

CANNED AND CURED FISH

Pilchard

PILCHARD PACK: The landings of pilchard (California sardine) continued to lag behind that of last year, according to reports of the California Sardine Products Institute. For the period of October 4 to 31, 24,463 tons were caught. In 1945, between September 30 and October 27, 110,008 tons were taken. The landings at Monterey and San Francisco continued very light, with the bulk of the catch being taken by the San Pedro fleet. For this reason, the pack of canned sardines for this period was about one-third of that for October 1945. The total pack since the beginning of this season is one-half of the previous season's pack to November 3, 1945.

The production of meal and oil was greater than in August or September but, due to the smaller landings, was still lower than the previous season.

California Sardine Landings, Canned Pack and Byproducts

Item	Unit	M O N T H		S E A S O N	
		1 9 4 6	1 9 4 5	1946-47	1945-46
		Oct.4-31	Sept.30-Oct.27	Aug.1-Oct.31	Aug.1-Nov.3
Landings	Tons	24,463	110,008	109,028	268,757
Canned	1 lb.ovals-48 per case	54,957	320,005	241,601	767,213
	1 lb.talls-48 per case	232,307	722,167	877,090	1,331,691
	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.filletlets-48 per case	-	182	7,709	-
	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.round-96 per case	-	19,390	21,432	24,058
	Unclassified	7,470	23,999	20,947	83,373
	TOTAL, Actual cases	294,734	1,085,743	1,168,779	2,206,335
Meal	Tons	October 12,137	October 16,738	Aug.1-Oct.31 14,492	Aug.1-Oct.31 36,837
Oil	Gallons	1,890,914	3,663,909	2,410,901	8,784,611



Shrimp

SHRIMP PACK: More than double the amount of shrimp was canned during the first 10 months of 1946 than for the same months last year, according to reports to the Food and Drug Administration from plants served by its Seafood Inspection Service. This year, 34 percent of the total shrimp production was used for canning, with 181,471 standard cases packed during the period July 1 to November 2, inclusive. Only 15 percent was canned during the corresponding period in 1945.

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-Nov. 3
1 9 4 6 Sept.30-Nov.2	1 9 4 5 Sept.30-Nov.3	1946-47 July 1-Nov.2	1945-46 July 1-Nov.3	
58,371	25,623	181,471	85,549	243,358

*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 and Mackerel

TUNA AND MACKEREL PACK: The pack of tuna by California canners during October amounted to 342,981 standard cases, a decrease of 23 percent under the September pack and 2 percent below that of October 1945, according to information released by the California Division of Fish and Game. Yellowfin tuna accounted for 43 percent of the October production. The total pack for the first 10 months of the current year was 3,939,798 standard cases, 32 percent above that of the corresponding period in 1945.

The October mackerel pack totaled 105,103 standard cases as compared with 137,888 cases in September and 168,512 cases in October 1945. The 10-month total, 300,328 standard cases, was 3 percent less than that of the previous year.

California Pack of Tuna and Mackerel--Standard Cases*

Item	October	September	October	Ten mos. ending with Oct.--	
	1946	1946	1945	1946	1945
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Tuna:					
Albacore	23,117	32,508	69,219	382,196	464,116
Bonito	17,571	35,458	17,457	83,605	37,360
Bluefin	5,220	17,242	7,250	313,193	264,494
Striped	87,271	149,996	167,512	577,395	385,079
Yellowfin	146,276	106,020	54,424	1,736,465	1,153,422
Yellowtail	4,282	1,586	3,985	40,533	10,646
Flakes	59,244	102,325	29,268	806,411	664,442
Tonno style	-	-	-	-	16,198
Total	342,981	445,135	349,115	3,939,798	2,995,757
Mackerel	105,103	137,888	168,512	300,328	309,251

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



TUNAS

The tunas are a world resource, ranging over vast distances and migrating across oceans; and they are the object of important fisheries in many countries whose shores they visit. United States citizens have a large stake in this marine wealth, for tunas support a canning industry in this country second in value only to that of salmon, and they are of great recreational value to thousands of anglers.

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