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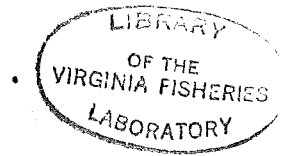
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Records of the Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Fishery.*

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The aim of this publication is to compile in a compact form for ready reference numerous data pertinent to the blue crab fishery of Virginia and Maryland. The need for such a compilation was thought to exist when an attempt was made to evaluate the usefulness of those data in determinations of indices of past abundance, and it was realized that many publications had to be referred to in order to cover the field even partially.

At the present time no attempt is made to indicate the limitations of the data or to estimate their usefulness.

The sources of "data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service" are the numerous reports published under the titles "Fishery Industries of the United States" and "Fishery Statistics of the United States", while "data from Commission of Fisheries of Virginia" refers to extracts made by the author from the files of the Commission.

* Special Report from the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory, No. 5. (Prepared for limited distribution.)

Maryland Crab Catch*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1880 | 1,166,667 | 46,850 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1887(2) | 2,757,638 | 36,969 | 1,636,530 | 133,788 | 4,394,168 | 170,757 |
| 1888(2) | 2,674,675 | 37,438 | 2,208,829 | 161,331 | 4,883,504 | 198,769 |
| 1890 | 2,388,099 | 31,723 | 4,056,110 | 228,690 | 6,444,209 | 260,413 |
| 1891 | 2,776,898 | 37,460 | 4,828,872 | 266,256 | 7,605,770 | 303,716 |
| 1897 | 5,333,316 | 39,949 | 4,115,879 | 177,637 | 9,449,195 | 217,586 |
| 1901 | 9,824,793 | 85,884 | 4,303,582 | 202,563 | 14,128,375 | 288,447 |
| 1904 | 12,665,282 | 168,996 | 5,732,865 | 189,851 | 18,398,147 | 358,847 |
| 1908 | 12,786,000 | 124,000 | 7,587,000 | 195,000 | 20,373,000 | 319,000 |
| 1915 | 22,491,675 | 335,375 | 7,602,207 | 329,276 | 30,093,882 | 664,651 |
| 1916 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1920 | 5,165,703 | 248,160 | 3,897,271 | 494,784 | 9,062,974 | 742,944 |
| 1924(3) | 7,666,409 | (1) | 2,083,263 | (1) | 9,749,672 | (1) |
| 1925 | 7,321,116 | 303,507 | 2,325,245 | 264,276 | 9,646,361 | 567,783 |

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|------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1920 | 5,165,703 | 248,160 | 3,897,271 | 494,784 | 9,062,974 | 742,944 |
| 1925 | 7,321,116 | 303,507 | 2,325,245 | 264,276 | 9,646,361 | 567,783 |
| 1929 | 25,455,130 | 469,720 | 2,644,548 | 329,849 | 28,099,678 | 799,569 |
| 1930 | 31,625,767 | 529,005 | 5,313,016 | 455,166 | 36,938,783 | 984,171 |
| 1931 | 29,930,550 | 415,588 | 3,910,610 | 286,196 | 33,841,160 | 701,784 |
| 1932 | 29,399,178 | 291,130 | 3,540,253 | 227,674 | 32,939,431 | 518,804 |
| 1933 | 26,648,100 | 331,747 | 3,449,029 | 238,401 | 30,097,129 | 570,148 |
| 1934 | 13,620,900 | 274,734 | 2,288,800 | 215,204 | 15,909,700 | 489,938 |
| 1935 | 17,264,800 | 352,522 | 2,556,600 | 229,535 | 19,821,400 | 582,057 |
| 1936 | 13,294,200 | 313,595 | 2,268,900 | 199,286 | 15,563,100 | 512,881 |
| 1937 | 16,198,300 | 393,304 | 2,514,100 | 211,196 | 18,712,400 | 604,500 |
| 1938 | 20,699,100 | 385,230 | 2,898,400 | 224,760 | 23,597,500 | 609,990 |
| 1939 | 24,062,600 | 439,521 | 3,233,700 | 269,892 | 27,296,300 | 709,413 |
| 1940 | 15,031,400 | 347,255 | 1,790,700 | 162,225 | 16,822,100 | 509,480 |
| 1941 | 11,975,400 | 406,502 | 836,300 | 107,125 | 12,811,700 | 513,627 |
| 1942 | 14,048,400 | 493,892 | 1,645,300 | 234,132 | 15,693,700 | 728,024 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 17,155,100 | 861,420 | 1,112,200 | 366,460 | 18,267,300 | 1,227,880 |
| 1945 | 18,470,000 | 1,134,278 | 1,700,500 | 594,760 | 20,170,500 | 1,729,038 |
| 1946 | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Virginia Crab Catch*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1880 | 2,139,200 | 32,088 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1887(2) | 626,820 | 15,479 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1888(2) | 956,843 | 24,669 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1890 | 2,584,794 | 28,210 | 440,310 | 26,054 | 3,025,104 | 54,264 |
| 1891 | 2,208,071 | 32,683 | 585,956 | 29,379 | 2,794,027 | 62,062 |
| 1897 | 5,331,398 | 28,331 | 1,068,116 | 39,914 | 6,399,514 | 68,245 |
| 1901 | 6,113,277 | 52,863 | 1,288,424 | 65,972 | 7,401,701 | 118,835 |
| 1904 | 10,356,052 | 179,575 | 1,910,654 | 92,909 | 12,266,706 | 272,484 |
| 1908 | 23,001,000 | 239,000 | 2,082,000 | 87,000 | 25,083,000 | 326,000 |
| 1915 | 18,765,148 | 242,754 | 1,484,238 | 74,402 | 20,249,386 | 317,156 |
| 1916(3) | 16,343,010 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1920 | 12,465,342 | 401,295 | 1,171,737 | 164,269 | 13,637,079 | 565,564 |
| 1924(4) | 14,462,490 | (1) | 621,606 | (1) | 15,084,096 | (1) |
| 1925 | 18,531,994 | 523,733 | 1,422,250 | 157,981 | 19,954,244 | 681,714 |

