

15. SEA URCHIN (UNI)

<u>Imports (MT)</u>	1985	1986	1987	Jan-Jul	
				1987	1988
Canada	148	176	190	88	190
S/Korea	1,091	1,158	1,110	611	696
N/Korea	258	239	252	67	163
China	145	225	194	104	78
Taiwan	55	61	18	4	19
Hong Kong	26	57	44	38	32
Philippines	37	79	65	46	35
USA	888	1,243	1,564	625	739
Mexico	19	98	125	72	14
Chile	182	263	122	72	121
Australia	-	3	14	6	0
Total	2,857	3,601	3,696	1,734	2,129
 <u>Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/250g box)</u>					
	<u>Sept/87</u>	<u>Mar/88</u>	<u>Aug/88</u>	<u>Sep/88</u>	
Canadian	1100/700	1300/900	1000/600	1200/650	
Los Angeles	2000/1200	2000/900	1300/700	1500/750	

Market Situation and Outlook

- Sea urchin is another example of a high grade marine species showing excellent growth. Imports for the Jan-July period are up 25%.
- Product from Canada is now making major inroads and increasing at a rapid rate. Imports for 1988 will likely double that in 1987 with a value approaching \$10 million; an excellent opportunity for expanded business.