

3. SALMON ROE

Imports (MT) (Sujiko)

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Canada	1,392	1,684	780	1,325	960
USA	8,758	7,713	7,096	7,151	7,688
Norway	42	30	14	47	19
Denmark	27	39	61	71	154
Finland	-	41	19	22	72
Total	10,221	9,525	8,017	8,683	9,041

Imports (MT) (Ikura)

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Canada	28	14	53	110	42
China	0	1	65	38	22
Denmark	2	-	1	1	-
U.S.A.	43	51	312	544	353
Total	75	66	431	694	422

Inventories (MT): Salted Salmon Roe (Sujiko & Ikura)

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
March	2,060	3,202	3,868	2,119	2,432	2,772
June	1,108	1,702	2,018	1,168	1,097	1,509
September	4,060	4,757	3,721	2,982	3,431	4,269
December	4,325	5,326	3,391	3,665	4,084	4,962

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg)

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>last mo.</u>	<u>Mar 90</u>
#1 chum roe	3000-3500	3800-4300	3800-4300	3800-4000
#1 pink roe	2500-2800	2800-3200	2800-3200	2800-3200

Market Situation and Outlook

- Supply is higher than it has been for past four years. This explains slight softening in wholesale pricing.