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Virginia Crab Catch*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value |
|------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1920 | 12,465,342 | 401,295 | 1,171,737 | 164,269 | 13,637,079 | 565,564 |
| 1925 | 18,531,994 | 523,733 | 1,422,250 | 157,981 | 19,954,244 | 681,714 |
| 1929 | 30,377,626 | 564,539 | 1,700,200 | 103,790 | 32,077,826 | 668,329 |
| 1930 | 28,939,870 | 543,056 | 2,881,000 | 195,005 | 31,820,870 | 738,061 |
| 1931 | 28,963,130 | 389,413 | 1,712,400 | 101,791 | 30,675,530 | 491,204 |
| 1932 | 27,024,045 | 290,821 | 1,549,061 | 91,810 | 28,573,106 | 382,631 |
| 1933 | 23,911,375 | 283,898 | 2,067,957 | 143,351 | 25,979,332 | 427,249 |
| 1934 | 22,516,000 | 464,044 | 1,370,300 | 95,982 | 23,886,300 | 560,026 |
| 1935 | 19,762,900 | 488,699 | 1,449,000 | 155,522 | 21,211,900 | 644,221 |
| 1936 | 26,137,800 | 573,180 | 1,969,500 | 218,866 | 28,107,300 | 792,046 |
| 1937 | 27,927,500 | 565,052 | 2,475,300 | 224,915 | 30,402,800 | 789,967 |
| 1938 | 28,690,400 | 486,098 | 2,782,600 | 211,179 | 31,473,000 | 697,277 |
| 1939 | 26,967,100 | 483,752 | 2,783,000 | 175,907 | 29,750,100 | 659,659 |
| 1940 | 23,016,500 | 489,789 | 1,977,200 | 148,286 | 24,993,700 | 638,075 |
| 1941 | 15,716,700 | 456,906 | 1,709,500 | 217,017 | 17,426,200 | 673,923 |
| 1942 | 18,644,000 | 539,091 | 1,445,300 | 130,336 | 20,089,300 | 669,427 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 23,928,800 | 1,281,931 | 2,422,400 | 637,011 | 26,351,200 | 1,918,942 |
| 1945 | 18,819,800 | 1,130,735 | 1,831,700 | 630,710 | 20,651,500 | 1,761,445 |
| 1946 | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | |

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Maryland and Virginia Crab Catch*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1880 | 3,305,867 | 78,938 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1887(2) | 3,384,458 | 52,448 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1888(2) | 3,631,518 | 62,107 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1890 | 4,972,893 | 59,933 | 4,496,420 | 254,744 | 9,469,313 | 314,677 |
| 1891 | 4,984,969 | 70,143 | 5,414,828 | 295,635 | 10,399,797 | 365,778 |
| 1897 | 10,664,714 | 68,280 | 5,183,995 | 217,551 | 15,848,709 | 285,831 |
| 1901 | 15,938,070 | 138,747 | 5,592,006 | 268,535 | 21,530,076 | 407,282 |
| 1904 | 23,021,334 | 348,571 | 7,643,519 | 282,760 | 30,664,853 | 631,331 |
| 1908 | 35,787,000 | 363,000 | 9,669,000 | 282,000 | 45,456,000 | 645,000 |
| 1915 | 41,256,823 | 578,129 | 9,086,445 | 403,678 | 50,343,268 | 981,807 |
| 1916(3) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| 1920 | 17,631,045 | 649,455 | 5,069,008 | 659,053 | 22,700,053 | 1,308,508 |
| 1924(4) | 22,128,899 | (1) | 2,704,869 | (1) | 24,833,768 | (1) |
| 1925 | 25,853,110 | 827,240 | 3,747,495 | 422,257 | 29,600,605 | 1,249,497 |

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Maryland and Virginia Crab Catch*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value |
|------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1920 | 17,631,045 | 649,455 | 5,069,008 | 659,053 | 22,700,053 | 1,308,508 |
| 1925 | 25,853,110 | 827,240 | 3,747,495 | 422,257 | 29,600,605 | 1,249,497 |
| 1929 | 55,832,756 | 1,034,259 | 4,344,748 | 433,639 | 60,177,504 | 1,467,898 |
| 1930 | 60,565,637 | 1,072,061 | 8,194,016 | 650,171 | 68,759,653 | 1,722,232 |
| 1931 | 58,893,680 | 805,001 | 5,623,010 | 387,987 | 64,516,690 | 1,192,988 |
| 1932 | 56,423,223 | 581,951 | 5,089,314 | 319,457 | 61,512,537 | 901,435 |
| 1933 | 50,559,475 | 615,645 | 5,516,986 | 381,752 | 56,076,461 | 997,397 |
| 1934 | 36,136,900 | 738,778 | 3,659,100 | 311,186 | 39,796,000 | 1,049,964 |
| 1935 | 37,027,700 | 841,221 | 4,005,600 | 385,057 | 41,033,300 | 1,226,278 |
| 1936 | 39,432,000 | 886,775 | 4,238,400 | 418,152 | 43,670,400 | 1,304,927 |
| 1937 | 44,125,800 | 958,356 | 4,989,400 | 436,111 | 49,115,200 | 1,394,467 |
| 1938 | 49,389,500 | 871,328 | 5,681,000 | 435,939 | 55,070,500 | 1,307,267 |
| 1939 | 51,029,700 | 923,273 | 6,016,700 | 445,799 | 57,046,400 | 1,369,072 |
| 1940 | 38,047,900 | 837,044 | 3,767,900 | 310,511 | 41,815,800 | 1,147,555 |
| 1941 | 27,692,100 | 863,408 | 2,545,800 | 324,142 | 30,237,900 | 1,187,550 |
| 1942 | 32,692,400 | 1,032,983 | 3,090,600 | 364,468 | 35,783,300 | 1,397,451 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 41,083,900 | 2,143,350 | 3,534,600 | 1,003,471 | 44,618,500 | 3,146,822 |
| 1945 | 37,289,800 | 2,265,013 | 3,532,200 | 1,225,470 | 40,822,000 | 3,490,483 |
| 1946 | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Maryland Crab Catch*

