# Mail Survey of the U.S. Seafood Wholesale Market Channel with an Emphasis on Whole Farmed Marine Shrimp 

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## Executive Summary

Cultured marine shrimp producers in the United States (U.S.) (e.g., South Carolina, Texas, etc.) and other countries (e.g., Ecuador, Panama, etc.) have attempted to identify and develop whole (heads-on) shrimp market segments in the U.S and Europe. Past marketing studies have generally focused on various U.S. markets for headless (heads-off) marine shrimp. Consequently, there is a paucity of data on U.S. markets for whole marine shrimp.

The objectives of this research were (a) to describe existing marine shrimp preferences in the U.S. wholesale market channel and (b) to identify critical product attributes in the wholesale market when selling heads-on marine shrimp. Use and preference data was collected on U.S. seafood wholesalers, distributors, and other market channel members based on a 1989 mail survey.

A two-page questionnaire was designed and tested for a mail survey of marine shrimp usage and preferences. The Dun \& Bradstreets Marketing Service in Parsippany, New Jersey, was the mailing list source. In June 1989, 6,021 questionnaires were mailed to seafood wholesalers, distributors and other buyers in the U.S. The highest percentage of firms had mailing addresses in the Northeast region, followed by the West region, the South and the Midwest. A total of 393 ( $6.4 \%$ ) usable questionnaires and six unusable questionnaires were returned. The number of responses was generally consistent with the number of mailings by region.

When asked to classify their business, $45.2 \%$ chose wholesaler/distributor, $12.7 \%$ processor, $10.2 \%$ broker, $10.0 \%$ importer, $8.6 \%$ retailer, $6.8 \%$ trader, $4.9 \%$ exporter and $1.6 \%$ others (e.g. restaurants, producers). The highest number of "processor" classifications was found in the South region.

Most businesses have reported that their seafood sales in 1988 were under $\$ 5$ million. The average percent contribution of shrimp sales to total seafood sales generally decreased as the companies' sales volume increased. For companies with annual seafood sales under $\$ 5$ million, shrimp contributed to about $59 \%$ of gross seafood sales in 1988. Shrimp sales averaged a $54 \%$ contribution to seafood sales of all companies responding.

Wholesaler/distributors reported the highest percentage, $40 \%$, of their shrimp were sold to white tablecloth restaurants outlets in 1988. In contrast, processors responses indicated that wholesalers/distributors outlets were their major outlet, $52 \%$ of their 1988 sales.
$34 \%$ of the business reported purchasing of U.S. farmed marine shrimp during the 12 months preceding this survey. The authors believe that some of the respondents may have assumed that farmed shrimp imported into the U.S. was the same as "U.S. farmed shrimp." When asked if they would be interested in purchasing marine white shrimp farmed (cultured) in the U.S., 46\% said "maybe", $43 \%$ said "yes" and 11\% said "no".

As expected, heads-off shrimp products dominated the general purchases and reported preferences of seafood wholesalers and others in the market channel. Based upon shell-on shrimp product forms, the most commonly desired (requested) product was heads-off frozen shrimp (28.1\%), heads-off IQF (20.3\%), heads-off fresh ( $16.9 \%$ ), heads-on fresh ( $9.8 \%$ ), heads-on IQF (8.3\%), heads-on frozen ( $6.4 \%$ ), other products ( $5.5 \%$ ) and live ( $4.7 \%$ ). The desired count sizes (i.e. number of heads-on individual shrimp per pound) for selected heads-on (i.e. fresh, frozen and IQF) shrimp products were was the following: $16-30$ counts (31.1\%), all major counts ( $28.3 \%)^{1}$, U15 counts (20.6\%), 31-50 counts ( $16.7 \%$ ), counts greater than 50 (3.3\%).

When asked to indicated desired monthly quantities (pounds) of heads-on shrimp, $40.7 \%$ chose fresh, $40.0 \%$ IQF and $19.3 \%$ frozen. Average monthly quantities desired were the highest for IQF shrimp.

Although heads-off (headless) marine shrimp is obviously the dominant product form in the U.S. wholesale sector, there appears to be some willingness to purchase whole (heads-on) marine shrimp products. It is estimated that the latent demand for U.S. farmed marine shrimp by U.S. wholesalers and distributors may range between 490,000 and 970,000 pounds per month. This report indicates that there are several problems confronting U.S. farms wanting to target whole marine shrimp buyers in the U.S. wholesaler sector. The most obvious is the dominance of heads-off shrimp in the wholesale sector. Even when buyers expressed interest in purchasing heads-on shrimp, it is assumed that many wanted to process them into various heads-off product forms. In addition, some respondents may be generally indifferent to the actual source of the whole shrimp.

The apparent latent demand for frozen and IQF whole shrimp should be considered by U.S. shrimp farms. Unfortunately, these are product forms that would appear to be the most vulnerable to other competitors like U.S. processors and/or foreign producers. For example, it appears that Latin American shrimp farmers would not have any major difficulties in marketing competitively priced

[^0]heads-on IQF shrimp in the U.S. In contrast, fresh heads-on shrimp marketing may be vulnerable to competition from the domestic shrimp fisheries. The live shrimp market segment in the U.S. may warrant additional research as a potential outlet to supplement sales of U.S. farms. Live shrimp would at least be a product form generally isolated from import competition and probably much of the U.S. wild shrimp production.

## Introduction

In 1988, 767 million pounds of shrimp (NMFS, 1990) entered U.S. market channels. Much of the domestic and imported marine shrimp, mainly Penaeus spp., entering the wholesale market channels in the U.S. was sold in various frozen headless product forms. Past marketing studies have generally focused on U.S. markets for headless (heads-off) marine shrimp. In contrast, there is a paucity of data on U.S. markets for whole marine shrimp, especially at the wholesale level. ${ }^{2}$ Moreover, cultured marine shrimp producers in the U.S. (e.g., South Carolina, Texas, etc.) and other countries (e.g., Ecuador, Panama, etc.) have attempted to identify and develop whole (heads-on) shrimp market segments in the U.S and Europe (Anonymous, 1990).

The objectives of this research were (a) to describe existing marine shrimp preferences in the wholesale market channel and (b) to identify critical product attributes in the wholesale market when selling heads-on marine shrimp. Use and preference data was collected on U.S. seafood wholesalers, distributors and others based on a 1989 mail survey.

## Materials and Methods

## Mail Survey

A two-page questionnaire was designed and tested for a mail survey of marine shrimp usage and preferences by U.S. wholesalers (see Exhibit 1). The survey questions consisted of the respondent's mailing address, shrimp product preference, and current purchases of shrimp. Dun \& Bradstreets Marketing Service in Parsippany, New Jersey, was the source for the mailing list. Companies listed under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code of 514699 "Fish \& Seafoods, nec" were selected for the survey's mailing list.

In May 1989, thirty-three (33) firms were randomly selected for the seafood wholesalers survey pretest. A week after the mail-out of questionnaires, a telephone follow-up was conducted to see if the firms received a questionnaires and to encourage them to return their survey. Eight ( $24 \%$ ) of the thirty-three (33) firms returned their questionnaire and four were returned due to insufficient addresses. The questionnaire did not need any major revisions.

[^1]In June 1989, 6,021 remaining questionnaires were mailed to seafood wholesalers, distributors and other buyers in the U.S. The highest percent of firms had mailing addresses in the Northeast region, followed by the West region, the South and the Midwest (Table 1). The highest number of firms on the mailing list were located in Florida and the fewest number were in Wyoming (Table 1A). ${ }^{3}$

Table 1. The Seafood Wholesaler Mailing List Addresses by Region, 1989.

| Region | Mailings |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Northeast $^{1}$ | 2,232 | $(36.9 \%)$ |
| West |  |  |
| South <br> Midwest |  |  |
|  | 1,671 | $(27.6 \%)$ |

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'CT,ME,MA,NH, RI, VT,DE ,DC,MD,NJ,NY,PA,VA,WV
\mp@subsup{}{}{2}\textrm{AZ},\textrm{CO},ID,NV,UT,WY,AK, CA, HI, OR,WA,NM,OK,TX
3 AL, FL, GA ,NC, SC, AR, KY , LA ,MS,MO,TN
" IA , KS ,MN, MT, ND, SD,NE ,IL, IN, MI, OH, WI
'5nsufficient address, forwarding address expired or no
forwarding address.
Note: The U.S. Bureau of the Census' Divisions and
Regions were not used in this study.
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A microcomputer data entry program, MPA Version 3.0, sold by Detail Technologies Inc., was used to enter responses for each questionnaire. The responses were entered based upon a standardized coding procedure (see Appendices Exhibit 1). A cross tabulation or crosstabs microcomputer software, A-cross sold by Analytical Computer Service-East, Inc., was used to analyze the questionnaire data.

Results And Discussion

## Response Rate

A total of 393 ( $6.4 \%$ ) usable questionnaires and six unusable questionnaires were returned. Most of the questionnaires, $74 \%$, were received in the first 30 days of the mailing (Table 2). Other marketing researchers have reported response rates under $10 \%$ for mail surveys of U.S. seafood

[^2]wholesalers and brokers. For example, Harvey, et al. (1990) reported that out of 920 wholesalers mailed questionnaires in the Mid-Atlantic states, only 65 (7\%) responded to their 1989 mail survey regarding cultured hybrid striped bass.

Higher response rates might have been achieved by using follow-up phone calls and/or mailings. Haby and Cuenco (1987) reported a response of $50 \%$ from their mail survey of 374 Southeastern seafood wholesalers and retailers when using followup techniques. The pretest methodology used in this study also indicates that response rates can be improved with follow-up calls.

The highest percent of respondents had mailing addresses in the Northeast region (34.4\%) followed by the South (31.0\%), the West (23.4\%) and the Midwest (11.2\%) (Fig. 1). The number of responses was generally consistent with the number of mailings by region (see Table 1). At the state level, Florida had the highest number of respondents (Table 1A). In contrast, 28 states had three or fewer responses (Table 1A). Florida also had the highest usable response percentage, followed by California and New York (Table 1A).

## Responses bv Business Classification and Customer Locations

When asked to classify their business, $45.2 \%$ chose wholesaler/distributor, $12.7 \%$ processor, $10.2 \%$ broker, $10.0 \%$ importer, $8.6 \%$ retailer, $6.8 \%$ trader, $4.9 \%$ exporter and $1.6 \%$ others (e.g. restaurants, producers) (Table 3). The largest total number of wholesaler/distributors responding were in the state of Florida (Table 2A). The highest number of processors responding were in the state of Florida (Table 2A). Since none of the businesses used in the mailing list were given specific classifications by the list vendor, it is not possible to comment on the response rate by different type of businesses. The highest number of processor classifications was found in the South region. In 1987, shrimp processors in the South Atlantic and Gulf states represented $73 \%$ of reported 329 million pounds of U.S. frozen processed shrimp products, (NMFS unpublished data, 1987).

Most wholesalers/distributors had customers in their resident state and bordering states. As might be expected, retailers reported that most of their customers were located in their resident state (Table 3A). Wholesalers/distributors and retailers reported that most of their customers were located East of the Mississippi River (Table 4A). About 65\% of the respondents were located in the Northeast and South regions (Fig. 1).

Respondents reporting that the majority of their customers were West of the Mississippi River had the highest percent, $58.6 \%$, of answers to the question regarding interest in purchasing marine white shrimp farmed in the U.S. (Table 5A).

