

11. CRAB SECTIONS

Japanese catch (MT)

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
King	351	123	207	0	1,000
Snow	10,322	13,586	9,357	8,000	11,000
Blue	5,227	5,327	3,990	4,000	3,000
Other	84,080	74,715	63,081	57,000	64,000
Total	99,980	93,751	76,635	69,000	79,000

Imports (MT)

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Canada	7,680	5,839	7,455	5,178	6,280
USA	14,398	22,612	28,658	29,465	45,097
S/Korea	4,444	7,180	797	380	296
N/Korea	2,041	8,814	132	99	108
China	11,009	8,210	7,724	9,736	7,601
USSR	3,155	3,748	5,193	5,498	9,137
Other	1,691	3,621	3,827	4,335	3,586
Total	44,418	60,024	53,786	54,691	72,105

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg)

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last mo.</u>	<u>Feb. 91</u>
Canadian size 2L (5kg pack)	1900-2000	1850-1950	1550-1650	1600-1700
Canadian size L	1450-1500	1500-1650	1150-1250	1250-1350
Alaska Size 2L	1450-1500	1450-1550	1350-1400	1350-1400

Market Situation and Outlook

- Imports from the United States in 1990 increased by more than 50% from the year before and those from Canada by 21%.
- The increased import volume has softened market prices.
- The trade is concerned about the landings in Alaska, which began in January, as the quota for 1991 has been increased substantially from 1990.