

The assortment of capelin imported in 1992 by sizes (from the Suisan Keizai Shimbun)

	(Unit:MT)			
	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Iceland</u>	<u>Norway</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 40 pcs	2,200			2,200
41-45	4,400			4,400
46-50	1,650		1,100	2,750
51-55	550	200	2,500	3,250
56-60	550	1,500	1,000	3,050
Over 61	1,650	700	500	2,850
Total	11,000	2,400	5,100	18,500

- While almost all imports from Canada have been sold from importers to processors, domestic selling prices from importers to processors for 1992 Canadian capelin were Yen 480 per kg for under 40, Yen 440 for 41-45, Yen 380 for 46-50, Yen 300 for 51-55, Yen 280 for 56-60 and Yen 260 for over 61.
- As the Norwegians have abolished their system of only three export agents for capelin and adopted a new system in which each exporter negotiates with its potential Japanese importer(s), Japanese importers have been very active in an attempt to establish channel(s) with Norwegian exporters.
- Despite the depressed market for capelin in Japan, it is reported that many buyers will rush into Norway. Total imports from Norway are expected to amount to 14,000 metric tons in 1993 as a result of the perceived uncertain fishery in Newfoundland.