

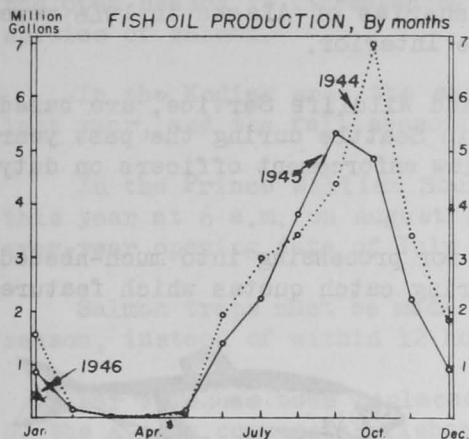
FISHERY BYPRODUCTS

Oil and Meal

PRODUCTION: Only a small quantity of fish oil is produced during the months of February through May. Heavy production starts in June and continues through the following January, with peak production occurring during September and October.

The production of fish oils during January totaled 432,994 gallons compared with 918,455 gallons produced during the same month of 1945 and 1,592,627 gallons during January 1944, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 256. Although complete data were not available on meal and scrap, items which normally account for about 94 percent of the total production showed an output of 6,928 tons during

January 1946, compared with 9,997 tons during January 1945.



Vitamin A

STOCKS AND PRODUCTION: Stocks of vitamin A in fish liver oils on December 31 were reported at 49 trillion units, a decline of 6 percent under stocks held on the first of the month and 17 percent less than those of December 31, 1944, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 253.

Production of vitamin A during December totaled 5.1 trillion units compared with 4.6 trillion units produced during December 1944. Total production during 1945 amounted to 62.6 trillion units compared with 73.8 trillion units produced during 1944, a decline of 15 percent.

Receipts of livers during December totaled 784,000 pounds, containing about 5 trillion units of vitamin A. During the same month of 1944, 990,000 pounds of livers, having a vitamin A content of 4.5 trillion units, were received.