Table 2. Date of Questionnaires Received, June-November, 1989.
Pretest Date: Total No. Received:

|  |
| :---: |

JUNE 12-16 2
JUNE 19-23
1
TOTAL

Date:
JULY 3-7
JULY 10-14
JULY 17-21
JULY 24-28
Total No. Received

0
3

JULY 31-AUG 449
AUG 7-11 18
AUG $14-18$
AUG 21-25
11
AUG 2 SEPT 1
SEPT 4-8 5
SEPT 11-15 1
SEPT 18-22 0
SEPT 25-29 0
OCT 2-6 0
OCT 9-13 1
OCT 16-20 0
OCT 23-27 0
OCT $30-$ NOV 3
2
TOTAL
393

Table 3. The Respondent's Classification of Business by Regions, 1989.

| Business <br> Classification | Northeast |  | Midwest |  | South |  | West |  | All Regions |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Broker | 18 | (9.6\%) | 4 | (6.3\%) | 20 | (9.4\%) | 22 | (13.3\%) | 64 | (10.2\%) |
| Exporter | 4 | (2.18) | 1 | (1.6\%) | 11 | (5.2\%) | 15 | (9.0\%) | 31 | (4.9\%) |
| W/D ${ }^{1}$ | 100 | (53.5\%) | 36 | (56.3\%) | 93 | (43.9\%) | 55 | (33.1\%) | 284 | (45.2\%) |
| Processor | 13 | (7.0\%) | 4 | (6.3\%) | 42 | (19.8\%) | 21 | (12.7\%) | 80 | (12.7\%) |
| Importer | 17 | (9.1\%) | 4 | (6.3\%) | 15 | (7.1\%) | 27 | (16.3\%) | 63 | (10.08) |
| Trader | 12 | (6.4\%) | 3 | (4.7\%) | 11 | (5.2\%) | 17 | (10.2\%) | 43 | (6.8\%) |
| Retailer | 20 | (10.78) | 12 | (18.8\%) | 17 | (8.08) | 5 | (3.08) | 54 | (8.6\%) |
| Others | 3 | (1.6\%) | 0 | (0.0\%) | 3 | (1.4\%) | 4 | (2.4\%) | 10 | (1.6\%) |
| Totals | 187 | (29.7\%) | 64 | (10.2\%) | 212 | (33.7\%) | 166 | (26.4\%) | 629 | (100.0\%) |

${ }^{1}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. Percentages were calculated based upon totals for a given column except for "Totals" category row. These percentages are not consistent with percentages in Fig. 1 due to multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.
"Yes" answers for this question by respondents with customers located East and West of the Mississippi River, and East of the Mississippi River were $47.5 \%$ and $37.3 \%$, respectively (Table 5A).

Response rates relative to the question on the continent of the customer were low (Table 6A). For all business types was the highest percentaged of customers were located in North America, 30\%, followed by Asia, 20\% (Table 6A).

For wholesalers/brokers, the highest response rate was in the 5-9 employee category. Most business responding to this survey employed fewer than 50 people (Table 4). Processors had the highest response rate, $35.4 \%$, in the $20-49$ employee category. Exporters and "Other" ${ }^{4}$ types of businesses usually had the lowest number of employees (Table 4).

Reported Seafood and Shrimp Sales in 1988
Most businesses have reported that their seafood sales in 1988 were under $\$ 5$ million (Table 7A \& 8A). The average percent contribution of shrimp sales to total seafood sales generally decreased as the company's sales volume increased (Table 7A). For companies with annual seafood sales under $\$ 5$ million, shrimp contributed to about $59 \%$ of gross seafood sales in 1988 (Table 7A). Shrimp sales averaged a 54\% contribution to seafood sales of all companies responding. If companies interested in purchasing shrimp were more likely to respond to this survey, then these averages may over estimate the contribution of shrimp sales to seafood companies in the U.S.

Businesses with sales volume less than $\$ 5$ million generally had fewer than 50 employees (Table 5). The largest business group, wholesaler/distributor, responding to this survey, generally reported 1988 seafood sales of less than $\$ 5$ million (Table 6). Processors also reported the highest percentage, $56.2 \%$, in the less than $\$ 5$ million sales range (Table 6).

Shrimp sales averaged about $36 \%$ and $40 \%$, respectively, of total 1988 seafood sales for wholesaler/distributors and processors (Table 7). In the South and West regions, shrimp sales averaged about $44 \%$ of seafood sales for wholesalers and distributors. Processors reported that shrimp sales averaged about $40 \%$ of total seafood sales (Table 7) with processors in the West region having the highest percent.

Wholesaler/distributors had the highest percentage, 40\%, of their shrimp sold to white tablecloth restaurant outlets in 1988 (Table 9A). In contrast, processors responses indicated that wholesalers/distributors were their major outlet, $52 \%$ of their 1988 sales (Table 10A). As other studies have indicated, the shrimp sales in the U.S. at the wholesale sector are still dependent upon restaurant purchases.

[^3]Figure 1. Major Geographic Region of Respondents, 1989.


Total questionnaires-6,021

Table 4. Business Classification vs. Number of Reported Employees in 1988.

| Number of Employees | Broker |  | Exporter |  | Business Classification |  |  |  |  |  | Trader |  | Retailer |  | Others |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { Responses }^{2} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | W/D |  | Pro | ocessor |  | nporter |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4 | 27 | 42.9\% |  |  | 10 | 33.3\% | 66 | 23.6\% | 9 | 11.4\% | 21 | 33.9\% | 13 | 31.08 | 18 | 34.0\% | 7 | $70.0 \%$ | 171 | 27.69 |
| 5-9 | 18 | 28.6\% | 4 | 13.3\% | 67 | 23.9\% | 8 | 10.1\% | 15 | 24.2\% | 13 | 31.0\% | 15 | 28.3\% | 2 | 20.0\% | 142 | 22.9\% |
| 10-19 | 5 | 7.9\% | 2 | 6.7\% | 64 | 22.9\% | 17 | 21.5\% | 10 | 16.1\% | 6 | 14.38 | 8 | 15.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 112 | 18.1\% |
| 20-49 | 10 | 15.9\% | 7 | $23.3 \%$ | 55 | 19.6\% | 28 | 35.4\% | 10 | 16.1\% | 4 | 9.5\% | 7 | 13.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 121 | 19.5 \% |
| 50-99 | 2 | 3.2\% | 5 | 16.7\% | 22 | 7.9\% | 10 | 12.7\% | 4 | 6.5\% | 6 | 14.3\% | 2 | 3.8\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 51 | 8. $2 \%$ |
| 100-249 | 1 | $1.6 \%$ | 2 | 6.7\% | 5 | 1.8\% |  | 7.6\% | 2 | 3.2\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 3 | 5.7\% | 1 | 10.0\% | 20 | 3.2\% |
| 250-499 |  | 0.0\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 1.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 0.2\% |
| $500+$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 0.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 0.0\% |  | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 0.28 |
| Total | 63 | 10.2\% | 0 | 4.8\% | 80 | 45.2\% | 79 | 12.8\% | 62 | 10.0\% | 2 | 6.8\% | 53 | $8.6 \%$ | 10 | 1.68 | 619 | 0.0\% |

${ }^{1}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
"Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "Total Responses".
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification questions. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 5. Employees vs. Reported Shrimp Sales Volume, 1988.

| Sales Volume, Million of Dollars, 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total <br> Response ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Employees | <\$5 |  | \$5 to \$9.9 |  | \$10 to |  | \$14.99 | \$15 to \$19.9 |  | >\$20 |  |  |  |
| 1-4 | 86 | 35.2\% | 10 | 19.2\% | 4 |  | 12.9\% | 1 | 25.0\% | 1 | 3.6\% | 102 | 28.4\% |
| 5-9 | 71 | 29.18 | 8 | 15.48 | 3 |  | 9.78 | 1 | 25.08 | 2 | 7.18 | 85 | $23.7 \%$ |
| 10-19 | 55 | 22.5\% | 11 | 21.2\% | 6 |  | 19.4\% | 0 | 0.0 娄 | 4 | 14.3\% | 76 | 21.2\% |
| 20-49 | 24 | 9.8\% | 16 | 30.8\% | 12 |  | 38.7\% | 1 | 25.0\% | 7 | 25.0\% | 60 | 16.7\% |
| 50-99 | 7 | 2.9\% | 4 | 7.7\% | 2 |  | 6.5\% | 1 | 25.0\% | 9 | 32.18 | 23 | 6.48 |
| 100-249 | 1 | 0.4\% | 3 | 5.8\% | 2 |  | 6.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 5 | 17.9\% | 11 | 3.1\% |
| 250-499 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 |  | 3.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | $0.3 \%$ |
| $500+$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 |  | 3.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | $0.3 \%$ |
| Total | 244 | $68.0 \%$ | 52 | $14.5 \%$ | 31 |  | 8.69 | 4 | 1.18 | 28 | 7.8\% | 359 | 100.0\% |

$\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\mathrm{N}}$ "Column percentage based upon totals for a given column except for "Total" category row. Note: The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 6. Business Classification vs. Reported Sales Volume Level in 1988.

| Business <br> Classification | <\$5 |  | Sales Volume, Millions of Dollars, 1988 |  |  |  |  |  |  | >\$20 | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | \$5 to \$9.9 |  | \$10 | to \$14.9 |  | to \$19.9 |  |  | Responses ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Broker | 30 | 48.48 | 16 | 25.8\% | 8 | 12.98 | 1 | 1.68 | 7 | 11.3\% | 62 | 10.5\% |
| Exporter | 10 | $37.0 \%$ | 7 | 25.98 | 4 | 14.8\% | 1 | 3.7\% | 5 | 18.5\% | 27 | 4.6\% |
| W/ ${ }^{2}$ | 188 | 70.7\% | 36 | 13.5\% | 22 | 8.3\% | 3 | 1.1\% | 17 | 6.4\% | 266 | 45.2\% |
| Processor | 41 | $56.2 \%$ | 15 | 20.5\% | 6 | 8.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 11 | 15.1\% | 73 | 12.4\% |
| Importer | 26 | 43.3\% | 13 | 21.7\% | 9 | 15.0\% | 1 | 1.78 | 11 | 18.3\% | 60 | 10.2\% |
| Trader | 20 | 48.8 \% | 6 | 14.6\% | 5 | 12.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 24.4\% | 41 | $7.0 \%$ |
| Retailer | 43 | 89.6\% | 2 | 4.2\% | 1 | 2.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 4.2\% | 48 | 8.2\% |
| Others | 10 | 90.9\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 9.17 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 11 | 1.9\% |
| Total | 368 | 62.6\% | 95 | 16.2\% | 56 | 9.5\% | 6 | 1.0\% | 63 | 10.7\% | 588 | 100.0\% |

[^4]
## Interest in U.S. Farmed Marine Shrimp

$34 \%$ of the businesses reported purchasing of U.S. farmed marine shrimp during the 12 months preceding this survey (Table 8). Wholesaler/distributors from the midwest had the highest response rate, 36 娄 to the "yes" category (Table 8). The supply of U.S. farmed marine shrimp in 1988 was probably less than $0.5 \%$ of U.S. total shrimp supplies. Consequently, the authors believe that some of the respondents may have mistakenly assumed that farmed shrimp imported into the U.S. was the same as "U.S. farmed shrimp." This could be indicative of the U.S. shrimp farming industry's difficulties in differentiating U.S. farmed shrimp from sources and/or buyer indifferences relative to the source.

