

Shortening and Oil Production in 1929

*Bureau of Census Publishes Figures Showing Slight
Decrease in Quantity and Increase in Value for Year*

LARD substitutes and vegetable cooking oils produced in the United States in 1929 were totaled 1,691,016,640 pounds, with a value of \$192,031,895, according to the census of manufactures taken by the Census Bureau, Washington. This was a decrease of 3.3 percent in quantity and an increase of less than one-tenth of one percent in value as compared with 1927, the last previous census year, when the output totaled 1,748,475,056 pounds, valued at \$192,029,802. Of the total for 1929, 1,206,163,486 pounds of lard substitutes and vegetable cooking oils, valued at \$135,987,912, were reported by establishments in the industry (those engaged primarily in the manufacture of lard substitutes

and cooking oils) and 484,853,154 pounds, valued at \$56,043,983, were made as secondary products by establishments engaged primarily in other lines of manufacture, principally meat packing.

There were 38 establishments reporting in 1929 against 33 in 1927, employing 2,462 wage earners in 1929, and 2,655 in 1927. Wages paid in 1929 totaled \$2,627,929, against \$2,624,371 in 1927. Materials, containers, fuel and electric power cost \$131,935,892 in 1929 and \$137,-078,600 in 1927.

The following table contains comparative figures for 1927 and 1929 of the production by kind, quantity and value:—

	1929	1927	Percent increase or decrease
Lard substitutes and vegetable cooking oils made in all industries—			
Aggregate pounds	1,691,016,640	1,748,475,056	—3.3
Aggregate value	\$192,031,895	\$192,029,802	* ..
Made in the "Lard substitutes and vegetable cooking oils" industry—			
Total pounds	1,206,163,486	1,243,231,269	—3.0
Total value	\$135,987,912	\$134,881,074	0.8
Made as secondary products in other industries—			
Total pounds	484,853,154	505,243,787	—4.0
Total value	\$56,043,983	\$57,148,728	—1.9
Lard substitutes—			
Total pounds	1,268,795,302	1,239,087,167	2.4
Total value	\$148,775,974	\$142,576,674	4.3
Made in lard-substitutes and cooking-oils industry—			
Total pounds	822,268,540	775,006,564	5.1
Total value	\$97,163,744	\$89,319,769	8.8
From vegetable oils and fats, solely—			
Package goods, 8 pounds and under—			
Pounds	212,629,144	205,144,129	3.6
Value	\$27,699,945	\$26,018,953	6.5
Other, over 8 pounds—			
Pounds	435,756,304	332,193,741	31.2
Value	\$49,290,042	\$35,837,600	37.5
From animal fats and vegetable oils—			
Package goods, 8 pounds and under—			
Pounds	70,839,706	80,580,401	—12.1
Value	\$8,761,612	\$10,158,869	—13.8
Other, over 8 pounds—			
Pounds	103,043,386	157,088,293	—34.4
Value	\$11,412,145	\$17,304,347	—34.1
Made as secondary products in the meat-packing industry†—			
Pounds	428,843,029	438,036,959	—2.1
Value	\$49,493,248	\$50,331,378	—1.7
Made as secondary products in other industries†—			
Pounds	17,684,233	26,043,634	—32.1
Value	\$2,118,982	\$2,925,527	—27.6
Vegetable cooking oils—			
Total pounds	422,220,838	509,387,889	—17.1
Total value	\$43,255,921	\$49,453,128	—12.5
Made in lard-substitutes and cooking-oils industry—			
Total pounds	383,894,946	468,224,705	—18.0
Total value	\$38,824,168	\$45,561,305	—14.8
Made as secondary products in other industries—			
Total pounds	38,325,892	41,163,184	—6.9
Total value	\$4,431,753	\$3,891,823	13.9

* Less than one-tenth of 1 percent.

† Not reported as to materials used or as to size of container.