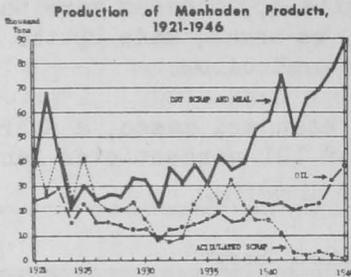


FISHERY BYPRODUCTS

Oil and Meal

PRODUCTION: The menhaden was the most important species of fish taken in the United States and Alaska during 1946, and the yield of meal and oil from this species accounted for about half the domestic production of these products.



The continued shortage of pilchards in California held the January yield of fish meal and oil to less than half the production for the corresponding month in 1946. The production of oil amounted to 177,000 gallons compared with 433,000 gallons in January a year ago, while the yield of meal and scrap amounted to 3,244 tons compared with 6,928 tons in January 1946, according to Current Fishery Statistics No. 327.



Vitamin A

STOCKS AND PRODUCTION: Stocks of vitamin A in fish-liver oil on January 1 were reported at 44.8 trillion units, an increase of less than one-half percent above stocks held on December 1, but a decrease of 8 percent under those of January 1, 1946, according to Current Fishery Statistics No. 324.

Production of vitamin A during December totaled 3 trillion units compared with 5.1 trillion units produced during the corresponding month of 1945. Total production during 1946 amounted to 56 trillion units compared with 62.6 trillion units produced in 1945.

Receipts of livers during December totaled 1,382,000 pounds and contained about 4 trillion units of vitamin A. During December 1945, 784,000 pounds of livers, having a vitamin A content of 5 trillion units, were received. Total receipts for 1946 amounted to 15,832,000 pounds compared with 13,974,000 pounds in 1945.

