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OILS AND FATS, JANUARY - JUNE, 1950

(With Summary Data for 1949)

This memorandum inaugurates a new statistical series. Up to the end of 1948, monthly statistics on the production and utilization of oils and fats were collected by the Oils and Fats Administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. With the discontinuance of controls on these commodities, the series was allowed to lapse in 1949. However, a constant demand for these figures was found to exist, so that the Bureau decided to collect and publish data for 1950, together with summary data for 1949.

The commodities covered include margarine, shortening, refined coconut, salad and cooking oils, together with the animal oils and fats. The data on lard include only the commercial production of this commodity. Statistics on crushings of oil seeds and the production of oil, oilcake and meal will be included in future numbers of this memorandum.

1. - PRODUCTION JANUARY - JUNE, 1950.

(In thousands of pounds)

ITEM	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total Six Months
Margarine	7,998	8,712	11,003	7.190	8,019	6,116	49.038
Shortening	9,502	9,666	11,196	10.730	9.812	8,862	59,768
Refined Oils-							
Coconut	843	822	829	1,044	943	1,287	5,768
Salad and Cooking	1,474	2,314	2,680	2,844	3,142	2,257	14.711
Lard	5,916	6,693	7,328	7,188	8.033	6,874	42,032
Tallow - edible	2,083	1,743	1,663	1,536	1,661	1,442	10,128
- inedible	5,566	5,162	5,626	5.327	5.569	5.444	32,694
Grease - white	211	194	223	248	255	219	1,350
other	365	284	285	357	377	294	1,962
Other 1/	776	670	585	631	664	509	3,835

^{1/} Includes oleo oil, oleo stearin, oleo stock, neatsfoot and other oils.

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2. - MONTH-END STOCKS JANUARY - JUNE, 1950.

(In thousands of pounds)

Note. - These stock data represent inventories at manufacturers! level only. Data on stocks in hands of manufacturers, wholesale houses and cold storage ware-houses are published monthly in "Margarine Statistics" for that commodity and for lard and edible tallow in "Stocks of Meat and Lard".

ITEM	January	February	March	April	May	June
Margarine	792	664	899	1,446	1,389	1,533
Shortening	5,642	5,011	4,908	5,195	7,244	7,672
Refined Oils - Coconut oils Salad and cooking oils	(1,564	(2,092	((1,907	((1,884 ((2,106	((2,015 (
Lard	3,310	2,793	3,368	4,623	5,126	5,403
Tallow - edible	2,146	1,862	1,663	1,685	948	723
- inedible	4,329	3,959	3,631	4,090	3,782	3,856
Grease - White	48	87	53	71	106	81
- Other	441	383	296	337	413	245
Other 1/	373	281	339	253	282	240

^{1/} Includes oleo oil, oleo stearin, oleo stock, neatsfoot and other oils.

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3. - CONSUMPTION OF OILS AND FATS IN MARGARINE AND SHORTENING

JANUARY - MARCH AND APRIL - JUNE, 1950.

(In thousands of pounds. All figures on refined oil basis)

O I I on E / E	In Mar	garine	In Sho	In Shortening		
O I L or F A T	First Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter		
Vegetable Oils						
Coconut	2,354	1,838	44	69		
Cottonseed	14,555	10,715	10,211	9,810		
Palm 1/	•	-	2,302	2,231		
Soybean	4,355	3,556	7,474	8,021		
Sunflowerseed	580	466	1,957	1,075		
Other	3	6	62	130		
TOTALS	21,847	16,581	22,050	21,336		
Marine and Fish Oils	893	870	1,679	1,518		
Animal Oils						
Lard	-	-	1,957	2,805		
Oleo oil	-		-	-		
Edible Tallow	406		4,804	3,583		
Other	2	1	293	270		
TOTALS	2	1	7,054	6,658		
GRAND TOTALS	22,742	17,452	30,783	29,512		

^{1/} Includes palm kernel.

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4. - PRODUCTION OF LARD, SHORTENING, MARGARINE, COCONUT OILS

AND SALAD AND COOKING OILS, BY MONTHS, 1949.

WITH YEAR-END STOCKS.

(In thousands of pounds)

MONTH	Lard	Shortening	Margarine	Coconut Oils	Salad and Cooking Oils
January	5,750	8,838	1,030	863	2,026
February	4,673	8,218	3,354	743	1,761
March	6,047	10,097	7.349	675	2,036
April	5,965	8,797	7,326	905	1,843
May	6.081	8,926	7,200	1,019	2,944
June	5,729	8,613	6,972	1,039	2,510
July	4,734	7,329	5,525	1,175	2,669
August	5,425	11,071	7,287	1,503	2,602
September	4,949	10,488	7,035	1,235	1,835
Cctober	7,044	11,135	6,779	1,530	2,387
November	7,465	12,120	7,199	1,414	1,888
December	6,534	10,280	6,902	918	2,031
TOTALS	70,396	115,911	73,958	13,021	26,532
Manufacturers! Stocks, 31 Dec.,					
1949	3,231	6,506	870	558	1,587

5. - PRODUCTION OF OTHER ANIMAL OILS AND FATS, 1949, WITH YEAR-END STOCKS (In thousands of pounds)

I T E M	Production	Manufacturers Stock 31 Dec. 1949	
Tallow - edible	22,139	982	
- inedible	66,916	4,300	
Grease - white	1,998	30	
- other	3,155	277	
Oleo oil and stock	4,863	60	
Olso stearin	2.165	133	
Neatsfoot oil	628	33	



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