

15. SEA URCHIN (UNI)

Imports (MT)

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Canada	176	190	453	495	417
S/Korea	1,158	1,110	1,292	1,008	868
N/Korea	239	252	436	389	586
China	225	194	242	205	191
Taiwan	61	18	33	30	28
Hong Kong	57	44	79	59	49
Philippines	79	65	58	60	72
USA	1,243	1,564	1,750	2,318	2,088
Mexico	98	125	75	164	215
Chile	263	122	223	106	52
Australia	3	14	7	4	7
Other	0	0	0	0	36
Total	3,602	3,698	4,648	4,838	4,609

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/250g box)

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last mo.</u>	<u>Feb. 91</u>
Canadian	1000-2000	700-2000	1000-1800	1000-1800
Los Angeles	1000-5000	700-5000	1000-5000	1200-5000

Market Situation and Outlook

- Imports in 1989 decreased slightly from 1990.
- The market in Japan is strong and the prices in 1990 remained the same as in 1989.
- The crucial point for this species, whether it is imported in live, fresh, or any other form, is the quality. In order to meet such quality requirements, it is essential to secure good services for shipment of the goods by air.