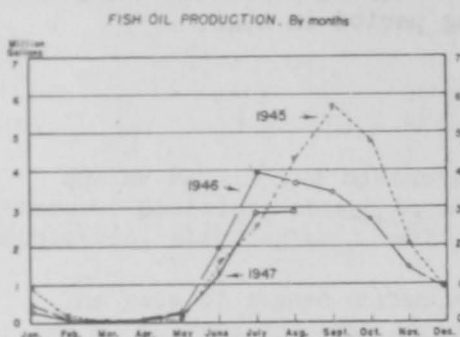


FISHERY BYPRODUCTS

Oil and Meal

PRODUCTION: The production of fish oils in the United States and Alaska during August amounted to 2,907,467 gallons--21 percent below the yield in the same month of 1946, according to Current Fishery Statistics No. 369. The production of oil was considerably below normal because of the second successive failure of the pilchard fishery in the San Francisco and Monterey districts of California. In the years from 1941 to 1945, inclusive, the average August catch of pilchards in these districts amounted to 50,888 tons compared with 5,861 tons in 1946 and 7,404 tons in August of this year.



During August, the production of meal by firms which normally produce 94 percent of the total yield of this product amounted to 33,178 tons compared with 31,387 tons in August of 1946. The relatively high yield of meal compared with the production of oil resulted from the reduction of large catches of menhaden which had a low oil content.

PRODUCTION OF FISH MEAL AND OIL, AUGUST 1947

Fish Meal and Scrap^{1/}

Product	August 1947	August 1946	Eight months ending with August		Total 1946
	Tons	Tons	1947	1946	
Meal and scrap:			Tons	Tons	Tons
Groundfish	2,050	1,837	11,177	14,621	20,553
Herring, Alaska	3,300	2,650	7,262	10,670	14,989
Menhaden ^{2/}	23,819	24,205	74,731	69,859	97,238
Pilchard (sardine)	1,793	1,498	6,408	7,225	35,623
Tuna and mackerel	2,216	1,197	10,426	7,549	12,256
Total	33,178	31,387	110,004	109,924	180,659

^{1/}Data are preliminary and subject to revision.

^{2/}Includes a small quantity of herring meal produced in Maine.

Note: Data on the yield of fish meal and scrap are based on items which normally account for about 94 percent of the total production. Since cumulative totals are revised monthly, they may not agree with totals previously published.

Fish Oils^{1/}

Product	August 1947	August 1946	Eight months ending with August		Total 1946
	Gallons	Gallons	1947	1946	
Oil:			Gallons	Gallons	Gallons
Groundfish	48,711	29,681	98,734	166,359	301,136
Herring:					
Alaska	847,445	578,800	1,902,676	2,456,193	3,444,893
Maine	14,135	15,282	55,288	28,813	87,037
Menhaden	1,602,047	2,589,094	4,709,025	6,681,457	9,891,614
Pilchard (sardine)	302,755	353,837	535,542	787,924	4,741,689
Tuna and mackerel	63,016	54,622	282,720	191,074	367,667
Other	29,358	39,562	123,877	151,996	232,953
Total	2,907,467	3,660,778	7,707,862	10,463,816	19,066,989

^{1/}Does not include the production of fish liver oils. Data are preliminary and subject to revision.

Note: Data on the production of pilchard and tuna and mackerel meal and oil in California were furnished by the California Division of Marine Fisheries.

