Production of Linseed Oil During Quarter Ending June 30, 1932

Washington, D. C., July 16, 1932.—The Department of Commerce announces that according to preliminary Census figures there were 21 mills in the United States which crushed flax-seed during the quarter ending June 30, 1932, reporting a crush of 98,192 tons of flaxseed and a production of 65,763,572 pounds of linseed oil. These figures compare with 201,748 tons of seed crushed and 130,634,669 pounds of oil produced for the corresponding quarter in 1931, 203,568 tons of seed and 130,863,405 pounds of oil in 1930, 278,933 tons of seed and 187,018,538 pounds of oil in 1929, and 269,022 tons of seed and 179,532,207 pounds of oil in 1928.

Stocks of flaxseed at the mills on June 30, 1932, amounted to 40,701 tons compared with 33,534 tons for the same date in 1931, with 65,-173 tons in 1930, with 100,928 tons in 1929, and with 84,964 tons in 1928. Stocks of linseed oil reported by the crushers were 83,293,410 pounds on June 30, 1932, compared with 47,156,191 pounds for the same date in 1931, with 71,222,-982 pounds in 1930, with 83,544,918 pounds in 1929, and with 140,055,105 pounds in 1928.

Import and export data for the quarter are not now available.

COD LIVER OIL

Cod Liver Oil From Newfoundland for Poultry Feed.—It is believed locally that a good demand for cod liver oil for poultry feed will exist during the season of 1932. The inspector of lands and fisheries is urging producers to turn out a high-class product, which he states can be done by pressing the residue from medicinal oil while it is hot. With the use of an iron press, recently devised, about 12 per cent of poultry feed oil is extracted from the residue. This has a market value about half way between medicinal, or cod liver oil, and that of common cod oil. The pressings from this machine are generally very dry and when packed in strong barrels have a good sale in many foreign markets. The relatively low price of the article is an added inducement to buyers. Further details concerning this press may be obtained through this Consulate General.—(Consul General Edward A. Dow, St. John's, Newfoundland.)

Norwegian Cod Liver Oil Production Higher.—Production of cod liver oil in Norway up to June 18, 1932, approximated 94,000 hectoliters as compared with 58,600 during the corresponding period of 1931. According to Consul T. Talbot Smith, Pergen, there are now about 700 plants in Norway producing cod liver oil by the steam method. As may be observed in the following table the United States is the leading consumer of Norwegian oil followed by Great Britain, Italy, and Germany. Exports of steamed medicinal cod liver oil from Norway:

	1927	1929	1931
Hectoliters Hectoliters Hectoliters			
United States	35,127	49,235	25,674
Great Britain	16,000	19,023	18,942
Italy	5,379	10,304	10,693
Germany	9,537	12,483	9,461
Other countries.	26,405	40,722	35,123
			
Total	92.448	131,767	99,893