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NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

## Sources of Aquacultured Clams in New Jersey

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The hard clam, or northern quahog, *Mercenaria mercenaria*, has been a significant part of the commercial fishery harvest in the coastal counties in our state for many years. Old tales of clambers in small boats working the waters from Raritan Bay to Cape May are common along the coast. However, that nostalgic view of making a living from the fruits of the bays has diminished significantly in the past thirty years. It has been replaced by state sponsored relay programs and high tech depuration facilities, which allow the supervised use of resources from restricted waters, and just as significantly, the production of hard clam crops through aquaculture.

Presently there are about six shellfish hatcheries, two clam nursery systems, and about seventy shellfish farmers in the State of New Jersey. Located in southern Ocean, Atlantic, and northern Cape May counties, this industry produces about 25% of the total landings of hard clams. The product is sometimes sold with a cultured moniker on it, or mixed into the normal run. Consumers will find only the littleneck size of clam in a cultured package, since raising this shellfish to larger sizes would be economically unfeasible.

The cultured clam provides the food industry with a product that has the benefit of consistent

quality and size at a reasonable price with almost unlimited access to the crop year round. This allows the chef or market owner to store only what is needed for a limited time without losing product that is too old. The size consistency makes the use of the cultured clam sought after for recipes since they easily fit into fish stews or pasta dishes giving a wonderful presentation, and satisfying flavor for the seafood lover. The consumer often views the cultured product as safer and superior to the wild caught clam, which helps to increase market demand.

The following list is the result of a survey of all the certified shellfish shippers in New Jersey from the spring of 1994. The survey asked if the shipper grew, bought, or only sold cultured clams. Since no survey is ever complete other dealers may soon be handling these clams, and may be added to this list at a later date.

Any further information about hard clam aquaculture can be received through the Rutgers Cooperative Extension. A fact sheet about hard clam culture is available from the New Jersey Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County, 1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River, NJ 08755. A self addressed stamped envelope will speed the process.

**Growers/Dealers**

Bay Farm, 586 Dock Road  
West Creek, NJ 08092  
609-294-0235

Richard Beckley & Son  
PO Box 60, Leeds Point, NJ 08220  
609-652-7752

Biosphere, 1199 Green St.  
Tuckerton, NJ 08087  
609-296-0945

Clam Daddy's, 1 12th St. North  
Brigantine, NJ 08203  
609-266-0677

Goff's Seafood, 120 W. Merion  
Road, Pleasantville, NJ 08232  
609-641-3345

Maxwell Shellfish  
358 Cologne-Port Republic Rd.  
Germania, NJ 08215  
609-652-8589

Mayer's Seafood  
3312 West Brigantine Blvd.  
Brigantine, NJ 08203  
609-266-6926

Pete McCarthy, 22 Jennings Road  
Manahawkin, NJ 08050  
609-978-0415

Nautical Nuggets Clam Farms  
Box 134, Oceanville, NJ 08231  
609-652-7725

Parsons & Sons, 206 S. Green St.  
Tuckerton, NJ 08087  
609-296-2061

Randall's Seafood, 301 Ansley  
Blvd., Pleasantville NJ 08232  
609-641-0927

Robert E. Wilson  
128 Pomona Ave., Box 410  
Port Republic, NJ 08241  
609-652-7978

**Buys from Growers, and Sells**

Achilles, Inc., 19 Delsea Drive  
Westville, NJ 08093  
609-456-2625

Capt's Brownies Seafood  
4 Woodmansee Blvd.  
Barnegat, NJ 08008  
609-698-7464

Cold Springs Fish, Fisherman's  
Wharf, Cape May, NJ 08215  
609-294-3405

Fischer's Clams, 401 Anchor  
Road, Tuckerton, NJ 08087  
609-294-0613

Frank's Fish, 129 Motts Creek  
Road, Absecon, NJ 08201  
609-652-9291

Obadiah's Fish Market, Roosevelt  
Blvd., Marmora, NJ 08223  
609-390-3474

P & G Trading Co., 218 Dryden  
Ave., Trenton, NJ 08625  
609-882-1177

Robinson's And Sons Fish,  
Bayshore Road, Villas, NJ 08251  
609-886-8760

Sally's Shrimp & Seafood  
8211 Long Beach Blvd.  
Beach Haven, NJ 08008  
609-492-0616

Seaburst Farms, 179 Delaware St.  
Woodbury, NJ 08099  
609-853-1101

Skippers Seafood Exchange  
647 Route 72, Barnegat, NJ 08005  
609-698-4430

United Sea Coast  
21 Vanderbilt Ave.  
Leonardo, NJ 07737  
908-872-8161

Yama Seafood, 43 Edward Hart  
Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07304  
201-433-3888

**Sells Cultured Clams**

Boathouse Restaurant  
West Ave./Dock Road  
Beach Haven, NJ 08008  
609-492-1066

Boulevard Clams, Inc.  
2006 Long Beach Blvd.  
Surf City, NJ 08008  
609-494-9494

Douty Brother's, Lusty Lobster  
88 Bay Ave., Highlands, NJ 07732  
908-291-4205

Pete's Fish Market  
725 Hamilton St.  
Somerset, NJ 08873  
908-456-2625

George Phillips, 128 46th St.  
Sea Isle City, NJ 08243  
609-263-3510

Shore Fishery, Route 35 North  
Cliffwood, NJ 07721  
908-583-2990

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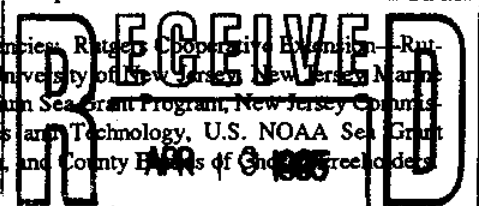
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