

CRAYFISH EXPORTS

Hereunder are the details of exports of crayfish tails and whole crayfish from Western Australia for the last six years, viz., 1952-1958.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Frozen</u> <u>Crayfish Tails</u> lb.	<u>Frozen Whole</u> <u>Crayfish</u> lb.	<u>Total</u> <u>Weight</u> lb.
1952	2,746,043	24,036	2,770,079
1953	2,855,553	55,780	2,911,333
1954	3,280,235	27,118	3,307,353
1955	4,274,975	172,043	4,447,018
1956	3,170,790	41,805	3,212,595
1957	4,078,510	117,440	4,195,950
1958	4,565,735	453,368	5,019,103

From the table it can easily be seen that 1958 was a record year, with a production of over 13 million lb. It is also evident that whole cooked crayfish are becoming popular outside this State. This year production has risen by nearly 300% since the earlier record figure of 1955.

MANDURAH FISHPOT

Through the co-operation of Ampol Pty. Ltd., and the Mandurah Businessmen's Association, Mandurah is once again conducting a Fishpot competition. Though the prizes have been very attractive, and the crowds great in numbers, the fish have not proved at all co-operative and they at times have been scarce. The prize for taking the tagged fish is £7,500. The tagging will be done by Technical Officer L.G. Smith.

BOTULISM

The first report of botulism for 1959 has been recorded. Technical Officer J. Simpson reported on an extensive outbreak at Lake Karrinyup, affecting all kinds of water life, including cranes.