

Market Report on

FATS, OILS AND GREASES

(As of July 25, 1930)

NEW YORK—The market for oils, fats and greases during the recent period was featured by numerous price advances. Changes in quotations were fewer in number than in any month for the past year, and more than half of these represented revisions to higher levels. This show of strength in the oil and fat market is the second during the past year, the first sign of a brace in the market coming three months ago, but being followed by renewal of the falling curve in the two succeeding periods. The shift back to rising prices again this period carries out the prediction of a leading authority in the market who stated that the market would be featured by a number of successive small advances and recessions before any definite upward trend would develop. No long term upward movement may be expected, according to this man, until the present situation of excess production and heavy stocks is changed.

Tallow registered an abrupt advance in contrast with its decline of last period. Buyers' inquiries increased as a result of attractive prices quoted recently, making producers less anxious to quote these comparatively low figures. Grease also moved upward along with tallow, showing the same increase of interest among buyers and decrease of offerings on the part of sellers. A slight advance was also noted in lard in spite of generally quiet conditions in this market. Palm oil was advanced by dealers who reported light stocks and smaller offerings on the part of shippers. The cottonseed oil market was quiet throughout the period, with the official government report showing smaller stocks than were held last month and last year at this time. Red oil and stearic acid were two of the products on the declining side of the market, duplicating their drop of last period. Chinawood oil and rapeseed oil were also fractionally lower. The principal decline was registered by menhaden oil which opened the season under last year's figure and subsequently declined again.

Chinawood Oil

Another fractional decline was noted in chinawood oil in a quiet market. Inquiries and offerings were light and sales were only

for small amounts. Chinese exchange was comparatively quiet.

Coconut Oil

The market for coconut oil was considerably firmer during the recent period, quotations advancing to 6c lb. in some quarters for prompt shipment. A livelier inquiry was noted.

Corn Oil

This oil was firm although unchanged in price. Stocks were reported to be light, buyers were more active and many sellers were inclined to take an optimistic view of the situation in view of strength in competing product.

Cottonseed Oil

The cottonseed oil market was quiet during the recent period with prices slightly lower at the close. Southern markets were also quiet with light offerings. The official government report in July showed an acreage this year of 45,815,000 acres. Stocks on the first of July totaled 1,090,703 barrels of crude and refined oil as against 1,193,465 barrels at the same time last year.

Grease

In conjunction with the advance in tallow came a rise in quotations on grease. House grease advanced to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c lb., inside, from 4 $\frac{5}{8}$ c lb. last period.

Lard

An advance of $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ c lb. was noted on all except one grade of lard in spite of the fact that purchases remained small. The movement of hogs to Western markets was no better than moderate at any time during the period.

Palm Oil

Palm oil was advanced fractionally by dealers who reported lighter offerings from primary markets.

Red Oil and Stearic Acid

Another decline of $\frac{1}{2}$ c lb. was noted in these products due to lower cost of raw material.

Tallow

City extra tallow was quoted at 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ c lb. at the close, a considerable advance from the 5c price which prevailed last period. Special tallow was offered at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ c lb., an advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. These higher quotations followed an increase in buyer interest in the market.