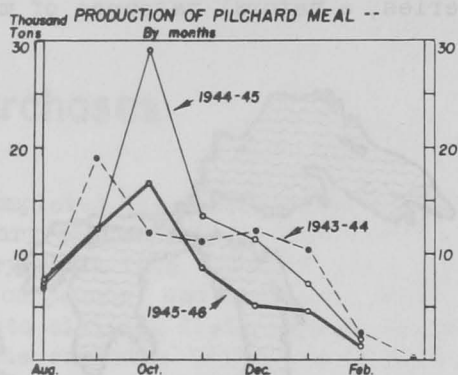


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Oil and Meal

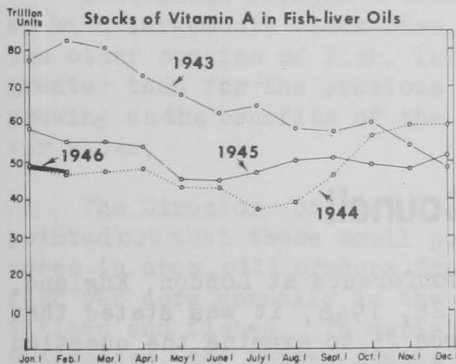
The production of pilchard meal during the 1945-46 season totaled 56,525 tons, a decline of 33 percent compared with the 1944-45 season. Output from October to the end of the season was considerably lower than that for the year previous. Pilchard oil production totaled 11,230,607 gallons during 1945-46 as compared with 17,702,612 gallons during the previous season.

Total production of fish oils during February amounted to 84,839 gallons, bringing the output for the first two months of 1946 to 517,833 gallons, 54 percent less than the corresponding period of 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 258. Although complete data were not available on meal and scrap production, items which account for approximately 94 percent of the total yield showed a production of 2,400 tons during February and 9,328 tons during the first two months of 1946, a decline of 31 percent below the same months in 1945.



Vitamin A

Stocks of vitamin A in fish-liver oils on January 31 were reported at 47 trillion units, a decline of 3 percent under stocks held on the first of the month, and 14 percent less than those of January 31, 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 266.



Production of vitamin A during January totaled 4.8 trillion units compared with 4.6 trillion units produced during January 1945.

Receipts of livers during January totaled 1,310,000 pounds, containing about 4.8 trillion units of vitamin A. During January 1945, 759,000 pounds of livers having a vitamin A content of 4.5 trillion units were received.

