

REVIEW

PROCESSED FISHERY PRODUCTS

FRESH AND FROZEN

FISH FILLETS AND STEAKS. In 1996 the U.S. production of raw (uncooked) fish fillets and steaks, including blocks, was 398.0 million pounds--12.7 million pounds more than the 385.3 million pounds in 1995. These fillets and steaks were valued at \$885.7 million--\$44.7 million more than 1995. Alaska pollock fillets and blocks led all species with 136.4 million pounds--32 percent of the total. Production of groundfish fillets and steaks (see Glossary Section-Groundfish) was 220.0 million pounds compared with 216.7 million pounds in 1995.

FISH STICKS AND PORTIONS. The combined production of fish sticks and portions was 279.2 million pounds valued at \$362.3 million compared with the 1995 production of 325.3 million pounds valued at \$430.0 million--a decrease of 46.1 million pounds and \$67.7 million.

The total production of fish sticks amounted to 65.2 million pounds valued at \$55.8 million--a decrease of 8.8 million pounds and \$17.7 million compared with 1995. The total production of fish portions amounted to 214.0 million pounds valued at \$306.5 million -- a decrease of 37.3 million pounds and \$50.0 million compared with 1995.

BREADED SHRIMP. The production of breaded shrimp in 1996 was 108.5 million pounds valued at \$341.8 million, compared with the 1995 production of 100.5 million pounds valued at \$299.4 million.

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CANNED SALMON. The 1996 U.S. pack of salmon was 197.2 million pounds valued at \$284.3 million, compared with 243.6 million pounds valued at \$419.2 million packed in 1995. Alaskan plants accounted for 96 percent in quantity and 95 percent in value of the salmon pack.

CANNED SARDINES. The pack of Maine sardines (small herring) was 17.7 million pounds valued at \$29.9 million, an increase of 4.1 million pounds and \$6.2 million compared with 1995. There were 6.2 million pounds of herring valued at \$10.8 million packed in 1996 -- 605,000 pounds and \$1.2 million less than the 1995 pack.

CANNED TUNA. The U.S. pack of tuna was 675.8 million pounds valued at \$956.9 million--an increase of 9.2 million pounds in quantity and \$18.4 million in value compared with the 1995 pack. The pack of albacore tuna was 165.6

million pounds --1.3 million pounds more than the 64.4 million pounds produced in 1995. Albacore tuna comprised 25 percent of the tuna pack in 1996. Lightmeat tuna (bigeye, bluefin, skipjack, and yellowfin) comprised the remainder with a pack of 510.2 million pounds --8.0 million pounds more than the 502.2 million pounds packed in 1995.

CANNED CLAMS. The 1996 U.S. pack of clams (whole, minced, chowder, juice, and specialties) was 129.4 million pounds valued at \$117.3 million--an increase of 147,000 pounds and \$4.2 million more in value than the pack in 1995. The pack of whole and minced clams was 45.9 million pounds--2.9 million pounds more than the 1995 pack and accounted for 35 percent of the total clam pack. Clam chowder and clam juice was 71.6 million pounds and made up the majority of the pack.

CANNED SHRIMP. The U.S. pack of natural shrimp was 819,000 pounds valued at \$6.1 million--a decrease of 93,000 pounds and \$588,000 in value compared with the 1995 pack.

OTHER CANNED ITEMS. The pack of pet food was 1.2 billion pounds valued at \$505.1 million--an increase of 386.8 million pounds compared with the 1995 pack.

INDUSTRIAL FISHERY PRODUCTS

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FISH MEAL. The domestic production of fish and shellfish meal was 638.5 million pounds valued at \$142.2 million--a decrease of 28.7 million pounds, but an increase of \$20.0 million compared with 1995. Menhaden meal production was 418.9 million pounds valued at \$87.1 million--a decrease of 31.6 million pounds, but an increase of \$4.6 million compared with 1995. Menhaden accounted for 66 percent of the 1996 production of meal. Shellfish meal production was 17.6 million pounds--an increase of 1.2 million pounds from the 1995 level. Tuna and mackerel meal production was 52.3 million pounds--a decrease of 12.3 million pounds from 1995. Production of unclassified meal (consisting mainly of Alaska pollock and unclassified fish) was 149.8 million pounds--an increase of 14.0 million pounds compared with 1995.

FISH SOLUBLES. Domestic production of fish solubles was 82.0 million pounds, 7.5 million pounds less than the 1995 production.

FISH OILS. The domestic production of fish oils was 248.4 million pounds valued at \$43.9 million--an increase of 6.5 million pounds, and \$1.7 million in value compared with 1995 production. The production of menhaden oil was 246.5 million pounds valued at \$43.7 million--an increase of 8.4 million pounds, and \$1.8 million compared with 1995. Menhaden oil accounted for 99 percent of the volume and value of the total 1996 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 \$85.6 million, compared with \$74.3 million in 1995--an increase of \$11.3 million.