

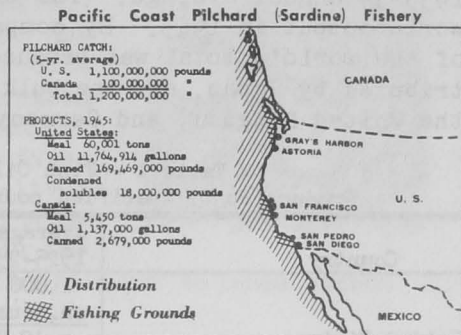
FISHERY BYPRODUCTS

Oil and Meal

PRODUCTION: The production of fish oils during August totaled 3,147,466 gallons, a decline of 809,541 gallons compared with August 1945. This brought the total for the 8-month period to 9,259,803 gallons, 59,015 gallons below the corresponding period in 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 295.

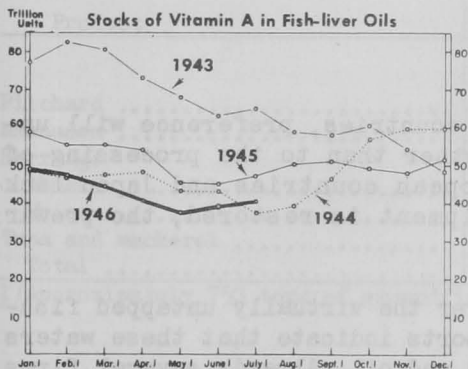
Complete data are not available on meal and scrap, but items which normally account for about 94 percent of the total production show an output of 29,082 tons during August, 2,635 tons less than in August 1945. The 8-month total--100,490 tons--was 2,845 tons below the corresponding period in 1945.

As in July, menhaden oil and meal were the chief products for August, accounting for 30 percent and 28 percent, respectively, of the total productions.



Vitamin A

STOCKS AND PRODUCTION: U. S. stocks of vitamin A in fish-liver oil on July 1 were reported at 40.5 trillion units, an increase of 6 percent above stocks held on June 1, but 14 percent less than those of July 1, 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 292.



Production of vitamin A during June totaled 5.7 trillion units compared with 6.8 trillion units produced during June 1945. Total production during the first 6 months of 1946 amounted to 27.5 trillion units as compared with 28.4 trillion units produced during the corresponding period of 1945.

Receipts of livers during June totaled 1,748,000 pounds, containing about 7.1 trillion units of vitamin A. During the same month of 1945, 1,781,000 pounds of livers, having a vitamin A content of 8.4 trillion units, were received.