| Year | Hard Crabs | | Soft Crabs and Peelers | | Total Pounds |
|------|------------|------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Barrels | Pounds (1) | Number | Pounds (2) | |
| 1939 | 246,967 | 24,696,700 | 12,924,376 | 3,231,094 | 27,927,794 |
| 1940 | 176,696 | 17,669,600 | 7,129,531 | 1,782,383 | 19,451,983 |
| 1941 | 113,365 | 11,336,500 | 3,339,431 | 834,858 | 12,171,358 |
| 1942 | 129,037 | 12,903,700 | 6,602,057 | 1,650,514 | 14,554,214 |
| 1943 | 132,787 | 13,278,700 | 2,967,827 | 741,957 | 14,020,657 |
| 1944 | 161,916 | 16,191,600 | 3,885,454 | 971,363 | 17,162,963 |
| 1945 | 179,696 | 17,969,600 | 6,277,300 | 1,569,325 | 19,538,925 |
| 1946 | 254,322 | 25,432,200 | 9,736,945 | 2,434,236 | 27,866,436 |
| 1947 | 250,932 | 25,093,200 | 12,319,558 | 3,079,889 | 28,173,089 |
| 1948 | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | |

* From estimates and records collected by local inspectors of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and compiled by J. R. E. Turpin, Seafood Auditor.

(1) At 100 pounds per barrel.

(2) At 4 crabs per pound.

Maryland line, with baits or snoods*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of lines | Number of fishermen on boats and shore | |
|------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--|--------|
| | | | | | | | | Regular | Casual |
| 1920 | 4,572,808 | 205,371 | 16,717 | 4,497 | 4,589,525 | 209,868 | - | - | - |
| 1925 | 6,599,044 | 276,698 | 68,340 | 7,599 | 6,667,384 | 284,297 | - | - | - |
| 1929 | 24,013,540 | 441,996 | - | - | 24,013,540 | 441,996 | 1,408 | 1,193 | 146 |
| 1930 | 30,315,632 | 505,730 | - | - | 30,315,632 | 505,730 | 1,510 | 1,317 | 160 |
| 1931 | 29,015,540 | 403,141 | - | - | 29,015,540 | 403,141 | 1,560 | 1,491 | 55 |
| 1932 | 27,071,510 | 263,488 | 16,625 | 1,156 | 27,088,135 | 264,644 | 1,227 | 983 | 268 |
| 1933 | 25,543,900 | 317,945 | - | - | 25,543,900 | 317,945 | 1,547 | 1,180 | 127 |
| 1934 | 13,010,800 | 262,532 | - | - | 13,010,800 | 262,532 | 1,531 | 1,088 | 180 |
| 1935 | 17,014,000 | 346,241 | 283,300 | 19,564 | 17,360,241 | 365,805 | 1,731 | 1,279 | 131 |
| 1936 | 13,229,200 | 311,970 | 269,600 | 23,485 | 13,498,800 | 335,455 | 1,881 | 1,463 | 155 |
| 1937 | 16,050,800 | 389,617 | 262,900 | 21,891 | 16,313,700 | 411,508 | 1,586 | 1,213 | 163 |
| 1938 | 20,529,100 | 381,830 | 249,600 | 20,879 | 20,778,700 | 402,709 | 1,766 | 1,249 | 222 |
| 1939 | 23,902,900 | 436,327 | 297,700 | 21,847 | 23,200,600 | 458,174 | 1,851 | 1,161 | 362 |
| 1940 | 14,737,400 | 340,358 | 170,600 | 17,291 | 14,908,000 | 357,649 | 1,695 | 1,073 | 268 |
| 1941 | 11,625,400 | 394,752 | 156,400 | 19,085 | 11,781,800 | 413,837 | 1,296 | 770 | 273 |
| 1942 | 13,808,400 | 484,292 | 59,000 | 8,949 | 13,867,400 | 493,241 | 1,128 | 568 | 245 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 13,913,100 | 696,860 | 141,000 | 36,360 | 14,054,100 | 733,220 | 1,078 | 907 | 181 |
| 1945 | 12,234,000 | 755,132 | 105,100 | 36,735 | 12,339,100 | 791,867 | 1,520 | 1,331 | 225 |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Maryland Dip Nets*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of nets | Number of fishermen on boats and shore | |
|------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--------|
| | | | | | | | | Regular | Casual |
| 1920 | 400,886 | 29,334 | 1,415,810 | 187,924 | 1,816,696 | 217,258 | - | - | - |
| 1925 | 425,525 | 15,205 | 1,264,225 | 143,700 | 1,689,750 | 158,905 | - | - | - |
| 1929 | 502,570 | 9,879 | 1,008,352 | 125,021 | 1,510,922 | 134,900 | 1,180 | 940 | 240 |
| 1930 | 89,650 | 1,585 | 2,064,758 | 179,236 | 2,154,408 | 180,821 | 1,393 | 991 | 408 |
| 1931 | 376,810 | 5,071 | 1,725,594 | 127,906 | 2,102,404 | 132,977 | 1,776 | 1,183 | 593 |
| 1932 | 1,668,980 | 19,444 | 2,741,335 | 178,187 | 4,410,315 | 197,631 | 1,523 | 840 | 683 |
| 1933 | 88,300 | 1,104 | 2,441,379 | 166,937 | 2,529,679 | 168,041 | 1,458 | 985 | 473 |
| 1934 | 3,500 | 70 | 1,364,300 | 129,566 | 1,367,800 | 129,636 | 1,321 | 740 | 581 |
| 1935 | 7,500 | 198 | 1,053,700 | 106,856 | 1,061,200 | 107,054 | 1,215 | 623 | 597 |
| 1936 | - | - | 673,100 | 68,409 | 673,100 | 68,409 | 991 | 380 | 603 |
| 1937 | 147,500 | 3,687 | 701,000 | 64,575 | 848,500 | 68,262 | 863 | 542 | 321 |
| 1938 | 50,000 | 1,000 | 715,800 | 65,872 | 765,800 | 66,872 | 670 | 354 | 316 |
| 1939 | 26,600 | 532 | 562,400 | 54,222 | 589,000 | 54,754 | 484 | 276 | 208 |
| 1940 | - | - | 291,100 | 36,077 | 291,100 | 36,077 | 449 | 193 | 256 |
| 1941 | - | - | 146,500 | 23,539 | 146,500 | 23,539 | 341 | 218 | 123 |
| 1942 | - | - | 190,300 | 31,226 | 190,300 | 31,226 | 253 | 131 | 122 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | - | - | 104,100 | 34,965 | 104,100 | 34,965 | 1,230 | - | 1,230 |
| 1945 | 16,900 | 1,078 | 584,000 | 204,020 | 600,900 | 205,098 | 1,186 | 185 | 1,001 |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Maryland Crab Pots*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of pots | Number of fishermen | | |
|------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | on vessel | on boats and shore Regular | Casual |
| 1937 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1938 | 20,000 | 400 | 27,500 | 1,925 | 47,500 | 2,325 | 55 | - | 9 | - |
| 1939 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1940 | 211,500 | 4,834 | - | - | 211,500 | 4,834 | 515 | - | 12 | 6 |
| 1941 | 350,000 | 11,750 | - | - | 350,000 | 11,750 | 575 | - | 14 | 4 |
| 1942 | 200,000 | 8,000 | 56,600 | 7,925 | 256,600 | 15,925 | 270 | - | 12 | - |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 3,217,000 | 163,310 | 30,100 | 9,685 | 3,247,100 | 172,995 | 5,530 | - | 128 | 41 |
| 1945 | 6,199,000 | 376,740 | 79,700 | 27,910 | 6,278,700 | 404,650 | 7,365 | 32 | 197 | 10 |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | | |

