



# Fats and Oils: Oilseed Crashings, Production, Consumption and Stocks

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## Highlights

**March 2018** contained 31 days.

**April 2018** contained 30 days.

**Soybeans crushed** for crude oil was 5.15 million tons (172 million bushels) in April 2018, compared to 5.47 million tons (182 million bushels) in March 2018 and 4.51 million tons (150 million bushels) in April 2017. Crude oil produced was 1.96 billion pounds down 5 percent from March 2018 but up 13 percent from April 2017. Soybean once refined oil production at 1.44 billion pounds during April 2018 decreased 1 percent from March 2018 but increased 10 percent from April 2017.

**Canola seeds crushed** for crude oil was 152 thousand tons in April 2018, compared to 164 thousand tons in March 2018 and 164 thousand tons in April 2017. Canola crude oil produced was 131 million pounds down 6 percent from March 2018 and down 7 percent from April 2017. Canola once refined oil production at 109 million pounds during April 2018 was down 10 percent from March 2018 and down 14 percent from April 2017. Cottonseed once refined oil production at 40.3 million pounds during April 2018 was down 17 percent from March 2018 and down 16 percent from April 2017.

**Edible tallow** production was 82.6 million pounds during April 2018, down 5 percent from March 2018 but up 14 percent from April 2017. Inedible tallow production was 305 million pounds during April 2018, down 11 percent from March 2018 but up 5 percent from April 2017. Technical tallow production was 92.8 million pounds during April 2018, down 7 percent from March 2018 but up 3 percent from April 2017. Choice white grease production at 104 million pounds during April 2018 decreased 5 percent from March 2018 but increased 3 percent from April 2017.

# Soybean Crushing, Production, Consumption and Stocks – United States: April 2018 with Comparisons

| Item                                                               | April 2017 | March 2018 | April 2018 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Crush</b>                                                       |            |            |            |
| Soybeans crushed ..... tons                                        | 4,509,463  | 5,465,240  | 5,149,147  |
| Crude oil produced.....1,000 pounds                                | 1,737,775  | 2,079,123  | 1,964,922  |
| Cake and meal produced ..... tons                                  | 3,300,745  | 4,029,272  | 3,822,338  |
| For animal feed ..... tons                                         | 3,249,314  | 3,976,961  | 3,781,356  |
| For edible protein products..... tons                              | 51,431     | 52,311     | 40,982     |
| Millfeed produced..... tons                                        | 222,754    | 277,277    | 257,585    |
| <b>Refine</b>                                                      |            |            |            |
| Crude oil processed in refining .....1,000 pounds                  | 1,334,313  | 1,519,782  | 1,477,749  |
| Once refined oil produced .....1,000 pounds                        | 1,306,589  | 1,459,498  | 1,437,977  |
| <b>Consumption</b>                                                 |            |            |            |
| Crude oil removed for inedible use in processing .....1,000 pounds | 73,685     | (D)        | 85,570     |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing.....1,000 pounds    | 1,445,439  | 1,427,523  | 1,430,438  |
| Removed for edible use in processing.....1,000 pounds              | 1,173,210  | 1,062,399  | 1,115,186  |
| Removed for inedible use in processing .....1,000 pounds           | 272,229    | 365,124    | 315,252    |
| <b>Stocks</b>                                                      |            |            |            |
| Cake and meal on hand end of month..... tons                       | 387,207    | 492,224    | 404,468    |
| Millfeed on hand end of month ..... tons                           | 42,923     | 51,967     | 47,658     |
| Crude oil on hand end of month .....1,000 pounds                   | 1,848,364  | 2,080,138  | 2,316,192  |
| Crusher .....1,000 pounds                                          | 897,851    | 915,122    | 924,045    |
| Refiner .....1,000 pounds                                          | 347,857    | 362,840    | 452,654    |
| Offsite .....1,000 pounds                                          | 602,656    | 802,176    | 939,493    |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month.....1,000 pounds             | 391,625    | 364,344    | 372,584    |

