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STATISTICS ON HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER IN CANADA

MARCH, 1949

Wettings of cattle hides, sheep and lamb skins, and horse hides were the only ones to show increases as compared with the previous month. As compared with March 1948 there were decreases in all classes except sheep and lamb skins.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 1.3 p.c. as compared with the previous month and a decrease of 32.7 p.c. as compared with March, 1948.

Production of sole leather in March (comparative figures for the previous month in brackets) was 1,817,467 lbs. (1,727,275), total deliveries 1,557,234 (1,777,488), and finished stock on hand 3,765,302 (3,605,069). In cattle upper leather production was 3,643,415 sq. ft. (3,046,372), total deliveries 3,515,639 (3,026,642), and finished stock on hand 1,847,511 (1,747,601). In calf and kip upper leather production was 1,041,313 sq. ft. (1,058,319), total deliveries 889,424 (1,001,308), and finished stock on hand 3,197,258 (3,032,215).

Wettings of Hides and Skins

	March 31, 1948	February 28, 1949	March 31, 1949
Cattle hides - number	175,210	141,693	166,359
Calf and Kip Skins - number	124,223	121,522	106,708
Goat and Kid Skins - number	77,363	45,762	28,556
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	9,885	13,953	15,050
Horse Hides - number	2,159	572	2,062
Fronts - number	8,531	986	620
Butts - number	4,179	2,508	1,944
Cowhide bellies - number	56,446	20,552	18,976

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

	March 31, 1948	February 28, 1949	March 31, 1949
Cattle hides (1) (number)			
Domestic - packer	437,409	271,991	290,541
- country	215,493	121,322	97,659
- Total	652,902	393,313	388,200
Foreign	24,146	56,076	67,427
Cattle Hides, Total	677,048	449,389	455,627
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic - packer	163,833	179,009	215,400
- country	312,921	151,395	140,864
- Total	476,754	330,404	356,264
Foreign	228,638	189,958	133,148
Calf and kip skins, total	705,392	520,362	489,412
Goat and Kid skins (2) (number)	195,609	67,218	98,681
Sheep and Lamb skins (2) (dozens)	61,372	63,221	61,136
Horse Hides (number)	60,011(3)	19,942(4)	38,526(5)

NOTE: Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	-	4,366	4,860
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	6,036	19,034	-
Goat and Kid Skins (2)	- number	8,000	15,240	12,000
Sheep and Lamb Skins (2)	- dozens	-	-	2,363
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
 (2) Figures include East India Tanned.
 (3) Includes 28,820 horse fronts.
 (4) Includes 186 horse fronts
 (5) Includes 1,249 horse fronts.

Finished Leathers

	March 31, 1948	February 28, 1949	March 31, 1949
1. Cattle Leather			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	2,324,073	1,727,275	1,817,467
Deliveries - Domestic	1,609,193	1,678,606	1,581,709
- Export	522,732	98,882	72,525
- Total	2,131,925	1,777,488	1,657,234
Finished Stock on hand	4,064,373	3,605,069	3,765,302

Finished Leathers - Continued

	March 31, 1948	February 28, 1949	March 31, 1949
Upper Leather - sq. ft. (1)			
Production	2,931,651	3,046,372	3,643,415
Deliveries - domestic	2,265,220	2,733,981	3,124,637
- export	505,651	292,661	390,999
- Total	2,770,871	3,026,642	3,515,639
Finished Stock on hand	1,705,294	1,747,661	1,847,511(2)
Glove and Garment Leather - sq. ft.			
Production	391,320	449,776	521,900
Deliveries - domestic	169,012	358,873	258,289
- export	79,171	18,686	-
- Total	248,183	377,559	258,289
Finished Stock on hand	505,349	347,698	611,309
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - sides			
Production	10,789	12,008	12,644
Deliveries - domestic	10,371	11,830	12,480
- export	639	168	175
- Total	11,010	11,998	12,655
Finished Stock on hand	425	145	134
Harness Leather - sides			
Production	9,399	6,636	5,086
Deliveries - domestic	4,715	8,080	6,153
- export	-	-	-
- Total	4,715	8,080	6,153
Finished Stock on hand	21,659	5,597	4,530
Belting Leather - butts and butt bends			
Production	6,538	5,228	3,154
Deliveries - domestic	6,302	4,748	2,290
- export	-	-	-
- Total	6,302	4,748	2,290
Finished Stock on hand	6,050	3,932	4,796
2. Calf and Kip Skin Upper - sq. ft.			
Production	1,383,514	1,058,319	1,041,313
Deliveries - domestic	565,371	797,471	672,508
- export	219,128	263,837	216,916
- Total	784,499	1,061,308	889,424
Finished Stock on hand	3,056,055	3,032,215	3,197,258(2)

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.

(2) Discrepancies due to physical inventories taken.



Finished Leather - Concluded

	March 31, 1948	February 28, 1949	March 31, 1949
3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins			
Production	72,407	32,676	49,008
Deliveries - domestic	55,404	29,171	37,130
- export	-	-	-
- Total	55,404	29,171	37,130
Finished Stock on hand	45,748	66,274	78,152
4. Sheep and Lamb Leathers			
<u>Glove and Garments Leathers - (doz. skins)</u>			
Production	3,542	4,833	3,320
Deliveries - domestic	4,150	4,122	3,609
- export	-	-	-
- Total	4,150	4,122	3,609
Finished Stock on hand	4,129	2,988	2,699
Shoe Leather - (Doz. skins)			
Production	4,306	5,176	6,406
Deliveries - domestic	2,482	5,793	5,732
- export	-	-	-
- Total	2,482	5,793	5,732
Finished Stock on hand	7,310	4,353	5,027
5. Horse Leather -			
<u>Glove and Garment Leather - (sq. ft.)</u>			
Production	320,553	112,757	123,139
Deliveries - domestic	274,138	133,871	129,370
- export	-	-	-
- Total	274,138	133,871	129,370
Finished Stock on hand	705,258	80,966	74,735