

HARVEST

{Of the Month}



SEAFOOD

Fast Facts

- ✓ The seafood industry in Maryland dates back to the **18th century Revolutionary War era**.
- ✓ **In the early 1900s, 20 billion bushels of oysters were being harvested** from the Chesapeake Bay each year.
- ✓ The seafood industry in Maryland harvests oysters, blue catfish, rockfish, clams, blue crabs, and nearly 350 other species from the Bay and its surrounding tributaries. Do you have a favorite memory on the Chesapeake Bay? Share with us on social media using the **#MDKidsEatLocal!**

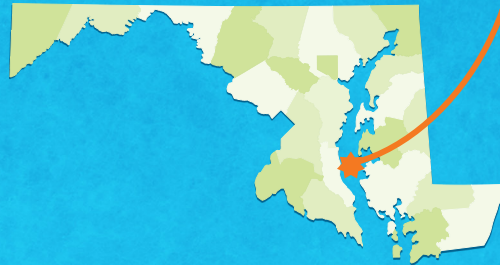


Chesapeake Bay

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States and the third largest in the world! The Chesapeake Bay is a fantastic ecosystem that provides food, water, and shelter to over 3,600 species of plants and wildlife.

Availability

Availability varies dependent upon the type of seafood. Most types are available between **MARCH - NOVEMBER**



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