

OTHER NOTES ON FISHERY MARKETING

Purchases of Fish by Department of Agriculture

Purchases of fishery products by the United States Department of Agriculture during December declined \$3,568,200 as compared with November. Purchases for the year showed a decrease of \$26,319,200 compared with the 1944 total.

Purchases of Fishery Products by USDA

Commodity	Unit	December 1945		January-December 1945	
		Quantity	F.O.B. Cost Dollars	Quantity	F.O.B. Cost Dollars
FISH AND SHELLFISH					
Herring, canned	Cases	858	4,810	81,660	434,189
Mackerel, "	"	-	-	272,278	1,437,715
Pilchards, "	"	51,428	183,584	1,687,274	6,597,325
Salmon, "	"	31,789	275,283	1,649,017	16,184,073
Sardines, "	"	12,672	56,398	1,447,792	5,832,384
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	"	96,747	520,075	5,645,503	33,118,485
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
BYPRODUCTS					
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	134,479
VITAMINS					
Vitamin A fish-liver oil M Units	"	-	-	14,502,262	3,902,447
Grand Total	"	-	520,075	-	40,584,634



Wholesale and Retail Prices

Wholesale and retail prices for all foods decreased 0.6 and 0.3 percent, respectively, from mid-December to mid-January, according to reports of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. Average retail prices for fresh and canned fish showed a gain of 2.5 percent and those for fresh and frozen 2.9 percent. The retail price of canned pink salmon also displayed a small rise, while that for canned red salmon decreased 0.2 percent.

Wholesale and Retail Prices

Item	Unit	Percentage change from		
		Jan. 12, 1946	Dec. 15, 1945	Jan. 13, 1945
<u>Wholesale: (1926 = 100)</u>				
All commodities	Index No.	106.7	0	+1.9
Foods	do	107.6	-0.6	+2.8
Fish:				
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.	141.0	-0.3	+2.7
Fish:				
Fresh and canned	do	237.3	+2.5	+8.2
Fresh and frozen	¢ per pound	36.4	+2.9	+9.4
Canned salmon:				
Pink	¢ per pound can	23.4	+0.9	+1.7
Red	do	40.8	-0.2	+1.2



Fishing in National Forests

The fishing streams and lakes of the country's 152 national forests were used in 1944--last year for which statistics have been compiled--by 1,450,000 anglers who spent a total of 2,210,000 days in the woods, the Forest Service reported on February 15. While all indications are that these figures were surpassed in 1945, the Forest Service expects 1946 to hang up a new record for use of the forest waters by fishermen. To meet the expanded post-war increase in fishermen visitors to the forests, and to make up for the drastic reduction in fish planting during the war, many new fish planting and stream improvement projects are needed. Natural lakes in forests probably can be made more productive by the use of fertilizer, and some consideration has been given to this means of increasing the productivity of cold-water ponds and lakes. Impounding water is an important help towards increasing the sport of fishing, and some of these impounded waters can be used for swimming and picnicking.

