Prices

The Exvessel Price table is an index of changes in the relative dockside value of fish and shellfish sold by fishing vessels. The table indexes the average annual exvessel value (price per pound) received for each species or group to the average price per pound received for the same species or group in the base year 1982.

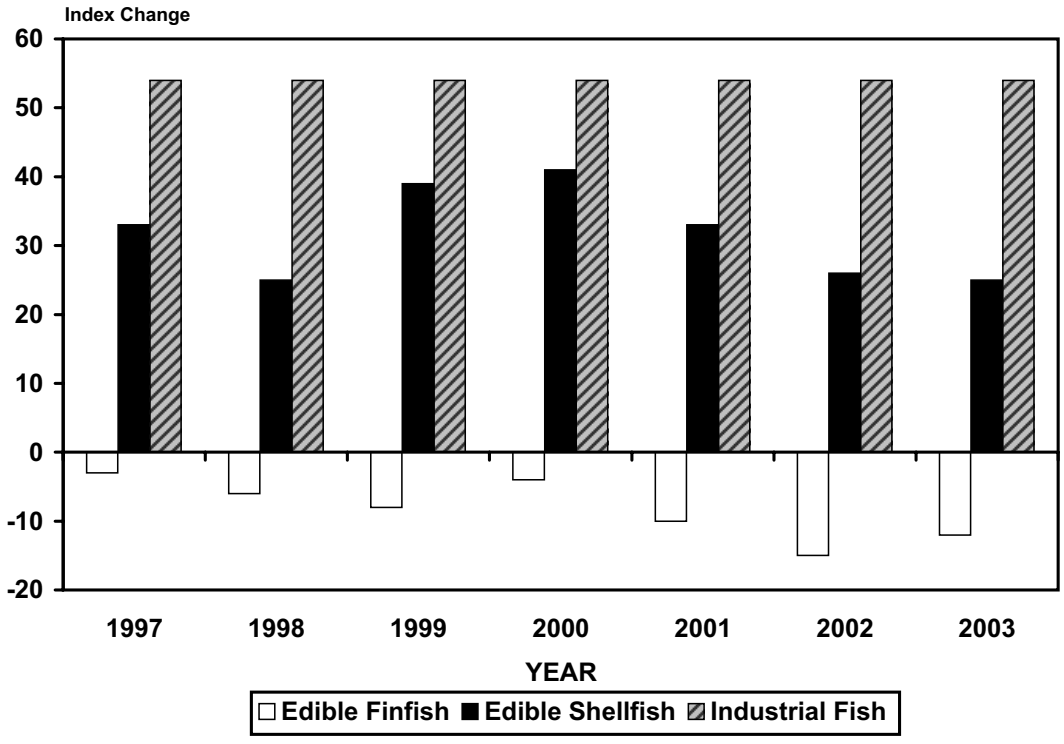
The exvessel price for each year was obtained by dividing total value for each species or group by its total quantity as reported in the U. S. commercial landings tables on pages 8 thru 13. The index for each species or group was obtained by multiplying the current annual price by the total quantity caught in 1982 (the base year). That number was then divided by the 1982 value to obtain the final index:

(100 x Current price X 1982 quantity) = Index
1982 Annual value

Each index number measures price changes from the 1982 reference period when the index equaled 100. A species of fish that sold for $0.75 a pound in 1986 and a $1.00 a pound in 1982 would have an index of 75 in 1986. In 2003, if the price of the same species increased to $1.07, the index in 2003 would be 107.

Percent Changes in the Exvessel Price Index, 1996-2002

(Change Relative to Base Year = 1982)



INDEXES OF EXVESSEL PRICES FOR FISH AND SHELLFISH, BY YEARS, 1997-2003
(1982=100)

Species	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Groundfish, et al:							
Cod	84	68	68	106	103	81	110
Haddock	218	253	264	264	227	230	228
Pollock:							
Atlantic	255	294	372	352	306	351	228
Alaska	170	124	124	109	128	108	107
Flounders	63	67	74	72	81	74	70
Total groundfish, et al.	**100**	**99**	**106**	**144**	**114**	**105**	**106**
Halibut	195	165	180	225	172	192	253
Sea herring	63	46	57	51	51	51	51
Salmon:							
Chinook	70	64	92	89	74	62	65
Chum	49	39	40	54	67	37	42
Pink	52	61	61	58	48	30	33
Sockeye	103	131	87	86	62	64	67
Coho	70	54	96	54	41	35	48
Total salmon	**81**	**90**	**81**	**75**	**60**	**52**	**57**
Swordfish	91	70	76	78	77	72	70
Tuna:							
Albacore	124	99	125	134	132	101	99
Bluefin	353	295	736	760	706	719	586
Skipjack	93	79	63	52	74	70	67
Yellowfin	126	100	88	122	120	127	156
Total tuna	**118**	**96**	**94**	**109**	**116**	**116**	**128**
Total edible finfish	**97**	**94**	**92**	**96**	**90**	**85**	**92**
Clams:							
Hard	163	174	160	144	148	128	139
Ocean Quahog	145	148	154	166	201	204	199
Soft	236	238	255	237	295	291	315
Surf	116	103	99	106	110	106	109
Total clams	**159**	**161**	**157**	**150**	**167**	**156**	**165**
Crabs:							
Blue	271	271	303	303	346	298	314
Dungeness	210	192	213	222	213	173	168
King	94	80	175	137	137	170	155
Snow	76	54	85	177	150	132	175
Total crabs	**135**	**121**	**178**	**188**	**188**	**184**	**191**
American lobster	138	138	160	157	150	155	172
Oysters	199	188	191	156	176	184	197
Scallops:							
Bay	111	90	133	134	288	153	143
Calico	217	(1)	93	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Sea	179	166	166	137	102	105	112
Total scallops	**178**	**141**	**155**	**121**	**103**	**96**	**101**
Shrimp:							
Gulf and South Atlantic	106	94	97	111	95	82	66
Other	134	331	152	144	103	88	99
Total shrimp	**107**	**105**	**100**	**112**	**95**	**83**	**67**
Total edible shellfish	**133**	**125**	**139**	**141**	**133**	**126**	**125**
Total edible fish and shellfish	**117**	**111**	**118**	**121**	**114**	**108**	**110**
Industrial fish, Menhaden	154	154	154	154	154	154	154
All fish and shellfish	**119**	**113**	**119**	**122**	**116**	**110**	**112**

