

14. LOBSTER

<u>Imports</u>					
<u>Atlantic lobster(MT)</u>					
	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>Jan-Jul</u>	
				<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
(A) Live:					
Canada	177	374	575	277	298
USA	13	50	184	69	268
(B) Frozen:					
Canada	32	106	339	169	651
USA	46	101	25	13	28
<u>Rock lobster(MT) (Ise-Ebi], fresh or frozen)</u>					
	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>Jan-Jul</u>	
				<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Hong Kong	6	54	2	1	0
Indonesia	67	56	98	60	251
India	1,032	1,133	1,283	899	795
Sri Lanka	237	247	286	194	66
Cuba	3,042	2,630	2,791	1,861	1,800
Namibia	1,526	1,777	1,289	1,074	1,514
S/Africa	547	616	1,149	668	789
Australia	1,155	1,181	2,099	1,842	2,281
New Zealand	449	619	520	187	81
Total	8,629	9,041	10,373	9,371	8,492

Market Situation and Outlook

- The market for Canadian Atlantic lobster continues its rapid expansion. The major growth is now appearing in frozen product as distribution spreads down the chain to family restaurants and supermarket outlets.
- The U.S. has increased dramatically its exports of live lobsters to Japan, however, much of this is likely Canadian product from the Boston market.
- Canadian lobster exports for 1988 should reach \$30 million, almost all new business generated during the last 4 years.