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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of cattle hides, calf and kip skins and horse fronts showed increases over the previous month. As compared with December 1953, there were increases in all classes except goat and kid skins and horse butts.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 9.0 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 4.0 p.c. compared with December 1953.

Production of sole leather in December, at 927,938 lb. was 10.6 p.c. under the 1,038,521 lb. recorded for November; total deliveries at 1,002,623 lb. were 10.5 p.c. under the November figure of 1,119,772 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,980,570 sq. ft., 17.0 p.c. over the 4,258,051 sq. ft. in November; total deliveries at 4,658,490 sq. ft. were 4.8 p.c. over the 4,442,902 sq. ft. in November. Calf and kip upper leather production was 1,034,363 sq. ft., 12.1 p.c. over the 922,641 sq. ft. in November and total deliveries at 1,028,768 sq. ft., were 24.0 p.c. over the 829,495 sq. ft. in November.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	December 1953	November 1954	December 1954
Cattle Hides - number	158,621	177,956	188,746
Calf and Kip Skins - number	74,703	81,269	102,036
Goat and Kid Skins - number	10,725	11,650	6,024
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	6,990	10,354	9,532
Horse Fronts - number	4,141	4,257	4,756
Butts - number	600	-	-
Cowhide bellies - number	9,996	25,446	20,573

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

	December 31, 1953	November 30, 1954	December 31, 1954
Cattle Hides (1) - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	345,745	347,982	363,376
Country	129,103	118,730	139,487
Total	474,848	466,712	502,863
Foreign	49,725	33,602	42,621
Cattle Hides, Total	524,573	500,314	545,484
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	202,487	260,998	251,576
Country	94,247	168,167	157,684
Total	296,734	429,165	409,260
Foreign	111,360	72,946	61,498
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	408,094	502,111	470,758
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) ...	36,556	4,849	2,788
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) .	42,006	57,951	48,633
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 17,736	(5) 24,168	(6) 21,378

Foreign Hides and Skins in Transit

(Not included in above)

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	2,476	-	2,843
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3) ...	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) .	- dozens	-	-	858
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 5,849 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 8,053 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 9,240 horse fronts.

3. Finished Leathers

	December 1953	November 1954	December 1954
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather = pounds			
Production	1,342,572	1,038,521	927,938
Deliveries - Domestic	979,757	1,079,677	957,893
- Export	152,998	40,095	44,730
- Total	1,132,755	1,119,772	1,002,623

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	December 1953	November 1954	December 1954
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,169,221	4,258,051	4,980,570
Deliveries - Domestic	3,360,848	3,441,425	3,523,022
- Export	773,376	1,001,477	1,135,468
- Total	4,134,224	4,442,902	4,658,490
Finished Stock on Hand	3,284,294	3,277,999	3,600,079
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	558,484	828,494	785,645
Deliveries - Domestic	301,156	688,178	738,308
- Export	118,886	143,720	33,094
- Total	420,042	831,898	771,402
Finished Stock on Hand	524,836	109,658	123,901
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	8,936	8,723	7,098
Deliveries - Domestic	7,300	8,212	6,853
- Export	210	511	245
- Total	7,510	8,723	7,098
Finished Stock on Hand	1,777	15	15
Harness Leather - Sides			
Production	2,066	1,869	2,300
Deliveries - Domestic	1,926	1,861	2,215
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,926	1,861	2,215
Finished Stock on Hand	19	29	114
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,091	905	947
Deliveries - Domestic	433	757	1,095
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	433	757	1,095
Finished Stock on Hand	6,895	3,728	3,580
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	933,116	922,641	1,034,363
Deliveries - Domestic	607,132	602,494	736,760
- Export	301,546	227,001	292,008
- Total	908,678	829,495	1,028,768
Finished Stock on Hand	1,484,798	2,059,469	2,065,064

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	December 1953	November 1954	December 1954
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	9,752	8,114	6,336
Deliveries - Domestic	15,408	8,646	6,881
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	15,408	8,646	6,881
Finished Stock on Hand	17,089	10,426	9,881
4. <u>Sheep and Lamb Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins			
Production	4,006	4,107	4,200
Deliveries - Domestic	3,461	4,105	3,908
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,461	4,105	3,908
Finished Stock on Hand	2,965	2,240	2,532
Shoe Leather - doz. skins			
Production	2,821	3,556	3,129
Deliveries - Domestic	2,729	3,441	2,950
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,729	3,441	2,950
Finished Stock on Hand	3,796	2,725	2,904
5. <u>Horse Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather - sq. ft.			
Production	110,320	74,825	101,553
Deliveries - Domestic	99,691	62,845	139,581
- Export	6,265	5,413	9,163
- Total	105,956	68,258	148,744
Finished Stock on Hand	91,291	98,884	51,693