

15. SEA URCHIN (UNI)

Imports (MT)

	<u>Jan-Aug</u>				
	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Canada	190	453	495	271	240
S/Korea	1,110	1,292	1,008	677	534
N/Korea	252	436	389	228	354
China	194	242	205	119	129
Taiwan	18	33	30	24	25
Hong Kong	44	79	59	51	45
Philippines	65	58	60	42	57
USA	1,564	1,750	2,318	1,330	1,203
Mexico	125	75	164	56	103
Chile	122	223	106	75	12
Australia	14	7	4	1	2
Total	3,698	4,648	4,838	2,874	2,704

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/250g box)

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last mo.</u>	<u>Oct 90</u>
Canadian	1000-2000	1000-2000	700-2000	800-2500
Los Angeles	1000-5000	1000-5000	700-5000	1000-4500

Market Situation and Outlook

- The market remains stable, with prices not substantially different than those of 1989. Quality of product remains the key to success in the Japanese market.
- Japan remains a good market for Canadian suppliers of sea urchin roe.