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Estimated average value of c oil produced in the United State August was $1.07 a barrel comp with an average for the first months of $1.67 a barrel and hig 1920 of $3.07 a barrel, says the Street Journal. August probably resents the bottom of price level advances of 25 to 50 cents a b in crude oil prices have taken recently.

The August average is the lo at which crude oil has sold 1915, when it was 64 cents a b In 1916 the average of $1.10 a b and it mounted steadily in the following until the peak of $3.07 reached in 1920. Gradual reces occurred during the first months of 1921, the total declin average compared with peak of being 65 per cent.

Average of $1.07 a barrel com with $1.10 a barrel in 1916. sumption of oil has increased la since that year because of th crease in number of motor vel in the United States. In 1920 were 9,211,000 cars, compared 3,512,996 cars in 1916 and 2,4 cars in 1915, a gain of 6,766,000 since 1915. Another factor ca greatly increased consumptio oil is the use of fuel oil in industrial plants and railroads. sumption of fuel oil alone in amounted to approximately 20 000 barrels, accounting for 4 cent of the quantity of all oil ucts consumed in that year.

Trend of oil prices this year the opportunity some big oil panies have had of evening their crude oil inventories by chasing crude on the decline. vided they were pretty well st up with crude purchased in 1 the average price of $3.07, bought again as much as the ried over, from month to mon the decline, at the average pric obtained of $1.67 a barrel, they be able to cut the average c their crude to $2.37 a barrel, of only $1.30 compared with the