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## Soybean Crushing – Regional: April 2018 with Comparisons

| Region                                     | Soybeans crushed            |                |                |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                            | April 2017                  | March 2018     | April 2018     |
|                                            | (tons)                      | (tons)         | (tons)         |
| Illinois .....                             | 573,507                     | 618,612        | 615,746        |
| Iowa.....                                  | 952,417                     | 1,158,623      | 1,071,709      |
| North and East <sup>1</sup> .....          | 1,034,640                   | 1,263,566      | 1,224,411      |
| North Central <sup>2</sup> .....           | 637,805                     | 751,088        | 659,328        |
| South, West and Pacific <sup>3</sup> ..... | 501,151                     | 730,338        | 684,371        |
| West Central <sup>4</sup> .....            | 809,943                     | 943,013        | 893,582        |
| Region                                     | Crude oil produced          |                |                |
|                                            | April 2017                  | March 2018     | April 2018     |
|                                            | (1,000 pounds)              | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds) |
| Illinois .....                             | 226,617                     | 243,725        | 236,412        |
| Iowa.....                                  | 361,116                     | 442,506        | 411,345        |
| North and East <sup>1</sup> .....          | 406,268                     | 480,354        | 466,765        |
| North Central <sup>2</sup> .....           | 234,759                     | 272,083        | 246,259        |
| South, West and Pacific <sup>3</sup> ..... | 194,184                     | 276,443        | 260,451        |
| West Central <sup>4</sup> .....            | 314,831                     | 364,012        | 343,690        |
| Region                                     | Crude oil stocks at crusher |                |                |
|                                            | April 2017                  | March 2018     | April 2018     |
|                                            | (1,000 pounds)              | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds) |
| Illinois .....                             | 196,621                     | 154,913        | 139,509        |
| Iowa.....                                  | 175,273                     | 173,914        | 164,705        |
| North and East <sup>1</sup> .....          | 201,587                     | 237,509        | 256,429        |
| North Central <sup>2</sup> .....           | 236,618                     | 246,586        | 253,376        |
| South, West and Pacific <sup>3</sup> ..... | 57,391                      | 56,058         | 68,031         |
| West Central <sup>4</sup> .....            | 30,361                      | 46,142         | 41,995         |
| Region                                     | Cake and meal produced      |                |                |
|                                            | April 2017                  | March 2018     | April 2018     |
|                                            | (tons)                      | (tons)         | (tons)         |
| Illinois .....                             | 417,359                     | 450,750        | 453,840        |
| Iowa.....                                  | 696,163                     | 862,308        | 796,270        |
| North and East <sup>1</sup> .....          | 763,093                     | 933,877        | 911,120        |
| North Central <sup>2</sup> .....           | 466,873                     | 550,233        | 496,024        |
| South, West and Pacific <sup>3</sup> ..... | 365,106                     | 533,275        | 501,127        |
| West Central <sup>4</sup> .....            | 592,151                     | 698,829        | 663,957        |
| Region                                     | Cake and meal stocks        |                |                |
|                                            | April 2017                  | March 2018     | April 2018     |
|                                            | (tons)                      | (tons)         | (tons)         |
| Illinois .....                             | 61,435                      | 103,943        | 81,479         |
| Iowa.....                                  | 79,494                      | 69,321         | 65,445         |
| North and East <sup>1</sup> .....          | 93,644                      | 112,525        | 100,661        |
| North Central <sup>2</sup> .....           | 49,873                      | 53,640         | 31,721         |
| South, West and Pacific <sup>3</sup> ..... | 51,922                      | 75,071         | 68,616         |
| West Central <sup>4</sup> .....            | 50,839                      | 77,724         | 56,546         |

<sup>1</sup> North and East includes Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

<sup>2</sup> North Central includes Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

<sup>3</sup> South, West, and Pacific includes Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina.