When asked if they would be interested in purchasing marine white shrimp farmed (cultured) in the U.S., 46\% said "maybe", 43\% said "yes" and $11 \%$ said "no" (Table 9a). Midwest respondents had the highest response percentage for the "yes" category (61\%) while Northeast buyers had the lowest response (Table 9a). "Traders" and "Brokers" had the highest percentages relative to interest (i.e. a "yes" response) while "Other" and "Exporters" had the lowest response rates to "yes" (Table 9b). In comparison, Wirth (1989) reported that $87 \%$ of the responding MidAtlantic seafood wholesalers were willing to purchase U.S. cultured hybrid striped bass. Perhaps the availability of both domestic and imported shrimp products compared to other aquaculture species (e.g. hybrid striped bass, etc.) may have accounted for this relative lower lack of interest in U.S. farmed shrimp.

Product Forms Purchased and Buyer Preferences
As expected, heads-off shrimp products dominated the general purchases and reported preferences of seafood wholesalers and others in the market channel. When asked to indicate the raw shell-on shrimp products purchased in 1988, 54.2\% of those responding indicated that they purchased heads-off frozen shrimp including individually quick frozen (IQF) shrimp, 18.1\% heads-off fresh, $13.6 \%$ heads-on fresh, $11.9 \%$ heads-on frozen and IQF, and $2.2 \frac{5}{\text { i }}$ indicated live shrimp. Based upon shell-on shrimp product forms, the most commonly desired (requested) product was headsoff frozen shrimp (28.1\%), heads-off IQF (20.3\%), heads-off fresh ( $16.9 \%$ ), heads-on fresh ( $9.8 \%$ ), heads-on IQF (8.3\%), heads-on frozen ( $6.4 \frac{5}{6}$ ), other products (5.5\%) and live (4.7\%) (Fig. 2).

## Heads-on Shrimp and Buyer Preferences

The desired count sizes (i.e. number of heads-on individual shrimp per pound) for selected heads-on (i.e. fresh, frozen and IQF) shrimp was the following: $16-30$ counts ( $31.1 \%$ ), all major counts ( $28.3 \%$ ), U-15 counts ( $20.6 \%$ ), 31-50 counts ( $16.7 \%$ ), counts

Table 7. Business Classification by Region vs. Average (Mean) Percent Contribution of Shrimp Sales to Reported 1988 Seafood Sales.

| Business <br> Classification | Northeast | South | Midwest | West | All Region |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Broker: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 11 | 13 | 2 | 9 | 35 |
| Responses Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (10.5\%) | (10.7\%) | (4.4\%) | (10.5\%) | (9.8\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 29.2\% | 55.6\% | 42.5\% | 54.4\% | $46.3 \%$ |
| Exporter: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 12 |
| Responses Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (1.0\%) | (3.3\%) | (2.2\%) | (7.0\%) | (3.4\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 20.0\% | 31.8\% | 75.0\% | 68.3\% | 52.7\% |
| W/D: ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number ${ }^{1}$ | 53 | 55 | 26 | - 33 | 167 |
| Responses Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (50.5\%) | (45.5\%) | (57.8\%) | (38.4\%) | (46.8\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 23.7\% | 44.2\% | 30.7\% | 44.8\% | 35.7\% |
| Processor: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number ${ }^{1}$ | 8 | 19 | 2 | 10 | 39 |
| Responses Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (7.6\%) | (15.7\%) | (4.4\%) | (11.6\%) | (10.9\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 8.8\% | 44.8\% | 7.58 | $62.4 \%$ | 40.0\% |
| Importer: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 11 | 10 | 2 | 13 | 36 |
| Responses Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (10.5\%) | (8.3\%) | (4.48) | (15.1\%) | (10.1\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 46.5\% | 47.2\% | 45.0\% | $56.5 \%$ | $50.2 \%$ |

Table 7. Business Classification by Region vs. Average (Mean) Percent Contribution of Shrimp Sales to Reported 1988 Seafood Sales (Continued).

| Business |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Classification | Northeast | South | Midwest | West | All Region |
| Trader: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number |  | $8$ | 2 | 12 | 29 |
| Responses Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (6.7\%) | (6.6\%) | (4.48) | (14.0\%) | (8.1\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 39.38 | 64.8\% | 50.0\% | 56.6\% | 54.28 |
| Retailer: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 12 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 33 |
| Responses Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (11.4\%) | (8.3\%) | (20.0\%) | (2.3\%) | (9.2\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 31.2\% | 28.0\% | 17.28 | $52.5 \%$ | 27.7\% |
| Others: |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Responses Percent ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Average Percent | $\begin{aligned} & (1.9 \%) \\ & 20.5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (1.7 \%) \\ & 42.5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (2.2 \%) \\ 5.0 \% \end{gathered}$ | (1.2\%) $20.0 \%$ | (1.7\%) $25.2 \%$ |
| Average Percent |  |  | $5.0 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | 25.2\% |
| Grand Total ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 105 | 121 | 45 | 86 | 357 |
| Responses Percent | (100.0\%) | (100.0\%) | (100.0\%) | (100.0\%) | (100.0\%) |
| Average Percent | 27.3\% | 45.3\% | 29.48 | $52.8 \%$ | 39.8\% |

[^5]Table 8. Business Classification by Region vs. Reported Purchases of U.S. Farmed Marine Shrimp, 1989.

During the last 12 months did you purchase marine shrimp farmed in the U.S.?

| BC ${ }^{1}$ | "Yes" |  | "No" |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { "I Don't } \\ \text { Know" } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | Total <br> Responses ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Northeast: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $W / D^{3}$ | 13 | 14.8\% | 68 | 77.3 \% | 7 | 8. $0 \%$ | 88 | 50.0 \% |
| Processor | 4 | 30.8\% | 9 | 69.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 13 | 7.4\% |
| Retailer | 3 | 15.0\% | 15 | 75.0\% | 2 | 10.0\% | 20 | 11.4\% |
| "Other" | 21 | 38.2\% | 31 | 56.4\% | 3 | 5. 5 \% | 55 | 31. 3 \% |
| Total | 41 | 23.3\% | 123 | 69.9\% | 12 | 6.8\% | 176 | 00.0 |

South:

| W/D | 28 | $30.4 \%$ | 57 | $62.0 \%$ | 7 | $7.6 \%$ | 92 | $41.3 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Processor | 12 | $29.3 \%$ | 27 | $65.9 \%$ | 2 | $4.9 \%$ | 41 | $18.4 \%$ |
| Retailer | 3 | $18.8 \%$ | 12 | $75.0 \%$ | 1 | $6.3 \%$ | 16 | $7.2 \%$ |
| "Other" | 40 | $54.1 \%$ | 30 | $40.5 \%$ | 4 | $5.4 \%$ | 74 | $33.2 \%$ |
| Total | 83 | $37.2 \%$ | 126 | $56.5 \%$ | 14 | $6.3 \%$ | 223 | $100.0 \%$ |

Midwest:

| W/D | 13 | $36.1 \%$ | 21 | $58.3 \%$ | 2 | $5.6 \%$ | 36 | $56.3 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Processor | 3 | $75.0 \%$ | 1 | $25.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 4 | $6.3 \%$ |
| Retailer | 5 | $45.5 \%$ | 4 | $36.4 \%$ | 2 | $18.2 \%$ | 11 | $17.2 \%$ |
| "Other" | 9 | $69.2 \%$ | 4 | $30.8 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 13 | $20.3 \%$ |
|  |  | $90.3 \%$ | $6.3 \%$ | 64 | $100.0 \%$ |  |  |  |

West:

| W/D | 19 | $35.2 \%$ | 31 | $57.4 \%$ | 4 | $7.4 \%$ | 54 | $31.2 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Processor | 10 | $47.6 \%$ | 9 | $42.9 \%$ | 2 | $9.5 \%$ | 21 | $12.1 \%$ |
| Retailer | 1 | $20.0 \%$ | 3 | $60.0 \%$ | 1 | $20.0 \%$ | 5 | $2.9 \%$ |
| "Other" | 34 | $36.6 \%$ | 55 | $59.1 \%$ | 4 | $4.3 \%$ | 93 | $53.8 \%$ |
| Total | 64 | $37.0 \%$ | 98 | $56.6 \%$ | 11 | $6.4 \%$ | 173 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Grand |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 218 | $34.3 \%$ | 377 | $59.3 \%$ | 41 | $6.4 \%$ | 636 | $100.0 \%$ |

${ }^{1}$ Business Classification
"Column percentage based on "Grand Total" for this column, "Total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across row".
${ }^{3}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
${ }^{4}$ Brokers, Exporters, Importers, Traders and others
${ }^{5}$ Combined totals from the Northeast, South, Midwest and West regions.
Note: There where multiple responses to the business classification questions. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 8. Business Classification by Region vs. Reported Purchases of U.S. Farmed Marine Shrimp, 1989.

## During the last 12 months did you purchase marine shrimp farmed in the U.S.?

| $B C^{1}$ | "Yes" |  | "No" |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { "I Don't } \\ & \text { Know" } \end{aligned}$ |  | Total <br> Responses ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Northeast: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $W / D^{3}$ | 13 | 14.8\% | 68 | 77.3\% | 7 | 8. $0 \%$ | 88 | 50.0\% |
| Processor | 4 | 30.8\% | 9 | 69.2 \% | 0 | 0.0\% | 13 | 7.48 |
| Retailer | 3 | 15.0\% | 15 | 75.0\% | 2 | 10.0\% | 20 | 11.4\% |
| "Other" ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 21 | 38.2\% | 31 | 56.4\% | 3 | 5.5\% | 55 | 31. 38 |
| Total | 41 | 23.3\% | 123 | 69.9\% | 12 | 6.8\% | 176 | 00.0 |

## South:

| W/D | 28 | $30.4 \%$ | 57 | $62.0 \%$ | 7 | $7.6 \%$ | 92 | $41.3 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Processor | 12 | $29.3 \%$ | 27 | $65.9 \%$ | 2 | $4.9 \%$ | 41 | $18.4 \%$ |
| Retailer | 3 | $18.8 \%$ | 12 | $75.0 \%$ | 1 | $6.3 \%$ | 16 | $7.2 \%$ |
| "Other | 40 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 40 | $54.1 \%$ | 30 | $40.5 \%$ | 4 | $5.4 \%$ | 74 | $33.2 \%$ |
| To | $37.2 \%$ | 126 | $56.5 \%$ | 14 | $6.3 \%$ | 223 | $100.0 \%$ |  |

Midwest:

| W/D | 13 | $36.1 \%$ | 21 | $58.3 \%$ | 2 | $5.6 \%$ | 36 | $56.3 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Processor | 3 | $75.0 \%$ | 1 | $25.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 4 | $6.3 \%$ |
| Retailer | 5 | $45.5 \%$ | 4 | $36.4 \%$ | 2 | $18.2 \%$ | 11 | $17.2 \%$ |
| "Other | " | 9 | $69.2 \%$ | 4 | $30.8 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 13 |
|  | $20.3 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 30 | $46.9 \%$ | 30 | $46.9 \%$ | 4 | $6.3 \%$ | 64 | $100.0 \%$ |

West:

| W/D | 19 | $35.2 \%$ | 31 | $57.4 \%$ | 4 | $7.4 \%$ | 54 | $31.2 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Processor | 10 | $47.6 \%$ | 9 | $42.9 \%$ | 2 | $9.5 \%$ | 21 | $12.1 \%$ |
| Retailer | 1 | $20.0 \%$ | 3 | $60.0 \%$ | 1 | $20.0 \%$ | 5 | $2.9 \%$ |
| "Other" | 34 | $36.6 \%$ | 55 | $59.1 \%$ | 4 | $4.3 \%$ | 93 | $53.8 \%$ |
| Total | 64 | $37.0 \%$ | 98 | $56.6 \%$ | 11 | $6.4 \%$ | 173 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Grand |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 218 | $34.3 \%$ | 377 | $59.3 \%$ | 41 | $6.4 \%$ | 636 | $100.0 \%$ |

${ }^{1}$ Business Classification
"Column percentage based on "Grand Total" for this column, "Total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across row".
${ }^{3}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
${ }^{4}$ Brokers, Exporters, Importers, Traders and others
${ }^{5}$ Combined totals from the Northeast, South, Midwest and West regions.
Note: There where multiple responses to the business classification questions. The sum of the actual
percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.
greater than 50 (3.3\%) (Table 10). Responses suggest that headson shrimp buyers are generally not interested in purchasing shrimp counting fifty or more per pound. In addition, the highest percentage for four count ranges was in the 16-30 count range (Table 10). The highest number of responses regardless of count size was recorded for fresh heads-on shrimp (Table 10). IQF shrimp products had second highest number of total responses (Table 10).
the largest group responding to this survey, had the highest percentage response rate in the 1630 count range (excluding the "All Major Counts category) (Table 11). For wholesalers/distributors, fresh heads-on shrimp had the highest total response rate, $42 \%$, followed by IQF whole shrimp (Table 11).

