

REVIEW

PROCESSED FISHERY PRODUCTS

FRESH AND FROZEN

FISH FILLETS AND STEAKS. In 1997 the U.S. production of raw (uncooked) fish fillets and steaks, including blocks, was 397.5 million pounds--25.8 million pounds less than the 423.3 million pounds in 1996. These fillets and steaks were valued at \$908.9 million--\$4.9 million more than 1996. Alaska pollock fillets and blocks led all species with 112.0 million pounds--28 percent of the total. Production of groundfish fillets and steaks (see Glossary Section-Groundfish) was 219.5 million pounds compared with 245.4 million pounds in 1996.

FISH STICKS AND PORTIONS. The combined production of fish sticks and portions was 264.7 million pounds valued at \$349.6 million compared with the 1996 production of 279.2 million pounds valued at \$362.3 million--a decrease of 14.5 million pounds and \$12.7 million. The total production of fish sticks amounted to 69.1 million pounds valued at \$64.3 million--an increase of 3.9 million pounds and \$8.5 million compared with 1996. The total production of fish portions amounted to 195.6 million pounds valued at \$285.3 million -- a decrease of 18.4 million pounds and \$21.2 million compared with 1996.

BREADED SHRIMP. The production of breaded shrimp in 1997 was 117.0 million pounds valued at \$333.3 million, compared with the 1996 production of 108.5 million pounds valued at \$341.8 million.

CANNED FISHERY PRODUCTS

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CANNED SALMON. The 1997 U.S. pack of salmon was 162.1 million pounds valued at \$252.8 million, compared with 197.2 million pounds valued at \$284.3 million packed in 1996.

CANNED SARDINES. The pack of Maine sardines (small herring) was 16.0 million pounds valued at \$29.0 million, a decrease of 1.7 million pounds and \$830,000 compared with 1996. There were 5.9 million pounds of herring valued at \$11.2 million packed in 1997 -- 362,000 pounds less, but \$346,000 more in value than the 1996 pack.

CANNED TUNA. The U.S. pack of tuna was 627.0 million pounds valued at \$918.7 million--a decrease of 48.8 million pounds in quantity and \$38.2 million in value compared with the 1996 pack. The pack of albacore tuna was 185.3 million pounds--19.7 million pounds more than the 165.6 million pounds produced in 1996. Albacore tuna comprised 30 percent of the tuna pack in 1997. Lightmeat tuna (bigeye, bluefin, skipjack, and yellowfin) comprised the remainder with a pack of 441.7 million pounds--68.4 million pounds less than the 510.2 million pounds packed in 1996.

CANNED CLAMS. The 1997 U.S. pack of clams (whole, minced, chowder, juice, and specialties) was 124.9 million pounds valued at \$114.6 million--a decrease of 4.5 million pounds and \$2.7 million less in value than the pack in 1996. The pack of whole and minced clams was 43.7 million pounds--2.2 million pounds more than the 1996 pack and accounted for 35 percent of the total clam pack. Clam chowder and clam juice was 69.9 million pounds and made up the majority of the pack.

CANNED SHRIMP. The U.S. pack of natural shrimp was 1.2 million pounds valued at \$4.6 million--an increase of 349,000 pounds, but a decrease of \$1.5 million in value compared with the 1996 pack.

OTHER CANNED ITEMS. The pack of pet food was 612.3 million pounds valued at \$231.8 million--a decrease of 211.8 million pounds compared with the 1996 pack.

INDUSTRIAL FISHERY PRODUCTS

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FISH MEAL. The domestic production of fish and shellfish meal was 724.7 million pounds valued at \$173.9 million--an increase of 81.5 million pounds, and \$36.0 million compared with 1996. Menhaden meal production was 478.5 million pounds valued at \$115.7 million--an increase of 59.6 million pounds and \$28.9 million compared with 1996. Menhaden accounted for 66 percent of the 1997 production of meal. Shellfish meal production was 18.1 million pounds--an increase of 476,000 pounds from the 1996 level. Tuna and mackerel meal production was 56.1 million pounds--a decrease of 662,000 pounds from 1996. Production of unclassified meal (consisting mainly of Alaska pollock and unclassified fish) was 171.9 million pounds--an increase of 22.1 million pounds compared with 1996.

FISH SOLUBLES. Domestic production of fish solubles was 144.0 million pounds, 62.0 million pounds more than the 1996 production.

FISH OILS. The domestic production of fish oils was 283.4 million pounds valued at \$55.3 million--an increase of 35.0 million pounds, and \$11.3 million in value compared with 1996 production. The production of menhaden oil was 278.0 million pounds valued at \$53.7 million--an increase of 31.5 million pounds, and \$10.0 million compared with 1996. Menhaden oil accounted for 98 percent of the volume and value of the total 1997 fish oil production.

OTHER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS. Oyster shell products, together with agar-agar, animal feeds, crab and clam shells processed for food serving, fish pellets, Irish moss extracts, kelp products, dry and liquid fertilizers, pearl essence, and mussel shell buttons were valued at \$108.6 million, compared with \$85.6 million in 1996--an increase of \$23.0 million.