

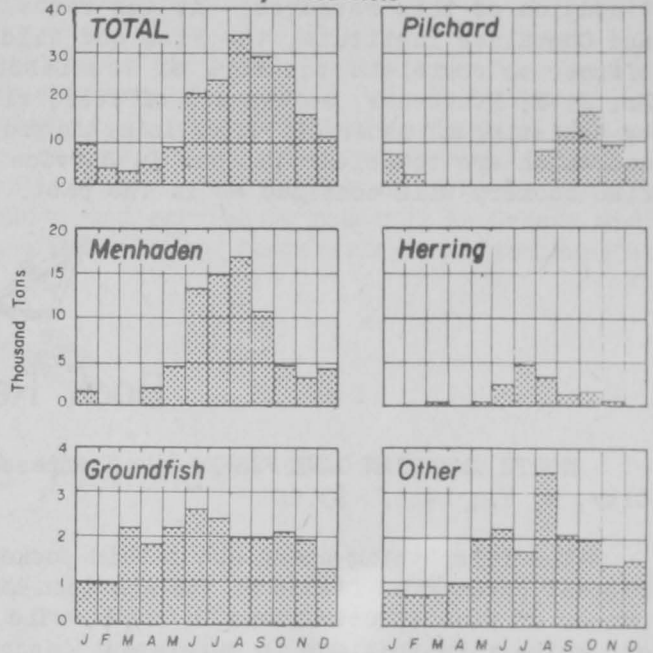
FISHERY BYPRODUCTS

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 April totaled 73,221 gallons, compared with 104,808 gallons produced during April 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 270. 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 3,390 tons during April, compared with 4,346 tons in April 1945.

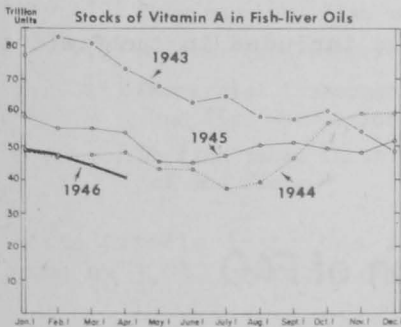
Production of Fish Meal, 1945
By months



Vitamin A

STOCKS AND PRODUCTION: Stocks of vitamin A in fish-liver oil on April 1 were reported at 40 trillion units, a decline of 9 percent under stocks held on March 1 and 26 percent less than those of April 1, 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 273.

Production of vitamin A during March totaled 2.8 trillion units compared with 3.3 trillion units produced during March 1945. Total production during the first 3 months of 1946 amounted to 10.6 trillion units compared with 12.9 trillion units produced during the corresponding period of 1945.



Receipts of livers during February totaled 476,000 pounds, containing about 2.4 trillion units of vitamin A. During February 1945, 1,154,000 pounds of livers, having a vitamin A content of 4 trillion units, were received.