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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

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Wettings of all types of hides and skins, with the exception of horse fronts and cowhide bellies showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with February 1953, there were decreases in all classes except calf and kip skins and horse fronts.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 1.7 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 20.9 p.c. compared with February 1953.

Production of sole leather in February, at 1,171,316 lb. was 6.0 p.c. under the 1,246,618 lb. recorded for January; total deliveries at 1,144,651 lb. were 2.0 p.c. over the January figure of 1,121,594 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,127,697 sq. ft., 1.7 p.c. over the 4,060,187 sq. ft. in January; total deliveries at 4,181,592 sq. ft. were 5.2 p.c. over the 3,974,312 sq. ft. in January. Calf and kip upper leather production was 807,667 sq. ft., 25.4 p.c. under the 1,083,227 sq. ft. in January and total deliveries at 808,135 sq. ft. were 10.2 p.c. under the 900,268 sq. ft. in January.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	February 1953	January 1954	February 1954
Cattle Hides = number	188,869	163,001	159,189
Calf and Kip Skins = number	59,285	71,619	59,671
Goat and Kid Skins = number	19,456	14,902	5,932
Sheep and Lamb Skins .. = dozens	12,131	7,209	6,596
Horse Hides = number	250	-	-
Fronts = number	4,858	5,028	7,873
Butts = number	2,122	3,320	200
Cowhide bellies = number	25,100	10,620	12,220

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

	February 28, 1953	January 31, 1954	February 28, 1954
Cattle Hides (1) - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	287,575	343,974	334,279
Country	122,317	130,572	153,020
Total	409,892	474,546	487,299
Foreign	30,558	49,320	45,457
Cattle Hides, Total	440,450	523,866	532,756
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) Packer	148,930	179,266	171,598
Country	92,967	76,654	93,082
Total	241,897	255,920	264,680
Foreign	83,921	92,601	96,996
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	325,818	348,521	361,676
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) ..	40,338	21,649	18,277
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens).	35,522	43,662	45,579
Horse Hides (number)	(4)23,226	(5)16,112	(6)13,319

Foreign Hides and Skins in Transit
(Not included in above)

Cattle Hides (1)	1,259	2,965	1,260
Calf and Kip Skins	13,355	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3) ..	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3).	1,000	190	50
Horse Hides	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
 (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
 (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
 (4) Includes 7,489 horse fronts.
 (5) Includes 4,305 horse fronts.
 (6) Includes 4,635 horse fronts.

3. Finished Leathers

	February 1953	January 1954	February 1954
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	1,555,828	1,246,618	1,171,316
Deliveries - Domestic	1,305,641	1,017,849	1,004,360
Export .	81,761	103,745	140,291
Total ..	1,387,402	1,121,594	1,144,651

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	February 1953	January 1954	February 1954
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,744,341	4,060,187	4,127,697
Deliveries - Domestic	3,909,177	3,342,342	3,417,526
- Export	703,663	631,970	764,066
- Total	4,612,840	3,974,312	4,181,592
Finished Stock on Hand	2,582,704	3,370,169	3,316,274
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	389,367	368,791	432,676
Deliveries - Domestic	339,646	308,491	408,545
- Export	61,565	123,956	55,868
- Total	401,211	432,447	464,413
Finished Stock on Hand	169,435	461,180	429,443
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	10,053	7,315	7,989
Deliveries - Domestic	10,214	6,750	7,762
- Export	733	586	602
- Total	10,947	7,336	8,364
Finished Stock on Hand	3,630	1,756	1,381
Harness Leather - Sides			
Production	2,000	2,071	3,258
Deliveries - Domestic	2,230	1,950	3,257
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,230	1,950	3,257
Finished Stock on Hand	1,202	140	141
Belting Leather - Butt Bands			
Production	1,950	1,058	1,009
Deliveries - Domestic	1,733	1,063	1,065
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,733	1,063	1,065
Finished Stock on Hand	6,185	6,890	6,834
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	787,107	1,083,227	807,667
Deliveries - Domestic	600,752	549,636	552,555
- Export	81,215	350,632	255,580
- Total	681,967	900,268	808,135
Finished Stock on Hand	1,510,146	1,667,757	1,667,289

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	February 1953	January 1954	February 1954
<u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	32,581	10,986	10,585
Deliveries - Domestic	37,364	9,882	10,123
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	37,364	9,882	10,123
Finished Stock on Hand	49,747	18,193	18,655

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - doz. skins			
Production	5,100	2,892	3,462
Deliveries - Domestic	5,407	3,099	3,419
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	5,407	3,099	3,419
Finished Stock on Hand	3,370	2,758	2,801

Shoe Leather - doz. skins

Production	3,991	1,919	2,420
Deliveries - Domestic	3,521	2,006	2,413
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,521	2,006	2,413
Finished Stock on Hand	4,630	3,709	3,716

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - sq. ft.

Production	182,839	147,260	139,821
Deliveries - Domestic	182,093	149,116	152,924
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	182,093	149,116	152,924
Finished Stock on Hand	197,275	89,435	76,332