

9. CAPELIN

Imports (MT)

	Jan-Aug				
	1987	1988	1989	1989	1990
Canada	13,482	39,923	33,516	18,000	18,413
Iceland	8,897	1,518	4,450	4,414	1,770
Norway	1,325	273	1,408	49	496
USSR *	-	0	170	4	171
USA	199	0	-	0	909
Greenland	76	0	-	0	0
Denmark	-	0	-	0	0
Total	24,007	41,809	39,925	22,478	21,795

* based on 50 percent female

Prices (yen/kg)

	Year ago	6mo. ago	Last mo.	Oct 90
Importer to proc.	310-320	-	300-320	300-320
Retail*	320-390	320-390	320-390	320-390

*yen/package 8 large capelin

Market Situation and Outlook

- Newfoundland remains the only significant capelin supplier in 1990. However, the Norwegians are expected to reopen their capelin fishery again in 1991, although the quotas have not yet been set.
- Canadian sales are expected to be in the 30,000 MT range.
- Demand for capelin continues to decline slightly as the competition from other low-value fish increases.