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Production of menhaden oil, used in the manufacture of vitamin feeding oils for poultry and in many industrial processes, was almost 50 percent greater in the second quarter of 1943 than during the same period last year, it was reported today to Coordinator of Fisheries Harold L. Ickes.

The yield of oil from menhaden caught during April, May, and June, chiefly off the coasts of Delaware and New Jersey, amounted to 1,437,000 gallons, compared with 1,033,000 gallons obtained during those months in 1942.

Exceptionally good runs of fish, combined with the efforts of the industry to meet the unprecedented demands for its products, are believed to have made possible this year's large catches, in spite of the fact that the fishery is operating with a reduced fleet and is barred from many of the best fishing areas by Naval restrictions.