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Maryland Crab Scrapes*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of scrapes | No. motor boats | No. other boats |
|------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1920 | 183,909 | 13,115 | 2,420,669 | 289,988 | 2,604,578 | 303,103 | 1,487 | - | - |
| 1925 | 296,015 | 11,564 | 973,490 | 109,006 | 1,269,505 | 120,570 | 948 | - | - |
| 1929 | 939,020 | 17,845 | 1,610,676 | 201,336 | 2,549,696 | 219,181 | 1,102 | - | 536 |
| 1930 | 1,220,485 | 21,690 | 3,199,944 | 270,364 | 4,420,429 | 292,054 | 1,232 | - | 584 |
| 1931 | 538,200 | 7,376 | 2,097,237 | 148,979 | 2,635,437 | 156,355 | 1,098 | - | 539 |
| 1932 | 658,688 | 8,198 | 631,210 | 34,872 | 1,289,898 | 43,070 | 956 | - | 369 |
| 1933 | 1,015,900 | 12,698 | 740,766 | 44,451 | 1,756,666 | 57,149 | 642 | - | 321 |
| 1934 | 606,600 | 12,132 | 719,000 | 59,111 | 1,325,600 | 71,243 | 582 | - | 286 |
| 1935 | 243,300 | 6,083 | 1,101,500 | 88,113 | 1,344,800 | 94,196 | 708 | - | 304 |
| 1936 | 65,000 | 1,625 | 1,204,900 | 96,387 | 1,269,900 | 98,012 | 708 | - | 280 |
| 1937 | - | - | 1,487,900 | 118,432 | 1,487,900 | 118,432 | 632 | - | 296 |
| 1938 | 100,000 | 2,000 | 1,826,000 | 128,499 | 1,926,000 | 130,499 | 614 | - | 307 |
| 1939 | 113,100 | 2,262 | 2,253,400 | 180,277 | 2,366,500 | 182,539 | 548 | - | 274 |
| 1940 | 32,500 | 813 | 1,283,700 | 102,696 | 1,316,200 | 103,509 | 448 | - | 224 |
| 1941 | - | - | 527,000 | 63,235 | 527,000 | 63,235 | 195 | - | 98 |
| 1942 | 40,000 | 1,600 | 1,325,000 | 182,576 | 1,365,000 | 184,176 | 212 | 142 | - |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 25,000 | 1,250 | 830,000 | 283,000 | 855,000 | 284,250 | 346 | 188 | - |
| 1945 | 10,300 | 618 | 923,400 | 323,190 | 933,700 | 323,808 | 200 | 122 | - |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Maryland catch by miscellaneous gear*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value |
|------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1920 | 8,100 | 340 | 44,075 | 12,375 | 52,175 | 12,715 |
| 1925 | 532 | 40 | 19,190 | 3,971 | 19,722 | 4,011 |
| 1929 | - | - | 25,520 | 3,492 | 25,520 | 3,492 |
| 1930 | - | - | 48,314 | 5,566 | 48,314 | 5,566 |
| 1931 | - | - | 87,779 | 9,311 | 87,779 | 9,311 |
| 1932 | - | - | 151,083 | 13,459 | 151,083 | 13,459 |
| 1933 | - | - | 266,884 | 27,013 | 266,884 | 27,013 |
| 1934 | - | - | 205,500 | 26,527 | 205,500 | 26,527 |
| 1935 | - | - | 118,100 | 15,002 | 118,100 | 15,002 |
| 1936 | - | - | 121,300 | 11,005 | 121,300 | 11,005 |
| 1937 | - | - | 62,300 | 6,298 | 62,300 | 6,298 |
| 1938 | - | - | 79,500 | 7,585 | 79,500 | 7,585 |
| 1939 | 20,000 | 400 | 120,200 | 13,546 | 140,200 | 13,946 |
| 1940 | 50,000 | 1,250 | 45,300 | 6,161 | 95,300 | 7,411 |
| 1941 | - | - | 6,400 | 1,266 | 6,400 | 1,266 |
| 1942 | - | - | 14,400 | 3,456 | 14,400 | 3,456 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | - | - | 7,000 | 2,450 | 7,000 | 2,450 |
| 1945 | 9,800 | 710 | 8,300 | 2,905 | 18,100 | 3,615 |
| 1946 | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Catch of pound nets, haul seines, crab traps, fish fykes, hand lines, and catch by hand.

