

**Instructions and Definitions  
Fats and Oils (Renderers) (M311L)**

**1. Scope of survey**

- a. This survey covers all establishments producing edible and inedible animal fats (lard, tallow, grease, meat meal, meat and bone meal, and dry rendered tankage).

**2. Figures to be reported**

- a. Companies with more than one establishment manufacturing the products covered by this survey are requested to complete a separate report form for each location. If you have not received a separate form for each of your establishments, please call the contact shown on the report form, or write to the National Agricultural Statistics Service for additional forms.
- b. Include all materials processed on a toll basis and materials stored for the account of others including such government agencies as Agricultural Marketing service, Commodity Credit Corporation, etc.
- c. Producers of meat and bone meal, dry rendered tankage, feather meal, and all other products, (lines 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, and 10a) should report products ready for use as feed or feed mixing, including meat meal, meat scraps, meat and bone meal, meat and bone scraps, liver meal, liver and glandular meal, poultry by product meal, digester tankage, or any mixture of these products.
- d. *Stocks* – Report stocks as of the last day of the reporting month. Include all stocks physically located at this establishment whether for your own account or the account of others including government agencies such as the Commodity Credit Corporation, etc. Include stocks which are in transit to this establishment on that date.

**Do not include quantities owned but stored elsewhere, e.g., public or private warehouses not located at the processing location. These stocks should be reported for each location on Form M311H, “Animal and Vegetable Fats and Oils (Warehouse Stocks).” If you are not filing a Form 311H for such locations, please notify us and we will send you the necessary reporting forms.**

**3. Units of measure** – Report all figures in thousands of pounds.

**4. Definitions**

The product detail for this survey is defined according to standard nomenclature for this industry.

- a. *Meat meal* and *meat and bone meal* – Finely ground, dry rendered residue from animal tissues exclusive of hair, hoof, horn, hide trimmings, blood meal, manure, and stomach contents, except in such traces as might occur unavoidably in good factory practice.
- b. *Feather meal (hydrolyzed poultry feathers)* – Product resulting from the treatment under pressure of clean, undecomposed feathers from slaughtered poultry.
- c. *All other products* – Include blood meal and poultry by-product meal:
  1. *Blood meal* – Ground and/or screened dry blood.
  2. *Poultry by-product meal* – Ground dry rendered or wet rendered clean parts of the carcass of slaughtered poultry, such as heads, feet underdeveloped eggs, and intestines, exclusive of feathers.