

SOME FLAX FACTS

The Fats and Oils Situation (B.A.E., September, 1947) reports the imports of flaxseed and of linseed oil. The average annual importation into the United States for the pre-war period 1937-1941 was 351.7 million pounds of flaxseed and 0.1 million pounds of linseed oil. In 1946 we imported 68.4 million pounds of flaxseed and 94.4 million pounds of linseed oil. In the first six months of 1946 we imported 44.4 million pounds of flaxseed and 32.7 million pounds of linseed oil, but in the first six months of 1947 flaxseed importations dropped to 3 million pounds and linseed oil importation rose to 106.5 million pounds. American production of linseed oil January to June, 1946 was 277.2 million pounds and in 1947 for the same months, 182.7 million pounds. The August price for No. 1 flaxseed at Minneapolis was \$3.10 per bushel in 1945; \$3.95 in 1946 and \$6.00 in 1947. The United States production of flaxseed was 34.6 million bushels in 1945; 23.0 million bushels in 1946; and an indicated production of 39.5 million bushels as of September 1, 1947. (Abstracted by H. L. W.)