Virginia lines, with baits or snoods*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of lines | Number of fishermen | | |
|------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | | | | On vessel | on boats and Regular | shore Casual |
| 1920 | 9,341,178 | 260,742 | - | - | 9,341,178 | 260,742 | - | - | - | - |
| 1925 | 14,393,397 | 390,863 | 13,835 | 1,245 | 14,407,232 | 392,108 | - | - | - | - |
| 1929 | 21,451,640 | 353,601 | - | - | 21,451,640 | 353,601 | 1,064 | - | 777 | 277 |
| 1930 | 20,113,470 | 373,069 | - | - | 20,113,470 | 373,069 | 1,386 | - | 1,335 | 71 |
| 1931 | 21,354,660 | 284,017 | - | - | 21,354,660 | 284,017 | 1,094 | - | 998 | 96 |
| 1932 | 18,302,400 | 181,741 | - | - | 18,302,400 | 181,741 | 994 | - | 922 | 72 |
| 1933 | 17,047,155 | 169,599 | - | - | 17,047,155 | 169,599 | 1,075 | - | 946 | 135 |
| 1934 | 16,862,400 | 286,607 | - | - | 16,862,400 | 286,607 | 1,437 | - | 968 | 475 |
| 1935 | 14,686,300 | 308,271 | - | - | 14,686,300 | 308,271 | 1,304 | - | 804 | 502 |
| 1936 | 19,354,400 | 371,763 | 193,800 | 13,935 | 19,548,200 | 385,698 | 2,140 | 2 | 1,493 | 651 |
| 1937 | 22,303,300 | 376,404 | 30,500 | 3,025 | 22,333,800 | 379,429 | 1,962 | - | 1,479 | 483 |
| 1938 | 22,434,000 | 324,614 | 506,000 | 36,113 | 22,940,000 | 360,727 | 1,603 | - | 1,233 | 373 |
| 1939 | 21,002,400 | 335,260 | 434,500 | 23,868 | 21,436,900 | 359,128 | 1,390 | - | 884 | 506 |
| 1940 | 14,129,200 | 253,221 | 449,600 | 31,629 | 14,578,800 | 284,850 | 1,269 | - | 865 | 406 |
| 1941 | 7,548,100 | 186,565 | 370,700 | 33,346 | 7,918,800 | 219,911 | 844 | 6 | 610 | 310 |
| 1942 | 7,593,800 | 197,678 | 311,100 | 28,244 | 7,904,900 | 225,922 | 558 | 3 | 457 | 99 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 10,256,000 | 512,852 | 383,900 | 103,323 | 10,639,900 | 616,175 | 542 | - | 405 | 208 |
| 1945 | 2,964,300 | 177,898 | 42,000 | 14,675 | 3,006,300 | 192,573 | 227 | 4 | 185 | 58 |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Some data are not given in certain year; i.e., soft crabs, 1929-1935. Soft crab catch estimated for those years is negligible compared to total catch, amounting to between 0.1% and 1.0%

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Virginia Dip-nets *

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of nets | Number of fishermen on boats and shore | |
|------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--------|
| | | | | | | | | Regular | Casual |
| 1920 | 18,604 | 1,395 | 303,403 | 54,088 | 322,007 | 55,483 | 867 | - | - |
| 1925 | 93,500 | 1,953 | 696,715 | 81,793 | 790,215 | 83,746 | 759 | - | - |
| 1929 | 390,000 | 6,500 | 422,320 | 30,286 | 812,320 | 36,786 | 405 | 120 | 285 |
| 1930 | 308,400 | 5,397 | 897,040 | 75,967 | 1,205,440 | 81,364 | 712 | 467 | 245 |
| 1931 | 44,000 | 660 | 603,280 | 35,301 | 647,280 | 35,961 | 745** | 337 | 408 |
| 1932 | 326,509 | 3,767 | 1,372,838 | 81,041 | 1,699,347 | 84,808 | 1,349 | 343 | 1,006 |
| 1933 | 193,100 | 1,968 | 1,939,257 | 135,629 | 2,132,357 | 137,597 | 1,675 | 496 | 1,187 |
| 1934 | 46,500 | 5,575 | 1,359,700 | 95,596 | 1,406,200 | 101,171 | 2,391** | 971 | 1,420 |
| 1935 | 156,000 | 2,540 | 1,280,700 | 137,998 | 1,436,700 | 140,538 | 1,966 | 1,140 | 826 |
| 1936 | 331,900 | 13,882 | 1,310,900 | 169,468 | 1,642,800 | 183,350 | 1,495** | 534 | 961 |
| 1937 | 12,000 | 180 | 1,346,500 | 125,910 | 1,358,500 | 126,090 | 1,440 | 695 | 745 |
| 1938 | 172,500 | 3,019 | 677,300 | 59,762 | 849,800 | 62,781 | 954 | 416 | 538 |
| 1939 | - | - | 651,800 | 49,883 | 651,800 | 49,883 | 658 | 200 | 458 |
| 1940 | - | - | 434,700 | 39,771 | 434,700 | 39,771 | 543 | 185 | 363 |
| 1941 | 38,600 | 1,544 | 456,600 | 78,624 | 495,200 | 80,168 | 314 | 122 | 192 |
| 1942 | 154,100 | 4,686 | 358,100 | 32,004 | 512,200 | 36,690 | 397 | 123 | 274 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 31,900 | 1,592 | 519,500 | 139,112 | 551,400 | 140,704 | 1,174** | 165 | 1,009 |
| 1945 | 16,900 | 951 | 425,100 | 138,390 | 442,000 | 139,341 | 1,332*** | 217 | 1,115 |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