(1) Confidential data.

(2) No landings reported.

PROCESSORS AND WHOLESALERS: PLANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT, 2002

Area and State	Processing		Wholesale (1)		Total	
	Plants	Employment	Plants	Employment	Plants	Employment
	Number					
New England:						
Maine	40	999	162	884	202	1,883
New Hampshire	5	330	18	130	23	460
Massachusetts	55	2,545	179	2,211	234	4,756
Rhode Island	16	424	(2)	(2)	16	424
Connecticut	4	66	23	163	27	229
Total	**120**	**4,364**	**382**	**3,388**	**502**	**7,752**
Mid-Atlantic:						
New York	6	168	276	1,944	282	2,112
New Jersey	15	1,288	81	824	96	2,112
Pennsylvania	5	538	30	485	35	1,023
Delaware	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia	-	-	4	78	(2)	(2)
Maryland	18	892	59	499	77	1,391
Virginia	33	1,407	57	513	90	1,920
Total	**77**	**4,293**	**507**	**4,343**	**580**	**8,558**
South Atlantic:						
North Carolina	32	842	72	650	104	1,492
South Carolina	3	27	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Georgia	5	1,069	34	480	39	1,549
Florida	94	2,646	276	2,359	370	5,005
Total	**134**	**4,584**	**382**	**3,489**	**513**	**8,046**
Gulf:						
Alabama	67	1,298	26	396	93	1,694
Mississippi	35	2,550	29	121	64	2,671
Louisiana	92	2,347	112	894	204	3,241
Texas	29	1,472	73	780	102	2,252
Total	**223**	**7,667**	**240**	**2,191**	**463**	**9,858**
Pacific:						
Alaska	162	7,406	178	348	340	7,754
Washington	64	3,272	152	1,107	216	4,379
Oregon	26	1,052	(2)	(2)	26	1,052
California	90	4,630	283	4,186	373	8,816
Total	**342**	**16,360**	**613**	**5,641**	**955**	**22,001**
Inland States, Total	**20**	**1,149**	**281**	**3,446**	**301**	**4,595**
Other Areas or States: (3), Total	**19**	**6,072**	**41**	**485**	**60**	**6,557**
Grand total	**935**	**44,489**	**2,446**	**22,983**	**3,381**	**67,472**

(1) Data are based on North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 42446 as reported to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) Included with Inland States. (3) Includes American Samoa, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Fishery Products Inspection

FISHERY PRODUCTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS INSPECTED IN CALENDAR YEAR, 2003

Region	Edible fishery products						
	Establishment (1)		Amount inspected				
	SIFE (2)	In-plant (3)	Grade A (4)	PUFI (4)	No mark (5)	Lot (6)	Total
	-Average number-		Thousand pounds				
Northeast	0	59	27,965	115,745	42,245	95,509	342,409
Southeast	0	83	21,459	46,930	56,126	72,033	210,917
West	3	98	14,515	16,144	92,287	45,895	346,320
Total	**3**	**240**	**63,939**	**178,819**	**190,658**	**213,437**	**(7) 899,646**

(1) These establishments are inspected under contract and certified as meeting U.S. Department of Commerce (USDC) regulations for construction and maintenance of facilities and equipment processing techniques, and employment practices.

(2) Fish processing establishments approved for sanitation under the Sanitary Inspected Fish Establishment Service (SIFE). Products are not processed under inspection.

(3) Sanitarily inspected fish establishments processing fishery products under USDC inspection. As of December 2003, 125 of these were in the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Quality Management Program.

(4) Products processed under USDC inspection in inspected establishments and labeled with USDC inspection mark as "Processed Under Federal Inspection" (PUFI) and/or "U.S. Grade A."

(5) Products processed under inspection in inspected establishments but bearing no USDC inspection mark.

(6) Lot inspected and marked products checked for quality and condition at the time of examination and located in processing plants, warehouses, cold storage facilities, or terminal markets anywhere in the United States.

(7) Based on 2002 per capita consumption data, approximately 14.4 percent of seafood consumed in the U.S. is certified under the auspices of the Seafood Inspection Program.

Note:--Table may not add due to rounding.

Source:--NMFS, Seafood Inspection Program, F/SI.