

CENSUS OF OLEOMARGARINE MANUFACTURES

The Department of Commerce announces that according to data collected at the biennial census of manufactures, 1925, the establishments engaged primarily in the manufacture of oleomargarine in that year reported a total output valued at \$39,856,000, an increase of 10.9 per cent as compared with \$35,953,000 in 1923, the last preceding census year.

The total production of oleomargarine in the United States in 1925 was 236,495,000 pounds valued at \$47,675,000, of which 170,233,000 pounds valued at \$34,680,000 were made in establishments engaged primarily in the manufacture of this product and 66,262,000 pounds valued at \$12,995,000 were made by establishments engaged primarily in slaughtering and meat packing.

Of the 38 establishments in the oleomargarine industry reporting for 1925, 7 were located in Illinois, 4 in California, 4 in Ohio, 4 in Rhode Island, 3 in Maryland, 2 in Missouri, 2 in New Jersey, 2 in Wisconsin, and the remainder in 10 other states.

Summary statistics for the industry are given in Table 1, below; and statistics of products, by kind, quantity and value, are presented in Table 2. The figures for 1925 are preliminary and subject to such correction as may be found necessary upon further examination of the returns.

Table 1. Summary for the United States: 1925 and 1923

	1925	1923	Per cent of increase
Number of establishments	38	31	...
Wage earners (average number) ^a	1,639	1,484	10.4
Maximum month	Dec. 1,863	Oct. 1,657	...
Minimum month	July 1,552	July 1,302	...
Per cent of maximum	83.1	78.6	...
Wages	\$2,278,000	\$1,921,000	18.6
Cost of materials (including fuel, electric power, and containers	\$28,384,000	\$25,772,000	10.1
Products, total value	\$39,856,000	\$35,953,000	10.9
Value added by manufacture ^b	\$11,472,000	\$10,181,000	12.7
Horsepower	6,740	5,922	13.8

^a Not including salaried employees.

^b Value of products less cost of materials.

Table 2. Oleomargarine production: 1925

	Pounds	Value
Total	236,495,000	\$47,675,000
Made in oleomargarine establishments, total	170,233,000	34,680,000
Composed of a mixture of animal and vegetable oils and fats	79,923,000	17,085,000
Composed solely of vegetable oils	90,310,000	17,595,000
Made in slaughtering and meat-packing establishments ^a	66,262,000	12,995,000

^a Separate data for products of animal and vegetable origin and of vegetable origin exclusively were not reported.