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STATISTICS ON HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER IN CANADA

February, 1949.

Wettings of all types of hides showd decreases from the previous month with the exception of calf and kip skins, goat and kid skins and horse butts. As compared with February 1948 there were decreases in all classes except sheep and lamb skins.

Stocks of raw cattle hides at the end of February 1949 registered a decrease of 6.0 p.c. as compared with the previous month and a decrease of 35.4 p.c. as compared with February 1948.

Production of sole leather in February (comparative figure for the previous month in brackets) was 1,727,275 lbs (1,702,806), total deliveries 1,777,488 (1,951,353), and finished stock on hand 3,605,069 (3,655,282). In cattle upper leather production was 3,046,372 sq. ft. (3,085,692), total deliveries 3,026,642 (3,312,895), and finished stock on hand 1,747,661 (1,727,931). In calf and kip upper leather production was 1,058,319 sq. ft. (1,160,302), total deliveries 1,061,308 (1,095,094), and finished stock on hand 3,032,215 (3,035,204).

Wettings of Hides and Skins

	February 29, 1948	January 31, 1949	February 28, 1949
Cattle hides - number	170,597	161,853	141,693
Calf and Kip Skins - number	127,693	117,990	121,522
Goat and Kid Skins - number	83,546	21,345	45,762
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	10,833	15,776	13,953
Horse Hides - number	1,011	660	572
Fronts - number	7,342	1,352	986
Butts - number	4,100	1,709	2,508
Cowhide bellies - number	51,582	51,937	20,552

STOCKS OF RAW HIDES AND SKINS HELD BY TANNERS, PACKERS AND DEALERS

	February 29, 1948	January 31, 1949	February 28, 1949
Cattle hides (1) (number)			
Domestic - packer	467,334	301,511	271,991
+ country	191,616	133,025	121,322
- Total	658,950	434,536	393,313
Foreign	36,266	43,711	56,076
Cattle Hides, Total	695,216	478,247	449,389
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic - packer	149,260	217,905	179,009
- country	319,205	183,074	151,395
- Total	468,465	400,979	330,404
Foreign	242,104	175,421	189,958
Calf and kip skins, total	710,569	576,400	520,362
Goat and Kid skins (2) (number)	185,373	86,404	67,218
Sheep and Lamb skins (2) (dozens)	61,624	70,044	63,221
Horse Hides (number)	68,098(3)	25,983(4)	19,942(5)

NOTE: Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit

Foreign Hides and Skins in transit
(not included in above)

Cattle Hides (1) - number	1,091	3,905	4,366
Calf and Kip Skins - number	-	1,500	19,034
Goat and Kid Skins (2) - number	-	6,000	15,240
Sheep and Lamb Skins (2) - dozens	-	1,714	-
Horse Hides - number	2,000	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips
- (2) Figures include East India Tanned
- (3) Includes 30,737 horse fronts
- (4) Includes 899 horse fronts
- (5) Includes 186 horse fronts

Finished Leathers

	February 29, 1948	January 31, 1949	February 28, 1949
1. Cattle Leather			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	2,401,657	1,702,806	1,727,275
Deliveries - Domestic	1,472,505	1,897,177	1,678,606
- Export	69,104	54,176	98,882
- Total	1,541,609	1,951,353	1,777,488
Finished Stock on hand	3,872,225	3,655,282	3,605,069

Finished Leathers - Continued

	February 29, 1948	January 31, 1949	February 28, 1949
Upper leather - sq. ft. (1)			
Production	3,139,236	3,085,692	3,046,372
Deliveries - domestic	2,293,388	2,984,472	2,733,981
- export	563,176	328,423	292,661
- Total	2,856,564	3,312,895	3,026,642
Finished Stock on hand	1,544,514	1,727,931	1,747,661
Glove and Garment Leather - sq. ft.			
Production	417,791	564,637	449,776
Deliveries - domestic	269,353	399,150	358,873
- export	26,800	76,837	18,686
- Total	296,153	475,987	377,559
Finished Stock on hand	357,313	275,481	347,698
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - sides			
Production	15,558	10,639	12,008
Deliveries - domestic	14,305	10,492	11,830
- export	1,394	178	168
- Total	15,699	10,670	11,998
Finished Stock on hand	646	135	145
Harness Leather - sides			
Production	10,687	3,995	6,636
Deliveries - domestic	5,106	5,074	8,080
- export	60	70	-
- Total	5,166	5,144	8,080
Finished Stock on hand	16,975	7,041	5,597
Belting Leather - butts and butt bends			
Production	4,542	3,350	5,228
Deliveries - domestic	5,207	3,637	4,748
- export	-	-	-
- Total	5,207	3,637	4,748
Finished Stock on hand	5,814	3,452	3,932
2. Calf and Kip Skin Upper - sq. ft.			
Production	1,293,543	1,160,302	1,058,319
Deliveries - domestic	553,644	839,320	797,471
- export	301,669	255,774	263,837
- Total	855,113	1,095,094	1,061,308
Finished Stock on hand	2,457,040	3,035,204	3,032,215

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.



Finished Leather - Concluded

	February 29, 1948	January 31, 1949	February 28, 1949
3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins			
Production	52,187	40,769	32,676
Deliveries - domestic	53,908	58,630	29,171
- export	-	-	-
- Total	53,908	58,630	29,171
Finished Stock on hand	28,745	62,769	66,274
4. Sheep and Lamb Leathers			
<u>Glove and Garment Leathers - (doz. skins)</u>			
Production	4,099	3,478	4,833
Deliveries - domestic	3,837	3,090	4,122
- export	-	-	-
- Total	3,837	3,090	4,122
Finished Stock on hand	4,737	2,277	2,988
 Shoe leather - (Doz. skins)			
Production	4,453	4,608	5,176
Deliveries - domestic	3,523	5,118	5,793
- export	-	-	-
- Total	3,523	5,118	5,793
Finished Stock on hand	5,486	4,970	4,353
5. Horse Leather -			
<u>Glove and Garment Leather - (Sq. ft.)</u>			
Production	329,651	69,128	112,757
Deliveries - domestic	198,493	192,974	133,871
- export	-	-	-
- Total	198,493	192,974	133,871
Finished Stock on hand	658,843	102,080	80,966