

# CANNED AND CURED FISH

## Pilchard

**PILCHARD PACK:** Pilchard (California sardine) landings totaled 12,139 tons during February 1947, according to reports of the California Sardine Products Institute and the California Division of Fish and Game. As a result, a pack of 121,525 actual cases was canned from February 1 to 27, 1947.

The canned production for the month exceeded that of the corresponding period for the previous season, but the season's total was only slightly over two-thirds of the 1945-46 season's pack.

California Sardine Landings, Canned Pack and Byproducts

Item	Unit	M O N T H		S E A S O N	
		1 9 4 7 February	1 9 4 6 February	1946-47 Aug.-Feb.	1945-46 Aug.-Feb.
Landings	Tons	12,139	9,199	227,675	395,709
Canned		Feb. 1-27	Jan. 27-Feb. 27	Aug. 1-Feb. 27	Aug. 1-Feb. 27
	1 lb. ovals-48 per case	50,412	30,899	636,962	1,158,975
	1 lb. talls-48 per case	68,228	78,627	1,974,622	2,458,306
	1 lb. fillets-48 per case	13	-	8,737	-
	1 lb. round-96 per case	193	1,678	34,446	48,934
	Unclassified	2,679	2,382	62,353	95,869
	TOTAL, Actual Cases	121,525	113,586	2,717,120	3,762,084
Meal	Tons	February 1,850	February 1,134	Aug. 1-Feb. 28 31,197	Aug. 1-Mar. 1 56,515
Oil	Gallons	59,487	58,196	4,154,869	11,230,607



## Shrimp

**SHRIMP PACK:** During February 1947, 940 standard cases of shrimp were packed, according to reports received from canning plants operating under the Seafood Inspection Service of the Food and Drug Administration. From July 1, 1946 to March 1, 1947, 236,482 standard cases of shrimp were packed. This was 110,047 standard cases more than were produced during the corresponding season to February 23, 1946.

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 7 Feb. 2-Mar. 1	1 9 4 6 Feb. 3-Feb. 23	1946-47 July 1-Mar. 1	1945-46 July 1-Feb. 23	3-yr. average July 1-Mar. 3
940	2,108	236,482	126,435	257,000

\*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

**CALIFORNIA TUNA AND MACKEREL PACK:** The production of canned tuna by California packers during February totaled 198,661 standard cases, according to the California Division of Fish and Game. This was 43 percent more than the January pack and 27 percent over February 1946. The total pack for the first two months of 1947 amounted to 337,751 cases, 3 percent above the production for the corresponding period in 1946.

The pack of mackerel during February was 114,116 standard cases, 47 percent more than January. Only 13,226 cases were canned during February 1946. The 2-month pack of 191,742 cases was 297 percent greater than that for the similar period of 1946.

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

Item	February	January	February	Two mos. ending with Feb.--	
	1947	1947	1946	1947	1946
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
<b>Tuna:</b>					
Albacore	-	2	-	2	-
Bonito	4,350	6,197	1,676	10,547	3,001
Bluefin	14,389	-	18,422	14,389	27,351
Striped	30,521	11,532	11,321	42,053	20,201
Yellowfin	114,031	100,504	84,793	214,535	214,543
Yellowtail	2,746	1,848	15,800	4,594	16,314
Flakes	32,624	19,007	24,593	51,631	45,352
Total	198,661	139,090	156,605	337,751	326,762
<b>Mackerel</b>					
	114,116	77,626	13,226	191,742	48,275

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



### CANNED FISH SUPPLIES

Prospects are good for a larger civilian supply of canned fish in 1947 than in 1946. The 1946 pack, which totaled about 657 million pounds, was considerably below the 1935-39 average of about 690 million pounds. Government purchases declined, while both imports and commercial exports increased. Packs of both salmon and pilchards were short in 1946, and it is unlikely that packs of both would be short in the same year again soon. The tuna pack, however, was the largest in history. The 1947 pack of canned fish is expected to be somewhat larger on the basis of indicated improvements in the availability of supplies, materials, and labor. Adequate supplies of canned fish to meet consumers' needs may not reach the market until late in 1947 because of the small pack of major items in 1946 and because the greater portion of the pack canned in the last half of the year, probably over 75 percent, does not ordinarily reach the consumer until late in the year, or in the following year.

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