

TABLE 2.—FISHMEAL SUPPLY, UTILIZATION, AND PERCENT THAT IMPORTS ARE OF COMPSUMPTION, UNITED STATES, 1960-67

[Fishmeal statistics in tons]

Year	Domestic production	Imports	Beginning stocks ¹	Total	Ending stocks ¹	Exports ²	Apparent consumption	Ratio, imports to consumption (percent)
1960.....	290, 137	131, 561	-----	421, 698	-----	-----	421, 698	31
1961.....	311, 265	217, 845	-----	529, 110	-----	-----	529, 110	41
1962.....	312, 259	252, 307	-----	564, 566	-----	-----	564, 566	45
1963.....	255, 907	376, 321	-----	632, 228	-----	-----	632, 228	60
1964.....	235, 252	439, 143	-----	574, 395	-----	-----	674, 395	65
1965.....	254, 051	270, 666	-----	524, 717	-----	-----	524, 717	52
1966.....	223, 821	447, 784	-----	671, 605	-----	-----	671, 605	67
1967.....	211, 514	651, 486	-----	863, 000	-----	-----	863, 000	75

¹ Stocks of fishmeal are not computed for the United States but are known to be relatively minor.² Exports of fishmeal are very minor and data are not available as a separate item but are combined with similar products in published statistics.

Mr. BURKE. Are there any questions, if not, then thank you Mr. Pelly.

Our next witness is the Honorable David N. Henderson of North Carolina. Proceed as you see fit, sir.

**STATEMENT OF HON. DAVID N. HENDERSON, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to make the following statement with respect to legislation now under consideration with regard to the problem of the fish meal and oil industry.

As a member of Congress whose district is directly effected, I would like to record with your committee my plea for consideration of some relief for this important domestic industry.

The third district of North Carolina which I have the honor to represent, contains the coastal counties of Carteret, Onslow, and Pender and commercial fishing leading to the manufacture of fish meal, fish oil, and fish solubles is of great importance, providing jobs for many constituents living in those counties.

The counties of Duplin, Pender, Wayne, and Sampson of the third district are engaged in poultry and animal production and are typically heavy users of fish meal and solubles products. For example, last year the gross sales of poultry products in my home county of Duplin exceeded \$20 million and in recent years this production exceeds the gross income of the county's tobacco production.

I am advised that U.S. imports have risen from 100,000 tons in 1958 to 650,000 tons in 1967, accounting for approximately 75 percent of the U.S. supply. Imports during the first quarter of 1968 have been almost 200,000 tons and thusly will equal almost 800,000 tons for the year. These foreign imports have been at prices, particularly during the past year, that were less than production costs for U.S.-produced fish meal.

As a consequence, the U.S. fish meal industry is rapidly being put out of business. If this industry is to survive, it must receive some relief.