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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of all types of hides and skins, with the exception of goat and kid skins and sheep and lamb skins, showed increases over the previous month. As compared with October 1953, there were decreases in all classes except calf and kip skins and cowhide bellies.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 2 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 20.2 p.c. compared with October 1953.

Production of sole leather in October, at 922,585 lb. was 6.8 p.c. under the 989,974 lb. recorded for September; total deliveries at 904,911 lb. were 25.8 p.c. under the September figure of 1,220,119 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 3,732,073 sq. ft., 7.7 p.c. under the 4,045,535 sq. ft. in September; total deliveries at 3,552,466 sq. ft. were 11.6 p.c. under the 4,016,820 sq. ft. in September. Calf and kip upper leather production was 946,237 sq. ft., 31.9 p.c. over the 717,442 sq. ft. in September and total deliveries at 882,227 sq. ft., were 24.4 p.c. over the 709,405 sq. ft. in September.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	October 1953	September 1954	October 1954
Cattle Hides - number	187,209	150,718	153,740
Calf and Kip Skins - number	90,100	72,698	95,381
Goat and Kid Skins - number	4,102	8,128	3,120
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	9,398	8,757	7,954
Horse Fronts - number	3,224	1,902	2,246
Butts - number	3,119	-	-
Cowhide bellies - number	5,405	8,558	12,990

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

	October 31, 1953	September 30, 1954	October 31, 1954
Cattle Hides (1) - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	318,701	382,147	382,862
Country	84,831	127,764	112,643
Total	403,532	509,911	495,505
Foreign	35,797	29,048	32,597
Cattle Hides, Total	439,329	538,959	528,102
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	225,592	334,545	303,761
Country	86,255	183,920	178,075
Total	311,847	518,465	481,836
Foreign	73,858	73,766	52,174
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	385,705	592,231	534,010
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	30,529	6,778	6,514
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) ..	35,188	34,224	50,542
Horse Hides (number)	(4)13,411	(5)19,153	(6)20,849

Foreign Hides and Skins in Transit

(Not included in above)

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	1,882	405	1,382
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	480	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) ..	- dozens	-	-	18
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 2,182 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 9,294 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 8,625 horse fronts.

3. Finished Leathers

	October 1953	September 1954	October 1954
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	1,443,140	989,974	922,585
Deliveries - Domestic	1,016,101	1,020,651	866,671
- Export	296,081	199,468	38,240
- Total	1,312,182	1,220,119	904,911

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	October 1953	September 1954	October 1954
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,784,843	4,045,535	3,732,073
Deliveries - Domestic	3,624,564	3,051,006	2,620,643
- Export	1,028,539	965,814	931,823
- Total	4,653,103	4,016,820	3,552,466
Finished Stock on Hand	3,290,424	3,283,243	3,462,850
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	590,393	631,383	656,141
Deliveries - Domestic	482,811	584,963	681,760
- Export	75,565	86,786	107,747
- Total	558,376	671,749	789,507
Finished Stock on Hand	473,644	246,428	113,062
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	9,372	9,047	9,207
Deliveries - Domestic	10,650	10,027	8,787
- Export	232	465	420
- Total	10,882	10,492	9,207
Finished Stock on Hand	20	15	15
Harness Leather - Sides			
Production	2,767	3,129	2,024
Deliveries - Domestic	2,984	3,164	2,021
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,984	3,164	2,021
Finished Stock on Hand	777	18	21
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,627	1,187	909
Deliveries - Domestic	2,103	1,500	1,170
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,103	1,500	1,170
Finished Stock on Hand	6,662	3,841	3,580
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	829,124	717,442	946,237
Deliveries - Domestic	498,896	529,410	649,240
- Export	302,138	179,995	232,987
- Total	801,034	709,405	882,227
Finished Stock on Hand	1,591,668	1,902,313	1,966,323

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	October 1953	September 1954	October 1954
<u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	6,688	9,279	4,056
Deliveries - Domestic	7,187	8,905	4,772
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	7,187	8,905	4,772
Finished Stock on Hand	27,746	11,674	10,958
<u>4. Sheep and Lamb Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins			
Production	4,392	4,319	4,446
Deliveries - Domestic	4,278	4,064	4,943
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	4,278	4,064	4,943
Finished Stock on Hand	2,187	2,735	2,238
Shoe Leather - doz. skins			
Production	2,730	2,416	2,838
Deliveries - Domestic	2,927	2,633	3,006
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,927	2,633	3,006
Finished Stock on Hand	4,080	2,778	2,610
<u>5. Horse Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather - sq. ft.			
Production	105,443	130,405	55,966
Deliveries - Domestic	93,265	120,887	46,028
- Export	-	32	2,391
- Total	93,265	120,919	48,419
Finished Stock on Hand	79,505	84,770	92,317