in the ARS budget for the previous budget year. The net result is a \$3 million decrease in funding from FY 78 program levels.

Some of the work to be cut has been aimed at finding ways to use renewable resources instead of petroleum in various products. Dr. Warner Linfield's continuing research on soap-based detergents and lime soap dispersing agents, for example, would be ended under the proposed cuts. The process has been commercialized in Japan.

In Peoria, the Cereal Products Laboratory is the lab that developed xanthan gum and "super slurper," a highly absorbent material finding many industrial uses. Another project that would be ended involves developing biodegradable plastic film from natural sources. One firm has developed biodegradable hospital laundry bags. Dirty linen and other possibly germ-laden items are discarded into the bag, it is sealed and tossed unopened into a washing machine, thus avoiding possible contamination in hand transfer from laundry bag to washing machine.

# Tall Oil Fatty Acids & Statistics

IN THOUSAND POUNDS	2% & OVE	R ROSIN CONTENT	LESS THAN 2% HUSIN CONTENT			
	DECEMBER	Percent change from NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	Percent change from NOVEMBER		
Stock on Hend DECEMBER 1, 1977	9,038	- 34.2	7,147	- 3.1		
Production	13,241	+ 12.9	13,123	· 13.7		
Purchases & Receipts	0		0			
Disposition Domestic	7,763	- 34.0	10,571	- 21.7		
Export	5,082	+ 9.0	1,419	- 26.4		
Total Disposition Net Disposition*	12,845 12,845	· 21.8 · 21.8	11,990 11,990	- 22,3 - 22,3		
Total Stock DECEMBER 31, 1977	9,434	+ 4.4	8,280	+ 15.9		

Production of animal, vegetable, and marine fatty acids totaled 72.7 million pounds in December 1977, an increase of 900,000 pounds from November. Inclusion of tall oil types raises the overall December production level to 99.1 million pounds, compared with 98.7 million pounds for November, according to figures from the Fatty Acid Producers Council.

## **ACIC!** In thousand pounds



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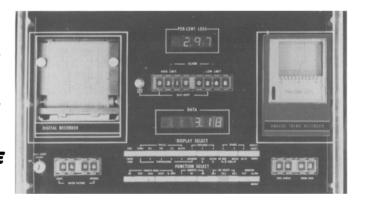
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	STEARIC ACID (40-50% Stearic Content) (1)	8,696	8,799	1,181	2,897	SP 270 OP 2,289 TP 3,642	123	9,221	9,455
MAC &	60 C maximum titer & minimum I.V. 5 (2a)	6,333	7,630	14	47	7,268	40	7,365	6,622
	57 C minimum titer & maxi- mum I.V. under 5 (2b)	5,756	12,097	1,461	5,494	8,822		14,316	4,99
HYDI A VEGE	Minimum Stearic Content of 70% (2c)	2,687	3,679	279	1,378	2,338	2	3,718	2,92
	HIGH PALMITIC (Over 60% palmitic 1.V. maximum 12) (3)	1,009	1,242		511	255	2	768	1,48
	HYDROGENATED FISH & MARINE MAMMAL fatty scids (4)	1,091	650		45	715		760	98
	LAURIC-TYPE ACIDS (I.V. minimum 5-Sapon val. minimum 245— including coconut, palm kernel, babassu) (5)	4,971	5,368	225	2,033	3,264	20	5,317	5,24
FRACTION- ATED FATTY ACIDS	C <sub>10</sub> or lower, including capric (6a)	736	817	(2)	121	897	83	1,101	45
	Lauric and/or myristic content of 55% or more (6b)	2,659	904	95	509	582	30	1,121	2,53
	TOTAL— SATURATED FATTY ACIDS	33 938	41 186	3.253	13.035	30.342	300	43,677	34.70

Unsaturated ND - Not distilled; SD - Single distilled; MD - Multiple distilled

OLEIC ACID (red oil)	(7)	10,499	12,403	186	5,720	ND36 SD _2.998 MD _2.251	569	12,221	10,867
ANIMAL FATTY ACIDS other than oleic (I.V. 36 to 80)	(8)	5,897	12,334	1,077	3,640	8,623	1,795	14,058	5,250
VEGETABLE OR MARINE FATTY ACIDS (I.V. maximum 115)	(9)	426	11		155	7		162	275
UNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS (I.V. 116 to 130)	10)	3,006	4,576	263	1,009	2,569	1,231	4,809	3,036
UNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS (I.V. over 130) (	11)	2,337	2,165	290	73	2,098	18	2,189	2,603
TOTAL UNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS		22,165	31,489	1,816	10,597	19,229	3,613	33,439	22,031
TOTAL ALL FATTY ACIDS SATURATED & UNSATURATED		56,103	72,675	5,069	23,632	49,571	3,913	77,116	56,731

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