When asked to indicated desired monthly quantities (pounds) of heads-on shrimp, $40.7 \%$ chose fresh, $40.0 \%$ IQF and $19.3 \%$ frozen (Table 12). Average monthly quantities desired were the highest for IQF shrimp (Fig. 3). Buyers in the South region had the highest response rate to this question and the highest mean quantity desired (Table 12).

The mail survey results are generally consistent with recent observations on the marketing of cultured marine shrimp in South Carolina. For example in 1990, the major buyer of S.C. cultured shrimp was a Gulf wholesaler purchasing fresh, heads-on, mainly 16-30 count shrimp (heads-on) in 20,000 to 40,000 pound quantities. In contrast, some of the firms in the South Region responding to this question were probably shrimp handlers
in the Gulf and South Atlantic States willing to pay only ex-vessel prices.

Estimates of Whole Marine Demand
Crude estimates of the number of U.S. wholesalers or distributors interested in purchasing whole marine shrimp were prepared based upon response rates by region and the percent of respondents claiming to be interested in purchasing whole shrimp (Table 13). Based upon these estimates, the highest number of whole marine shrimp buyers are in the South Region, 166, followed by the Northeast Region, 145. As previously discussed, some of the wholesalers in the South Region are probably dependent upon purchasing shrimp directly from shrimp trawlers.

Figure 2. U.S. Farmed Marine Shrimp Products Desired by Respondents, 1989.


Table 10. Desired Count Sizes of Selected Heads-on Shrimp from White Marine Shrimp Cultured in the U.S.

|  |  |  | Hea | Is-On P | duc | t Form |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Count |  | IQF |  | Fresh |  | Frozen |  | All |
| Sizes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Product |
| U-15 | 9 | (16.17) | 20 | (25.3\%) | 8 | (17.8\%) | 37 | (20.6\%) |
| 16-30 | 16 | (28.6\%) | 26 | (32.9*) |  | (31.18) | 56 | (31.18) |
| 31-50 | 10 | (17.9\%) | 12 | (15.27) | 8 | (17.8\%) | 30 | ( $16.7 \%$ ) |
| $>50$ | 2 | (3.6\%) | 2 | (2.5\%) | 2 | (4.4\%) | 6 | (3.3\%) |
| Al1 ${ }^{1}$ | 19 | (33.9\%) | 19 | (24.21) | 13 | (28.88) | 51 | (28,3\%) |
| Total ${ }^{2}$ |  | (31.18) | 79 | (43.93) | 45 | (25.0\%) | 180 | (100.0\%) |

${ }^{1}$ All major counts wanted.
${ }^{2}$ The totals in Table 5 are not consistent with totals in Table 6, due to multiple business classification responses and/or non-responses to a given question. Note: There were multiple responses to this question. Percentages were calculated based upon totals for a given column except for "Total" category row. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal 100.0 * due to rounding error.

Table 11. Count Size Preferences for Selected Heads-on Marine Shrimp Products, 1989.

| Business <br> Classification | U-15 |  | 16-30 |  | 31-50 |  | >50 |  | All Major Counts Want |  | Total <br> Responses ${ }^{4}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Heads-on, IQF: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| W/D ${ }^{1}$ | 9 | (19.6\%) | 14 | (30.4\%) | 9 | (19.6\%) | 2 | (4.3\%) | 12 | (26.17) | 46 | (15.5\%) |
| Processor | 0 | (0.0\%) | 1 | (10.0\%) | 2 | (20.0\%) | 0 | (0.0\%) | 7 | (70.0\%) | 10 | (3.48) |
| Retailer | 2 | (25.0\%) | 1 | (12.54) | 1 | (12.5\%) | 0 | (0.0\%) | 4 | (50.0\%) | 8 | (2.7\%) |
| "Other"2 | 3 | (11.5\%) | 4 | (15, 4\%) | 3 | (11.5\%) | 0 | (0.04) | 16 | (61.54) | 26 | (8.71) |
| Total | 14 | (15.6\%) | 20 | (22.28) | 15 | (16.7\%) | 2 | (2.28) | 39 | (43.37) | 90 | (30.3\%) |
| Heads-on, Fresh: ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ( ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| W/D ${ }^{1}$ | 18 | (26.18) | 23 | (33.3\%) | 11 | (15.97) | 2 | (2.9t) | 15 | (21.7\%) | 69 | (23.2\%) |
| Processor | 2 | (16.7\%) | 3 | (25.0\%) | 0 | (0.0\%) | 0 | (0.0\%) | 7 | (58.37) | 12 | (4.0\%) |
| Retailer | 3 | (23.1\%) | 5 | (38.54) | 2 | (15.4\%) |  | (0.0\%) | 3 | (23.16) | 13 | (4.4\%) |
| "other" ${ }^{2}$ | 5 | (16.7\%) | 10 | (33.38) | 4 | (13, 3\%) | 0 | (0.0\%) | 11 | (36.7t) | 30 | (10.17) |
| Total | 28 | (22.6\%) | 41 | (33.16) | 17 | (13.7\%) | 2 | (1.6\%) | 36 | (29.0\%) | 124 | (41.88) |
| Heads-on, Frozen: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Processor | 1 | (10.0\%) | 1 | (10.0\%) | 1 | (10.0\%) |  | (0.0\%) | 7 | (70.0\%) | 10 | (3.47) |
| Retailer | 1 | (33.3\%) | 1 | (33.36) |  | (0.0\%) |  | (0.0\%) | 1 | (33.3\%) | 3 | (1.0\%) |
| "Other" ${ }^{2}$ |  | (6.3\%) | 10 | (31.3\%) | 6 | (18, 8\%) | 0 | (0.0\%) | 14 | (43.88) | 32 | (10.88) |
| Total |  | (13.3\%) | 23 | (27.7\%) | 15 | (18.18) | 3 | (3.6\%) | 31 | (37.3\%) | 83 | (27.98) |
| Grand Total ${ }^{3}$ | 53 | (17.8\%) | 84 | (28.3为) | 47 | (15.87) | 7 | (2.48) | 106 | (35.73) | 297 | $(100.01)$ |

${ }^{1}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
${ }^{2}$ Brokers, Exporters, Importers, Traders and Others
${ }^{3}$ Combined totals from Heads-on IQF, fresh and frozen
"Column percentage based on "Grand Total" for this column, "Total Responses".
Note: There were multiple responses to these questions. The sum of the actual percentage
may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 12. Desired Monthly Quantities of Selected U.S. Cultured Heads-on White Shrimp Products by Region, 1989.

|  | Fresh | Frozen | IQF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Northeast: |  |  |  |
| Number | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Percent ${ }^{1}$ | 35.4\% | 3.18 | 61.5\% |
| Mean | 958 | 500 | 10,000 |
| Total | 5,750 | 500 | 10,000 |
| Midwest: |  |  |  |
| Number | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Percent ${ }^{1}$ | 33.6\% | 48.9\% | 17.64 |
| Mean | 880 | 1,280 | 767 |
| Total | 4,400 | 6,400 | 2,300 |
| South: |  | * |  |
| Number | 20 | 8 | 19 |
| Percent ${ }^{1}$ | 43.8\% | 13.3\% | 42.8\% |
| Mean | 43,970 | 33,437 | 45,200 |
| Total | 879,400 | 267,500 | 858,800 |
| West: |  |  |  |
| Number | 15 | 12 | 9 |
| Percent ${ }^{1}$ | 25.3\% | 48.8\% | 25.9\% |
| Mean | 6,843 | 16,467 | 11,667 |
| Total | 102,650 | 197,600 | 105,000 |
| Grand Total ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| Number ${ }^{3}$ | 46 | 26 | 32 |
| Percent ${ }^{3}$ | 40.7\% | 19.3\% | 40.07 |
| Mean | 21,569 | 18,154 | 30,503 |
| Total | 992,200 | 472,000 | 976,100 |

${ }^{1}$ Percentages of desired quantities of heads-on white shrimp products in each region. ${ }^{2}$ Combined totals from the Northeast, Midwest, South and West regions.
${ }^{3}$ Percentages of desired quantities of heads-on white shrimp products from the "Grand Total"
Note: The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal 100.0 due to rounding error.

Figure 3. Reported Monthly Quantities (pounds) of U.S. Farmed Shrimp Desired by Respondents, 1989


Simple estimates of the whole marine shrimp "desired" by the wholesale sector in the U.S. were generated (Table 14) based upon the number of estimated buyers (Table 13) and the quantities "desired" by buyers in the Midwest Region (Table 12). The Midwest Region averages were used in order to minimize the possibility of overestimating the aggregate quantities desired. In addition, quantities desired by respondents in the South Region may have been influenced by the desire of wholesalers to purchase large quantities of heads-on shrimp at ex-vessel "spot" market prices. Most S.C. shrimp farmers have been able to target buyers (e.g., secondary wholesalers, distributors, etc.) willing to pay prices substantially higher than local ex-vessel prices.

Seasonal quantities desired was extrapolated by multiplying the monthly estimates by three (3) months. A three month period was used in order to provide a conservative estimate of U.S. demand. Most farms in the continental U.S. usually have only a three month Fall harvest "window" for market size shrimp. Important exceptions would include U.S. farms located in Hawaii and Puerto Rico plus farms freezing and warehousing their own production.

The "Midpoint" estimate (Table 14) of whole U.S. farmed shrimp desired by wholesalers and distributors is near 7.3 million pounds or only about $1 \%$ of the total 1989 reported U.S. supply (NMFS, 1990), 743.3 million pounds (heads-off weight equivalent). The quantities estimated in Table 14 are intended to approximate the aggregate latent demand for whole U.S. farmed marine shrimp by U.S. wholesalers and and others in the market channel in 1989. Among other factors, this estimation assumes that a significant number of the responding buyers were really interested in purchasing whole U.S. farmed shrimp but were unable to find suppliers (e.g. Louisiana handlers) at acceptable prices for both buyers and sellers. The actual usage of domestic fresh whole shrimp in the U.S. Wholesale and processing sector regardless of the source is substantially higher than the 2.2 million pounds (about 9 million pounds when projected over a 12 month period) estimated in this report (Table 14). Roberts and Pawlyk (1986) estimated that Louisiana processors and handlers alone sold about 19 million pounds of whole ("heads-on") shrimp to wholesalers and processors during 1984.