** Negligible percentage of fish also caught.

*** Negligible percentage of terrapin also caught.

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Virginia Crab Pots*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of pots | Number of fishermen | | |
|------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | On vessel | On boats and shore Regular | Casual |
| 1935 | 48,000 | 500 | 7,700 | 804 | 55,700 | 1,304 | 46 | - | 4 | - |
| 1936 | 99,800 | 2,064 | 40,700 | 3,336 | 140,500 | 5,400 | 275 | - | 16 | - |
| 1937 | 438,000 | 8,260 | 51,500 | 5,120 | 489,500 | 13,380 | 1,060 | - | 36 | 23 |
| 1938 | 251,700 | 4,450 | - | - | 251,700 | 4,450 | 740 | - | 35 | 6 |
| 1939 | 1,083,000 | 20,188 | 161,900 | 9,714 | 1,244,900 | 29,902 | 1,120 | - | 32 | 65 |
| 1940 | 5,038,000 | 89,856 | 61,200 | 4,386 | 5,099,200 | 94,242 | 7,190 | - | 236 | 106 |
| 1941 | 5,707,200 | 159,757 | 79,300 | 11,634 | 5,786,500 | 171,391 | 9,409 | 10 | 162 | 282 |
| 1942 | 7,996,600 | 230,883 | 42,800 | 3,824 | 8,039,400 | 234,707 | 12,001 | 9 | 334 | 122 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 10,983,500 | 550,165 | 224,000 | 58,206 | 11,207,500 | 608,371 | 25,550 | 1 | 509 | 220 |
| 1945 | 13,064,800 | 782,888 | 273,800 | 95,830 | 13,338,600 | 878,718 | 37,800 | 6 | 775 | 214 |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Virginia Crab Scrapes*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of scrapes | No. motor boats | No. other boats |
|------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1920 | 36,560 | 2,742 | 818,702 | 103,065 | 855,262 | 105,807 | 555 | - | - |
| 1925 | 44,700 | 921 | 437,424 | 44,220 | 482,124 | 45,141 | 455 | - | - |
| 1929 | 1,439,000 | 24,050 | 1,277,880 | 73,504 | 2,716,880 | 97,554 | 593 | - | 255 |
| 1930 | 1,024,000 | 15,360 | 1,983,960 | 119,038 | 3,007,960 | 134,398 | 618 | - | 256 |
| 1931 | 350,470 | 4,711 | 1,109,120 | 66,490 | 1,459,590 | 71,201 | 388 | - | 179 |
| 1932 | 69,486 | 869 | 146,973 | 8,819 | 216,459 | 9,688 | 80 | - | 30 |
| 1933 | 116,550 | 1,058 | 128,700 | 7,722 | 245,250 | 8,780 | 41 | 20 | 21 |
| 1934 | 5,900 | 53 | 10,600 | 386 | 16,500 | 439 | 4 | - | 4 |
| 1935 | 6,000 | 90 | 33,000 | 3,960 | 39,000 | 4,050 | 8 | - | 8 |
| 1936 | 29,000 | 700 | 257,400 | 15,437 | 286,400 | 16,137 | 47 | - | 47 |
| 1937 | 74,000 | 1,480 | 455,000 | 36,400 | 529,000 | 37,880 | 114 | 74 | - |
| 1938 | 280,000 | 3,820 | 542,300 | 34,971 | 822,300 | 38,791 | 170 | 117 | - |
| 1939 | 647,100 | 10,985 | 1,078,700 | 64,716 | 1,725,800 | 75,701 | 226 | 113 | - |
| 1940 | 243,500 | 4,335 | 567,100 | 39,697 | 810,600 | 44,032 | 72 | 36 | - |
| 1941 | 176,000 | 6,320 | 394,500 | 34,852 | 570,500 | 41,172 | 70 | 40 | - |
| 1942 | 152,000 | 4,540 | 336,500 | 30,920 | 488,500 | 35,460 | 58 | 29 | - |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 325,100 | 16,255 | 420,500 | 112,990 | 745,600 | 129,245 | 120 | 75 | - |
| 1945 | 6,200 | 372 | 500,200 | 175,070 | 506,400 | 175,442 | 77 | 46 | - |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Virginia Crab Dredges*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of dredges | No. of vessels | No. of boats |
|------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1920 | 3,068,800 | 136,341 | - | - | 3,068,800 | 136,341 | 118 | - | - |
| 1925 | 3,999,147 | 129,916 | - | - | 3,999,147 | 129,916 | 120 | - | - |
| 1929 | 7,072,800 | 178,445 | - | - | 7,072,800 | 178,445 | 124 | 56 | 6 |
| 1930 | 7,494,000 | 149,230 | - | - | 7,494,000 | 149,230 | 102 | 45 | 6 |
| 1931 | 7,214,000 | 100,025 | - | - | 7,214,000 | 100,025 | 112 | 50 | 6 |
| 1932 | 8,210,650 | 103,581 | - | - | 8,210,650 | 103,581 | 126 | 56 | 7 |
| 1933 | 6,554,570 | 111,273 | - | - | 6,554,570 | 111,273 | 130 | 52 | 13 |
| 1934 | 5,596,800 | 171,736 | - | - | 5,596,800 | 171,736 | 200 | 74 | 31 |
| 1935 | 4,792,200 | 175,698 | - | - | 4,792,200 | 175,698 | 211 | 80 | 47 |
| 1936 | 6,259,500 | 183,462 | - | - | 6,259,500 | 183,462 | 232 | 101 | 6 |
| 1937 | 4,902,700 | 174,960 | - | - | 4,902,700 | 174,960 | 198 | 99 | - |
| 1938 | 5,391,600 | 147,780 | - | - | 5,391,600 | 147,780 | 296 | 98 | 50 |
| 1939 | 4,088,200 | 115,084 | - | - | 4,088,200 | 115,084 | 182 | 89 | 2 |
| 1940 | 3,534,400 | 141,063 | - | - | 3,534,400 | 141,063 | 160 | 80 | - |
| 1941 | 2,117,200 | 98,623 | - | - | 2,117,200 | 98,623 | 134 | 58 | - |
| 1942 | 2,665,000 | 99,009 | - | - | 2,665,000 | 99,009 | 100 | 50 | - |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 2,178,300 | 193,369 | - | - | 2,178,300 | 193,369 | 105 | 54 | 1 |
| 1945 | 2,258,100 | 138,056 | 1,500 | 525 | 2,259,600 | 138,581 | 168 | 74 | 11 |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Virginia Crab Fykes*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value | No. of fykes | Number of fishermen on boats and shore | |
|------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---|--------|
| | | | | | | | | Regular | Casual |
| 1935 | 12,000 | 300 | 6,000 | 600 | 18,000 | 900 | 12** | 2 | 2 |
| 1936 | 41,700 | 773 | 36,600 | 5,870 | 78,300 | 6,643 | 45** | 18 | 6 |
| 1937 | 82,500 | 1,468 | 286,800 | 29,200 | 369,300 | 30,668 | 277** | 69 | 12 |
| 1938 | 49,900 | 1,207 | 206,300 | 27,873 | 256,200 | 29,080 | 408 | 106 | 31 |
| 1939 | 79,700 | 1,234 | 151,100 | 9,126 | 253,319 | 10,360 | 299 | 25 | 50 |
| 1940 | 58,700 | 1,060 | 241,600 | 17,168 | 300,300 | 18,228 | 388 | 36 | 56 |
| 1941 | 129,500 | 4,095 | 207,000 | 40,109 | 336,500 | 44,204 | 538 | 47 | 69 |
| 1942 | 82,500 | 2,295 | 252,800 | 20,224 | 335,300 | 22,519 | 479 | 57 | 38 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 104,400 | 5,218 | 407,000 | 106,830 | 511,400 | 112,048 | 242 | 12 | 85 |
| 1945 | 85,000 | 5,100 | 298,200 | 104,370 | 383,200 | 109,470 | 319 | 48 | 18 |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

