

# CANNED AND CURED FISH

## Pilchard

**PILCHARD PACK:** Price disagreements delayed the opening of pilchard fishing until August 15 and only small catches of fish were made thereafter before the month ended. Fishermen, limited by State regulations to fishing in only the Monterey and San Francisco Bay districts from August 1 to October 1, landed 5,828 tons of pilchards from August 1 to 29. This was less than 15 percent of the landings for the corresponding period in August 1945, reports from the California Sardine Products Institute and the California Division of Fish and Game indicate.

As a result of the small landings, the pack of canned pilchards, as well as the meal and oil production, suffered a marked decline from the August 1945 totals.

California Sardine Landings, Canned Pack and Byproducts

Item	Unit	MONTH		SEASON	
		1946 Aug. 1-29	1945 Aug. 1-25	1946-47 Aug. 1-29	1945-46 Aug. 1-25
Landings	Tons	5,828	41,360	5,828	41,360
Canned	1 lb.ovals-48 per case	26,425	127,013	26,425	127,013
	1 lb.talls-48 per case	26,902	146,622	26,902	146,622
	1 lb.fillet-48 per case	2,924	-	2,924	-
	1 lb.round-96 per case	407	1,126	407	1,126
	Unclassified	2,986	17,495	2,986	17,495
	Total, Std. 1 lb.-48 per case	58,182	291,693	58,182	291,693
Meal	Tons	August 781	August 7,694	August 1-31 781	August 1-31 7,694
Oil	Gallons	160,873	1,692,423	160,873	1,692,423



## Salmon

**SALMON PACK:** The season's pack of Alaska canned salmon reached 2,992,442 standard cases on August 31. This was 1,257,053 cases below production on Sep-

Alaska Salmon Pack to and including August 31, 1946

District	King	Red	Pink	Chum	Coho	Total
Western	5,055	646,944	4,039	36,948	1,478	694,464
Central	25,048	332,920	1,045,244	232,162	69,489	1,704,863
Southeastern	1,617	57,221	297,271	176,783	60,223	593,115
Total 1946, Aug. 31	31,720	1,037,085	1,346,554	445,893	131,190	2,992,442
All districts--						
1945, Sept. 1	37,108	1,166,510	2,211,966	678,334	155,577	4,249,495
1944, Sept. 2	33,740	1,567,408	2,078,693	980,861	152,950	4,813,652
5-year average, Aug. 31	39,681	1,351,345	2,751,290	802,334	176,440	5,121,090
Total pack, 1945	37,117	1,168,615	2,212,941	680,168	204,054	4,302,895
" " , 1944	37,025	1,581,416	2,092,632	994,487	187,499	4,893,059
5-year average	43,229	1,362,352	2,816,637	847,780	256,428	5,326,426

tember 1, 1945, according to Alaska Salmon Pack Report No. 11, issued by the Service's Market News Office at Seattle. Total cases of canned pink salmon showed a decline for the season of 865,412 cases compared with the 1945 season to September 1. Chum salmon production decreased 232,441 cases and red salmon fell 129,425 cases. The heaviest production of pink salmon occurred in the Kodiak District, where 542,877 cases were produced. Production in all other areas declined generally.



## Shrimp

**SHRIMP PACK:** The Louisiana closed season for shrimp in inland and shallow waters of the Gulf ended August 11 and as a result large landings of small and medium sized shrimp were made. A large percentage of these shrimp found its way to the canneries. Fourteen shrimp canning firms operating under the Seafood Inspection Service of the Food and Drug Administration canned 58,264 standard cases of shrimp from July 1 to August 31. Compared with the production of 28 canning plants for the corresponding period in 1945, this was an increase of 26,512 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		3-yr. average July 1-Aug. 31
1 9 4 6 July 1-Aug. 31	1 9 4 5 July 1-Sept. 1	1946-47 July 1-Aug. 31	1945-46 July 1-Sept. 1	
58,264	31,752	58,264	31,752	71,763

\*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 and Mackerel

**TUNA AND MACKEREL PACK:** The production of canned tuna by California packers during August totaled 494,832 standard cases, according to the California Division

California Pack of Tuna and Mackerel--Standard Cases\*

Item	August	July	August	Eight mos. ending with August--	
	1946	1946	1945	1946	1945
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Tuna:					
Albacore	143,984	174,401	236,284	326,571	321,539
Bonito	25,327	210	3,151	30,576	5,152
Bluefin	54,073	76,458	63,897	290,731	244,713
Striped	97,327	74,197	23,998	340,128	128,863
Yellowfin	74,069	213,275	136,427	1,484,169	1,028,474
Yellowtail	7,235	2,893	1,968	34,665	3,121
Flakes	92,817	165,940	102,447	644,842	603,530
Tonno style	-	-	-	-	16,198
Total	494,832	707,374	568,172	3,151,682	2,354,590
Mackerel	2,428	-	6,396	57,337	67,468

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

of Fish and Game. This was 30 percent less than the July pack and 13 percent under the August 1945 production. The total pack for the first 8 months of 1946 amounted to 3,151,682 cases, 34 percent greater than the corresponding period of 1945.

The pack of mackerel by California packers during August was 2,428 standard cases, 62 percent below August 1945. The 8-month pack of 57,337 cases was 15 percent less than the pack during these months in 1945.



## FARM PONDS

Artificial ponds on farms can be constructed and maintained to supply food and sport fishing to farm owners. There are already about 360,000 acres of farm and ranch ponds in the United States, with a potential yield of 18 million pounds of edible fish a year. There is room for many more.

In spite of equipment shortages due to the war, the number of ponds has been increasing steadily during recent years. The Soil Conservation Service has helped build about 22,000 ponds, and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration over 325,113 ponds during the past 6 years. In Texas alone, there are now about 100,000 ponds of various sizes, of which probably 70 percent are suitable for fish.