There are several other major limitations to these projections besides the statistical validity of the estimates when trying to determine the latent demand for U.S. farmed shrimp. For example, the prices that wholesalers and distributors are willing to pay for U.S. farmed shrimp have not been addressed. In addition, this survey only represents a

Table 13. Estimated Total Number of U.S. Seafood Wholesalers or Distributors Willing to Purchase Whole ("Heads-on") Marine Shrimp in 1989.
$\frac{\text { Estimated Number of Wholesalers/Distributors: }{ }^{1}}{\text { Region }}$

| Northeast | Midwest | South | West | All Regions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 806 | 306 | 739 | 672 | 2,522 |

Percent "Interested" in Purchasing U.S. Farmed Shrimp: Region

| Northeast | Midwest | South | West | All Regions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $36 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $50 \%$ |

Unadjusted Estimated Number of Whole Marine U.S. Farmed Shrimp Buyers:

Region

| Northeast | Midwest | South | West | All Regions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 291 | 185 | 332 | 270 | 1,078 |

"Adjusted" for Biased Response: ${ }^{2}$
Region

| Northeast | Midwest | South | West | All Regions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 145 | 93 | 166 | 135 | 539 |

${ }^{1}$ Estimated number of wholesalers or distributors based upon number of mailings per region (Table 1) and percentage of businesses classified as wholesalers or distributors (Table 3). ${ }^{2}$ Assuming that wholesalers and distributors interested in purchasing shrimp were more likely to respond to this survey, the number of buyers was reduced by $50 \%$.

Table 14. Estimated Aggregate Quantities of Whole Marine ("Heads-on") Shrimp "Desired" by U.S. Seafood Wholesalers or Distributors, 1989 (In Thousands of Pounds).

|  | Northeast | $\text { Midwest } \frac{\text { "L0 }}{}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ESTIMATE } \\ & \text { South } \end{aligned}$ | West | All Region |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monthly, Lhs, : |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fresh: | 131 | 84 | 149 | 122 | 486 |
| Frozen: | 189 | 121 | 216 | 176 | 702 |
| IQF: | 116 | 74 | 133 | 108 | 431 |
| All Forms: | 436 | 279 | 498 | 406 | 1,619 |
| Seasonal Estimate ${ }^{2}$ | 1,308 | 837 | 1,494 | 1,218 | 4,857 |
| Monthly, Lbs. : | "HIGH" ESTIMATE (Two times the "LOW" Estimate) |  |  |  |  |
| Fresh: | 262 | 168 | 298 | 244 | 972 |
| Frozen: | 378 | 242 | 432 | 352 | 1,404 |
| IQF: | 232 | 148 | 266 | 216 | 862 |
| All Forms: | 872 | 558 | 996 | 812 | 3,238 |
| Seasonal Estimate ${ }^{2}$ | 2,616 | 1,674 | 2,988 | 2,436 | 9,714 |
| Monthly, Lbs.: | "MIDPOINT" ESTIMATE |  |  |  |  |
| Fresh: | 197 | 126 | 224 | 183 | 730 |
| Frozen: | 284 | 182 | 324 | 264 | 1,054 |
| IQF: | 174 | 111 | 200 | 162 | 647 |
| All Forms: | 655 | 419 | 748 | 609 | 2,431 |
| Seasonal Estimate ${ }^{2}$ : | (IN THOUSANDS) 590 |  |  |  |  |
| Fresh: | 591 | 378 | 672 | 549 | 2,190 |
| Frozen: | 852 | 546 | 972 | 792 | 3,162 |
| IQF: | 522 | 333 | 600 | 486 | 1,941 |
| A11 Forms: | 1,965 | 1,257 | 2. 244 | 1,827 | 7,293 |

${ }^{1 T}$ The Midwest Region quantities "desired" (Table 12) were used in the "Low" estimate.
"Seasonal" estimates were 3 times the monthly estimate.
"snapshot" of the U.S. shrimp market in the summer of 1989. If restaurant purchases of shrimp did decrease in the future due to perhaps the U.S. economic recession, then these aggregate demand estimates may need to be decreased.

## Conclusions

Although heads-off (headless) marine shrimp is obviously the dominant product form in the U.S. wholesale market, there appears to some willingness to purchase whole (heads-on) marine shrimp products. It is estimated that the nominal latent demand for U.S. farmed marine shrimp by U.S. wholesalers and distributors may range between .5 to 1 million pounds per month. In 1990, S.C. commercial shrimp farmers were able to sell over 600,000 pounds of fresh whole shrimp to wholesale buyers in about a 60 day period at prices higher than the equivalent S.C. ex-vessel prices ${ }^{5}$. Consequently, the S.C. marketing experience appears to be consistent with the demand levels estimated in this report. This report indicates that there are several problems confronting U.S. farms wanting to target whole marine shrimp buyers in the U.S. wholesaler sector. The most obvious is the dominance of heads-off shrimp in the wholesale sector. Even when buyers expressed interest in purchasing heads-on shrimp, it is assumed that many still wanted to process them into various heads-off product forms. In addition, buyers may be generally indifferent to the actual source of the whole shrimp.

The apparent latent demand for frozen and IQF whole shrimp should be considered by U.S. shrimp farms. Unfortunately, these are product forms that would appear to be the most vulnerable to other competitors like U.S. processors and/or foreign producers. For example, it appears that Lat in American shrimp farmers would not have any major difficulties in marketing competitively priced heads-on IQF shrimp in the U.S. Fresh heads-on shrimp marketing may be vulnerable to competition from domestic shrimp fisheries. The live shrimp market segment in the U.S. may warrant additional research as a potential outlet to supplement sales of U.S. farms. Live shrimp would at least be a product form generally isolated from import competition and probably much of the U.S. wild shrimp production. The characteristics of the U.S. live shrimp market segment needs to be investigated.

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${ }^{5}$ These higher prices may not necessarily be indicative of perceived higher quality (e.g., freshness, taste, etc.) for S.C. farmed shrimp by buyers. In some cases, higher prices were received due to "by passing" others in the market channel.

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Table 1A. Geographic Location of Respondents, 1989.

| State $\quad \mathrm{Nu}$ | Number of Mail-outs | Number of Respondents | Number Quest | Usable |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama | 92 | 6 | 6 | (1.5\%) |
| Alaska | 45 | 2 | 2 | (0.5\%) |
| Arizona | 40 | 3 | 3 | (0.8\%) |
| Arkansas | 16 | 2 | 2 | (0.5\%) |
| California | 705 | 43 | 43 | (10.9\%) |
| Colorado | 40 | 3 | 3 | (0.8\%) |
| Connecticut | 78 | 4 | 4 | (1.0\%) |
| Delaware | 21 | 2 | 2 | (0.5\%) |
| Dist. of Columbia | ia 20 | 3 | 3 | (0.8\%) |
| Florida | 741 | 53 | 53 | (13.5\%) |
| Georgia | 119 | 13 | 12 | (3.1\%) |
| Hawaii | 84 | 5 | 5 | (1.3\%) |
| Idaho | 20 | 1 | 1 | (0.38) |
| Illinois | 139 | 13 | 12 | (3.1\%) |
| Indiana | 25 | 1 | 1 | (0.3\%) |
| Iowa | 20 | 3 | 3 | (0.8\%) |
| Kansas | 14 | 1 | 1 | (0.3\%) |
| Kentucky | 20 | 3 | 3 | (0.8\%) |
| Louisiana | 265 | 22 | 22 | (5.6\%) |
| Maine | 200 | 9 | 9 | (2.3\%) |
| Maryland | 193 | 18 | 18 | (4.6\%) |
| Massachusetts | 384 | 11 | 11 | (2.8\%) |
| Michigan | 97 | 6 | 6 | (1.5\%) |
| Minnesota | 48 | 5 | 5 | (1.3\%) |
| Mississippi | 60 | 5 | 5 | (1.3\%) |
| Missouri | 43 | 1 | 1 | (0.3\%) |
| Montana | 14 | 2 | 2 | (0.5\%) |
| Nebraska | 6 | 1 | 1 | (0.3\%) |
| Nevada | 3 | 1 | 1 | (0.3\%) |
| New Hampshire | 39 | 1 | 1 | (0.3\%) |
| New Jersey | 234 | 21 | 19 | (4.8\%) |
| New Mexico | 14 | 2 | 2 | (0.5\%) |
| New York | 557 | 27 | 27 | (6.9\%) |
| North Carolina | 179 | 19 | 18 | (4.6\%) |
| North Dakota | 3 | 1 | 1 | (0.3\%) |
| Ohio | 67 | 8 | 8 | (2.0\%) |
| Oklahoma | 12 | 2 | 2 | (0.5\%) |
| Oregon | 75 | 3 | 3 | (0.8\%) |
| Pennsylvania | 177 | 25 | 25 | (6.4\%) |

Table 1A. Geographic Location of Respondents, 1989 (continued).

|  | Number of <br> Mail-outs | Number of <br> Respondents | Number of <br> Questionnaires |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| State |  |  |  |

'Two or more questions other than the mailing address.

Table 2A. The Respondent's Classification of Business by State, 1989.

How would you best describe your firms seafood marketing activities?


Table 2A. The Respondent's Classification of Business by State, 1989 (Continued).
How would you best describe your firms seafood marketing activities?


Table 2A. The Respondent's Classification of Business by State, 1989 (Continued).

How would you best describe your firns seafood marketing activities?

| State <br> Abbreviation | Broker |  | Exporter |  | Business Classification |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Retailer |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | W/D ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Pro | essor | Impo |  | ade |  |  |  |
| NV | 0 | 0.09 |  |  | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | 100.0\% | 0 | 0.08 | 0 | 0.09 | 0 | 0.07 | 0 | 0.07 |
| CA | 15 | 11.98 | 11 | 8.78 | 28 | 22.27 | 8 | 6.3\% | 20 | 15.98 | 11 | 8.78 | 1 | 0.8 \% |
| HI | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 18.2\% | 1 | 9.1\% | 2 | 18.2\% | 2 | 18.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| OR | 0 | 0.04 | 1 | 33.3\% | 1 | 33.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| WA | 1 | 8.36 | 2 | 16.7\% | 4 | 33.38 | 3 | 25.0\% | 1 | 8.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| AK | 1 | 11.18 | 1 | 11.18 | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 22.2\% | 1 | 11.1* | 1 | 11.18 | 1 | 11.17 |
| Total | 64 | 8.7 7 | 3 | 4.2\% | 284 | 38.48 | 80 | 10.8 \% | 63 | 8.54 | 43 | 5.8 \% | 54 | $7.3 \%$ |

Table 2A. The Respondent's Classification of Business by State, 1989 (Continued).


Table 2A. The Respondent's Classification of Business by State, 1989 (Continued).

How would you best describe your firms seafood marketing activities?

