

FISHERY BYPRODUCTS

Oil and Meal

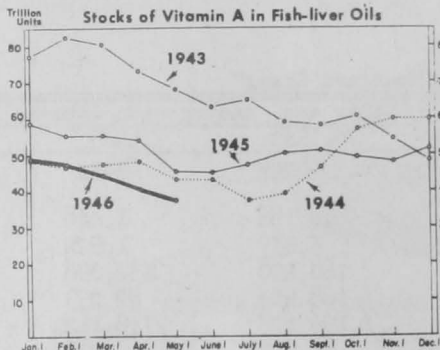
PRODUCTION: Only a small quantity of fish oil is produced during the months of February through May. Heavy production begins in June and continues through the following January, with peak production occurring during September and October.

The production of fish oil during May totaled 210,009 gallons, compared with 152,237 gallons produced in May 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 278. The production of fish meal and scrap during May amounted to 6,466 tons, a decrease of 1,714 tons compared with May 1945. Data on the yield of fish meal and scrap are based on items which normally account for about 94 percent of the total production. Data on the production of pilchard and tuna and mackerel meal and oil are furnished by the California Division of Marine Fisheries.



Vitamin A

STOCKS AND PRODUCTION: Stocks of vitamin A in fish-liver oil on May 1 were reported at 37.8 trillion units, a decrease of 6 percent under stocks held on April 1 and 17 percent less than those of May 1, 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 282.



Production of vitamin A during April totaled 6.3 trillion units compared with 3.5 trillion units produced during April 1945. Total production during the first four months of 1946 amounted to 16.8 trillion units as compared with 16.4 trillion units produced during the corresponding period of 1945.

Receipts of livers during April totaled 669,000 pounds, containing about 2.5 trillion units of vitamin A. During the same month of 1945, 599,000 pounds of livers having a vitamin A content of 4.0 trillion units were received.

