

# Lard Substitutes and Cooking Fats for the Year 1925

**T**HE Department of Commerce announces that, according to data collected at the biennial census of manufactures, the total production of lard substitutes and cooking fats in the United States in 1925 amounted to 1,128,993,000 pounds, valued at \$147,513,000, of which 622,795,000 pounds, valued at \$81,051,000, was made by establishments engaged primarily in the manufacture of these products; 450,922,000 pounds, valued at \$59,561,000, by slaughtering and meat-packing establishments; and 55,276,000 pounds, valued at \$6,901,000, by establishments engaged primarily in other industries. Of the 622,795,000 pounds made in the industry proper, 390,503,000 pounds, valued at \$50,684,000, was reported by establishments which specified vegetable fats and oils as their principal materials, and 232,292,000 pounds, valued at \$30,367,000, by establishments which specified both

animal and vegetable fats and oils as their materials.

Of the 26 establishments in the lard-substitutes and cooking-fats industry proper, 5 were located in Georgia, 5 in Texas, 4 in Tennessee, and the remaining 12 in 11 other States. In 1923 the industry was represented by 27 establishments, the decrease to 26 in 1925 being the net result of a loss of 6 and a gain of 5. Of the 6 establishments lost to the industry, 2 had gone out of business prior to the beginning of 1925, 3 reported commodities other than lard substitutes or cooking fats as their principal products and were therefore transferred to the appropriate industries, and 1 reported products valued at less than \$5,000. (No data are tabulated at the biennial censuses for establishments with products under \$5,000 in value.)

Summary statistics for the industry proper are given in the table below.

## SUMMARY FOR THE INDUSTRY: 1925 AND 1923

|  | 1925        | 1923        | Per cent of<br>increase |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Number of establishments.....  | 26          | 27          |                         |
| Wage earners (average number) <sup>b</sup> ..                            | 1,962       | 1,684       | 16.3                    |
| Maximum month .....  | Nov. 2,206  | Nov. 2,023  | ....                    |
| Minimum month .....  | Apr. 1,767  | May 1,388   | ....                    |
| Per cent of maximum.....   | 80.1        | 68.6        | ....                    |
| Wages .....  | \$1,839,000 | \$1,406,000 | 30.8                    |
| Cost of materials (including fuel,<br>electric power, and containers) .. | 98,660,000  | 52,396,000  | 88.3                    |
| Products, total value .....  | 110,002,000 | 58,787,000  | 87.1                    |
| Lard substitutes and cooking fats  | 81,051,000  | c           | ....                    |
| Other <sup>d</sup> .....   | 28,951,000  | e           | ....                    |
| Value added by manufacture <sup>e</sup> .....                            | 11,342,000  | 6,391,000   | 77.5                    |
| Horsepower .....   | 25,174      | 20,769      | 21.2                    |

<sup>a</sup>Per cent not computed where base is less than 100.

<sup>b</sup>Not including salaried employees.

<sup>c</sup>No comparable data.

<sup>d</sup>Chiefly refined oils, soap stock, and distilled fats.

<sup>e</sup>Value of products less cost of materials.