-	-	20,309,570	3,259,100
" , smoked	"	-	-	1,531,600	162,123
Total .....	"	-	-	21,881,170	3,429,223
<b>BYPRODUCTS</b>					
Feeding oil	"	-	-	41,000	15,990
Fish meal	"	-	-	2,880,000	115,125
Oyster shell	"	-	-	160,000	640
Oyster shell flour	"	-	-	320,000	1,120
Oyster shell grits	"	-	-	440,000	1,604
Total .....	"	-	-	3,841,000	124,479
<b>VITAMINS</b>					
Vitamin A fish-liver oil	M Units	-	-	14,502,262	3,902,447
Grand Total .....		-	3,806,783	-	35,966,282



## Wholesale and Retail Prices



Both wholesale and retail prices for all foods displayed a small increase from mid-October to mid-November, according to reports of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. Average retail prices for fresh and canned and fresh and frozen fish dropped 0.2 percent during the period, but showed fair increases over prices at mid-November 1944. Despite a rise of 0.5 percent in the retail price of red salmon, the price was 2.7 percent below that at mid-November 1944.

Wholesale and Retail Prices

Item	Unit	Percentage change from--		
		Nov. 10, 1945	Oct. 13, 1945	Nov. 11, 1944
<u>Wholesale: (1926 = 100)</u>				
All commodities	Index No.	106.1	+0.8	+1.9
Foods	do	107.0	+1.7	+2.0
		November 1945	October 1945	November 1944
<u>Fish:</u>				
Canned salmon, Seattle:				
Pink, No. 1, Tall	\$ per dozen cans	1.970	0	0
Red, No. 1, Tall	do	3.694	0	0
Cod, cured, large shore, Gloucester, Mass.				
	\$ per 100 pounds	13.50	0	0
Herring, pickled, N. Y.				
	¢ per pound	12.0	0	0
Salmon, Alaska, smoked, N. Y.				
	do	35.0	0	0
<u>Retail: (1935-39 = 100)</u>				
All foods	Index No.	140.1	+0.6	+2.6
<u>Fish:</u>				
Fresh and canned	do	220.3	-0.2	+5.0
Fresh and frozen	¢ per pound	33.6	-0.2	+5.7
Canned salmon:				
Pink	¢ per pound can	23.0	0	+0.4
Red	do	40.4	+0.5	-2.7



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