

U.S. Domestic Lobster Landings

{Qty='000lbs, Value=US\$,000}

<i>Species</i>	1992	1992	1993	1993	<i>Avg/Qty {1988-92}</i>
	<i>Qty</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Qty</i>	<i>Value</i>	
American	55,841	160,951	56,513	151,746	56,353
Spiny	4,872	20,151	6,076	20,984	6,876
U.S. Total Landings	60,713	181,102	62,589	172,730	63,229

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

A smaller spiny lobster fishery also exists for U.S. territorial possessions: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas Islands, and Guam. Total landings of spiny lobster by U.S. territorial possessions were 167,871 pounds in 1992, valued at US\$810,633. Puerto Rico led in landings with 160,651 pounds valued at US\$783,977. The United States supply of American lobster {round weight equivalent} was 91.7 million pounds for 1993, down from 94.8 million pounds in 1992. The U.S. supply of spiny lobster was 75.7 million pounds for 1993, down from 80.7 million pounds in 1992. The supply of spiny lobster has been declining steadily since 1985 when total supply equalled 153.9 million pounds. American lobster supply has remained relatively even for the past five years, but is less than the high of 121.3 million pounds in 1988.

U.S. Supply of American Lobster

{Round Weight/'000lbs}

<i>Year</i>	<i>U.S. Landings</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Total Supply</i>
1990	61,017	49,492	110,609	15,274	95,335
1991	63,337	65,381	128,718	21,485	107,233
1992	55,841	59,335	115,176	20,332	94,844
1993	56,513	55,570	112,083	20,354	91,729

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

U.S. Supply of Spiny Lobster

{Round Weight/'000lbs}

<i>Year</i>	<i>U.S. Landings</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Total Supply</i>
1990	7,120	88,426	95,546	6,948	88,598
1991	7,096	81,332	88,428	3,388	85,040
1992	4,872	77,848	82,720	2,001	80,719
1993	6,076	70,884	76,960	1,306	75,654

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, United States consumption of fishery products was 15.0 pounds of edible meat per person in 1993, up 0.2 pounds from the 1992 per capita consumption of 14.8 pounds. American consumers spent an estimated US\$38.1 billion for fishery products in 1993. The 1993 total includes US\$25.7 billion in expenditures at foodservice establishments {restaurants, carry-outs, caterers, etc.}; US\$12.0 billion in retail sales for home consumption; and US\$442.2 million for industrial fish and seafood products. The following chart expressing ex-vessel prices for lobster in the United States was obtained from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

United States Ex-Vessel Prices for Lobster

{1982=100}

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
American lobster	122	110	113	125	117