State Abbreviation

Business Classification

| AZ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 8 | $1.1 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| NM | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 2 | $0.3 \%$ |
| NV | 1 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $0.1 \%$ |
| CA | 0 | $0.8 \%$ | 126 | $17.1 \%$ |
| HI | 1 | $0.0 \%$ | 11 | $1.5 \%$ |
| OR | 0 | $33.3 \%$ | 3 | $0.4 \%$ |
| WA | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 12 | $1.6 \%$ |
| AK | $\underline{0}$ | $0.0 \%$ | 9 | $1.2 \%$ |
| Total | 14 | $1.9 \%$ | 739 | $100.0 \%$ |

${ }^{1}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
${ }^{2}$ Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows. Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification questions. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 3A. Classification of Customer Location vs. Business Type, 1989.

| Where are the majority of your customers located? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Business <br> Type | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Only In } \\ & \text { State }^{1} \end{aligned}$ |  | only <br> Adjacent States ${ }^{2}$ |  | Other$\text { States }^{3}$ |  | In state \& Only Adjacent States ${ }^{4}$ |  | In State \& Other States ${ }^{5}$ |  | Total <br> Responses ${ }^{6}$ |  |
| Broker | 16 | 39.0\% | 3 | 7.3\% | 2 | 4.9\% | 10 | 24.4\% | 10 | 24.4\% | 41 | 8.2\% |
| Exporter | 3 | 37.5\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 5 | 62.5\% | 8 | 1.6\% |
| W/ $\mathrm{D}^{7}$ | 128 | 53.3\% | 4 | 1.7\% | 8 | 3.3\% | 78 | 32.5\% | 22 | 9.2\% | 240 | 48.3\% |
| Processor | 15 | 31.9\% | 4 | 8.5\% | 8 | 17.0\% | 11 | 23.4\% | 9 | 19.1\% | 47 | 9.5\% |
| Importer | 10 | 29.4\% | 1 | 2.9\% | 1 | 2.9\% | 7 | 20.6\% | 15 | 44.1\% | 34 | 6.8\% |
| Trader | 9 | 47.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 5 | 26.3\% | 5 | 26.3\% | 19 | 3.8\% |
| Retailer | 40 | 81.68 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 6 | 12.2\% | 3 | 6.1\% | 49 | 9.9\% |
| Others | 44 | 74.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 9 | 15.3\% | 6 | 10.2\% | 59 | 11.9\% |
| Total | 265 | 53.3\% | 12 | 2.4\% | 19 | 3.8\% | 126 | 25.4\% | 75 | 15.1\% | 497 | 100.0\% |

1"Only In State"-Customers are only in the business address state of the respondent.
${ }^{2}$ "Only Adjacent State"-Customers are only in states bordering business address state of the respondent.
$3^{3 n}$ other States"-Customers are a combination of bordering and non-bordering states.
${ }^{4 n}$ In State \& Only Adjacent States"-Combination of customers in state and only adjacent (bordering) states.
${ }^{5 " I n}$ State \& Other States"-Combination of customers in state and from other states with at least one state not a border state.
${ }^{6}$ Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "Total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across" the row.
${ }^{7}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 4A. Location (Region) of the Business with "In State \& Other States" Customers, 1989.1

| $B / C^{2}$ | Northeast |  |  | Region of the Business |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | South |  | Midwes |  | West |  | tal <br> sponses ${ }^{3}$ |
| Broker | 3 | 30.07 | 5 | $50.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 20.0\% | 10 | 13.2\% |
| Exporter | 1 | 20.0 \% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 4 | $80.0 \%$ | 5 | 6. $6 \frac{8}{7}$ |
| W/ $\mathrm{D}^{4}$ | 5 | 21.7\% | 13 | 56.5\% | 2 | $8.7 \%$ | 3 | 13.0\% | 23 | 30.3\% |
| Processor | 0 | 0.08 | 5 | 55.67 | 1 | 11.18 | 3 | 33.3\% | 9 | $11.8 \%$ |
| Importer | 4 | 26.73 | 4 | 26.78 | 1 | 6.74 | 6 | 40.08 | 15 | 19.7 \% |
| Trader | 1 | 20.08 | 2 | 40.08 | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 40.0\% | 5 | 6. $6 \frac{7}{}$ |
| Retailer | 0 | 0.0\% | 4 | 100.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 4 | 5.3\% |
| others |  | 20.08 | 4 | 80.07 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0. 0 \% | 5 | 6. $6 \%$ |
| Total | 15 | 19.74 | 37 | 48.74 | 4 | 5.3\% | 20 | 26.3\% |  | 100.0\% |

${ }^{10}$ In State and Other States"-combination of customers in state and from other states with at least one state not a border state.
${ }^{2}$ Business Classification
${ }^{3}$ Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "Total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows.
'Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 5A. Location (Region) of the Business with "In State, and Only Adjacent States" Customers, $1989 .{ }^{1}$

Region of the Business
B/C $C^{2}$ Northeast South Midwest West

Total Responses ${ }^{3}$

| Broker | 4 | $40.0 \%$ | 3 | $30.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 3 | $30.0 \%$ | 10 | $8.3 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Exporter | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| W/D | 42 | $54.5 \%$ | 22 | $28.6 \%$ | 6 | $7.8 \%$ | 7 | $9.1 \%$ | 77 | $64.2 \%$ |
| Processor | 3 | $25.0 \%$ | 8 | $66.7 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $8.3 \%$ | 12 | $10.0 \%$ |
| Importer | 6 | $85.7 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $14.3 \%$ | 7 | $5.8 \%$ |
| Trader | 2 | $40.0 \%$ | 1 | $20.0 \%$ | 1 | $20.0 \%$ | 1 | $20.0 \%$ | 5 | $4.2 \%$ |
| Retailer | 2 | $33.3 \%$ | 1 | $16.7 \%$ | 2 | $33.3 \%$ | 1 | $16.7 \%$ | 6 | $5.0 \%$ |
| Others | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $33.3 \%$ | 1 | $33.3 \%$ | 1 | $33.3 \%$ | 3 | $2.5 \%$ |
| Total | 59 | $49.2 \%$ | 36 | $30.0 \%$ | 10 | $8.3 \%$ | 15 | $12.5 \%$ | 120 | $100.0 \%$ |

1"In State and Only Adjacent States"-Combination of in state and only adjacent (bordering) states.
${ }^{2}$ Business Classification
"Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "Total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows.
Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal 100.0 due to rounding error.

Table 6A. Location (Region) of the Business with "Other States" Customers, 1989.1

| $B / C^{2}$ |  |  | Region of the Business |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Northeast |  | South |  | Midwest |  | West |  | Total <br> Responses 3 |  |
| Broker | 1 | 50.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | $50.0 \%$ | 2 | $10.5 \%$ |
| Exporter | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| W/ $\mathrm{D}^{4}$ | 3 | 37.5\% | 5 | 62.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 8 | 2.18 |
| Processor | r 0 | 0.0\% | 4 | 50.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 4 | 50.0\% | 8 | 42.1 \% |
| Importer | 0 | 0.08 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 100.0\% | 1 | 5.3\% |
| Trader | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.07 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Retailer | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Others | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | $0.0 \frac{8}{6}$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Total | 4 | 21.1\% | 9 | 47.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 6 | 31.6\% | 19 | 100.0\% |

1"Other States"-Customers are a combination of bordering and non-bordering states.
${ }^{2}$ Business Classification
"Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "Total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows.
"Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 7A. Location (Region) of the Business, with "Only Adjacent States" Customers, 1989.'

B/C $C^{2}$ Northeast $\frac{\text { Region of the Business }}{\text { South Midwest West }}$| Total |
| :--- |
| Responses ${ }^{3}$ |

| Broker | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Exporter | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| W/D | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Processor | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Importer | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $100.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $100.0 \%$ |
| Trader | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Retailer | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| others | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Total | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $100.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $100.0 \%$ |

1"only Adjacent State"-Customers are only in states bordering business address state of the respondent.
${ }^{2}$ Business Classification
${ }^{3}$ Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "Total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows.
4Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal 100.0 t due to rounding error.

Table 8A. Location (Region) of the Business with Only In State" Customers, 1989.'

| B/C2 | Northeast |  | Region of the Business |  |  |  |  |  | Total <br> Responses ${ }^{3}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | South |  | dwest |  | West |  |  |
| Broker | 2 | 12.5\% | 6 | 37.5\% | 2 | 12.5\% | 6 | 37.5\% | 16 | 7.1\% |
| Exporter | 0 | 0.0\% |  | 0.0\% | 1 | 33.3\% | 2 | 66.7\% | 3 | 1.3\% |
| W/D4 | 38 | 29.7\% | 32 | 25.0\% | 26 | 20.3\% | 32 | 25.0\% | 128 | 56.6\% |
| Processor | 2 | 13.3\% |  | 40.0\% | 2 | 13.3\% | 5 | 33.3\% | 15 | 6.6\% |
| Importer | 1 | 10.0\% |  | 10.0\% | 1 | 10.0\% |  | 70.0\% | 10 | 4.4\% |
| Trader | 3 | 33.3\% |  | 22.2\% | 1 | 11.1\% | 3 | 33.3\% | 9 | 4.0\% |
| Retailer | 18 | 45.0\% | 10 | 25.0\% | 10 | 25.0\% | 2 | 5.0\% | 40 | 17.7\% |
| Others | 3 | 60.0\% | 1 | 20.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 20.0\% | 5 | 2.2\% |
| Total | 67 | 29.6\% | 58 | 25.7\% | 43 | 19.0\% | 58 | 25.7\% | 226 | 100.0\% |

'"Only In State"-Customers are only in the business address state of the respondent.
2Business Classification
3Column percentage based on ''Total'' for this column, "Total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows.

Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 9A. Classification of Customer Relative to the Mississippi River vs. Business Type,
1989.
Where are the majority of your customers located?


[^6]Table 10A. Location (Region) of the Business with Customers East of the Mississippi River, 1989.

| Business <br> Classification | Region of the Business |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Northeast |  | South |  | Midwest |  | West |  | All Region ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Broker | 13 | $50.0 \%$ | 12 | 46.2\% | 1 | 3.8\% | 0 | 0.07 | 26 | 7.5\% |
| Exporter | 1 | 20.0\% | 3 | 60.07 | 1 | $20.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 5 | 1.48 |
| $\mathrm{W} / \mathrm{D}^{2}$ | 125 | 61.3\% | 54 | 26.5 \% | 25 | 12.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 204 | 58.8\% |
| Processor | 10 | 30.3\% | 21 | 63.6\% | 1 | 3.0\% | 1 | $3.0 \%$ | 33 | 9.5\% |
| Importer | 13 | 68.4\% | 5 | 26.3\% | 1 | 5.38 | 0 | 0.0\% | 19 | 5.5\% |
| Trader | 8 | 57.1\% | 5 | 35.7\% | 1 | 7.18 | 0 | 0.04 | 14 | 4. $0 \%$ |
| Retailer | 20 | 51.3\% | 9 | 23.17 | 10 | 25.6\% | 0 | 0.08 | 39 | $11.2 \%$ |
| Others | 3 | 42.92 | 3 | 42.92 |  | 14.34 | 0 | 0.02 | 7 | 2.08 |
| Total | 193 | $55.6 \%$ | 112 | 32.37 |  | $11.8 \%$ | 1 | 0.38 | 347 | 100.07 |

ir "Column percentage based on "Grand Total" for this column, "Total Response".
${ }^{2}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal 100.0 \% due to rounding error.