** 1935-1937 gear classified as "crab pound".

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Virginia catch by miscellaneous gear*

| Year | Total hard crabs, lbs | Value | Total soft, peelers, lbs | Value | Total hard, soft, peelers, lbs. | Total value |
|------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1920 | 200 | 75 | 49,632 | 7,116 | 49,832 | 7,191 |
| 1925 | 1,250 | 80 | 274,276 | 30,723 | 275,526 | 30,803 |
| 1929 | 24,186 | 1,943 | - | - | 24,186 | 1,943 |
| 1930 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1931 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1932 | 115,000 | 863 | 29,250 | 1,950 | 144,250 | 2,813 |
| 1933 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1934 | 4,400 | 73 | - | - | 4,400 | 73 |
| 1935 | 62,400 | 1,300 | 121,600 | 12,160 | 184,000 | 13,460 |
| 1936 | 21,500 | 536 | 130,100 | 10,820 | 151,600 | 11,356 |
| 1937 | 115,000 | 2,300 | 305,000 | 25,260 | 420,000 | 27,560 |
| 1938 | 110,700 | 1,208 | 850,700 | 52,460 | 961,400 | 53,668 |
| 1939 | 66,700 | 1,001 | 305,000 | 18,600 | 371,700 | 19,601 |
| 1940 | 12,700 | 254 | 223,000 | 15,635 | 235,700 | 15,889 |
| 1941 | 100 | 2 | 201,400 | 18,452 | 201,500 | 18,454 |
| 1942 | - | - | 144,000 | 15,120 | 144,000 | 15,120 |
| 1943 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 49,600 | 2,480 | 467,500 | 116,550 | 517,100 | 119,030 |
| 1945 | 424,500 | 25,470 | 290,900 | 101,850 | 715,400 | 127,320 |
| 1946 | | | | | | |
| 1947 | | | | | | |
| 1948 | | | | | | |
| 1949 | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | |

* Data from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Catch of pound nets, haul seines, crab traps, fish fykes, otter trawls, tongs, gill nets, and catch by hand.

Crab Licenses in Virginia*

| Year | Ordinary | Patent dip trot line | Scrape | Dredge | Packing or picking house | Crab buyer | Fyke nets | Crab pots | Estimated no. of pots | Canning or packing house | Haul seine | Total licenses |
|--------|----------|-------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1920** | 148 | - | - | 12 | 18 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 178 |
| 1921 | 1,820 | 2 | 10 | 27 | 53 | 69 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,981 |
| 1922 | 2,115 | 2 | 26 | 23 | 55 | 132 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,353 |
| 1923 | 1,872 | 19 | 10 | 48 | 66 | 81 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,096 |
| 1924 | 2,060 | 52 | 13 | 49 | 58 | 94 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,326 |
| 1925 | 2,844 | 39 | 22 | 53 | 70 | 126 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 3,156 |
| 1926 | 2,712 | 38 | 12 | 62 | 75 | 130 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 3,031 |
| 1927 | 2,669 | 37 | 3 | 64 | 72 | 140 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2,987 |
| 1928 | 2,138 | 29 | 25 | 69 | 71 | 111 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,443 |
| 1929 | 1,390 | 36 | 37 | 64 | 69 | 92 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,724 |
| 1930 | 1,537 | 48 | 6 | 52 | 77 | 97 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,817 |
| 1931 | 1,464 | 44 | 4 | 61 | 60 | 115 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1,750 |
| 1932 | 1,051 | 67 | 5 | 60 | 48 | 102 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 1,336 |
| 1933 | 1,066 | 55 | 41 | 64 | 59 | 108 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1,395 |
| 1934 | 1,610 | 69 | 38 | 71 | 65 | 132 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,985 |
| 1935 | 1,676 | 62 | 41 | 93 | 70 | 122 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,064 |
| 1936 | 1,601 | 52 | 11 | 89 | 74 | 130 | 31 | 3 | 50 | 1 | - | 1,992 |
| 1937 | 1,677 | 62 | 101 | 105 | 76 | 122 | 91 | 8 | 164 | 1 | - | 2,246 |
| 1938 | 1,699 | 70 | 115 | 80 | 70 | 141 | 29 | 80 | 959 | 1 | - | 2,291 |
| 1939 | 1,255 | 77 | 146 | 79 | 77 | 122 | 300 | 129 | 1,594 | - | - | 2,185 |
| 1940 | 1,261 | 46 | 19 | 96 | 85 | 138 | 400 | 349 | 12,165 | - | - | 2,394 |
| 1941 | 943 | 60 | 103 | 70 | 87 | 108 | 527 | 476 | 16,660 | - | - | 2,374 |
| 1942 | 773 | 33 | 139 | 63 | 84 | 76 | 440 | 525 | 18,375 | - | - | 2,133 |
| 1943 | 737 | 46 | 53 | 54 | 79 | 78 | 341 | 444 | 15,410 | - | - | 1,832 |
| 1944 | 601 | 55 | 81 | 64 | 73 | 64 | 250 | 600 | 17,275 | - | - | 1,788 |
| 1945 | 535 | 37 | 87 | 70 | 81 | 62 | 322 | 740 | 37,000 | - | 7 | 1,941 |
| 1946 | 440 | 67 | 141 | 77 | 99 | 69 | 615 | 709 | 35,450 | - | 2 | 2,219 |
| 1947 | 427 | 62 | 130 | 78 | 91 | 78 | 694 | 726 | 36,300 | - | - | 2,286 |
| 1948 | 440 | 58 | 99 | 99 | 90 | 87 | 836 | 830 | 41,500 | - | - | 2,539 |
| 1949 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

* Data from the Commission of Fisheries of Virginia.