<sup>4</sup> West Central includes Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

# **Selected Oilseed Crushing, Production, Consumption and Stocks – United States: April 2018 with Comparisons**

| Item                                                                | April 2017 | March 2018 | April 2018 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Canola</b>                                                       |            |            |            |
| Crush                                                               |            |            |            |
| Seeds crushed ..... tons                                            | 164,103    | 164,100    | 152,358    |
| Crude oil produced ..... 1,000 pounds                               | 141,282    | 139,998    | 131,216    |
| Cake and meal produced ..... tons                                   | 92,811     | 90,656     | 85,399     |
| Refine                                                              |            |            |            |
| Crude oil processed in refining ..... 1,000 pounds                  | 129,821    | 123,888    | 112,715    |
| Once refined oil produced ..... 1,000 pounds                        | 126,667    | 121,234    | 108,678    |
| Consumption                                                         |            |            |            |
| Crude oil removed for inedible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds   | 148,682    | 145,358    | 150,506    |
| Removed for edible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds             | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for inedible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds           | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Stocks                                                              |            |            |            |
| Cake and meal on hand end of month ..... tons                       | 47,695     | (D)        | (D)        |
| Crude oil on hand end of month ..... 1,000 pounds                   | (D)        | (D)        | 175,880    |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month ..... 1,000 pounds            | 70,452     | 82,562     | 79,596     |
| <b>Cottonseed</b>                                                   |            |            |            |
| Crush                                                               |            |            |            |
| Seeds crushed ..... tons                                            | 155,733    | 151,913    | 141,895    |
| Crude oil produced ..... 1,000 pounds                               | 47,395     | 48,788     | 40,917     |
| Cake and meal produced ..... tons                                   | 69,240     | 73,505     | 61,531     |
| Refine                                                              |            |            |            |
| Crude oil processed in refining ..... 1,000 pounds                  | 49,667     | 50,364     | 41,810     |
| Once refined oil produced ..... 1,000 pounds                        | 48,058     | 48,780     | 40,262     |
| Consumption                                                         |            |            |            |
| Crude oil removed for inedible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds   | 45,355     | 49,363     | 46,405     |
| Removed for edible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds             | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for inedible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds           | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Stocks                                                              |            |            |            |
| Cake and meal on hand end of month ..... tons                       | 31,596     | 10,429     | 12,053     |
| Crude oil on hand end of month ..... 1,000 pounds                   | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month ..... 1,000 pounds            | 56,610     | 59,020     | 53,631     |
| <b>Coconut</b>                                                      |            |            |            |
| Refine                                                              |            |            |            |
| Crude oil processed in refining ..... 1,000 pounds                  | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil produced ..... 1,000 pounds                        | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Consumption                                                         |            |            |            |
| Crude oil removed for inedible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds   | 65,728     | 53,252     | 57,489     |
| Removed for edible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds             | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for inedible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds           | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Stocks                                                              |            |            |            |
| Crude oil on hand end of month ..... 1,000 pounds                   | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month ..... 1,000 pounds            | 50,373     | 58,211     | 51,427     |
| <b>Corn</b>                                                         |            |            |            |
| Crush                                                               |            |            |            |
| Crude oil produced ..... 1,000 pounds                               | 192,904    | 169,269    | 172,066    |
| Refine                                                              |            |            |            |
| Crude oil processed in refining ..... 1,000 pounds                  | 199,911    | 178,242    | 188,003    |
| Once refined oil produced ..... 1,000 pounds                        | 194,098    | 175,293    | 182,551    |
| Consumption                                                         |            |            |            |
| Crude oil removed for inedible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds | (D)        | -          | (D)        |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds   | 180,605    | 189,907    | 184,173    |
| Removed for edible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds             | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for inedible use in processing ..... 1,000 pounds           | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Stocks                                                              |            |            |            |
| Crude oil on hand end of month ..... 1,000 pounds                   | 17,791     | 75,325     | 68,184     |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month ..... 1,000 pounds            | 75,939     | 66,413     | 66,708     |

