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Stocks of vitamin A held by U. S. producers and pharmaceutical houses on August 31 showed an increase of 0.7 trillion units over holdings at the end of July, the Fish and Wildlife Service reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes today.

The estimated vitamin A content of vitamin A livers, liver oils, and concentrates on hand on August 31 totalled 64.7 trillion units, compared with 64 trillion units held July 31.

Of the stocks on hand at the end of August, 58.1 trillion units were contained in processed liver oils and concentrates, and 6.6 trillion units in fish livers and viscera from which the vitamin A had not yet been extracted.

The increase in total vitamin A stocks was due to an increase of 1.7 trillion units in livers held by producers. Stocks of vitamin A in liver oils and concentrates decreased approximately one trillion units during the month.

During the month of August, 1,510,957 pounds of livers, with an estimated vitamin A content of 7.7 trillion units, were received.

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