** 1920 includes only September through December.

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Crab Licenses in Maryland *

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| Year | Crabbers | Packers | Shippers | No. of potters | No. of scrapers | No. of scrapes | No. of trot lines |
|------|----------|---------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1916 | 3500 | 59 | 170 | - | 730 | - | - |
| 1917 | 1709 | 178 | - | - | 378 | - | - |
| 1918 | 1814 | 78 | 80 | - | 402 | - | - |
| 1919 | 2375 | 57 | 103 | - | 407 | - | - |
| 1920 | 2055 | 66 | 126 | - | 455 | - | - |
| 1921 | 2695 | 66 | 141 | - | 533 | - | - |
| 1922 | 2912 | 58 | 142 | - | 460 | - | - |
| 1923 | 2553 | 65 | 144 | - | 420 | - | - |
| 1924 | 2668 | 65 | 135 | - | 389 | - | - |
| 1925 | 2515 | 55 | 125 | - | 406 | - | - |
| 1926 | 2018 | 57 | 116 | - | 291 | - | - |
| 1927 | 2235 | 55 | 123 | - | 279 | - | - |
| 1928 | 2275 | 57 | 132 | - | 270 | - | - |
| 1929 | 2390 | 58 | 167 | - | - | - | - |
| 1930 | 2795 | 66 | 166 | - | 215 | - | - |
| 1931 | 3012 | 61 | 183 | - | 164 | - | - |
| 1932 | 2562 | 63 | 178 | - | 121 | - | - |
| 1933 | 3121 | 64 | 184 | - | 113 | - | - |
| 1934 | 2041 | 50 | 161 | - | 27 | - | - |
| 1935 | 2602 | 60 | 105 | - | 142 | - | - |
| 1936 | 2427 | 58 | 184 | - | 80 | - | - |
| 1937 | 2086 | 51 | 172 | - | 96 | - | - |
| 1938 | 2004 | 112 | 111 | - | 90 | 614 | 1766 |
| 1939 | 2441 | 114 | 127 | - | - | - | - |
| 1940 | | | | | | | |
| 1941 | | | | | | | |

* Data for 1916-1929 from Seventh Annual Report of the Conservation Department of Maryland, 1929 (1930); data for 1930-1939 from Seventeenth Annual Report of the Conservation Department of Maryland, 1939 (1940).

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Crab Licenses in Maryland *

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| Year | Crabbers | Packers | Shippers | No. of potters | No. of scrapers | No. of scrapes | No. of trot lines |
|------|----------|---------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1942 | 1170 | 41 | 134 | ** | - | - | - |
| 1943 | 1381 | 51 | 117 | 106 *** | - | - | - |
| 1944 | 1330 | 51 | 116 | 161 *** | - | - | - |
| 1945 | 1832 | 39 | 134 | 196 *** | - | - | - |
| 1946 | 1779 | 57 | 160 | 243 *** | - | - | - |
| 1947 | | | | | | | |
| 1948 | 1637 | 95 | 149 | 340 *** | - | - | - |
| 1949 | | | | | | | |
| 1950 | | | | | | | |

* Data for 1942-1946 from Annual Reports of the Maryland Board of Natural Resources, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947; data for 1948 from "The Maryland Crab Industry, 1948", by L. Eugene Cronin, Publication No. 76, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (1949).

** Not legal

*** State waters only

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Crab Receipts at the Municipal Fish Wharf and Market,
Washington, D. C. *

| Year | Hard and soft crabs in pounds ** | Crab meat in pounds |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1918 | 201,120 | 51,030 |
| 1919 | - | - |
| 1920 | 71,913 | 32,718 |
| 1921 | 151,554 | 95,515 |
| 1922 | 202,143 | 40,037 |
| 1923 | 257,247 | 69,770 |
| 1924 | 215,190 | 53,945 |
| 1925 | 131,895 | 73,965 |
| 1926 | 206,310 | 99,040 |
| 1927 | 200,739 | 85,955 |
| 1928 | 467,355 | 105,195 |
| 1929 | 380,775 | 126,405 |
| 1930 | 414,840 | 126,370 |
| 1931 | 394,380 | 129,940 |
| 1932 | 375,555 | 183,560 |
| 1933 | 347,655 | 190,490 |
| 1934 | 328,955 | 151,970 |
| 1935 | 347,115 | 272,585 |
| 1936 | 108,525 | 148,830 |
| 1937 | 348,000 | 215,000 |
| 1938 | 519,000 | 265,000 |
| 1939 | 903,000 | 290,000 |
| 1940 | 529,350 | 244,020 |
| 1941 | 385,080 | 186,200 |
| 1942 | 466,500 | 208,875 |
| 1943 | 362,160 | 328,877 |
| 1944 | 447,000 | 340,387 |
| 1945 | 900,000 | 205,000 |
| 1946 | 837,000 | 250,000 |
| 1947 | 693,000 | 310,000 |
| 1948 | 671,100 | 115,055 |
| 1949 | | |
| 1950 | | |

* Data from the Bureau of Food Inspection, Health Department, District of Columbia. Reported by U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the period 1918-36, by personal communication for 1937-48.

** Conversion factors used; as reported by the Health Dept.:
1 box soft crabs = 12 dozen
1 dozen soft crabs = 5 pounds
1 barrel hard crabs = 135 pounds