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Selected Oilseed Crushing, Production, Consumption and Stocks – United States: April 2018 with Comparisons (continued)**

| Item                                                              | April 2017 | March 2018 | April 2018 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Palm kernel</b>                                                |            |            |            |
| Consumption                                                       |            |            |            |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing.....1,000 pounds   | 26,887     | 21,056     | 26,282     |
| Removed for edible use in processing .....1,000 pounds            | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....1,000 pounds           | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Stocks                                                            |            |            |            |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month .....1,000 pounds           | 72,581     | 95,452     | 83,484     |
| <b>Palm</b>                                                       |            |            |            |
| Consumption                                                       |            |            |            |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing.....1,000 pounds   | 178,736    | 195,602    | 198,369    |
| Removed for edible use in processing .....1,000 pounds            | 167,762    | 187,931    | 194,419    |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....1,000 pounds           | 10,974     | 7,671      | 3,950      |
| Stocks                                                            |            |            |            |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month .....1,000 pounds           | 438,334    | 467,988    | 422,563    |
| <b>Peanut</b>                                                     |            |            |            |
| Refine                                                            |            |            |            |
| Crude oil processed in refining.....1,000 pounds                  | (D)        | (D)        | 29,706     |
| Once refined oil produced.....1,000 pounds                        | (D)        | 16,775     | 27,643     |
| Consumption                                                       |            |            |            |
| Crude oil removed for inedible use in processing.....1,000 pounds | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing.....1,000 pounds   | 15,687     | 18,022     | 23,203     |
| Removed for edible use in processing .....1,000 pounds            | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....1,000 pounds           | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Stocks                                                            |            |            |            |
| Crude oil on hand end of month.....1,000 pounds                   | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month .....1,000 pounds           | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| <b>Safflower</b>                                                  |            |            |            |
| Refine                                                            |            |            |            |
| Crude oil processed in refining.....1,000 pounds                  | 5,430      | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil produced.....1,000 pounds                        | 5,430      | (D)        | (D)        |
| Consumption                                                       |            |            |            |
| Crude oil removed for inedible use in processing.....1,000 pounds | (D)        | -          | -          |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing.....1,000 pounds   | 6,906      | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for edible use in processing .....1,000 pounds            | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....1,000 pounds           | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Stocks                                                            |            |            |            |
| Crude oil on hand end of month.....1,000 pounds                   | 10,907     | 13,737     | 9,220      |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month .....1,000 pounds           | (D)        | 3,200      | 2,897      |
| <b>Sunflower</b>                                                  |            |            |            |
| Refine                                                            |            |            |            |
| Crude oil processed in refining.....1,000 pounds                  | 37,507     | 35,073     | (D)        |
| Once refined oil produced.....1,000 pounds                        | 35,751     | 33,519     | (D)        |
| Consumption                                                       |            |            |            |
| Crude oil removed for inedible use in processing.....1,000 pounds | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Once refined oil removed for use in processing.....1,000 pounds   | 49,977     | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for edible use in processing .....1,000 pounds            | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....1,000 pounds           | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Stocks                                                            |            |            |            |
| Crude oil on hand end of month.....1,000 pounds                   | 77,729     | 76,752     | 70,010     |
| Once refined oil on hand end of month .....1,000 pounds           | 62,221     | 80,340     | 79,154     |
| <b>Vegetable foots, raw and acidulated</b>                        |            |            |            |
| Refine                                                            |            |            |            |
| Oil produced .....1,000 pounds                                    | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Consumption                                                       |            |            |            |
| Oil removed for inedible use in processing.....1,000 pounds       | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |
| Stocks                                                            |            |            |            |
| Oil on hand end of month.....1,000 pounds                         | (D)        | (D)        | (D)        |

- Represents zero.

