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A decline of 7.6 trillion units in the stocks of vitamin A held by U. S. producers and pharmaceutical houses took place during the month of October, according to a report submitted by the Fish and Wildlife Service to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today.

Vitamin A livers, liver oils, and concentrates on hand on October 31 had an estimated vitamin A content of 59.9 trillion units, compared with 67.5 trillion units held at the end of September.

The decline in vitamin A stocks was due chiefly to the smaller quantity held in liver oils and concentrates. Vitamin A held in these products declined from 60.7 trillion units on September 30 to 54.7 trillion units on October 31. Vitamin A contained in fish livers and other viscera from which the oil had not yet been extracted declined from 6.7 trillion units to 5.2 trillion units.

During the month of October 1,205,358 pounds of fish livers, with an estimated vitamin A content of 6.5 trillion units, were received.