

CANNED AND CURED FISH

Pilchard

PILCHARD PACK: Landings of pilchards at California ports during January were 2,669 tons below the December 1945 production. This was reflected in the 1945-46 seasonal total to January 26, which showed a decline of 28 percent as compared with the similar period in 1944-45. This season's pack of canned pilchards to the end of January, however, exceeded that of the previous season (1944-45) by 97,724 standard cases, according to reports from the California Sardine Products Institute and the California Division of Fish and Game. The pack from December 31 through January 26 was 402,373 standard cases, or 22 percent higher than the December pack.



This season's meal and oil production lagged behind that of the 1944-45 season by 32 and 36 percent, respectively.

California Sardine Landings, Canned Pack and Byproducts

Item	Tons	M O N T H			S E A S O N	
		1945-46	1945	1944-45	1945-46	1944-45
		Dec. 31-Jan. 26	Dec. 2-29	Dec. 31-Jan. 27	Aug. 1-Jan. 26	Aug. 1-Jan. 27
Landings		30,080	27,411	44,554	381,205	529,936
Canned	1 lb. ovals- 48 per case	106,846	77,884	147,824	1,110,306	1,333,723
	1 lb. talls- 48 per case	291,979	241,907	271,316	2,323,822	1,988,575
	1/2 lb. fillet- 48 per case	-	-	700	-	5,027
	1/2 lb. round- 96 per case	2,043	9,228	4,334	45,891	56,022
	Unclassified	1,505	644	9,759	93,110	94,572
	TOTAL, Std. 1 lb.-48 per case	402,373	329,663	433,583	3,573,129	3,475,405
Meal	Tons	January 4,593	December 8,816	January 7,151	Aug.-Jan. 55,391	Aug.-Jan. 81,862
Oil	Gallons	367,091	1,403,751	791,910	11,172,411	17,527,082



Shrimp

SPRIMP PACK: Because a vigorous market continued for fresh shrimp and stormy weather interfered with shrimping operations in the Gulf area, January's canned production fell 10,291 standard cases below that for the previous month and 11,898 cases below production for January 1945, according to reports to the U. S. Food and Drug Administration from plants covered by its Seafood Inspection Service. From January 6 to February 2, 5,260 standard cases of shrimp were packed, bringing the season's total to 122,127 standard cases.

Wet and Dry Pack Shrimp in all Sizes in Tin and Glass--Standard Cases*

M O N T H			S E A S O N		
1 9 4 6 Jan. 6-Feb. 2	1945-46 Dec. 2-Jan. 5	1 9 4 5 Jan. 7-Feb. 3	1945-46 July 1-Feb. 2	1944-45 July 1-Feb. 3	5-yr.-average July 1-Jan. 31
5,260	15,551	17,158	122,127	405,008	491,689

* All figures on basis of new standard case--48 No. 1 cans with 7 oz. per can in the wet pack and $6\frac{1}{2}$ oz. per can in the dry pack.



Tuna

TUNA PACK: The production of canned tuna by California packers during January amounted to 170,157 standard cases, 38 percent less than the December pack, but 170 percent lower than that of January 1945, according to information furnished by the California Division of Fish and Game. Yellowfin tuna accounted for 76 percent of the January production.

The pack of mackerel for January totaled 35,049 standard cases. This was 76 percent under December and 31 percent below January 1945.

California Pack of Tuna and Mackerel--Standard Cases*

Item	January 1946	December 1945	January 1945	Twelve months ending with December 1945
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Tuna:				
Albacore	-	28	1,407	473,652
Bonito	1,325	2,668	1,400	49,379
Bluefin	8,929	1	-	265,052
Striped	8,880	65,153	9,062	537,026
Yellowfin	129,750	177,906	40,566	1,457,630
Yellowtail	514	2,396	21	16,203
Flakes	20,759	26,175	10,568	731,518
Tonno style	-	-	-	16,198
Total	170,157	274,327	63,024	3,546,658
Mackerel	35,049	145,153	51,120	635,889

*Standard cases of tuna represent cases of 48 7-ounce cans, while those of mackerel represent cases of 48 1-pound cans.