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# Animal Fats and Oils Production, Consumption and Stocks – United States: April 2018 with Comparisons

| Item                                                           | April 2017<br>(1,000 pounds) | March 2018<br>(1,000 pounds) | April 2018<br>(1,000 pounds) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Choice white grease</b>                                     |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 101,511                      | 109,976                      | 104,166                      |
| Removed for inedible use.....                                  | 102,104                      | 110,761                      | 105,285                      |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | 8,197                        | 8,100                        | 6,997                        |
| <b>Feather meal</b>                                            |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 94,979                       | 97,568                       | 90,328                       |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | 22,452                       | 19,247                       | 22,836                       |
| <b>Lard</b>                                                    |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 28,099                       | 27,683                       | 26,539                       |
| Removed for use in processing.....                             | 28,243                       | 25,790                       | 24,443                       |
| Removed for edible use in processing.....                      | (D)                          | (D)                          | (D)                          |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....                    | (D)                          | (D)                          | (D)                          |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | 9,740                        | 13,020                       | 16,030                       |
| <b>Meat meal, meat and bone meal, and dry rendered tankage</b> |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 492,745                      | 517,317                      | 464,787                      |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | 49,285                       | 49,828                       | 51,527                       |
| <b>Other grease</b>                                            |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 63,418                       | 58,684                       | 48,386                       |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....                    | 61,888                       | 64,511                       | 52,175                       |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | (D)                          | (D)                          | (D)                          |
| <b>Poultry fats</b>                                            |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 188,763                      | 206,820                      | 192,964                      |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....                    | 185,035                      | 209,421                      | 193,085                      |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | 23,706                       | 24,160                       | 23,826                       |
| <b>Poultry by-product meals</b>                                |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 245,796                      | 278,120                      | 257,530                      |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | 49,516                       | 67,761                       | 69,789                       |
| <b>Tallow, edible</b>                                          |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 72,413                       | 87,195                       | 82,637                       |
| Removed for use in processing.....                             | 73,890                       | 90,120                       | 83,223                       |
| Removed for edible use in processing.....                      | (D)                          | (D)                          | (D)                          |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....                    | (D)                          | (D)                          | (D)                          |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | 16,655                       | 23,639                       | 24,151                       |
| <b>Tallow, inedible</b>                                        |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 289,604                      | 342,024                      | 304,552                      |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....                    | 301,184                      | 353,948                      | 305,608                      |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | 71,125                       | 89,311                       | 90,498                       |
| <b>Tallow, technical</b>                                       |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 89,713                       | 99,889                       | 92,787                       |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....                    | 99,811                       | 107,037                      | 99,887                       |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | (D)                          | 11,051                       | (D)                          |
| <b>Yellow grease</b>                                           |                              |                              |                              |
| Production.....                                                | 158,108                      | 191,395                      | 169,214                      |
| Removed for inedible use in processing.....                    | 150,161                      | 181,193                      | 178,662                      |
| Stocks on hand end of month.....                               | 88,839                       | 101,867                      | 88,362                       |

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Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** *Fats and Oils: Oilseed Crushings, Production, Consumption and Stocks* is part of the Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR) program. CAIR reports are administered under NASS’s Census of Agriculture program. Response to CAIR surveys are required by law (Title 7, U.S. Code). Animal and vegetable fats and oils data are collected from all known facilities that crush, refine or render. Crushing facilities include processors that use either solvent extraction or continuous screw press.

The census universe was determined during operation profile interviews which were completed for each potential facility to identify the presence of rendering, oilseeds crushing, and crude oil refining in 2014.

In the Animal and Vegetable Fats and Oils survey questionnaire, facilities are asked for previous calendar month data on oilseed crushing, crude oil production, once refined oil production, rendering production, and end of month stocks. Facilities are mailed questionnaires with the options of completing the survey by mail or by Electronic Data Reporting (EDR). For surveys not received in a reasonable amount of time, telephone follow-up is conducted.

**Estimating Procedures:** Imputation is done for operations with non-response by using historical data and current data relationships. Data for reporting firms are added to estimates for non-reporting firms to obtain National totals.

**Revision Policy:** Data are revised the following month based on late reports or corrected data. Final figures are published in the annual summary of the following year.

**Reliability:** Survey data are based on a census of all known facilities and therefore, have no sampling variability. Monthly data can vary due to different firms reporting month to month. Survey data are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and in processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by carefully reviewing all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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