

## FISHERY BYPRODUCTS

## Oil and Meal

PRODUCTION: The production of fish meal and oil remained at a normally low level during April. The yield of meal reported for the month amounted to only 2,959 tons, while only 138,470 gallons of oil were produced, according to Current Fishery Statistics No. 347.

Data released by the Bureau of the Census indicate that the factory consumption of fish oil for use in the production of soap, paint, and varnish in 1946 was considerably less than in the previous year. The consumption of fish oils for the production of soap amounted to only 39.7 million pounds, compared with 114.3 million pounds in 1945; while the use of these oils for paint and varnish amounted to 36.3 million pounds, compared with 42.3 million pounds in the previous year.

## PRODUCTION OF FISH MEAL AND OIL, APRIL 1947

Fish Meal and Scrap<sup>1/</sup>

Product	April	April	Four months ending with April		Total 1946 <sup>1/</sup>
	1947	1946	1947	1946	
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Meal and scrap:					
Groundfish	1,088	1,462	4,065	5,080	20,553
Herring, Alaska	-	-	-	-	14,989
Menhaden <sup>2/</sup>	872	1,549	1,733	2,686	97,238
Pilchard (sardine)	-	-	3,163	5,727	34,500
Tuna and mackerel	999	796	2,842	1,962	12,256
Total	2,959	3,807	11,803	15,455	179,536

<sup>1/</sup>Preliminary data. <sup>2/</sup>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 received monthly, they may not agree with totals previously published.

Fish Oils<sup>1/</sup>

Product	April	April	Four months ending with April		Total 1946
	1947	1946	1947	1946	
	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons
Oil:					
Groundfish	3,672	4,915	5,255	33,631	301,136
Herring:					
Alaska	-	-	-	-	3,444,893
Maine	10,935	-	22,734	9,609	87,037
Menhaden	44,476	54,605	93,476	93,855	9,891,614
Pilchard (sardine)	-	-	148,919	425,287	4,741,689
Tuna and mackerel	70,606	14,858	114,750	47,757	367,667
Other	8,781	21,746	34,407	38,429	232,953
Total	138,470	96,124	419,541	648,568	19,066,989

<sup>1/</sup>Preliminary data. Does not include the production of fish liver oils.

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.

