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PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEAT SCRAPS AND TANKAGE
April - June 1945

Production of meat scraps was reported at 128,000 tons for the April-June quarter of 1945 -- of tankage, 42,000 tons. This is the lowest production reported for any quarter during the past 12 months, primarily because of the generally low output during June 1945. Production of both products was considerably below the January-March quarter of 1945 in the central Corn Belt, Great Plains, and South-eastern States, but higher in the Northeastern and Eastern Corn Belt States.

Reported production of meat scraps for the 12 months, July 1944-June 1945, is 577,000 tons, tankage 207,000 tons, or a total of 784,000 tons for meat scraps and tankage combined. It is believed that coverage of total production and distribution is 95 percent or more complete. If 95 percent completeness is assumed for the survey data, total actual production for the period would be indicated at 830,000 tons of the two products combined.

Monthly production and distribution data for the United States are shown in Table 1 for a 12-month period -- July 1944 through June 1945. Table 2 shows data for the April-June quarter of 1945, by States and groups of States. Data are as reported for the quarter from about 400 reporting firms. This is the second report of monthly production and distribution of meat scraps and tankage issued by the Crop Reporting Board, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The first report was issued June 25, 1945 and included data for the period July 1944 to March 1945. The next report will be issued the latter part of October 1945.

TABLE 1. -- MEAT SCRAPS AND TANKAGE: PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION, BY MONTHS,
July 1944-June 1945, UNITED STATES

Month	Meat Scraps		Tankage	
	Production	Distribution	Production	Distribution
	Tons		Tons	
<u>1944:</u>				
July	49,907	48,948	17,150	16,967
August	55,151	54,018	18,285	17,600
September	47,923	45,047	16,470	16,012
October	50,560	48,371	17,553	16,502
November	49,166	46,651	19,473	19,585
December	49,526	48,022	19,974	20,505
<u>1945:</u>				
January	46,464	49,470	19,633	19,999
February	52,250	54,998	19,619	19,366
March	47,867	50,038	16,526	15,535
April	44,207	46,936	12,401	11,760
May	44,856	45,213	16,723	13,494
June	39,243	38,580	13,151	11,737
<u>12 Months</u>	<u>576,850</u>	<u>576,292</u>	<u>206,958</u>	<u>199,062</u>

The difference between production and distribution represents inventory change although, as can be noted from the data, the differences are comparatively small for both meat scraps and tankage.