

6. FOOD HERRING

Imports - Frozen (000MT)

1985 1986 1987 1988 1989

51 Japanese ports 2.9 2.4 1.9 2.0 2.7

Total catch 2.2 2.0 1.3 2.0 2.9

Country	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Canada	1.6	1.1	2.6	1.4	2.7
U.K.	0.8	2.7	14.3	4.0	7.8
USA	22.8	22.6	28.9	21.3	11.8
Netherlands	0.7	2.8	7.4	2.6	12.7
Norway	18.9	23.4	6.0	2.0	12.1
Iceland	0.6	1.4	4.9	4.3	1.1
Other	0.7	0.8	1.8	1.7	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>78.5</b>

Prices - Tokyo Wholesale (yen/kg)

Year	240-250	240-250	240-250	240-250
1985	240-250	240-250	240-250	240-250
1986	240-250	240-250	240-250	240-250
1987	240-250	240-250	240-250	240-250
1988	240-250	240-250	240-250	240-250
1989	240-250	240-250	240-250	240-250

Market situation and Outlook

- Imports in 1989 increased from 1988 by 50% and returned to the 1988 level.
- It should be noted that imports of fillets and semi-processed herring products such as gutted fillets, which are ready to eat after frying, began for the first time from Atlantic Canada and enjoyed a good market reputation.
- While consumption of herring has been declining in the Japanese market, the introduction of new product types, such as the fillets noted above, is expected to add new interest in this species, especially as a result of the effects of the import shortage on the fish processing industry in Japan.