

CANNED AND CURED FISH

Pilchard

PILCHARD PACK: During February, landings of pilchards at California ports continued to trail those of the 1944-45 season, with a decline of 4,589 tons under the February 1945 figure, according to reports from the California Sardine Products Institute and the California Division of Fish and Game. The pack of canned pilchards from January 28 to February 23 amounted to 150,016 standard cases, a decline of 40,584 standard cases compared with the corresponding period in 1945. The season's pack from August 1 to February 23 rose to 3,723,145 standard cases, an increase of 57,140 standard cases over the 1944-45 figure to February 23.

California Sardine Landings, Canned Pack and Byproducts

Item	Unit	M O N T H			S E A S O N	
		1 9 4 6 Jan. 28-Feb. 23	1945-46 Dec. 31-Jan. 26	1 9 4 5 Jan. 28-Feb. 23	1945-46 Aug. 1-Feb. 23	1944-45 Aug. 1-Feb. 23
Landings	Tons	11,125	30,080	15,714	392,330	545,650
Canned	1 lb. cvals- 48 per case	40,158	106,846	61,354	1,150,464	1,395,077
	1 lb. talls- 48 per case	105,902	291,979	122,463	2,429,724	2,111,038
	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. fillet- 48 per case	-	-	11	-	5,038
	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. round- 96 per case	1,894	2,043	827	47,785	56,849
	Unclassified	2,062	1,505	5,950	95,172	100,522
	TOTAL, Std. 1 lb.-48 per case	150,016	402,373	190,600	3,723,145	3,666,005
Meal	Tons	February 1,134	January 4,593	February 2,111	Aug.-Feb. 56,515	Aug.-Feb. 83,973
Oil	Gallons	58,196	367,091	175,530	11,230,607	17,702,612



Shrimp

SHRIMP PACK: As shrimp continued to have a vigorous demand in the fresh market, canning operations were light during February, according to reports to the Food and Drug Administration from plants served by its Seafood Inspection Service. Only 2,108 standard cases of shrimp were packed from February 3-23, bringing the season's total to 124,235 standard cases, 283,481 standard cases below the 1944-46 figure to February 22.

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		5-yr.-average July 1-Feb.22
1945 Feb.3-23	1945 Jan.6-Feb.2	1944 Feb.4-24	1945-46 July 1-Feb.23	1944-45 July 1-Feb.24	
2,108	5,260	2,708	124,235	407,716	537,658

*All figures on basis of new standard case--48 No. 1 cans with 7 oz. per can in the wet pack and 6½ oz. per can in the dry pack.



Tuna

TUNA PACK: The production of canned tuna by California packers during February totaled 156,600 standard cases, according to the California Division of Fish and Game. This was 41 percent greater than the pack for February 1945.

Yellowfin tuna accounted for more than half of the pack. For the first two months of 1946, the total pack amounted to 326,800 standard cases, exceeding that of the corresponding period in 1945 by 88 percent.

The February pack of mackerel--13,200 standard cases--was 71 percent larger than that of the same month last year, but was 62 percent below the January production. The pack for the first two months of 1946 amounted to 48,300 standard cases, 18 percent less than the total pack for January and February 1945.

California Pack of Tuna and Mackerel--Standard Cases*

Item	February 1946	January 1946	February 1945	Two mos. ending with 1946	February 1945
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Tuna:					
Albacore	-	-	41	-	1,448
Bonito	1,676	1,325	90	3,001	1,490
Bluefin	18,422	8,929	5,454	27,351	5,454
Striped	11,321	8,880	10,749	20,201	19,811
Yellowfin	84,793	129,750	74,027	214,543	114,593
Yellowtail	15,800	514	561	16,314	582
Flakes	24,593	20,759	20,105	45,352	30,673
Total	156,605	170,157	111,027	326,762	174,051
Mackerel	13,226	35,049	7,718	48,275	58,838

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