Table 11A. Location (Region) of the Business with Customers West of the Mississippi River, 1989.

| Business <br> Classification | Region of the Business |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Northeast |  | South |  | Midwest |  | West |  | All Region ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Broker | 1 | 6.3 \% | 1 | 6.38 | 3 | $18.8 \%$ | 11 | 68.8\% | 16 | 15.17 |
| Exporter | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 5 | 100.0\% | 5 | 4.7\% |
| W/ $\mathrm{D}^{2}$ | 3 | 6.74 | 5 | 11.1\% | 7 | $15.6 \%$ | 30 | 66.7\% | 45 | 42.58 |
| Processor | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 10.0\% | 2 | $20.0 \%$ | 7 | 70.0\% | 10 | 9.4\% |
| Importer | 1 | 10.08 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 9 | 90.0\% | 10 | 9.4\% |
| Trader | 1 | 16.78 | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 16.78 | 4 | 66.7\% | 6 | 5.78 |
| Retailer | 0 | 0.0\% | 3 | 37.5\% | 2 | $25.0 \%$ | 3 | 37.5\% | 8 | 7.5\% |
| Others | 0 | 0.08 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 6 | 100.0\% | 6 | 5.7\% |
| Total | 6 | 5.7\% | 10 | 9.4\% | 15 | 14.2\% | 75 | 70.8\% | 106 | 100.0\% |

"Column percentage based on "Grand Total" for this column, "Total Response".
${ }^{2}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 12A. Classification of Customer Relative to the Major Region vs. Interest in Purchasing Marine White Shrimp Farmed in the U.S.

|  | Where are the majority of your customers located? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Northeast |  | ast and West of the Mississippi River |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | S | outh |  | dwest |  |  | A11 | Region ${ }^{1}$ |
| Yes | 7 | 18.48 | 20 | $52.6 \%$ | 3 | 7.97 | 8 | 21.17 | 38 | 47.58 |
| No | 4 | 40.07 | 0 | 0.08 | 0 | 0.07 | 6 | 60.08 | 10 | 12.5\% |
| Maybe | 3 | 9.44 | 16 | 50.0\% | 2 | 6.38 | 11 | 34.44 | 32 | 40.08 |
| Total | 14 | 17.58 | 36 | 45.0\% | 5 | 6,34 | 25 | 31.37 | 80 | 100.08 |
| N\&M ${ }^{2}$ | 7 | 16.78 | 16 | 38.17 | 2 | 4.8\% | 17 | 40, 5\% | 42 | 52.5\% |

Table 12A. (Continued) Classification of Customer Relative to the Major Region vs. Interest in Purchasing Marine White Shrimp Farmed in the U.S.

| Where are the majority of your customers located? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | theast | est | South | isgi | Midwest |  | West | A11 | Region ${ }^{1}$ |
| Yes | 1 | 2.48 | 5 | 12.2\% | 9 | 22.0\% | 26 | 63.48 | 41 | $58.6 \%$ |
| No | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.08 | 0 | 0.0\% | 3 | 100.08 | 3 | 4.3\% |
| Maybe | 0 | 0.0娄 | 3 | 11.5\% | 1 | 3.8t | 22 | .84.63 | 26 | 37.14 |
| Total | 1 | 1.41 | 8 | 11.48 | 10 | 14.38 | 51 | 72.91 | 70 | 100.09 |
| N6M ${ }^{2}$ | 0 | 0.01 | 3 | 10.38 | 1 | 3,4\% | 25 | 86.21 | 29 | 41.4919 |

Table 12A. (Continued) Classification of Customer Relative to the Major Region vs. Interest in Purchasing Marine White Shrimp Farmed in the U.S.

|  | Where are the majority of your customers located? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Northeast |  | East of the Mississippi River |  |  |  |  | West | All Region ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Yes | 38 | 48.71 | 27 | 34.64 | 13 | 16.78 | 0 | 0.08 | 78 | 37.37 |
| No | 16 | 61.57 | 9 | 34.68 | 0 | 0.08 | 1 | 3.87 | 26 | 12.4\% |
| Maybe | 57 | 54.38 | 35 | 33. 34 | 13 | 12.44 | 0 | 0. 01 | 105 | 50.2\% |
| Total | 111 | 53.18 | 71 | 34.08 | 26 | 12.48 | 1 | 0.5\% | 209 | 100.08 |
| N\&M ${ }^{2}$ | 73 | $55.7 \%$ | 44 | 33.68 | 13 | 9.928 | 1 | 0,8\% | 131 | 62.7\% |

Table 13A. Classification of Customer Location vs. Business Type, 1989.

${ }^{1}$ Business Classification
${ }^{2}$ Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "Total Responses". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows.
""International" customers are customers in two or more continents (e.g. customers in Asia and North America).
4Australia $a$ Oceania
'Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 14A. Location (Region) of the Business with "International"1 Customers, 1989.

| Business |  |  | Region of the Business |  |  |  |  |  | All | Region ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Classification | Northeast |  |  | South |  | dwest |  | West |  |  |
| Broker | 1 | $25.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 3 | 75.0\% | 4 | 16.0\% |
| Exporter | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.08 | 3 | $100.0 \%$ | 3 | 12.08 |
| $w / \mathrm{D}^{3}$ | 1 | 25.08 | 1 | 25.08 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 2 | 50.08 | 4 | 16.07 |
| Processor | 1 | 20.08 | 2 | $40.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.07 | 2 | 40.07 | 5 | $20.0 \%$ |
| Importer | 0 | 0.08 | 1 | $25.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.07 | 3 | $75.0 \%$ | 4 | $16.0 \%$ |
| Trader | 0 | 0.08 | 1 | 25.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 3 | 75.0\% | 4 | 16.08 |
| Retailer | 0 | 0.07 | 1 | 100.0\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $4.0 \%$ |
| Others | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Total | 3 | 12.08 | 6 | 24.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 16 | 64.0\% | 25 | 100.08 |

"International" customers are customers in two or more continents (e.g. customers in Asia and North Anerica).
${ }^{2}$ Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "All Region". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows.
${ }^{3}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 15A. Location (Region) of the Business with "North America" Customers, 1989.

| Business <br> Classification | Region of the Business |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Northeast |  | South |  | Midwest |  | West |  | All Region ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Broker | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 66.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 33.3\% | 3 | 6.8\% |
| Exporter | 1 | 14.3\% | 4 | 57.18 | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 28.6\% | 7 | 15.9\% |
| W/ $\mathrm{D}^{2}$ | 2 | 18.2\% | 7 | 63.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 18.2\% | 11 | $25.0 \%$ |
| Processor | 1 | 16.7\% | 5 | 83.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 6 | 13.68 |
| Importer | 1 | $10.0 \%$ | 4 | $40.0 \%$ | 1 | 10.0\% | 4 | 40.0\% | 10 | 22.78 |
| Trader | 1 | 25.0\% | 2 | 50.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 25.0\% | 4 | 9.18 |
| Retailer | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 50.0 \% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | $50.0 \%$ | 2 | 4.58 |
| Others | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.08 | 1 | 100.0\% | 1 | 2.3\% |
| Total | 6 | 13.6\% | 25 | 56.8\% | 1 | 2.3\% | 12 | 27.3\% | 44 | 100.0\% |
| "Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "All Region". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Wholesaler/Distributor <br> Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 16A. Location (Region) of the Business with "Asia" Customers, 1989.

| Business <br> Classification | Northeast |  | Region of the Business |  |  |  |  |  | All Region ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | South |  | west |  | West |  |  |
| Broker | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 100.0\% | 2 | 7.1\% |
| Exporter | 1 | 11. $1 \%$ | 4 | 44.4\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 4 | 44.48 | 9 | 32.1 \% |
| W/D ${ }^{2}$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 3 | $75.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 25.0\% | 4 | 14.3\% |
| Processor | 2 | 33.3 \% | 3 | $50.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | 16.78 | 6 | 21.4\% |
| Importer | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $50.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $50.0 \%$ | 2 | 7.1\% |
| Trader | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | , 1 | $50.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | $50.0 \%$ | 2 | 7.1\% |
| Retailer | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | $50.0 \%$ | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | $50.0 \%$ | 2 | 7.18 |
| others | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.08 | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 100.0\% | 1 | 3.6\% |
| Total | 3 | $10.7 \%$ | 13 | 46.48 | 0 | 0.0\% | 12 | $42.9 \%$ | 28 | $100.0 \frac{8}{8}$ |

'column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "All Region". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows.
${ }^{2}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 17A. Location (Region) of the Business with "Europe" Customers, 1989.

| Business <br> Classification | Northeast |  | Region of the Business |  |  |  | West |  | All | Region ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | outh |  | dwest |  |  |  |  |
| Broker | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Exporter | 3 | 60.0\% | 1 | 20.0\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | 20.0\% | 5 | 26.39 |
| $\mathrm{W} / \mathrm{D}^{2}$ | 1 | $25.0 \%$ | 1 | 25.0\% | 1 | 25.0\% | 1 | 25.0\% | 4 | $21.1 \%$ |
| Processor | 1 | 33.3\% | 1 | 33.38 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 1 | 33.3\% | 3 | 15.8\% |
| Importer | 1 | 25.0\% | 1 | 25.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 50.0\% | 4 | 21.18 |
| Trader | 1 | 33.3\% | 1 | 33.38 | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | 33.3\% | 3 | 15.8\% |
| Retailer | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | $0.0 \%$ | 0 | 0.08 |
| Others | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Total | 7 | 36.8\% | 5 | 26.38 | 1 | 5.3\% | 6 | 31.6\% | 19 | 100.0\% |

${ }^{1}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
"Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "All Region". All other percentages are calculated "across" rows.
Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 18A. Location (Region) of the Business with "USA Only" Customers, 1989.

| Business <br> Classification | Northeast |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Table 19A. Reported Seafood Sales in 1988 vs. Average Percent Contribution of Shrimp Sales to Seafood Sales by Region.

| Seafood Sales | Reqion of Business Location |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Northeast | South | Midwest | West | All Regions |
| <\$5 Million: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 54 | 49 | 21 | 25 | 149 |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (74.0\%) | (72.1\%) | (67.7\%) | (58.1\%) | (69.3\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 94.7\% | $43.3 \%$ | 29.8\% | 38.0\% | 59.18 |
| \$5-\$9.9 Million: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number ${ }^{1}$ | ${ }^{6}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (8.2\%) | (17.6\%) | (16.18) | (18.6\%) | (14.4\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | $21.5 \%$ | 56.8\% | 28.2\% | 58.5\% |  |
| S10-\$14.9 Million: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 8 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 18 |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (11.0\%) | (5.9\%) | (6.5\%) | (9.3\%) | (8.48) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 28.0\% | 60.8 \% | 27.5\% | $43.0 \%$ | $38.6 \%$ |
| \$15-\$19.9 Million: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (1.4\%) | (1.5\%) | (0.0\%) | (0.0\%) | (0.9\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 5.0\% | 25.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 15.0\% |
| $\geq$ 220 Million: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 15 |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (5.5\%) | (2.9\%) | (9.78) | (14.0\%) | (7.0\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 36.8\% | 22.5 \% | 12.0\% | $62.5 \%$ | $40.2 \%$ |

Table 19A. Reported Seafood Sales in 1988 vs. Average Percent Contribution of Shrimp Sales to Seafood Sales by Region (Continued).

| Seafood Sales | Region of Business Location |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Northeast | South | Midwest | West | All Regions |
| Grand Total: ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 73 | 68 | 31 | 43 | 215 |
| Response Percent | (100.0\%) | (100.0\%) | (100.0\%) | (100.08) | (100.0\%) |
| Average Percent | 77.0\% | 45.8\% | 27.78 | 45.74 | 53.8\% |

${ }^{1}$ The percent of responses, "Number", compared to the "Grand Total". ${ }^{2}$ Average of reported shrimp sales percent by seafood sales volume.
${ }^{3}$ Combined totals from the Northeast, South, Midwest, and West Region columns.
Note: The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal 100.08 due to rounding
error.

