

CANNED AND CURED FISH

Shrimp

SHRIMP PACK: The pack of canned shrimp in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, during the period April 27 to May 31, amounted to 6,680 standard cases, according to reports from canning plants operating under the Seafood Inspection Service of the Food and Drug Administration. This was an increase of 133 percent over the production for the previous reporting period. The pack for the season, to May 31, 1947, was 79 percent greater than that for the corresponding period a year ago and nearly equaled the 3-year average for the same period.

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-June 2
1 9 4 7 Apr. 27-May 31	1 9 4 6 Mar. 17-May 25	1946-47 July 1-May 31	1945-46 July 1-June 1	
6,680	2,862	255,410	142,454	279,025

* 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: California tuna packers produced 551,406 standard cases of tuna during the month of May 1947, according to the California Division of Fish and Game. This represented an increase of 43 percent over the pack for April, and was 28 percent greater than that of May 1946.

The pack of 1,566,354 cases, for the first five months of the year, exceeded last year's pack, for the same period by 25 percent. For the third month in succession, the cumulative total of the tuna pack has exceeded that of the corresponding period last year by 25 or more percent.

The production of canned Pacific Coast mackerel continued to decline sharply. It amounted to 764 cases, but 2 percent of the April pack. The pack for the first five months of 1947, totaling 215,535 cases, was over 300 percent greater than that for the corresponding period in 1946.

California Pack of Tuna and Mackerel--Standard Cases*

Item	May	April	May	Five mos. ending with May--	
	1947	1947	1946	1947	1946
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Tuna:					
Albacore	-	309	-	311	25
Bonito	629	455	240	12,801	4,250
Bluefin	5,369	11,589	28,231	50,307	70,614
Striped	59,244	34,894	39,805	182,741	103,917
Yellowfin	382,508	256,272	273,643	1,021,986	812,747
Yellowtail	3,629	839	2,667	10,485	23,215
Flakes	98,615	79,550	85,378	279,049	227,717
Tonno style	1,412	759	-	8,674	-
Total	551,406	384,667	429,964	1,566,354	1,242,485
Mackerel	764	3,720	2,654	215,535	53,713

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