

of fishing during the few nights of the full moon, and this dark of the moon between one full moon and the next is locally called a "dark." This is not even an orthodox lunar month which is usually considered to be from one new moon to the next instead of from full moon to full moon. However, the fact remains that the sardine catch is no respecter of calendars but instead is the result of several "darks" making up a "season." To be impartial, we include tables to show the catches both by seasons and calendar years but until the moon can be induced to conform to the calendar, we spare you sardine catch data compiled by "darks" rather than by old-fashioned months.

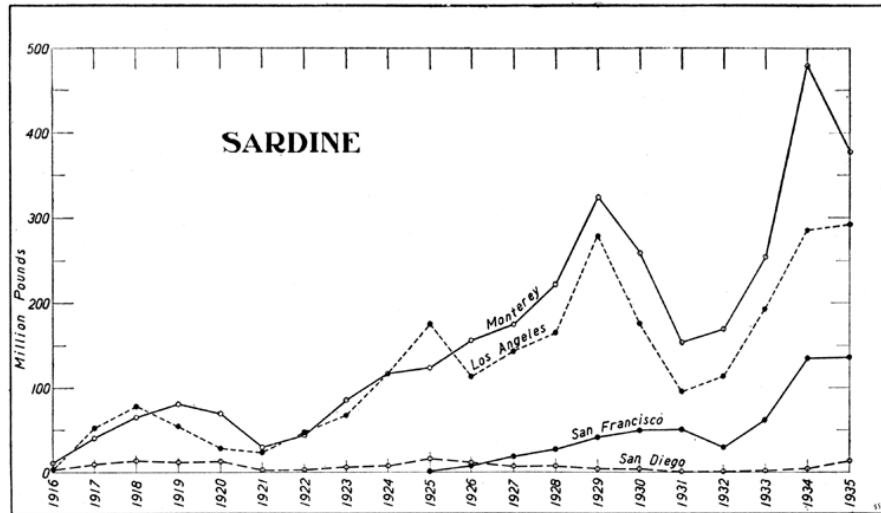


Fig. 6. The sardine catch by calendar years at the four principal ports of landing in California.

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TABLE 1.

Sardines Landed in California by Calendar Years and Fishing Seasons.

Calendar years	Tons	Fishing seasons	Tons
1916-----	7,820	1916-17-----	29,430
1917-----	52,050	1917-18-----	74,610
1918-----	78,830	1918-19-----	73,210
1919-----	76,940	1919-20-----	69,570
1920-----	59,260	1920-21-----	40,930
1921-----	29,670	1921-22-----	38,410
1922-----	46,700	1922-23-----	65,160
1923-----	79,080	1923-24-----	84,090
1924-----	121,340	1924-25-----	172,860
1925-----	157,650	1925-26-----	137,690
1926-----	143,370	1926-27-----	147,700
1927-----	171,140	1927-28-----	182,870
1928-----	210,130	1928-29-----	254,450
1929-----	325,890	1929-30-----	324,240
1930-----	247,220	1930-31-----	173,820
1931-----	150,650	1931-32-----	133,440
1932-----	156,090	1932-33-----	205,530
1933-----	254,900	1933-34-----	315,480
1934-----	451,820	1934-35-----	483,360
1935-----	414,760	1935-36-----	409,680
Total-----	3,235,310	Total-----	3,416,530

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