Table 20A. Respondent's Reported Sales Volume Level in 1988 by Region.

| Sales Volume, Millions | Northeast |  | Reqion of Business Location |  |  |  |  |  | Total Response ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | outh |  | idwest |  |  |  |  |
| <\$5 | 93 | 37.1\% | 81 | 32.3 \% | 24 | 9.6 \% | 53 | 21.18 | 251 | 68.6\% |
| \$5 to \$9.9 | 13 | 25.0\% | 17 | 32.7\% | 7 | $13.5 \%$ | 15 | 28.8\% | 52 | 14.2 \% |
| \$10 to \$14.9 | 14 | 45.2\% | 7 | 22.6 \% | 3 | 9.7\% | 7 | $22.6 \%$ | 31 | 8.5\% |
| \$15 to \$19.9 | 2 | 50.0\% | 1 | 25.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1 | $25.0 \%$ | 4 | 1.18 |
| >\$20 | 6 | 21.48 | 6 | 21.48 | 6 | 21.4\% | 10 | 35.7\% | 28 | 7.7\% |
| Total | 128 | 35.0\% | 112 | 30.68 | 40 | 10.9\% | 86 | 23.5\% | 366 | 100.0\% |

"Column percentage based on "Total" for this column, "Total Response". All other percentages are calculated "across" row.
Note: The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

Table 21A. Average Reported Percent Shrimp Sales by Outlet for Wholesalers and Distributors in 1988 by Region.

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Table 21A. Average Reported Percent Shrimp Sales by outlet for Wholesaler and Distributors in 1988 by Region (Continued).

| Outlets | Northeast | South | Region Midwest | West | All Regions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| W/D $i^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 29 | 40 | 6 | 16 | 91 |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (13.6\%) | (20.0\%) | (7.5\%) | (14.4\%) | (15.18) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | $22.0 \%$ | 44.1\% | 13.37 | 39.48 | $34.2 \%$ |
| Institutions: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 6 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 30 |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (2.8\%) | (6.5\%) | (7.5\%) | (4.5\%) | (5.0\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 7.0\% | 8.2\% | 5.27 | 5.2\% | 6.97 |
| Grand Total: ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 213 | 200 | 80 | 111 | 604 |
| Response Percent | (100\%) | (100\%) | (100\%) | (100\%) | (100\%) |
| Average Percent | 31.27 | $30.8 \%$ | 28.9\% | $28.8 \%$ | 30.38 |

[^7]Table 22A. Average Reported Percent Shrimp Sales by Outlet for Processors in 1988 by Region.

| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outlets | Northeast | South | Midwest | West | All Regions |
| White Tablecloth: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 5 | 14 | 0 | 8 | 27 |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (23.88) | (15.1\%) | (0.0\%) | (20.0\%) | (17.2\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | $61.0 \%$ | $31.1 \%$ | 0.08 | 36.5\% | 38.2\% |
| Other Restaurants: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number |  |  |  |  |  |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (19.08) | (17.26) | (33.3\%) | $(15.0 \%)$ | (17.2\%) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 33.8 \% | 16.2t | $3.0 \%$ | $17.5 \%$ | 18.6\% |
| Seafood Specialty Shops: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | (23.8 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 24 |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (23.88) | (15.1\%) | (0.0\%) | (12.5\%) | (15.38) |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 18.07 | 36.6\% | 0.08 | $8.0 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ |
| Other: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number |  |  |  |  |  |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (14.32) | (8.6\%) | $(33.3 \%)$ | $(10,0 \%)$ | $(10.2 \%)$ |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 38.34 | 34.58 | 7.0\% | 4.5\% | $26.0 \%$ |
| Supermarkets: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number |  |  |  |  |  |
| Response Percent ${ }^{1}$ | (4.8*) | (14.0\%) | (0.0\%) | (17.58) | $(13.4 \%)$ |
| Average Percent ${ }^{2}$ | 70.08 | 23.18 | $0.0 \%$ | $20.47$ | $24.48$ |

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Table 22A. (Continued) Average Percent Shrimp Sales by Outlet for Processor in 1988 by Region.

| Outlets | Northeast | SouthRegion <br> W/D: <br>  <br> Number |  | Midwest | West |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | All Regions

[^8]NOTE: This exhibit includes data codes not on the questionnaire mailed out in 1989.

Exhibit 1. Seafood Wholesaler Survey, 1989
We are surveying the use of marine shrimp cultured in the U.S. Consequently, we would like you to take some time from your busy schedule to answer a few questions about your operation. Your responses will be treated as confidential information. Please feel free to use rough estimates when responding to various questions. Those responding to this survey will be mailed a free guide to South Carolina seafood suppliers.

This section is located on
Your Name: Dbase III Plus database
Your Company Name: $\qquad$
Your Position or Title: $\qquad$
Your Business Phone Number: $\qquad$
FAX Number: $\qquad$
Your Mailing Address: $\qquad$ zip $\qquad$
Form ( (101-104)
$(105),(106),(107),(108),(109)$
Coding numbers for the 51 states in the U.S.

1. a. How would you best describe your firm's seafood marketing activities? (Please check one item only)
(110)

1 Broker $\qquad$
$\qquad$ Exporter
$\qquad$ Wholesaler/Distributor
(including: Packer \&
Freezing, Fishermen $\&$
Commercial Fishing Oper.)
$\qquad$ Processor 5 Importer $\qquad$ 6 Trader
(111) Other(Describe):

1 restaurant
2 supermarket
3 fish store
4 producer
5 retailer
6 packer

7 cater crab feeds
8 catering
9 fishermen/shrimp boat owner
10 commercial fishing operation
11 breader/stuffing
12 packer/freezer
b. Where are the majority of your customers located? (Indicate states and/or cities):
(112) Country

1 North America
2 USA Only
3 Europe
4 Asia
5 Australia \& Oceania
(113) U.S. Region

1 East \& West Mississippi River
2 West Mississippi River
3 East Mississippi River
(114) State level

1 Only In State
2 Only Adjacent States
3 Other States
4 In State 5 Only Adjacent States
2. About how many people are employed by your firm?
(115)

1. 1 to 4
2. 5 to 9
3. 10 to 19
4. 20 to 49
5. 50 to 99
6. 100 to 249
7. 250 to 499
8. 500 \& over
person(s)
9. During the last 12 months did you purchase/trade marine (not freshwater) shrimp farmed (cultured) in the United States? (Check one)
(121) 1 Yes 2 No 3 I don't know
10. Are you interested in purchasing marine white shrimp farmed (cultured) in the U.S. (Check one)
(122) 1 Yes 2 No 3 Maybe, send more information.
a. If yes, please indicate desired shrimp products, count size(s) and quantities based on current market prices (Please circle "Yes" or "No" for each item):

Size Ranges

4. b. If no, please indicate why you are not interested in purchasing U.S. farmed marine shrimp: (304)

IF YOU DO NOT MARKET (I.E. PURCHASE OR SELL) ANY SHRIMP, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 7.
5. a. If your firm currently purchases any of the marine (not freshwater) shrimp products listed below, please estimate how much you purchased in 1988 for your clients, as well as the count size and country of origin:

| Live Shrimp | Amount <br> Purchased <br> (305-311)Lbs/Yr. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Major Counts } \\ & \text { (Size) } \\ & (312) \end{aligned}$ | Major Country of Origin (313) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1. $u-15$ | (314)/(315) |
|  |  | 2. 16-30 | (316) |
|  |  | 3. 31-50 | (317) |
|  |  | 4. 51-80 | (318) |
|  |  | 5. 81+ | (319) |
|  |  | 6. all major | (320)/(321) |
|  |  | counts | (322) |

Heads-On, Fresh (Never frozen)

(323-329) Lbs/Yr

$\frac{(330)}{\text { mame }}$ as $\frac{(331)}{(332) /(333)}$
above
(335)
(336)
(337)
(338)/(339)
(340)

Heads-On, Frozen \& IQF (341-347)Lbs/Yr.

Heads-Off, Fresh

| (359-365) Lbs/Yr. | (366) | (367) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | *same as | $(368) / 369)$ |
|  | above | (370) |
|  |  | (371) |
|  |  | (372) |
|  |  | (373) |
|  |  | (374)/(375) |
|  |  | (376) |

Heads-Off, Frozen \& IQF (Shell-On)

| $(570-578) \mathrm{Lbs} / \mathrm{Yr}$. | $(404)$ <br> ssame <br> above | $\frac{(405)}{(406) /(407)}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | $(408)$ |
|  |  | $(409)$ |
|  |  | $(410)$ |
|  |  | $(411)$ |
|  |  | $(414) /(413)$ |

5. b. Please roughly estimate the percent contribution of all your shrimp products (e.g. shell-on shrimp, P\&D, PUD's, etc.) to your total 1988 seafood sales: (415-4174)
6. Of your total annual sales of heads-off (shell-on) marine shrimp, please estimate the percentage (\%) allocated to different outlets in 1988 (the total should equal 100\%):
(418-420) ${ }^{\text {f }}$ White Table Cloth Restaurants
(421-423): Other Restaurants
$(424-426)$ Seafood Specialty (436-438): Institutions
(427-429): Other (Describe): $\qquad$
7. Are you interested in purchasing South Carolina farmed fish or shellfish? (Please circle "Yes" or "No" for each item)
(439) Hybrid Striped Bass
(448) Redfish (Red Drum)
(457) Crawfish
(522) Seed Clams for *same as above (523-530) Culturing
(531) Southern Bay Scallops
*same as above (532-539)
Gal/Month
*same as above (541-548)
Lbs/Month
*same as above (550-557)
Lbs/Month

Lbs/Month
(558) Other farmed products needed
8. Please place a check by the range of values in which your firm's total seafood sales in 1988 belong (Check one):
(559)

1 less than $\$ 5$ million
2 \$5 to \$10 million
3 \$10 to $\$ 15$ million
$4 \quad \$ 15$ to $\$ 20$ million
5 greater than $\$ 20$ million
(560) Seafood firms specializing in other seafood products

Please mail this guestionnaire using the enclosed self-addressed business reply envelope or write to us at the following address:

Fisheries Economics Program SC Division of Marine Resources P.O. Box 12559 Charleston, SC 29412

If you would like more information on this survey, please contact Valvy Grant at (803) 795-6350. We thank you for your cooperation.


[^0]:    1"Major" counts were considered 015 to $81+$.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Wholesalers and/or distributors usually buy shrimp directly from importers, processors and/or "handlers" (assemblers). Shrimp handlers in the Southeastern U.S., often purchase and/or broker heads-on and heads-off shrimp directly from producers (e.g. shrimp trawler operators) and sell the shrimp to wholesalers or processors.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ All tables with its table number followed by the capital letter "A" are in this report's appendices.

[^3]:    ${ }^{4}$ Restaurants and producers.

[^4]:    $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\omega} \quad$ Column percentage base on "Total" for this column, "Total Responses".
    ${ }^{2}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
    Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification questions. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

[^5]:    The percent of responses, "Number", compared to the "Grand Total" of the column.
    ${ }^{2}$ Average of reported shrimp sales percent by outlet.
    ${ }^{3}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
    ${ }^{4}$ Combined totals from the Northeast, South, Midwest, and West Region columns. Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

[^6]:    'Column percentage based on "Grand Total" for this column, "Total Response".
    ${ }^{2}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
    Note: There were multiple responses to the business classification question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

[^7]:    The percent of responses, "Number", compared to the "Grand Total".
    ${ }^{2}$ Average of reported shrimp sales percent by outlet.
    ${ }^{3}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
    ${ }^{4}$ Combined totals from the Northeast, South, Midwest, and West Region colunns. Note: There where multiple responses to the business outlet questions. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

[^8]:    "The percent of responses, "Number", compared to the "Grand Total"
    ${ }^{2}$ Average of reported shrimp sales percent by outlet.
    ${ }^{3}$ Wholesaler/Distributor
    ${ }^{4}$ Combined totals from the Northeast, South, Midwest, and West Region columns.
    Note: There were multiple responses to the business outlet question. The sum of the actual percentage may not exactly equal $100.0 \%$ due to rounding error.

